



84th Annual Meeting

Bethany Reformed Church

Albany, New York

February 12, 2025

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Agenda

6:00 pm **Networking**

6:30 pm **Council Updates**

- Welcome from Bethany Reformed Church – Rev. Elizabeth Moses
- Opening Prayer
- Council Updates and Acceptance of Reports – Peter Crasto-Donnelly, Executive Director
- Finance Report — William Hedberg, Treasurer
- Elections — Vic Russak, Nominating Committee Chair
- Installation of New Board Member & Officers
- Council Recognition

7:00 pm - **Ministry Sharing**

- Macedonia Baptist Church - Food Program
- St. Andrew's Episcopal Church - Sacred Ground and Film Event
- Albany Friends Meeting - Young Peacemakers Week
- Parkview Bruderhof Community - Bruderhof Community
- Westminster Presbyterian Church - Westminster Commons
- St. Vincent's Roman Catholic Church - Food Pantry
- Blessed Sacrament Roman Catholic Church - Catholic Schools
- Shrine Church of our Lady of the Americas - Com. Celebrations
- Blooming Grove Reformed - Diaper Program
- First Lutheran Church - Maritime Ministry Program
- Bethany Reformed Church - Family Promise

Opening Prayer

(Please read in two voices, Group A and Group B alternating.)

(A) Leadership is hard to define. Lord, let us be the ones to define it with justice.

(B) Leadership is like a handful of water. Lord, let us be the people to share it with those who thirst.

(A) Leadership is not about watching and correcting. Lord, let us remember it is about listening and connecting.

(B) Leadership is not about telling people what to do. Lord, let us find out what people want.

(A) Leadership is less about the love of power, and more about the power of love.

(B) Lord, as we continue to undertake the role of leader let us be affirmed by the servant leadership we witness in your son Jesus. Let us walk in the path He has set and let those who will, follow.

(A) Let our greatest passion be compassion. Our greatest strength love. Our greatest victory the reward of peace.

(B) In leading let us never fail to follow. In loving let us never fail.

All: Amen.

Elections

Nominations from the Floor

Members are allowed to nominate individuals from the floor during elections.

Nominations from the floor will be directed to the Nominating Committee for follow up

We want to find the best fit for each person and to provide orientation on each position

Nominating Committee Election

Goal of the Nominating Committee

- Recruit and screen individuals for board and officership
- Ensure board candidates are aligned with CACC's mission.
- Maintain diversity of representation across denominations

Nominations Committee Slate

Vic Russak

Vic Russak Mini-Bio

After completing an associates degree in communications from SUNY Ulster, Vic went on to enter formation with the Capuchin Franciscan friars, a group of religious brothers and priests following the rule of St. Francis of Assisi, to discern a call to religious life. Vic spent five years in formation, three of which were spent in Boston studying philosophy and theology at the archdiocesan seminary, where he earned a bachelor's and some graduate credits. Vic also spent 4 years training as a healthcare chaplain and earned 1 unit of accredited clinical pastoral education from Archcare in New York City. In 2019, Vic decided to leave religious life, and moved to Albany to be closer to family.

In Albany, Vic took a role as Community Outreach Director at the Parish of Mater Christi, managing the parish's social justice ministries, including the food pantry, as well as assisting with religious education and teaching a curriculum on Catholic Social Teaching to the 10th grade catechism classes. Currently, Vic works at The Food Pantries for the Capital District helping to advance the organization's Food as Medicine initiatives both locally and statewide.

Board Member Election

From the by-laws

- The Assembly vests the authority of the Council to the Board of Directors.
- The Board shall authorize the Executive Director to manage the day to day affairs of the Council.

Board Member Slate

William Hedberg

Rev. Dr. Roxanne Jones Booth

Rebecca Mondore

Bill Hedberg Mini-Bio

Bill Hedberg has served more than a decade as a Board member and Treasurer for the Capital Area Council of Churches and is currently Chair of the Finance Committee.

Born and raised in Oregon, he moved to New York in 1970 and graduated from SUNY-Brockport in 1972, and from SUNY-Albany in 1990. He is a life-long Episcopalian and began worshiping at St. Andrew's, Albany, in 1976. Over the years he has served in a variety of leadership roles for the parish and currently is an elected Vestry member and Finance Committee Chair.

Bill retired in 2022, after 52 years of service to SUNY, including 32 years as Senior Vice Provost and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs at SUNY-Albany.

Rev. Dr. Roxanne Jones Booth Mini-Bio

After seven years of marriage, Rev. Dr. Roxanne Jones Booth and her husband, the Rev. Antonio Booth accepted to do missions work with the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. Foreign Mission Board (FMB) and moved to the Kingdom of eSwatini (formerly Swaziland) in May 2006. Before marriage from 1991-1998, Rev. Dr. Booth served four years as a mission worker in the Kingdom of eSwatini and three years in Durban, South Africa with the FMB.

