

THE PRESBYTERY OF NORTHERN NEW YORK

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A)

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The mission of the Presbytery of Northern New York is to witness, with love, to Jesus Christ in word and deed. The Presbytery is called to inspire and support the growth of leaders and congregations in their ministry and mission for Christ.

November 2020

“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.” – Jeremiah 29:11

Dear Presbytery Friends,

What a year this has been! We pray this finds you safe and well despite the spread of Covid-19 that is currently on the rise in the North Country.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, our churches have been faithfully responding to the safety needs of its members and the surrounding communities by ceasing in-person gatherings and when/if re-opening, doing so with utmost care and concern for the well-being of all involved. Many of you pivoted to online worship and while not completely satisfying, God has been at work in new ways. “Flexibility,” “adaptation,” “Zoom,” and “rapid change” are the buzz words for describing ministry in 2020.

For the Presbytery, 2020 was the first of a three-year plan to “Sustain the Dream” of having a Resource Presbyter to support and guide us into the future. Thanks to a majority of congregations pledging their support, totaling just over \$32k, we are ending the year without the need for an extra transfer from investments! Thank you also for meeting or exceeding our goals for MINC and the Watertown Multi-Ethnic Community!

As we look to 2021, we know this time of uncertainty will continue to impact our ministries throughout the North Country. We also believe that having a Resource Presbyter has been very important during this time. In light of the wonderful response in 2020 [without significant follow up that was planned], the Coordinating Council has set an ambitious goal of \$61,000 for 2021 (MINC \$10k, WMEC \$6k & Sustaining the Dream \$45k).

Included with this letter, you will find a 2021 Presbytery Pledge Form indicating your Per Capita Assessment for 2021 and a place to indicate your Mission Pledge. This year, we are including the “Sustaining the Dream” pledge under the umbrella of the presbytery mission pledge. This change reflects our belief that presbytery resourcing and support for congregations has a direct impact on the mission and ministry of our congregations. This is especially true for those going through a time of transition.

We hope you will consider giving to all three using the percentage formula presented, or you may designate your gifts in a manner most fitting for your congregation.

Thank you for your commitment to the ministry and mission of Jesus Christ across the Presbytery of Northern New York. Please do reach out if we can assist in interpreting any of these materials.

In Christ,

Presbytery Coordinating Council

Rev. Joann White, Linya Bell, Rev. Paul Heller, Rev. Libby Moses, Connie Martin and Rev. Laurena Will

Ex Officio Members: Pieter Visscher and Rev. David Bennett

Rev. David Bennett

Resource Presbyter

William Young

Treasurer

Pieter Visscher

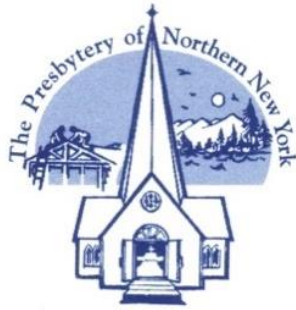
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Mary McGreevy

Bookkeeper

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Administrative Coordinator



2021 Church Per Capita & Pledge Form

The Presbytery of Northern New York
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Church _____

PIN _____

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Presbytery Mission Pledge for 2021: \$ _____

- Please divide our gift proportionately between each entity
- We would like to designate our gift in the following manner: _____

Church Contact Information:

Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mailing address: _____

⇒ **Please keep a copy of this Pledge Form** for your records.

⇒ **QUESTIONS?** Contact the Presbytery Office nnypresbytery@gmail.com 315-713-4343 or Bookkeeper Mary McGreevy mcgreevyenterprisesinc@gmail.com 315-244-2316

PNNY Mission Support Opportunities in 2021

For the past decade, General Mission giving in the presbytery has been slowly declining, yet the desire to support mission beyond the doors of our churches remains strong. In response to this decline and with an eye on future sustainability of PNNY's strong mission emphasis, the Coordinating Council decided that we will only receive mission offerings directly related to the presbytery and encourage churches to directly fund the **Regional/Malawi Mission Partners** and PC(USA) Mission & Churchwide Offerings noted on the following pages..

