



**Western New York Area Churches in Covenant (WNYACIC)**

**Council Meeting AGENDA**

**April 28, 2025**

**7:00 p.m.**

**ZOOM**

Join Zoom Meeting:

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

Meeting ID: 841 2968 3283 Passcode: UCCDOC

I. Call to Order

II. Opening Devotional – Easter Highlight?/Prayer - Dona

III. Attendance:

IV. Review/Acceptance of Agenda

V. Consent Agenda\* – *do any items need to be moved to Discussion?*

A. 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 (CMC) – Paula Gustafson
4. Committee of Community Ministries (CCM)\* – Ted Brelsford
5. Dunkirk Camp and Conference Center (DCC) – Krista Ulrich
6. Ecumenical Officer (NRC) – 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 (WAY) – Krista Ulrich

VI. Discussion Agenda

- A. Secretary’s Report – Vanessa
- B. Treasurer’s Report\* – Lynn
- C. Items moved from Consent Agenda
- D. May meeting is scheduled for Memorial Day! *Arrggghhhh!!!!* When can **YOU** meet?
  - o Tuesday, May 27?
  - o Monday, May 19 or June 2?
- E. Revised Constitution and By-Laws – we will vote on Saturday! Please take your own copy (or have a copy on your phone) *Do you know who your church’s delegates are?*
- F. Area Meeting May 3
  1. Venue – St Matthew’s, Hamburg

2. Registration from 9 – 9:30
  3. Worship/Meditation/Recognitions
    - *There are no church or ordination milestones this year.* Other Recognitions: WNYACIC Covenant Share, UCCNY: Five for Five (Our Church’s Wider Mission/Basic Support, One Great Hour of Sharing, Strengthen the Church, Neighbors in Need, Christmas Fund)
    - *Offering will be given to <https://www.refugeepartnership.org/>*
    - *Guest Speaker – Andy Nash Cammarata – Journey’s End Refugee Services*
  4. Votes on Blessing and By-laws
    - Good Shepherd Community of Faith’s legacy and transition
    - Proposed Revisions to Constitution, By-Laws, and Covenant
  5. Educational Sessions
    - 10:15-11:10 Breakout Session I
      - A. Learning Prophetically in Challenging Times – Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Past, Present, Future *Guinevere Blue*
      - B. Speaking Prophetically in Challenging Times – Engaging Productively, Peacefully, Powerfully, and Prayerfully: Social Media and Social Confrontation - *Jonathan Lawrence with Kalee Mielke and Josh Bower*
    - 11:15-12:10 Breakout Session II
      - A. Leading Prophetically in Challenging Times – Conversations Part 2 (18–35-year-olds only) *Guinevere Blue and friends*
      - B. Living Prophetically in Challenging Times – Embracing Our LGBTQIA+ Siblings, Community, and Dreams *David Butler and WNYACIC Panelists*
    - 12:15-12:30 Listening Prophetically in Challenging Times – Feedback from our 18–35-Year-Old Leaders
  6. 12:30 Lunch, Announcements, Session Feedback
- G. Other:
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  - 3.

## VII. Closing Prayer/Devotional

- **Next Meeting: TBD** \_\_\_\_\_
- June 5-7: UCCNY Annual Meeting, Crowne Plaza Albany, The Desmond Hotel
- July 11-15: UCC General Synod 35, Kansas City, MO, [generalsynod.org](http://generalsynod.org)
- Sunday, November 2: WNYACIC Annual Meeting and Time Change to Daylight Savings