Upon their return from eSwatini in March 2009, the Reverends Booth believed God would give them ministry in the warm State of Georgia; however, from January 2010 to December 2010 Rev. Dr. Roxanne

Jones Booth and her husband Rev. Antonio Booth served as Interim Co-Pastors of Riverview Missionary Baptist Church in Coeymans, New York and on March 26, 2011 they were installed as Co-Pastors of

Riverview. Riverview is the church where Rev. Dr. Booth was baptized and the church which ordained her for the Gospel ministry. She is the first female Pastor in the history of that congregation. In addition to her many pastoral duties at Riverview, Rev. Dr. Booth instituted the Riverview Missionary Baptist Church Short-term Mission Trip Ministry. She has coordinated and lead short-term mission trips to Southern Africa annually since 2010.

Rev. Dr. Booth and her husband are now Associate Pastors at Macedonia Baptist Church.

Rebecca Mondore Mini-Bio

Becky has worked at Albany Medical Center since she moved back to the area in 2001. She received her BS, MS, and PhD degrees from the University of Missouri-Columbia and completed 2 postdoctoral fellowships at the University of Illinois-Chicago and the Mayo Clinic-Scottsdale. She then worked for a year at a small start-up company in Westminster, Colorado before coming back to join academia for research and teaching. Through her research on the heart, she became involved in the American Heart Association and joined the Board of Directors of the American Heart Association. During that time, she gave talks at Go Red for Women events and helped fundraise and plan different events.

Becky is looking forward to working with others to promote the Capital Area Council of Churches and reconnecting with different religious organizations in the Capital Area. She is excited about the possibilities of housing CACC and the Overflow Shelter at First Church in Albany.

Board Member Appointments

Per the by-laws, the Council is to keep even classes of board members. The following board member(s) have been appointed to an open position and will be elected at a future assembly.

Jonathan Kimmel Mini-bio

In addition to a bachelor's in business administration, Jon has earned a Master of Arts in Theological Studies, a Diploma in Anglican Studies as well as a Master of Sacred Theology. His main areas of research include Social Trinitarianism, Ressourcement (ecumenical theology), Catechetical Renewal, and Patristic theology. Jon also a Post Graduate Diploma in Education where he focused on literacy and reading intervention. A personal passion of Jon's is seeing ancient theology and pedagogy meeting modern demands in traditional and non-traditional classrooms.

Currently Jon is the Dean of the secondary school of Augustine Classical Academy and parttime Director of Christian Formation at the Cathedral of All Saints.

Officer Election

From the Bylaws

The President shall preside at all Board and Assembly meetings.

The President shall have signatory authority for the Council or will delegate that authority, as necessary.

The President shall preside at all Executive Committee meetings and shall be a voting member ex officio of all other committees, with the exception of the Nominating Committee.

In the event of a vacancy, the President, with the advice and consent of the Board, shall appoint committee chairs.

The President will serve as the Council's official representative for community functions and events in conjunction with the Executive Director.

The President will conduct the annual evaluation of the Executive Director in conjunction with the entire Board.

From the Bylaws

The Treasurer shall have custody of all monies and securities of the Council and shall have signatory authority on behalf of the Council.

The Treasurer shall insure that the books are reconciled with bank statements on a monthly basis and provide monthly and annual financial reports including a financial statement and a balance sheet to the Board of Directors.

The Treasurer shall also provide an annual financial report to the Assembly.

The Treasurer shall be the Chair the Finance Committee.

The Treasurer will prepare and recommend an Operating Budget for approval by the Board and will present that budget for approval by the Assembly at its Annual Meeting.

The Treasurer shall perform all duties related to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as may be required by law, by the Certificate of Incorporation, or these Bylaws, or which may be assigned from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Officer Slate

President: Margaret Anderton

Treasurer: William Hedberg

Margaret Anderton Mini-Bio

Peg has a long history of working in the not-for-profit sector having served as a Program Director for the Schenectady YMCA, Director of Health and Safety Education for the American Red Cross, Compliance Consultant for the Capital District YMCA and, as Executive Director of Bethesda House of Schenectady. Since 2011 Peg has completed her Masters in Divinity at St. Bernard's School of Theology and ministry as well as her Doctor of Ministry at New Brunswick Theological Seminary where she focused on Congregational and Community Renewal. She was the Pastoral Associate for Urban Ministry at St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church in Schenectady from 2014-2019. She is now enjoying her retirement job as the Staff Chaplain to the Hospice and Palliative Care Teams at St. Peter's Hospital where she is also a member of the Hospital Ethics Committee.

Special thanks to Retiring Board Members
Phyllis Cardona - St. Vincent's Roman Catholic Church

Liturgy of Installation

One: Newly elected Officers, Directors, and Committee/ Commission members please come forward and face the body.

One: Brothers and sisters, you have been called and elected to special ecumenical ministry and service. Are you now willing to be installed as Officers, Directors, and Servants of this Council?

Response: We are.

One: Do you welcome this responsibility because you are determined to follow the Lord Jesus, to love neighbors, and to work for the reconciling of the world?

Response: We do.

One: Will you serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in God's promises through Jesus Christ?

Response: We will.

Affirmation by the Council

One: Do we, members of this Council, accept these, our brothers and sisters, as Officers, Directors, and Servants?

Response: We do.

Prayer of Installation (unison)

God of grace, who called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation: give us the courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us, that together, we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ, Lord of all. Amen.

One: Brothers and sisters, you are now duly installed as Officers, Directors, and Servants in the Council. Whatever you do, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him.