For 2021, the **Presbytery Mission Pledge** will go to support the following three initiatives:

1. **MINC [\$10,000 goal]** Each summer Ministry in the North Country supervises work groups [in 2020, there were no large groups, only small ones] who repair rooves, add ramps and in other ways make homes warmer, safer, and drier for families who are ineligible for bank loans or public assistance and living in some of the most isolated parts of Lewis, St. Lawrence, and Jefferson counties. This is the Rural Rehab part of MINC. Mission dollars from the presbytery goes to purchase materials and pays for the supervision and organization of Rural Rehab. Mission dollars also pays the stipend for the Outreach Coordinator, who handles applications to the Emergency Fund, confirming need and networking with other agencies to coordinate aid. In this way all the money donated to the Emergency Fund can go directly to applicants.
2. **Watertown Multi-Ethnic Community [\$6,000 goal].** This new church plant is part of the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s 1001 New Worshipping Communities movement and began under the leadership of our own Rev. Sarah Lee in May of 2017. The Presbytery endorsed this mission endeavor and after two years, the Administrative Commission formed to come alongside in support was dissolved as the WMEC now has its own leadership team. After three plus years, the WMEC continues to be a vital presence among the various ethnic people who are not large enough to have their own church community. This ministry has received support from the General Assembly, Synod of the Northeast, and several PNNY churches in addition to presbytery mission funds. This funding is critical to support the worship, hospitality and service to the community this ministry provides. Visit the WMEC Facebook page [<https://www.facebook.com/LeeWMEC/>] or reach out to Sarah who would love to come and share more with you and your church.
3. **Sustaining the Dream Campaign [\$45,000 goal].** Last year the presbytery embarked on a mission to Sustain the Dream" of our current staffing model through a presbytery pledge. After great success in 2020, despite Covid-19, and the realization that the Resource Presbytery position facilitates and supports mission throughout the region, the Coordinating Council is now including this as part of the mission pledge. Your giving to support the Sustaining the Dream campaign will enable us to continue the model that is having a direct impact on churches as they seek to be effective in their mission and ministry context. To learn more, visit the presbytery website www.presbyteryofnny.org or use this direct link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1h6b4Zdm8IE&feature=youtu.be>

PNNY Regional Mission Partners

In 2021 the Coordinating Council invites you to consider direct support to the organizations previously supported with general mission dollars from your pledges.

- **Watertown Urban Mission [\$6,000 was given in 2019]** WUM has many programs serving the people of Jefferson County. The Bridge Program offers opportunities for individuals in trouble with the law to get their lives on track. The Hearth Program helps families find stable housing. In addition, Urban Mission has a Critical Needs program, a Food Pantry, a Christian Care drop-in center, the Impossible Dream thrift store, and has recently joined with Meals on Wheels. Urban Mission budget for 2015 was \$1.573 million. Of that, administrative expenses are under 10%. Their website is www.WatertownUrbanMission.com and your support can be sent to the following address: Watertown Urban Mission at 247 Factory Street, Watertown, NY 13601
- **Helping Hands of Potsdam, Inc. [\$2,000 was given in 2019]** This group provides money for power, money for heat after HEAP runs out, gives firewood, and provides used cars to working families. They have a chef and serve lunch four days a week. Their budget is about \$50,000 a year. www.potsdamhelpinghands.org Your support can be sent to the following address: Helping Hands, PO Box 92, Hannawa Falls, NY 13647
- **Church and Community [\$2,000 was given in 2019]** Church and Community, in Canton, operates a food pantry and thrift shop downtown and gives referrals for other services. This group has been operating since 1974 and now has an \$80,000 a year budget. They have an informative website at www.ccpccanton.org and your support can be sent to the following address: Church & Community, PO Box 55, Canton, NY 13617
- **Samaritan House [\$5,000 was given in 2019]** Since 2017, this transitional housing center in Saranac Lake gives temporary housing and help in finding permanent homes to those in need in Franklin and Essex Counties. The organization provides referrals to community resources that lead to self-sufficiency and stability, job training and a return to a normal, productive life. Check them out on the web at <http://slecumenical.weebly.com/housing.html> and send your support can be sent to the following address: Ecumenical Council of Saranac Lake [with "Samaritan House" in the memo], PO Box 194, Saranac Lake, NY 12983

PNNY Malawi Mission Partners

In 2021 the Coordinating Council invites you to consider direct support to the Malawi Mission Partners previously supported with general mission dollars from your pledges.

