



# 82nd Annual Meeting

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# *Introduction*

Organized in 1941 as “The Federation of Churches in Albany and Vicinity”, the Capital Area Council of Churches is an ecumenical fellowship of close to 90 congregations from the Anglican, Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox traditions. In addition, several ecumenical organizations are members, and organizations which support at least one of the purposes of the Council are Affiliates. Our area is inclusive of Albany County and southern Rensselaer County. Committed to the ecumenical mandate in a changing world, the Council seeks to witness to our unity in Christ while responding to the needs of our society.

The Council meets in Assembly once a year, while the Board of Directors meets monthly except during the summer. Contributions to support the work of the Council are tax deductible and may be sent to “CACC” at 646 State St., Albany, NY 12203. Contact info: [www.capareacc.org](http://www.capareacc.org), [capareacc@gmail.com](mailto:capareacc@gmail.com). (518) 462-5450.

## *The 2022 Board of Directors*

### *Officers*

President: Margaret Danes  
Vice President: Open

Secretary: Carolyn Weeks  
Treasurer: Rev. Dr. Roxanne Jones Booth

### *Chairpersons of Commissions and Committees*

Communications Committee: open  
CROP Walk Committee: Kitt Jackson\*  
Development Committee: open  
Faith in Action: Dahlia Herring  
Finance Committee: Rev. Dr. Roxanne Jones Booth  
Governance Committee: Phyllis Cardona

MLK, Jr. Scholarship: Andrea Ralph\*  
MLK, Jr. Celebration Committee: Rev. Antonio Booth\*  
Nominating Committee: Peter Crasto-Donnelly  
Shelter Oversight Committee: David Stagliano  
Worship & Education Commission: Phyllis Cardona

### *At Large Members*

Angela Warner

James Weeks

*Past President*, Rev. Dr. Judith Johnson-Siebold  
*Emerita*, Evelyn C. Stone

### *The 2022 Nominating Committee*

Peter Crasto-Donnelly, Chair  
Elder Andrea Ralph  
Rev. William Hinrichs

The report of the Nominating Committee, in the form of a slate of names of persons to be elected as officers, Board members, and members of the Nominating Committee, will be presented at this Annual Meeting.

\* Not a board member

### Accomplishments and Challenges

As I leave my term as president, I can look back over the past few years and see the many ways we have grown, the many good things that were accomplished, these primarily due to the efforts of an energized board and the leadership of our indomitable executive director, Bruce France. In addition to programs that have been in place for many years—the Emergency Shelter, the Crop Walk, the Campus Ministry, the Fall Awards Program, the Martin Luther King Celebration, and the MLK Scholarship Program—the Capital Area Council of Churches has been able to shine a light on local issues of critical importance by publicly lending our support.

And, as a collective group of churches, CACC has been able to share and promote community health initiatives such as the Mackey Foundation Wellness Programs and the Alzheimer’s Association goals for integration efforts in the church community. Our newsletter has expanded by showcasing member churches, welcoming newcomers to the ministry, and partnerships with other groups such as “Family Promise”, a program that provides temporary shelter and support to homeless families.

However, there are monumental challenges facing all houses of worship. A major concern is that of shrinking attendance and loss of membership. This, of course, affects the financial side of maintaining a church edifice. Over the past number of years, we have seen churches closing and buildings being adapted for other purposes. In other instances, some churches have had to merge with other churches to stay open for a dwindling membership.

There is a myriad of causes for this decline. Families with two wage earners and frantic schedules, social media indulgences, shopping centers and other diversions open on Sundays, youth sports activities on Sunday morning. (Drive by a school on Sunday and see all the athletic practices and games going on). How do we compete with all these other activities? And if we don’t compete, how will all our church programs survive and thrive? Will they go by the wayside? So how can we survive?

**By joining forces!** One option is by joining together in public awareness campaigns. “Stop smoking.” “Drunk driving.” “Literacy campaigns.” “ALS Ice Bucket Challenge.” These are but a few of some successful public awareness campaigns. And many years ago, there were some thought provoking **God** billboards. They were attention getters, signed by **GOD**. *“Life is short. Eternity isn’t.”* *“Let’s meet at my house Sunday before the game.”* And more.