Response: Amen.

President's report

My dear friends in Jesus Christ,

2024 was a year of transition for the Capital Area Council of Churches.

First - Tracey Barber joined the team as the Administrative Assistant. As the Council is run by two part time staff - the role of the admin is vital to keeping on top of day to day tasks. Tracey has jumped right in and done a wonderful job. We are grateful to Tracey for all her support.

Second - The Council offices and Emergency Overflow Shelter moved from First Lutheran Church to The First Church in Albany. We are grateful to Becky Mondore for bringing the Council and The First Church together to make this move possible.

Third - The Council honored me by hiring me as the new Executive Director. I and the board are so grateful to Bruce France for his five years of service as Executive Director. Bruce both brought stability to the Council and navigated it through the pandemic - all the while maintaining his warm and welcoming presence. Even through Bruce is retired - he has continued to serve at the council to give me time to learn the various parts of the role. He is also only a phone call a way when I need advice. I cannot express enough how helpful this has been.

I also want to thank the board for the advice and support they have provided over the last year. Each board member that serves at CACC does so because they have been led by the spirit to be there. Board meeting discussions have been thoughtful and decisions have been reached through consensus.

Finally - I want to thank the staff and volunteers that run our various programs. Pam, Christine, Kitt, Jeanne, Antonio, Andrea, Bill, Peg, and your respective committee and staff members - thank you. We could not celebrate baptisms, feed the hungry, shelter the unhoused, and honor Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. without you. It's truly a testament to doing together what we cannot do alone.

Yours in service,

Peter Crasto-Donnelly

Communications Committee Report**Peter Crasto-Donnelly**

The Communications Committee has been an invaluable resource for improving the communications of the council. Their work in 2024 included providing feedback for revising the website, sharing content for social media, and developing articles for the newsletter. The committee will continue these efforts in 2025.

Communications Committee: Margaret Danes, Andrea Ralph, Bill Hinrichs, Jeanne Bianchine, Matt Cuevas, Peg Anderton, Bruce France, Frank D'Ambrosio

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 110 North Pearl St., Albany, NY 12207. Contact info: www.capareacc.org. capareacc@gmail.com. (518) 462-5450.

The 2024 Board of Directors

Officers

President: Margaret Anderton
Vice President: Open
Secretary: Elder Andrea Ralph
Treasurer: William Hedberg

Members

Rev. Dr. Roxanne Jones Booth
Anel Smith
Richard Pfau
Rebecca Mondore
Jonathan Kimmel
Vic Russak

Past President, Margaret Danes
Emerita, Evelyn C. Stone

Chairpersons of Commissions and Committees

Communications Committee: Margaret Anderton
CROP Walk Committee: Kitt Jackson
Development Committee: Richard Pfau
Finance Committee: William Hedberg
Governance Committee: Executive Committee
MLK, Jr. Scholarship: Andrea Ralph
MLK, Jr. Celebration Committee: Rev. Antonio Booth
Nominating Committee: Vic Russak
Shelter Oversight Committee: David Stagliano
Worship & Education Committee:

The 2024 Nominating Committee

Vic Russak, Chair
Rev. William Hinrichs

The purposes of the Council is to be of greater service and witness to Christ by doing together what we cannot do alone as commanded by the Gospel:

- To manifest the common spirit and purpose of the Member churches in carrying out their mission in the community and the world.
- To engage in such cooperative work as the participating Member churches authorize the Council to carry on in their behalf.
- To encourage fellowship, mutual conversation, and promote the ecumenical spirit among Member Churches.
- To study the needs of the community and to devise plans to meet these needs in the light of the Christian mandate for social justice.
- To join with other Christian, interfaith, and inter-religious partners, and other community organizations to serve the greater good of the community.

~ *From the CACC Bylaws*

Executive Director Report

Bruce France

In May of 2019, I started as Executive Director for CACC. The first several months focused on learning the job, managing CACC events, upgrading computer technology, and instituting a new accounting system. The next several months focused on operating during a world-wide pandemic. During that first 18-month period it became obvious that there were areas CACC needed to improve, and I identified them in the Annual Report for 2020.

- Improve our connection with congregations
- Expand and revitalize committees
- Recruit individuals as board and committee members
- Improve training of board members

In all these areas, the Council has managed to improve. Meetings with clergy, new and old, has fostered awareness of what CACC does and how churches can be involved. Consistently seeking different congregations to host our events further builds relationships. We have three committees, Governance, Finance and Communications, that have been formed or reinvigorated in the past few years. An active Nominating committee has been able to recruit experienced, quality people. Nine out of eleven current board members were not part of CACC when I started. And through the excellent work of the Governance committee, a solid training program has been developed and is used with each new board member.

And yet, there is still a long way to go. We need better connections with congregations, more committee members, and recruiting new board members is ongoing. Not to mention financial stability, which is always an issue with a nonprofit like CACC.

As I leave this role, CACC is in good hands with the new Executive Director, Peter Crasto-Donnelly. Peter brings youth, a love and great understanding of ecumenism, nonprofit expertise, and operating knowledge.

Thank you to all the people who made my second career, one which I had never imagined until it happened, a delightful time.