Women of Grace Widows' Fund- The Widows' Fund has been working with widows from three villages since 2008. Projects include: critical care, housing upgrades, sewing project.

Make Checks Payable to : First Presbyterian Church with *WOGWF* in the memo line

Mail to: First Presbyterian Church 403 Washington Street Watertown, NY 13601

Marion Medical Shallow Wells- Installs 2,500 shallow wells annually in remote rural communities. Headquartered in Mzuzu, Malawi.

Make Checks Payable to: First Presbyterian Church with *Shallow Wells* in the memo line

Mail to: First Presbyterian Church 403 Washington Street Watertown, NY 13601

Clint McCoy Feeding Centre - Opened and dedicated in 2010 in memory of Rev. Clinton A. McCoy. Provides a warm meal, simple games, and songs to over 80 young children two days a week.

Make Checks Payable to: First Presbyterian Church with *Clint McCoy Feeding Ctr.* in the memo line

Mail to: First Presbyterian Church 17 Church Street Canton, NY 13617

Malawi Early Literacy Team – M.E.L.T. provides the MELT1 Book Mobile library service, culturally appropriate early literacy materials, and ongoing professional development for teachers. 30 teachers from 15 rural schools are served in the Mzuzu and Mzenga areas.

Make Checks Payable to: First Presbyterian Church with *MELT* in the memo line

Mail to: First Presbyterian Church 403 Washington Street Watertown, NY 13601

Mzuzu Crisis Nursery – Provides crisis care to abandoned babies for two years at which point these children are often reunited with extended family in their home village.

Make Checks Payable to: Presbytery of Northern New York with *Mzuzu Crisis Nursery* in the memo line

Mail to: Presbytery of Northern New York 311 Franklin Street, Rm B Ogdensburg, NY 13669

PantiPlus – Provides girls with hand-sewn underwear, and sustainable feminine hygiene products. Pantiplus partners with WOGWF providing employment for many widows.

Make Checks Payable to : First Presbyterian Church with *PantiPlus* in the Memo Line

Mail to: First Presbyterian Church 403 Washington Street Watertown, NY 13601

Tyler and Rochelle Holm- This PC USA missionary family lives in Mzuzu. Rochelle is a professor at Mzuzu University while Tyler teaches systemic theology at the University of Livingstonia.

Make Checks Payable to : Presbyterian Church (USA) with “#E200532” in the memo line.

Mail to: Presbyterian Church (USA) PO Box 643700 Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

A more detailed description of each Malawi mission partnership is available on the presbytery website under the “Resources” tab.

PC(USA) Churchwide Offerings

Many churches participate in one or more of the churchwide offerings that our denomination uses to support dynamic and effective mission programs.

These include:

1. Peace and Global Witness
2. Christmas Joy
3. One Great Hour of Sharing
4. Pentecost

You can learn more about these offerings, what they go to support, and find numerous resources for promotion and education by visiting the following website: www.specialofferings.pcusa.org

Please remit the proceeds directly to the denomination through their lockbox in Pittsburgh.

Please be sure to note the amount of the specific offering and be sure your church's name, address and PIN are included in your correspondence.

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
P.O. Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

PC(USA) Shared Mission & Extra Commitment Offerings [ECO]

Unless directed otherwise, your mission pledge in previous years would be divided, and a portion sent to support shared mission work sponsored and supported by the larger denomination. Congregations and individuals may also select a particular cause or mission co-worker to support financially.

Visit www.presbyterianmission.org to learn about the various ways to support shared mission and/or specific causes or co-workers. You will be amazed to see the numerous ways the PC(USA) is engaged in meaningful mission work throughout the world!

Offerings can be remitted to the same address listed above with the same notation included so the support is allocated accordingly. Most causes and mission co-workers have an ECO # which should be included whenever possible.

