



York Area



Western New
Churches in Covenant



7:00 p.m.

(WNYACIC)
Council Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2025

ZOOM

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84129683283?pwd=sChaLb4JiPb6IeLQihTpWmGYF6YAbc.1>

Meeting ID: 841 2968 3283 Passcode: UCCDOC

In attendance: Dona Roll-Moderator; Rev. Krista Ulrich- Vice Moderator; Rev. Lynn Morgan-Treasurer; Vanessa Adams- Secretary; Rev. Ted Brelsford; Doug Charles; Cheryl Frank

Absent: Rev. Gary Ferner; Rev. Paula Gustafson; Rev. Jonathan; Rev. Hope Schwartz

I. Call to Order: Dona Roll @7:07 pm

II. Opening Devotional/Prayer- Krista- reflection on Martin Luther King Day and Inauguration

III. Attendance: Quorum assessed-yes

IV. Review/Acceptance of Agenda

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V. Consent Agenda – *highlighted items moved to Discussion*

A. Secretary’s Report – Dona Roll

B. Treasurer’s Report – Lynn Morgan

C. Committee and Department Reports

1. Associate Conference Minister – Gary Ferner

2. Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Women – Cheryl Frank

3. Church and Ministry Committee (UCC) – Paula Gustafson

4. Department of Community Ministries (DCM) – Ted Brelsford

5. Dunkirk Camp and Conference Center – Krista Ulrich

6. Ecumenical Officer – Jonathan Lawrence

7. *In the Vineyard* Editorial Board – Winter Issue:

[file:///C:/Users/arcpub07/Downloads/Vineyard%20Winter%20issue%202024-25%20final%20\(1\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/arcpub07/Downloads/Vineyard%20Winter%20issue%202024-25%20final%20(1).pdf)

8. Plymouth Crossroads – Hope Schwartz

9. United Church Home Society (UCHS)/Senior Wishes – no rep. at this time

10. Western Area Youth – Krista Ulrich

VI. Discussion Agenda

A. Items moved from Consent Agenda:

1. -Treasurer’s report: discussion on what should be done with \$25,000 from Good Shepherd; should it go to Endowment (Where we will not have access to the funds other than for disbursements) or place in Budget contingency: after much discussion

Rev Lynn M. made a motion to reserve \$20,000, for budget contingency fund, by purchasing 2- \$10,000 CDs. Rev. Krista U., seconded. All in favor. The remaining \$5000 went back into the General Fund.

Rev. Ted B. Motion to accept Treasurer's reports; Rev Krista U., second ; all in favor
2. Church & Ministry Committee: Rev Paula Gustafson, chair; Rev. Paul Werner, co-chair; Rev. Lauren Heidenreich, Secretary – will submit 2 reports for February meeting
3. Western Area Youth: A church asked for a Certificate of Liability for an upcoming event. Never has had this request before; Council agrees that because WAY is a part of Western Area there is no need to provide.

B. Revised Constitution and By-Laws- Rev. Ruth Snyder and Rev. Shirley Lam joined meeting at 6:30 pm. After discussion of changes and some suggested revisions; Rev. Lynn M. made a motion that the changes and amendments made to the documents, be distributed to the member churches to review. Cheryl Frank, seconded; all in favor. Many thanks to Rev. Ruth, Rev. Shirley and the rest of their committee for the work and commitment to revisions of Constitution and By-Laws. Left the meeting at 7:30 pm.

C. Relicensing Letters under Association to CMC- Alva Looze, Jess Kacalski, (did not discuss)

D. 2025 Meeting Calendar

1. Area Meetings

- a. Learning Extravaganza/Recognitions & Celebrations: Saturday May 3rd
- b. Annual Meeting: Sunday Nov. 2nd

2. Council Meetings – discuss @ February meeting

- a. useta be 3rd Monday, 7 p.m., via Zoom, monthly exc. July and Dec.
- b. proposal: + 4th Monday, 7 p.m., via Zoom, monthly exc. July and Dec.
+ in-person & Zoom May-October

E. Envisioning the Purpose (WHY), the Priorities (WHAT), & the Future (HOW) of WNYACIC

F. Connections to the Wider Church- *informational*

1. Sign up here to receive *UCCNY Happenings*, the weekly e-mail newsletter and special announcements from the New York Conference, UCC:

https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sl/1b2mK08/Happenings?source_id=8caa6094-16f1-422e-8e97-914e92f328c0&source_type=em&c=URoJln7XHbQQ7ifR7_KfPi5IKHqasvcFfoxqxrRpgllYepNPPIK8DQ==

2. UCCNY Conference Annual Meeting

- a. Crowne Plaza Albany, The Desmond Hotel: June 5 – 7
- b. More info. coming in *UCCNY Happenings*

G. UCC General Synod 35-*informational*

1. Kansas City, MO: July 11-15

2. Call for G.S. Workshop Proposals: due **Friday, January 24, 2025**

The application for [General Synod workshop proposals](#) is now open as well, inviting proposals for one-hour workshops that “equip local churches in faithfully living out our common mission to build a just world for all.” Workshops will take place during Synod on Sunday, July 13.

Workshop topics in the areas of spirituality and the church, leadership development, climate change, strengthening the church, and decolonizing practices will be prioritized.

3. Theme: Into the Deep – Luke 5:4

4. <https://generalsynod.org/>

- H. Other Items of Concern: - blanks on the Nominating Report
- Rev. Paula G.'s email incorrect

VII. Closing Prayer/Devotional – Dona; meeting adjourned 8:48pm

Mark Your Calendar

- o Next Meeting: Monday, **February 17, 2025** Opening Devotion - Krista



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