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Interfaith Scholarship Celebration Report

Peter Crasto-Donnelly

The 52nd Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Interfaith Celebration was held on Dr. King's birthday on January 15th. The service was hosted by The First Church in Albany, with the keynote address given by Rev. Dr. Mashona Walston, Pastor. \$13,802 was raised for the scholarship

The following students were awarded the scholarship (Name, Church, High School, College)

Angela Tawfik, St. Mary's/St. Joseph's Orthodox Church, Guilderland High School, Siena College

Emma Lupe, St. Pius X, Colonie Center High School, Hartwick College

Hannah Slater, Life Church, Colonie Center High School, Utica University

Ephraim Adjei, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Guilderland High School, University at Buffalo

The recipients were honored at Macedonia Baptist Church on June 4th

The John U. Miller Memorial CROP Hunger Walk in Albany

Despite consistent rain, over 150 people signed in at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Sunday, May 5th to participate in the John U. Miller Memorial CROP Hunger Walk in Albany. An equal number walked with congregational groups in other places (e.g. the Crossings, various parks, and the Albany County Rail Trail) and on other days during the month of May. Providing options for "satellite walks" is a successful strategy that came out of the COVID-19 pandemic and will be continued for the 2025 Walk.

Will Vail and Phil Teumin, the "Delmariners", once more entertained the walkers prior to the opening ceremonies where Honorary Chairs Jeanne and Marie Louise Miller (2 of John Miller's daughters) and Walk Chair Kitt Jackson spoke. (Rev. Miller's daughters came from Boston to walk with us. Rev. Miller served as Executive Director of CACC from 2000-2010 and was very 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 2024 Walk was number 6 in the nation, raising a total of \$102, 615.

One quarter of the money raised, over \$25,600, 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 already underway for the May 4, 2025 Walk. It will have a new location—starting and ending at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church on Madison Avenue. Call the CACC office at (518)462-5450 to learn how you can be involved. You can also visit 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 the First 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 2024 Walk Committee: Frank D'Ambrosio, Dan Halloran, Annette Johnson, Judy Seery, Barb Turner, Maggy Wiard, Treasurer Shelly Marks, and, ex officio, Bruce France. Regional Public Relations Coordinator Jeanne Bianchine provides assistance to all of the Capital Region CROP Walks, as does Adam Smedberg from Church World Service.



There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:5-6

Committee Members

Christine J. Baxter—Christ United Methodist Church in Troy, Witness Coordinator

Peggy McQuade - St. Matthew's Roman Catholic Church in Voorheesville, sends out cards and crosses

Pastor Denise Gisotti (retired) - First United Methodist Church of Delmar, responsible for the EWB renewal service which occurs on the Sunday following the Feast of the Epiphany

The Rev. William Hinrichs - St. John's Episcopal Church in Cohoes, publicity

Witnesses

Kate Burgess, Catholic, St Vincent De Paul

Regina Kalet, Catholic, St Vincent De Paul

Peter Crasto-Donnelly, Catholic, Shrine Church Our Lady of the Americas

Kitt Jackson, RCA, Altamont Reformed

Ian Leet, RCA, First Church of Albany

Frank Dambrosio, UMC, Mckownville UMC

Nan Pullen, UMC, Mckownville UMC

Christine Baxter, UMC, Christ Church UMC Troy

Bob Long, UMC, First United Methodist Church Schenectady

Denise Gisotti, UMC, Delmar UMC

Joe and Margot Phillips, UCC, Journey UCC

Jim Lavin, TEC, St John's Episcopal Church Cohoes

William Henrichs, TEC, St John's Episcopal Church Cohoes

Participating Congregations

First United Methodist Church of East Greenbush

Christ Church UMC Troy

St John's Episcopal Church in Cohoes

St John's Episcopal Church in Troy

Delmar Reformed Church

First Church of Albany Reformed Church in America

All Saints Cathedral

St Matthews Catholic Church of Voorheesville

Shrine Church Our Lady of the Americas



Welcome by Rev. Lowell Chilton, Pastor of First Lutheran Church

Welcome by Peter Crasto-Donnelly, Council President

Treasurer's Report - Bill Hedberg presiding as Treasurer

Annual Budget approved

Elections - Peter Crasto-Donnelly presiding as Chair of Nominating

Nominating Committee Election - Bill Hinrichs, Approved, No nominations from the floor

Board Member Election - Anel Smith and Andrea Ralph, Approved, No nominations from the floor

Officer Election - Andrea Ralph as Secretary, Vice President Vacant, Approved, No nominations from the floor

Farewell to retiring board members Margaret Danes, Dave Stagliano, Jim Weeks, and Carolyn Weeks

Council Program - "Thriving Congregations" - two resources shared, followed by small group discussion

- "Autopsy of a Deceased Church" – Rev. Dr. Roxanne Jones-Booth
- "Get Their Name" – Bruce France

CACC Thriving Congregations Initiative shared by Peter Crasto-Donnelly

Closing Prayer by Bruce France

Finance Committee and Treasurer's Report

Bill Hedberg

Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair

This past year the Finance Committee met monthly to monitor income and expenses in the Council's accounts, focusing especially on operations and the shelter. We also worked on an agenda of projects, including several that will continue to be pursued in 2025. These include:

- + Supporting the selection and transition of a new Executive Director
- + Supporting the relocation of the Council's Office and Shelter to First Church
- + Conducting an independent review of the Council's financials and internal controls
- + Documenting the Council's relationship with our ministries
- + Reviewing the Council's insurance policies
- + Preparing 2025 budgets for CACC Operations and the Shelter

We will also focus on pursuing a comprehensive development plan, including goals and strategies for increasing contributions from congregations, individuals, and grants.