But most importantly, we cannot afford to be passive and wait for people to come back to church. We must be proactive!!! As someone recently said, “We need to change our approach. It should not be because I **have** to go to church. The focus should be on why I **want** to go to church.” In addition to the spiritual guidance and the comfort of church attendance, there are some proven side benefits. Regular attendees are healthier and live longer. Studies have shown these as genuine side effects. And then there’s the pleasure of having real-life social interactions and connections. (Does anyone wonder how many of these killers in these mass shootings were church goers? Or were they, as I suspect, alienated souls, “loners” bereft of a moral and spiritual compass? And why the proliferation of anger and hate mongers in this country? What happened?)

So, let’s come together and find the means and leadership to bring people **“Back to Church”**. Now, more than ever, we need to keep our doors open!

2022 has seen exciting developments with the infrastructure of CACC. A review of my last few annual reports indicates a need for recruiting to and training the board, building committees, and engaging our member churches. This year has been one of success in all three areas.

The appointment to the Board of Directors of Dr. Richard Pfau and Dr. Margaret Anderton brings both non-profit management and board experience to the CACC. Re-appointing Bill Hedberg as board member and treasurer will continue building expertise in our Finance Committee. Continually looking for and finding quality board members who bring the skills, diversity and denominational representation is critical to the long-term success of CACC. 2023 will see an increase in board training for new and existing members.

Equally important to recruiting board members is finding people to fill our committees. CACC is a mostly volunteer organization needing people who can give their time. Having strong standing and ad-hoc committees is key to strong organization. This year has seen a resurgence in our finance committee. Going from non-existent in 2021 to a four-member committee focusing on appropriate financial control and working with other committees and the board to find ways to increase income for CACC.

Board member Rev. Dr. Roxanne Jones Booth will join the Shelter Committee as Co-chair with David Stagliano. The two bring experience in social work, the ability to make repairs to the shelter, and to recruit groups of people to help with running and maintaining the shelter. Dr. Anderton has agreed to lead our Communications Committee which has been dormant. There are a few people we are trying to recruit to the Worship and Education Committee. Recently, a person stepped forward who will help us with grant writing. Strong committees not only do the important work of the Council, but they also provide a source of recruiting future board members. The goal is to have all our committees functioning normally by the end of 2023.

Another important initiative has been meeting with clergy of our member churches. These meetings help clergy learn about CACC and allows clergy to provide information about the importance of ecumenism to their congregation. Strong relationships with our churches provide opportunities for CACC to develop programs that are of interest to our member churches and to find ways for congregations to interact. Since the end of the summer, meetings with clergy from 15 churches have been held and we are working on scheduling meetings with another 21.

The Capital Area Council of Churches is always looking for people to fill our committees and ways to foster ecumenism amongst our churches. Feel free to reach out to me with thoughts about improving CACC at edcapare-acc@gmail.com or (518) 441-9584 which is my cell phone.

**Ecumenical Witnesses of Baptism Annual Report 2022****Bruce France**

Founded 1995, the Ecumenical Witness of Baptism is favorite program of CACC for many of our member churches. Each baptism involves people from a church of a different denomination. This witnessing represents the universal Christian church.

After two years of relatively few baptisms, 2022 saw a significant resurgence in baptisms where a EWB representative was requested. During the year both new churches and new witnesses were added to the program. This surge in requests has put a strain on our resources and the program could use several new witnesses. Being a witness is a wonderful way to get to know another church, another denomination and see a baptism performed from another perspective. Please contact Miranda Rand, the coordinator if you would like to help with this program.

Mirandarand411@gmail.com  
518-393-5047 home  
518-229-5105 cell (text only)

**The John U. Miller Memorial CROP Hunger Walk in Albany**

With lingering concerns over COVID-19, we weren't sure how many people would actually show up at First Lutheran Church on Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, to participate in the John U. Miller Memorial CROP Hunger Walk in Albany. Although not all of the walkers signed in, close to 150 people walked with us, while an equal number walked with congregational groups in other places (e.g. the Crossings, Empire State Plaza, and the Albany County Rail Trail) and on other days during the month of May. Providing options for "satellite walks" was a successful strategy and will be continued for the 2023 Walk.