2021 Per Capita				Breakdown		
Church	Pin	2019 Memb.	Total (\$31)	GA (\$8.98)	Synod (\$4.10)	PNNY (\$17.92)
Adirondack PC	10064	9	\$279	\$80.82	\$36.90	\$161.28
Brasie Corners UPC of Macomb	4282	8	\$248	\$71.84	\$32.80	\$143.36
Canton Brick Chapel	5847	11	\$341	\$98.78	\$45.10	\$197.12
Canton First PC	5846	98	\$3,038	\$880.04	\$401.80	\$1,756.16
Chateaugay First PC	5427	28	\$868	\$251.44	\$114.80	\$501.76
Chaumont First PC	5850	32	\$992	\$287.36	\$131.20	\$573.44
Chazy PC	5428	13	\$403	\$116.74	\$53.30	\$232.96
Childwold Memorial	226	19	\$589	\$170.62	\$77.90	\$340.48
Crary Mills PC	5852	20	\$620	\$179.60	\$82.00	\$358.40
Dailey Ridge First PC	10398	11	\$341	\$98.78	\$45.10	\$197.12
Dexter First PC	5853	22	\$682	\$197.56	\$90.20	\$394.24
Evans Mills First PC of Leray	5854	5	\$155	\$44.90	\$20.50	\$89.60
Fort Covington First PC	5433	31	\$961	\$278.38	\$127.10	\$555.52
Gouverneur First PC	5855	25	\$775	\$224.50	\$102.50	\$448.00
Hammond PC	5856	79	\$2,449	\$709.42	\$323.90	\$1,415.68
Heuvelton Firt PC	5863	22	\$682	\$197.56	\$90.20	\$394.24
Lisbon United PC	5861	41	\$1,271	\$368.18	\$168.10	\$734.72
Mount Moriah PC	11075	18	\$558	\$161.64	\$73.80	\$322.56
Ogdensburg First PC	5862	165	\$5,115	\$1,481.70	\$676.50	\$2,956.80
Ogdensburg Stone PC	5864	34	\$1,054	\$305.32	\$139.40	\$609.28
Oxbow United PC	5765	13	\$403	\$116.74	\$53.30	\$232.96
Peru Community Church	5440	110	\$3,410	\$987.80	\$451.00	\$1,971.20
Plattsburgh First PC	5442	180	\$5,580	\$1,616.40	\$738.00	\$3,225.60
Potsdam First PC	5866	55	\$1,705	\$493.90	\$225.50	\$985.60
Rouses Point First PC	5445	22	\$682	\$197.56	\$90.20	\$394.24
Sackets Harbor United PC	5868	64	\$1,984	\$574.72	\$262.40	\$1,146.88
Saranac Lake First PC	5446	110	\$3,410	\$987.80	\$451.00	\$1,971.20
Scotch PC	5859	69	\$2,139	\$619.62	\$282.90	\$1,236.48
Theresa PC	5870	61	\$1,891	\$547.78	\$250.10	\$1,093.12
Tupper Lake United Community Church	10072	22	\$682	\$197.56	\$90.20	\$394.24
Waddington First PC	5871	19	\$589	\$170.62	\$77.90	\$340.48
Watertown First PC	9543	289	\$8,959	\$2,595.22	\$1,184.90	\$5,178.88
Watertown Korean PC	11328	27	\$837	\$242.46	\$110.70	\$483.84
Watertown Stone PC	5875	67	\$2,077	\$601.66	\$274.70	\$1,200.64
Western Adirondack PC	10229	25	\$775	\$224.50	\$102.50	\$448.00
		1824	\$56,544	\$16,379.52	\$7,478.40	\$32,686.08



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- **Mzuzu Crisis Nursery Gifts/Offerings** [see instructions below for all other mission gifts] \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Church Contact Information:

Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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Special/Churchwide Offerings, PCUSA Shared Mission & Extra Commitment

Offerings [ECO]: Please remit all special offerings [One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, Peace & Global Witness & Christmas Joy] as well as General Assembly Shared Mission and Extra Commitment Offerings [ECO] **DIRECTLY to the PRESBYTERIAN MISSION AGENCY.** Send your offerings, noting amounts for each specific offering/gift, your church's name, address & PIN to: Presbyterian Church(USA) PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700