The December 2024 Balance Sheet shows beginning and end of year balances for all the Council's accounts. We are also providing a budget document for core Council operations showing actual income and expenses for the past three years together with income and expenses for 2025. I will offer observations and respond to questions about the budget in my presentation at the annual meeting.

I am grateful for the contributions of time and talent from other members of the 2024 Finance Committee: Roxanne Jones Booth, Reinaldo Cardona, Peter Crasto-Donnelly (since November 1), Barbara Croskery, Bruce France, Richard Pfau, Anel Smith.

Capital Area Council of Churches - Albany NY
2025 Budget for Core Operations

| <u>Account #</u> | <u>Account Name</u> | <u>2022 (actual)</u> | <u>2023 (actual)</u> | <u>2024 (budget)</u> | <u>2024 (actual)</u> | <u>2025 (proposed)</u> |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Income | | | | | |
| 4.10.10 | Congregational Giving | \$11,154 | \$9,982 | \$11,000 | \$8,643 | \$11,000 |
| 4.10.17 | Interest | \$510 | \$7,112 | \$10,000 | \$8,500 | \$2,725 |
| 4.10.20 | Individual Giving | \$16,695 | \$16,799 | \$20,000 | \$14,784 | \$17,000 |
| 4.10.25 | Assembly | \$0 | \$154 | \$0 | \$75 | \$0 |
| 4.10.30 | Judicatories Giving | \$11,050 | \$10,284 | \$11,000 | \$5,320 | \$0 |
| 4.10.40 | Shelter Chargeback | \$18,000 | \$18,000 | \$18,000 | \$18,000 | \$18,000 |
| 4.10.45 | CACC Grants | \$0 | \$12,000 | \$5,000 | \$0 | \$1,000 |
| | Endowment withdrawal (5%) | | | | | \$16,500 |
| | EIDL Loan | | | | | \$8,000 |
| 4.10.70 | Fund Raising Event/Activity | \$12,030 | \$11,620 | \$13,000 | \$19,065 | \$19,000 |
| | Total Income | \$69,439 | \$85,951 | \$88,000 | \$74,387 | \$93,225 |
| | Expenses | | | | | |
| | <i>Personnel</i> | | | | | |
| 5.10.10 | Executive Director | \$26,988 | \$26,988 | \$29,000 | \$29,354 | \$30,000 |
| 5.10.12 | Administrative Assistant | \$10,260 | \$8,531 | \$20,000 | \$15,640 | \$20,600 |
| 5.10.13 | Ignatian Volunteer | \$0 | \$2,280 | \$1,120 | \$0 | \$1,800 |
| 5.10.14 | Student Interns | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 5.10.17 | Continuing Ed (/Exec/Adm Director) | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| | ED hospitality with Clergy | | | | | \$100 |
| 5.10.25 | FICA/Medicare Taxes + Insurances | \$3,177 | \$3,066 | \$4,500 | \$4,959 | \$5,576 |
| | Total Personnel | \$40,425 | \$40,865 | \$54,620 | \$49,953 | \$58,076 |
| | <i>Administration & Outreach</i> | | | | | |
| 5.10.40 | Postage | \$1,389 | \$561 | \$750 | \$1,065 | \$600 |
| 5.10.43 | Telephone/Internet | \$1,687 | \$1,817 | \$1,800 | \$1,701 | \$0 |
| 5.10.46 | Office Supplies | \$542 | \$689 | \$500 | \$1,191 | \$1,000 |
| 5.10.48 | Publicity/Public Relations | \$8,965 | \$6,894 | \$7,000 | \$12,644 | \$8,000 |
| 5.10.50 | AssemblyFall Event Exp | \$6,475 | \$7,320 | \$6,500 | \$8,079 | \$8,000 |
| 5.10.52 | D&O and EPLI Insurance | \$1,355 | \$1,546 | \$1,850 | \$1,566 | \$1,575 |
| 5.10.54 | EIDL Loan Interest/Pincipal | | \$4,416 | \$4,416 | \$4,416 | \$5,000 |
| 5.10.55 | Office Rent | \$2,100 | \$2,100 | \$2,100 | \$1,400 | \$2,100 |
| 5.10.56 | Professional Fees | \$600 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 5.10.57 | Equipment Maint/Purchase | \$562 | \$1,185 | \$600 | \$1,006 | \$750 |
| 5.10.58 | Credit Card Fees | \$192 | \$224 | \$200 | \$281 | \$275 |
| 5.10.59 | Administration Misc | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$397 | \$100 |
| | Total Administration & Outreach | \$23,867 | \$26,752 | \$25,716 | \$33,746 | \$27,400 |
| | <i>Program Ministries</i> | | | | | |
| 5.10.60 | SUNY Protestant Ministry | \$17,748 | \$17,748 | \$17,748 | \$17,748 | \$7,548 |
| 5.10.63 | NYS Council of Churches | \$100 | \$0 | \$100 | \$0 | \$100 |
| 5.10.65 | Special Programs | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | |
| 5.10.70 | Faith In Action Committee | \$100 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | |
| 5.10.73 | Ecumenical/Interfaith Events | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | |
| 5.10.80 | National Council of Churches | \$100 | \$0 | \$100 | \$0 | |
| 5.10.85 | Baptismal Witness Program | \$37 | \$0 | \$50 | \$65 | \$100 |
| 5.10.95 | Program Ministries Misc | \$16 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | |
| | Total Program Ministries | \$18,101 | \$17,748 | \$17,998 | \$17,813 | \$7,748 |
| | Total Expenses | \$82,394 | \$85,365 | \$98,334 | \$101,512 | \$93,224 |
| | Net (Income less Expenses) | -\$12,955 | \$586 | -\$10,334 | -\$27,125 | \$1 |