The "Delmariners" once more entertained the walkers prior to the opening ceremonies where Honorary Chair Jill Szwed, News Channel 10 Morning Meteorologist, and Walk Chair Kitt Jackson both spoke. Rev. Miller's daughters sent a taped message from Boston to be played before the walk began. (Rev. Miller served as Executive Director of CACC from 2000-2010 and was proud that the Albany CROP Hunger Walk consistently placed among the top 10 CROP Walks in the U.S. in terms of the amount of money raised.) The 2022 Walk was the most successful one in our 42-year history, raising a record-breaking total of \$112,592!

One quarter of the money raised, over \$28,065, came back to CACC and was distributed among 26 different feeding programs in our service area. The remainder was used by Church World Service and its partners for global hunger relief and development, including improving access to clean water and providing assistance to refugees from Ukraine.

Planning is underway for the May 7, 2023 Walk. Call the CACC office at (518)462-5450 to learn how you can be involved. You can also visit [www.crophungerwalk.org/albanyny](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/albanyny) to register as a walker, donate, or find out more about the work of Church World Service to combat hunger. The CROP Walk Committee usually meets on the second Wednesday of each month, from 4:00-5:30pm, at First Lutheran Church in Albany. New members are welcome and needed. We are grateful to all of the volunteers, corporate sponsors, and donors who support this important community event. Special thanks to the members of the 2022 Walk Committee: Bob Conklin, Anne Crawford, Patti Henry, Dan Halloran, Annette Johnson, Treasurer Nancy Ost, Barb Turner, and, serving ex officio, Bruce France.

**MLK Celebration Committee Annual Report 2022**

**Bruce France**

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Interfaith Memorial Service continues to honor the life and legacy of Dr. King. The 50th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Interfaith Service was a recorded video for the second year in a row. The video was released on Saturday, January 15, 2022 via YouTube and Facebook. It is still available on the CACC YouTube channel. Rev. Michael Poindexter of Macedonia Baptist Church, Albany gave a powerful message. Greetings were given by the Honorable Corey Ellis and Honorable Carolyn Mc Laughlin. We were blessed with an uplifting musical selection "Lift Every Voice and Sing" from the Macedonia String Trio. The invocation was given by Rabbi Beverly Magidson. Community Activist Nell Stokes, a former chair of the MLK committee, gave the history of the Martin Luther Jr. Scholarship. Excerpts from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "Beyond Vietnam A Time to Break Silence" were read by Tarum Narravula. Rev. Monshin Paul Naamon read a portion of "Letter from the Birmingham Jail". The celebration closed with the virtual choir singing "We Shall Overcome".

### Serving the Community and Advocating for Human Rights

The Faith in Action Committee members worked on a wide variety of social justice and community service initiatives during 2022. Individual members were involved in almost every aspect of community service including food access, affordable housing, neighborhood economic development, refugee and immigrant support, criminal justice and police reform, voter education, and economic, environmental, and educational justice issues. In particular, the Committee, and the Council as a whole, partnered with other community organizations to provide support in the following areas:

Tenant Rights: The CACC continues to work with Housing for All and other affordable housing and tenant rights groups. In 2022, CACC signed on to a clergy letter to Governor Hochul in support of Statewide legislation that would provide all New Yorkers a right to legal counsel in eviction and other housing cases.

Affordable Home Ownership: The Committee brought before the Board a proposal by Habitat for Humanity and the South End Community Collaborative that provides various pathways for people living in poor neighborhoods to own their own homes. The Board has officially supported the proposal and awaits next steps.

Ukrainian Relief: At the recommendation of the Committee, the CACC donated to Catholic Relief Services to provide humanitarian support for Ukrainians.

Community Outreach Survey: The CACC developed and distributed a Community Outreach Survey sent to all its member churches. The purpose of this brief survey was to identify the current community service ministries provided by member churches and develop a network of contacts, so that CACC can help support these ministries. Though we received a limited response, we are continuing efforts to ascertain how our churches can connect concerning justice issues.

In September 2022 the CACC Board conducted a strategic planning retreat. We reconfirmed the importance of the CACC continuing to fulfill its Matthew 25 call. We also decided that it was time to find new ways of fulfilling that call. To that end, we:

- Have discontinued the Faith in Action Committee.
- Are committing the CACC Board to be the responsible body for identifying and deciding how the CACC will respond to the issues of the day, as they impact the community, especially regarding people who are suffering.
- Explore ways of organizing ways of providing information and education to member churches regarding major justice issues. In the coming year, the Board would like to particularly focus on hunger and homelessness/housing issues.

### Campus Ministry Annual Report 2022

Rev. Sandy Damhof

Bob Dylan wrote his famous song “The Times They are a Changin’” back in 1964 but the phrase fully embraces what is happening at the Protestant Campus Ministry at UAlbany these days. At the beginning of 2022, Rev. Sandy Damhof announced she would be retiring at the end of the year after 20 years of service. Throughout the year, the Campus Ministry Board engaged in the search process for a new campus minister and in November announced that Rev. Dr. Rebecca (Becca) Ehrlich would fill the position. “The Times They are a Changin’.” Becca was scheduled to begin January 1 but mid-December she and her husband, Will Platnik, received the call that the baby they had been waiting to adopt was ready and waiting for them. “The Times They are a Changin’.” After a few conversations it was determined that Sandy would stay on a bit longer and Becca would slowly transition into the position allowing her some family leave time. “The Times They are a Changin’.” We’re excited to have Becca leading the ministry and hope you’ll join us in welcoming her.

In the midst of the change in leadership, our students have been working hard on their own changes. Our attendance and participation in our programs have increase substantially. We’ve seen a 40% increase in our attendance at

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This past year the Finance Committee met monthly to monitor income and expenses for in the Council’s accounts, focusing especially on operations and the shelter. We recruited several additional members to provide a diverse profile of perspectives and experience related to finance issues. And we developed an agenda of tasks and projects to guide our work for 2023.

The financial statement below shows beginning and end of year balances for all the Council’s accounts. A more detailed financial statement for operations, including a proposed 2023 operating budget, is also included in this report. I will offer some observations about the budget in my presentation at the annual meeting. In a nutshell, we continue to rely on contributions from congregations, individuals, and judicatories for operations and ministries. Additional income from grants and Albany County Social Services, our community partner, support the emergency overflow shelter. Our endowment funds shrunk this past year due to market conditions.

I am grateful to the other members of the Finance Committee for their volunteer service to the Council: Rev. Dr. Roxanne Booth, Raymond Cardona, Bruce France, Richard Pfau.

**Fund Balances**

Account #	Account Name	Beginning Balance	YTD Balance
3.10.00	Operations Fund Balance	18,529.76	5,574.92
3.20.00	Shelter Operations Fund Balance	50,634.89	50,314.42
3.30.00	Martin Luther King Fund Balance	12,547.78	13,503.54
3.40.00	Crop Walk Fund Balance	2,140.80	2,140.80
3.50.00	Savings Account Fund Balance	5,986.06	5,986.55
3.60.10	Hartman Balance	118,187.31	101,334.79
3.60.20	Snow Hogancamp Balance	183,002.19	156,903.82
3.60.30	Giles Balance	4,735.70	4,736.09
3.63.40	Interfaith Fund Balance	5,684.84	5,582.38
	<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$401,449.33</b>	<b>\$346,077.31</b>

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worship and our attendance at Food and Faith has nearly doubled. It’s a good news story, but certainly takes extra effort to make sure everyone is welcome and accepted and assimilated into our faith family. “The Times They are a Changin” We continue to offer a wide range of programs including Worship on Campus each week followed by a community meal, Food and Faith hosted by our congregational partners each week, two opportunities for Bible Study, Mid-Week Meet-Up and a host of community service projects as well as social events. In January, 18 of us traveled to Kentucky to help rebuild homes destroyed by tornadoes in December 2021. As always, it was a moving and memorable trip as we listened to stories and engaged in service in a new setting.

We are so grateful for the hard work of our student leaders who have met the challenge with amazing creativity. We will continue to live into our goal of “bringing students together to make a difference in the world” as we move forward into a future that includes so many changes.

The work of the ministry is under the direction of a 15-member board from a variety of denominations, lay people and clergy, alums and more: Dawn Snay (President), Rev. John Knarvik (Treasurer), Nancy Landrigan (Clerk), Rev. Dr. Roxanne Jones Booth, Sarah Gelfand, Rev. Kyle Delhagen, Rev. Jim Dorner, George Herrick, Melissa Jerrald, Josef Markowski, Joshua Nagy, Rev David Preisinger and Rev. Katy Stenta. The day-to-day work of the ministry is done by 10 Peer Ministers and student E-Board.