Capital Area Council of Churches - Albany NY
Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2024

Thursday, February 6, 2025

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| Account # | Account Name | Beginning Balance | YTD Balance |
|----------------------|--|----------------------|---------------------|
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| Assets | | | |
| 1.10.00 | Operating Checking Account | 36,847.67 | 27,962.69 |
| 1.10.10 | Six Month CD | 25,000.00 | 0.00 |
| 1.10.15 | Nine Month CD | 25,000.00 | 25,000.00 |
| 1.20.00 | Shelter Checking Account | 67,794.44 | 76,982.57 |
| 1.30.00 | MLK Scholarships | 18,215.64 | 13,107.79 |
| 1.40.00 | CropWalk Checking Account | 2,140.80 | 2,140.80 |
| 1.50.00 | Savings Account | 5,991.96 | 5,991.96 |
| 1.60.10 | Hartman | 115,936.88 | 130,918.75 |
| 1.60.20 | Snow Hogancamp | 179,515.63 | 206,190.56 |
| 1.60.30 | Giles | 4,739.22 | 4,739.22 |
| 1.60.40 | Interfaith Fund | 5,587.38 | 5,587.38 |
| 1.70.00 | Prepaid Postage | 375.18 | 149.76 |
| 1.75.00 | Prepaid Paypal | (17.98) | 50.00 |
| 1.90.00 | Credit Card Holding | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | Total Assets | \$487,126.82 | \$498,821.48 |
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| Liabilities | | | |
| 2.00.00 | Accounts Payable/Vendors | 5,643.90 | 736.00 |
| 2.00.05 | CACC Pass Through | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2.00.10 | Shelter Pass Through | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2.00.15 | PPPL | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2.00.20 | EIDL | 85,900.00 | 85,900.00 |
| 2.00.30 | MLK Pass Through | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2.00.40 | Crop Walk Pass Through | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 2.00.60 | Net Payroll | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| | Total Liabilities | \$91,543.90 | \$86,636.00 |
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| Fund Balances | | | |
| 3.10.00 | Operations Fund Balance | 6,161.34 | (20,963.18) |
| 3.20.00 | Shelter Operations Fund Balance | 64,237.06 | 75,970.07 |
| 3.30.00 | Martin Luther King Fund Balance | 17,815.35 | 15,457.50 |
| 3.40.00 | Crop Walk Fund Balance | 2,140.80 | 2,140.80 |
| 3.50.00 | Savings Account Fund Balance | 5,990.57 | 5,990.57 |
| 3.60.10 | Hartman Balance | 113,369.39 | 125,484.51 |
| 3.60.20 | Snow Hogancamp Balance | 175,541.81 | 197,778.61 |
| 3.60.30 | Giles Balance | 4,739.22 | 4,739.22 |
| 3.63.40 | Interfaith Fund Balance | 5,587.38 | 5,587.38 |
| | Total Fund Balances | \$395,582.92 | \$412,185.48 |
| | Total Liabilities and Fund Balances | \$487,126.82 | \$498,821.48 |

CACC Overflow Shelter Report

Peter Crasto-Donnelly

The Mission of the Shelter is:

- to be a refuge of last resort during the coldest months of the year;
- to provide simple hospitality;
- a bed, and a meal on a daily basis; and
- to serve people who have no other shelter options in Albany County
- provide referral services from other service providers to our shelter guests to offer options for housing, employment, counseling, entitlements, addictions and health services.



It is our belief that all people, regardless of a person's circumstances and behaviors have a human right to obtain shelter from deadly weather and dangerous conditions on the streets

Meal providers – We are grateful to the faith communities that provide meals to the shelter guests each night of the 6 months we are open! *Some of them provide multiple meals each month.* We have a few dates each month that are open, if any person or congregation would like to provide a meal give our meal coordinator Laura Wayman an email saintoscarsmom@gmail.com or call 518-763-3344.