If you would like to know more about ministry, check out our website at [www.ualbanycornerstone.org](http://www.ualbanycornerstone.org) or follow up on Social Media. (Instagram: UACornerstone; : Facebook: Cornerstone Campus Ministry; Twitter: UA\_Cornerstone; Snapchat: UAlbanyCornerstone).

## Treasurer's Report and Proposed Budget 2022

### 2023 Budget for Core Operations

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>2022 (actual)</u>	<u>2023 (proposed)</u>
Income			
4.10.10	Congregational Giving	\$11,154	\$13,000
4.10.17	Other Income	\$510	\$500
4.10.20	Individual Giving	\$16,695	\$15,000
4.10.30	Judicatories Giving	\$11,050	\$13,600
4.10.40	Shelter Chargeback	\$18,000	\$18,000
4.10.45	CACC Grants	\$0	\$8,000
4.10.70	Fund Raising Event/Activity	\$12,030	\$15,500
	Total Income	\$69,439	\$83,600
Expenses			
Personnel			
5.10.10	Executive Director	\$26,988	\$27,000
5.10.12	Administrative Assistant	\$10,260	\$12,000
5.10.13	Ignatian Volunteer	\$0	\$1,120
5.10.25	FICA/Medicare Taxes + Insurances	\$3,177	\$3,500
	Total Personnel	\$40,425	\$43,620
Administration & Outreach			
5.10.40	Postage	\$1,389	\$1,000
5.10.43	Telephone/Internet	\$1,687	\$1,700
5.10.46	Office Supplies	\$542	\$600
5.10.48	Publicity/Public Relations	\$8,965	\$7,500
5.10.50	Assembly/Fall Event Exp	\$6,475	\$6,500
5.10.52	Liability Insurance	\$1,355	\$1,400
5.10.55	Office Rent	\$2,100	\$2,100
5.10.56	Professional Fees	\$600	\$0
5.10.57	Equipment Maint/Purchase	\$562	\$600
5.10.58	Online Giving Expense	\$192	\$200
	Total Administration & Outreach	\$23,867	\$21,600
Program Ministries			
5.10.60	SUNY Protestant Ministry	\$17,748	\$17,748
5.10.63	NYS Council of Churches	\$100	\$100
5.10.70	Faith In Action Committee	\$100	\$0
5.10.80	National Council of Churches	\$100	\$100
5.10.85	Baptismal Witness Program	\$37	\$50
5.10.95	Program Ministries Misc	\$16	\$0
	Total Program Ministries	\$18,101	\$17,998
	Total Expenses	\$82,394	\$83,218
	Surplus/Deficit	-\$12,955	\$382



The committee members are: Phyllis Cardona, Chair; Ray Cardona, Recording Secretary; Bruce France, Executive Director; and, Dahlia Herring, Board Member.

The Governance Committee met six times during 2022. The focus of our work was concentrated in the following areas:

- Finalize the Board Handbook.
- Create an orientation program for Board members which will include a folder of materials that will be given to new Board members.
- Create a statement regarding membership for the Nominating committee or board members to use as a recruitment tool for new board members and volunteers who would like to serve on a committee.

**Board Handbook:**

Draft copies of the Handbook were shared with board members and revised on May 5<sup>th</sup>, July 1<sup>st</sup> and October 13<sup>th</sup> based on board recommendations. A final copy was shared with the Board.

**Orientation Program for new Board members:**

- A Power Point presentation was created to welcome new Board members which covered key parts of the By-laws including the Code of Ethics.
- A folder containing a copy of the Bylaws, the Code of Ethics, the Board Handbook, a current list of board members and available biographies, the most recent budget, and liability insurance information will be given to new board members.
- We met with our first new member using this material on March 16<sup>th</sup> when we welcomed Rev. Dr. Roxanne Jones Booth to the CACC Board as Treasurer.

**Membership Statement**

- This document was created to assist the Nominating Committee and board members in recruiting new members to join the CACC board or one of the committees.
- The document will contain four sections after a brief introduction: I. Who may join CACC? II. What are the Council's expectations of members? III. What does the CACC offer members? IV. How to become a member.
- This document was edited on 7/1/22 and 10/4/22 after all board members submitted comments to the Governance Committee. The final edited copy was shared on 12/8/22 and has already been used by the Nominating committee.

**Farewell and Thank-you:**

I would like to thank Dahlia Herring who was influential in the formation of the Governance committee from its initial meeting on November 7, 2019 as she leaves the Board at this time. Her knowledge, enthusiasm and thoughtful consideration of the details that were involved in revising the By-laws, creating a Code of Ethics, a Handbook and a membership statement were invaluable in launching the work of this committee. We thank her for the innumerable hours she gave in service to the Capital Area Council of Churches and its members.

*Below is an overview of the CACC Overflow Shelter:*

**From Jan. – April '22** there were **1293 total guest nights/120 days** for an average of **11 guests/night**. Things went relatively smoothly during the early 2022 Shelter season. For the current Shelter season Nov. '22 – Jan. '23 we continue to house mostly men who are not able to be housed at other shelters, due to their criminal history or for other medical or special requirements from the Albany County Dept. of Social Services. As of end of January 2023, we have had a total of **1041 guest nights/92 nights, which averages to 11/night as well**. Albany County pays us per guest/night; at end of each month a count is submitted to Albany County Dept. of Social Services. Payment is usually received within 2 months. For instance, Nov.'s # were submitted early Dec. and we received payment in Jan. Albany County payments account for 65% of the shelter's income.

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To date (Nov. 2022-Jan 2023) have had a total of **51 actual guests** (which is down from previous years), an average of 11 guests each night. Some guests came from Lwanga House, which had been closed temporarily due to staffing shortages. Most of current guests [7] are long term guests until April with about 6 parolees.

Staffing & scheduling: There are 5 on staff, and Pam Bullock, the Shelter Manager. Several previous staff are available to fill in as needed. Could use another 1 or 2 staff members. There is a need to offer some guests an opportunity to stay at Shelter during the colder days as winter moves on. Some public spaces where our guests tend to go during daytime are closed on weekends. When really cold weather arrives, current staff will extend hours as needed to accommodate providing shelter during the day. At least one more additional P/T staff is required to offer this accommodation. Pam is currently interviewing a possible new staff person.

There is an ongoing need for paper products such as hot/cold cups (9 – 12 oz), plates, and large bowls for cereal. These are not always available from the Regional Food bank. ALSO needed is powdered coffee creamer, towel/washcloths, sheet sets (twin).

Contact Pam to donate or to volunteer. She can be reached at the shelter phone, (518) 426-1227 or the shelter email, [Overflowshelter646@yahoo.com](mailto:Overflowshelter646@yahoo.com).

The Shelter Committee is always looking for new members. Some long-time Shelter Committee members have stepped down and committee member Paul Hyde recently passed away. Pam has reached out to some of our regular volunteers about joining the committee. Recently we have located a person to help out with acquiring grant funding and sponsorships.

A variety of congregations continue to provide daily meals for the guests. Some provide weekly and others monthly. Sincere THANKS to all the volunteers that gather to put together some excellent meals for the guests. There were some special meals provided for the holidays; Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's.

At the request of CACC Executive Director and Treasurer, the Overflow Shelter will receive more funds from Albany County DSS for housing guests they refer to us. This is an increase in the amount we receive per night per guest up to a maximum of \$95,000. The new per diem is \$45 per night. The old rate was \$33.

The annual inspection from NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance- Division of Shelter Oversight & Compliance took place Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, for safety and operational protocols. There are a few minor things to take care of.

**Prayer Services:**

Committee members prepared prayers for the Annual Meeting on February 8, 2022 which was held via Zoom.

Good Friday Service: Bruce France, and Rev. William Hinrichs invited pastors to prepare an ecumenical service for a Good Friday liturgy on April 15, 2022. The Service was held at First Lutheran Church at noon. Participation in person, via Zoom and Facebook Live was available. The service was prepared by the following clergy.