THANKS to: St. Andrew's, St. Stephen's, First United Methodist of Delmar, Westminster Presbyterian, St. John's, Unity, McKownville United Methodist, First Lutheran, Community Reformed, Union Missionary, Good Shepard, Holy Spirit, Our Lady of the Assumption, St. Mary/St. Patrick's, First Presbyterian

| Overflow Shelter end of The Year Numbers Report | |
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| Total Guests Served | 128 |
| Total Number of Bed Nights | 2615 |
| Number of New Guests | 103 |
| Number of Veteran's | 5 |
| Number of Chronically Homeless | 75 |
| Number of Intoxicated Guests | 9 |
| Number of DSS Guests | 105 |
| Number of HATAS/Code Blue Guests | 23 |
| Number of Walk-In Guests | 8 |

Members of the committee: Reinaldo Cardona, Peter Crasto-Donnelly and Phyllis Cardona, Chairperson

Orientation of new board members:

This year we were happy to provide an orientation for three new members recommended to the board by the Nominations Committee. We met with each person after sending an electronic copy of the By-Laws, the Code of Ethics and the Board Handbook. A warm welcome was extended on September 12, 2024 to:

- Rebecca Mondore, PhD, who currently works at Albany Medical Center. She served as a board member of the American Heart Association based on her research and teaching background. She is a trustee at the First Church in Albany and was instrumental in helping relocate the CACC administrative office and the Emergency Overflow Shelter to their facility.
- Victor Russak, completed an associate degree in Communications from SUNY, and a B.A. in philosophy and theology from St. John's Seminary in Boston. He is a member of Our Lady of the Americas Roman Catholic Church in Albany. Victor was recently selected by committee members to serve as chair of the Nominations Committee.
- Jon Kimmel, STM, has a BA in business administration, a Master of Arts in Sacred Theology and a Post Graduate diploma in Education. Jon is currently a Dean at the secondary school at Augustine Classical Academy, and part-time director of Christian Formation at the Episcopal Cathedral of All Saints where he worships.

The addition of these members broadens greater representation of the various denominations of our member churches. This talented group also represents a younger cohort engaged in representing CACC in their communities and through the contacts they maintain.

The Governance committee also summarized and made available materials from the Non-Profit Leadership Lab:

- to articulate why we serve on the board by sharing information about the ourselves and the work and programs which are maintained by CACC.
- to engage and improve directly in outreach to member churches by board members.
- to raise awareness about the need to increase financial support for the operations
- budget in order to maintain the goals and vision of the Capital Area Council of Churches.
- to respond to questions about the application of Bylaws as they arise.

Respectfully submitted by Phyllis Cardona with gratitude for the opportunity to serve as Chair.

Congregational and Individual Support for 2024

\$1,000 and Above

First Presbyterian Church of Albany
Delmar Reformed Church
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
Bethany Reformed Church

Charles Scholes
Anonymous
David Schultz
Karen Pass

\$500 to \$999

Emmanuel Baptist Church
First Church in Albany
Altamont Reformed Church

Raymond Garthner
Dorothy Ellinwood
Bruce and Wendie France

\$250 to \$499

FUMC East Greenbush
St. John's Lutheran Church
Ellie Cusick
Stephen Parker
Phyllis Cardona

Archbishop Richard Roy
Allan Tedrow
Marilyn Pendergast
Tom Schaffer
Hamilton Union Presbyterian Church

\$100 to \$249

FUMC Voorheesville
Trinity Church Watervliet
Loudonville Presbyterian Church
Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit
Latham Community Baptist Church
Blessed Sacrament Church
Newtonville United Methodist Church
Good Shepard Lutheran Church
Roessleville Presbyterian Church
St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
Margaret Wiard
William Grosch MD
Edith Allen
Nancy Rutenber

Donna Humphreys
Elizabeth Simcoe
Glenn Humphreys
Marianne Rings
Mary Giordano
Paul Macielak
Richard Pfau
Steve Mitchell
Frederick Jackson
Barbara Bradley
Benson English
Bill Hedberg
Bob Long
Cheryl Mugno

Individual Support For 2023

Under \$100

Delmar Presbyterian Church
Glenmont Community Church
Community Congregational Church of Clinton Heights
BJ Rosenfeld
Elaine Clawson
James Kane
Vaughn Nevin
Anne Liske
Betty Deitz
Donald Csaposs
Jeffrey Matthews
Kitt Jackson
Lois Siegel
Lora Wesner
Margaret Danes
Nancy Pullen
Paul Scoville
Richard Dana
Sybil Johnson

Thomas Corban
Carol Alexander
Carolyn Harris
Jack Sweeney
Margot Phillips
Anthony Malone MD
Gloria Jimpson
Judith Lott
Judith Wing
Julie Ann Fortran
Anthony Bango
Patricia Hunziker
Alice Corbett
Evelyn Stone
Margaret Mulroy

Thank you for your support
**SO WE CAN CONTINUE TO DO
TOGETHER WHAT WE CANNOT DO
ALONE**

2023 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)

2023 CACC Member Congregations and Organizations (continued)

Presbyterian Church (USA):

Delmar (Delmar) First (Albany) First (Rensselaer) Hamilton
Union (Guilderland) Loudonville (Loudonville)

Reformed Church in America:

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

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

United Church of Christ:

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

United Methodist:

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

Affiliate Member Congregations and Organizations:

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

New Covenant

New Scotland (Slingerlands)
Roesselville
Westminster

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

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

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

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

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*)