Rev. William Hinrichs – St. John’s Episcopal  
Pastor Rebecca Richards Trinity United Methodist  
Rev. D. Lowell Chilton – First Lutheran  
Rev. Charles Anthony Rogers, Sr. – First Congregational  
Rev. James Kane – Ecumenical Officer, RCDA

**Hogancamp Scholarship:**

Elder Andrea Ralph, Executive Administrator prepared a mailing which included an information letter about the Scholarship and an application to Protestant Pastors of member churches and asked them to share the application if they had a seminarian preparing for ordination and ministry. We did not get any applications this year. Letters will be sent out in March 2023 to make this scholarship available from the Hogancamp bequest.

**Addendum to 2021 Annual Report:**

I inadvertently omitted a significant event which was planned in memory of those who died and those who responded to the 9/11 attack at the World Trade Center 20 years ago in 2021. I have added it here to make it part of the CACC archives.

**Ecumenical Service to Remember 9/11**

On Sunday, September 12 at 3 pm, there was an ecumenical service remembering September 11, 2001. The service was hosted by Delmar Presbyterian Church and produced by the Capital Area Council of Churches. The service was live streamed on Facebook and member congregations had an opportunity to obtain a link to have the service streamed on their Facebook page to make it easier for their congregations to watch the service. In-person attendance was limited to 25 people due to the need to wear masks and remain socially distanced.

**MLK Scholarship Committee Annual Report**

**Bruce France**

Each year the Dr. King Celebration helps to raise money for scholarships to graduating seniors attending college in the fall. Students who live, worship, or attend school in Albany or southern Rensselaer Counties, are active in their school and faith community, The scholarship was established in 1973 by the Capital Area Council of Churches to honor the memory of the life and work of Dr. King and to preserve the legacy of the nonviolent human rights movement as it was expressed in his life and teachings. The scholarship is a very positive way of encouraging young people to keep striving for the fulfillment of Dr. King’s dream.

In 2022, there were only two completed applications for the scholarship and there was no apparent reason for the drop in applications. Madison Mackey is the only 2022 recipient of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. scholarship. Madison is a graduate of the Academy of the Holy Names in Albany. She is a community leader and activist. Madison served as President of Junior Ladies of Charity and Vice President of Multicultural Club. She is an Ambassador Girl Scout, Girl Member at Large for the Girl Scouts of Northeastern New York, and Gold Award National Recipient. Madison hopes to pursue a business degree in college and is attending Villanova University. Congratulations Madison. Our best wishes for a successful college experience.

The limited applications in 2022 allows the MLK Scholarship Committee to give out more scholarships in 2023 and to be able to advertise one or more \$4,000 scholarships.

Individual Support For 2022

\$1,000 and Above

Dorothy Ellinwood  
Daniel Fitzpatrick  
Dr. Christine Grant

Irene Harbison  
James Miller  
Stephen Parker

Karen Pass  
Nancy Scholes

\$500 to \$999

Archbishop Richard G. Roy &  
Brother Stephen K. Peterson  
Raymond Garthner

Bruce & Wendie France  
Sarah Halloran

David Schultz

\$250 to \$299

Karl Barbir  
Martha Corneil  
John Delehanty  
Glenn & Donna Humphreys  
Kitt Jackson

Merle Longwood  
Barbara Meffert-Huth  
Ruth Mendel  
David Preisinger  
Tom Schaffer

Allan Tedrow  
Dave Van Alstyne  
David Wood

\$100 to \$249

Walter Ayres  
Anthony Bango  
Joyce Bascom  
Rev. Antonio Booth & Rev. Dr.  
Roxanne Jones Booth  
Barbara Bradley  
Debora Brown-Johnson  
Grayce Susan Burian  
Prentiss Carnell III  
Lois Caulfield  
Elaine Clawson  
Karen Conkin  
Thomas Corban  
Joan Csaposs  
Ellie Cusick  
Dawn Dana  
Margaret Danes  
Valerie Delacruz  
Benson English

Margaret Farrell  
Lisa Finkle  
Barry Finley  
Nancy Goddard  
Jill Goodman  
Herbert Gordon  
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Margaret King  
Bob Long  
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Carolyn McLaughlin  
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Pou Mok  
Roberta Moore  
Kevin Murray  
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Janet Nardolillo  
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## 2022 CACC Member Congregations and Organizations

These are listed by denomination headings, with the names of individual congregations following. Other organizations and ecumenical groups are also shown. Unless noted in parentheses, or as part of the name, churches are located in Albany.

### **African Methodist Episcopal:**

Israel AME Church

### **African Methodist Episcopal Zion:**

Walls Temple AME Zion Church

### **American Baptist:**

Emmanuel Baptist Church

Latham Community Baptist Church

### **Episcopal:**

Cathedral of All Saints

Church of the Redeemer (Rensselaer)

St. Andrew's

St. George's (Clifton Park)

St. John's (Cohoes)

St Paul's

St. Peter's

### **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America:**

First Lutheran

Good Shepherd Lutheran (Glenville)

Good Shepherd (Loudonville)

Helderberg Lutheran Parish (Berne)

Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit

Prince of Peace (Clifton Park)

St. John's Evangelical

Trinity Lutheran (Castleton)

### **Friends:**

Albany Friends Meeting

### **National Baptist Convention: (Missionary Baptist)**

Bethany

Elijah Full Gospel

Macedonia

Metropolitan New Testament Mission

Morning Star Missionary Baptist

Mt. Calvary

Mt. Pleasant

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist

Star of Bethlehem

Union Missionary Baptist

Welcome Chapel Missionary Baptist

### **National Catholic Church of America:**

Holy Trinity (Albany)

### **Orthodox:**

St. George Antiochian Orthodox St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church

St. Nicholas Orthodox (Cohoes)

### **Polish National Catholic Church:**

Blessed Virgin Mary of Czestochowa

### **Progressive National Baptist Convention:**

Antioch Fellowship Christian Center (Rensselaer)

## 2022 CACC Member Congregations and Organizations (continued)

### Presbyterian Church (USA):

Bethany (Menands)  
Delmar (Delmar)  
First (Albany)  
First (Rensselaer)  
Hamilton Union (Guilderland)

Loudonville (Loudonville)  
New Covenant  
New Scotland (Slingerlands)  
Roesselville  
Westminster

### Reformed Church in America:

Altamont (Altamont)  
Bethany (Menands)  
Blooming Grove (Rensselaer)  
Clarksville Community (Clarksville)  
Delmar (Delmar)  
Emmanuel (Castleton)  
First Church in Albany  
First Reformed Church (Bethlehem)

Glenmont Community (Glenmont)  
Greenbush Reformed Church (East Greenbush)  
Knox Reformed Church  
New Baltimore Reformed Church  
Onesquethaw Reformed Church (Feura Bush)  
Thompson's Lake Reformed Church  
Reformed Dutch Church of Schodack at Muitzeskill  
Third Reformed Church of Albany

### Roman Catholic:

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception  
All Saints on the Hudson (Mechanicville)  
Holy Spirit (E. Greenbush)  
Holy Trinity (Cohoes)  
Our Lady of Victory (Troy)  
Parish of Mater Christi  
Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Americas

St. Francis of Assisi Parish  
St. John the Evangelist/St. Joseph (Rensselaer)  
St. Mary's  
St. Matthew's (Voorheesville)  
St. Patrick's (Ravena)  
St. Pius X (Loudonville)  
St. Vincent de Paul

### United Church of Christ:

Community Congregational (Clinton Heights)  
Congregational Christian Church (Ravena)

First Congregational Church of Albany  
Journey United Church of Christ (Slingerlands)

### United Methodist:

Calvary (Latham)  
Emmaus  
First (Delmar)  
First (East Greenbush)  
First (Rensselaer)  
First (Voorheesville)  
Grace (Nassau)  
Grace (Ravena)

McKownville  
Newtonville  
Pine Grove  
Salem (West Sand Lake)  
South Bethlehem (Bethlehem)  
St. Paul's (Castleton)  
Trinity

### Affiliate Member Congregations and Organizations:

Albany 2nd Branch\*  
Albany Presbytery (Troy)  
Bruderhof Community  
Capital Area Baptist Association  
Capital Area Ecumenical Organization  
Community Hospice  
First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany  
FOCUS Churches of Albany

Hudson Mohawk Conference  
Interfaith Alliance  
Islamic Center of the Capital District  
Tendai Buddhist Center  
Unification Church of Albany

(\*Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints)

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## 2022 Awards & Scholarships

### Rev. Carlyle Adams Ecumenical and Interfaith Award

*Rabbi Deborah S. Gordon*

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