Past Capital Area Council of Churches Board Presidents

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| 1941-42 Mr. Winthrop P. Stevens | 1963-65 Dr. Milton C. Olson | 1986-88 Hon. Morton M. Z. Lynn |
| 1942-43 Rev. Brewer Burnett | 1965-66 Rev. Dr. Norman E. Thomas | 1988-91 Mrs. Evelyn C. Stone |
| 1943-45 Rev. William H. McConaghy | 1966-68 Rev. Ralph M. Carmichael | 1991-93 Rev. Dr. S. Albert Newman |
| 1945-47 Rev. Hobart F. Goewwy | 1968-69 Rev. W. Bernard Grossman | 1993-95 Rev. Fred Shilling |
| 1947-49 Rev. Arthur M. Adams | 1969-70 Rev. Dr. Robert C. Lamar | 2000-02 Harold R. Howes |
| 1949-50 Rev. Erville E. Maynard | 1970-72 Rev. Dr. Ralph H. Elliott | 2002-04 Rev. William A. Cotant |
| 1950-52 Rev. Arthur F. Jennings | 1972-73 Rev. Louis C. Brewer | 2004-07 Rev. Vernon A. Victorson |
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| 1954-56 Rev. Ross Blake | 1975-77 Rev. Bruce Miller | 2009-11 Rev. Paul Rees-Rohrbacher |
| 1956-58 Mr. Russell H. Broughton | 1977-79 Rev. Richard D. Hunter | 2011-13 Deborah C. Rütano |
| 1958-60 Rev. Dr. Carlyle Adams | 1979-82 Rev. Craig E. Bartholomew | 2013-16 George H. Herrick |
| 1960-61 Rev. Harold Griffis | 1982-84 Rev. William Roland | 2016-19 Rev. Dr. Judith Johnson-Siebold |
| 1961-63 Rev. Dr. LeRoy C. Brandt | 1984-86 Hon. Joseph M. Lynn, Jr. | 2019-23 Margaret Danes |
| | | 2023-24 Peter Crasto-Donnelly |

Past Capital Area Council of Churches Executive Directors

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| Rev. Harvey W. Hollis | Rev. Robert C. Lamar | Rev. John U. Miller |
| Rev. Richard Norman Hughes | Rev. Robert J. Zittel, Interim | |
| Rev. Vladimir Hartman | Rev. George B. Brennan | |
| Rev. Joyce Steinkraus Giles | Rev. Vernon A. Victorson, Interim | |
| Rev. James H. Snedeker, Jr., Interim (twice) | Deborah C. Rütano | |
| Rev. Fred Shilling | Bruce France | |
| Rev. Edgar N. Kemp, Jr. | | |

2024 Awards & Scholarships

Evelyn Stone Lifetime Achievement Award

The Rev. Fr. James J. Kane

Rev. Carlyle Adams Ecumenical and Interfaith Award

Rob Kovach

Rev. Joyce Steinkraus Giles Pastoral Service Award

Rev. Antonio Booth

Rev. Dr. Roxanne Jones Booth

Campbell Peace & Justice Award

Natasha Pernicka

Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship

Nana Anto Asare

Makayla Mackey Evan

Nabors Alexander Rotondi

Anaya Thomas Sylvester

Upcoming Scholarships and Events

CROP Walk Rally - March 23rd, 3PM - 4:30 PM, location TBD. Team sign up, 2024 awards, update from Church World Service.

MLK Scholarship Application Deadline - March 31st. Apply online at [MLK Scholarship Application Information](#) | Capital Area Council of Churches or call the CACC Office for an application - 518-462-5450

Good Friday Ecumenical Service - An ecumenical Good Friday Service will be held at noon on April 18th, 2025, at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Albany. The service is based on the last seven words of Christ on the cross. Clergy and laity from a variety of denominations will be offering their reflections providing a truly ecumenical experience. The service will be live-streamed on the Facebook page of CACC.

Shelter Appreciation Dinner - Thank you to supporters and staff. Typically in April, Date and location TBD.


John U Miller CROP Walk - On the first Sunday in May, walkers congregate at St. Vincent's in Albany for an Opening Ceremony, turn in money collected and to participate in the walk.

Pastor's Breakfast - May 8th, location TBD. Time for networking and sharing

MLK Scholarship Awards Ceremony - Typically in May or June. Awards given to graduating High School Seniors.

Hogancamp Seminary Scholarship - Applicants must be members of a member congregation of the CACC and enrolled in or accepted at a Protestant theological seminary. Application forms are available from the CACC office (462-5450) or online. Applications accepted on a rolling basis.

Have building space to share? - Does your church offer space for lease or space to host events? Send us details (e.g. what space is available and who to contact if someone is interested.) and CACC will advertise with our community partners.



Come join us at St. Andrew's
Episcopal Church
Saturday, February 15th, 2025

**Free movie showing of
A Case For Love**

2:30 PM
Carmichael Hall
10 N Main Ave
Albany, NY 12203

Refreshments and Popcorn provided
Discussion to follow with director Brian Ide

This feature-length documentary examines the question of whether or not love, specifically
—unselfish—love, is the solution to the extreme societal and political divide facing the
world.

