



# 83rd Annual Meeting

First Lutheran Church

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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.

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### *The 2023 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

## President's report

To my Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

Jesus says, *“Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”* ~ Matthew 11:28-30 (NIV)

My parents went through a long and bitter divorce. Though my parents fed and clothed me, other needs were neglected. Church was a space where I found hope, healing, and freedom from the wearying “hero child” role that I had at home. I could be “Pete,” a socially awkward kid that liked to drink tea and was a member of the Bible Quizzing team. Through the scriptures, Bible Quizzing taught me about Jesus, the competitions at other churches inspired my interest in ecumenism and becoming team captain was one of my first church leadership opportunities.

*Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”* ~ Matthew 9:35-38 (NIV)

I have come to appreciate that running a church is hard work. It's easy to get lost in the details of the issue of the day, committee meetings, budgets, building repairs, events, and e-mails. Creating healing spaces for our communities or trying new programs takes diligence. Sometimes it falls flat like in the Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13), when the seeds fall on the path, the thorns, or the rocks. But when the seed falls on good soil, when we create a space or program that succeeds, it produces “a crop - a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.” I am thankful for our pastors, leaders, volunteers, and community members who diligently sow seeds. God only knows where I, and many others, would be today without meeting Jesus through church. Today, like 2000 years ago, “the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.”

*“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.”* ~ John 17:20-23

As a network of over 90 churches, we can do more together than we can each do alone. Towards this end, CACC has adopted a Strategic Plan that prioritizes building stronger relationships with and between our member churches. One method of relationship building will be the Ecumenical Liaison program where member churches can identify a liaison from their church to network with CACC and liaisons from other churches. A challenge one church faces today is a challenge that another church may have overcome yesterday. Today's successes at one church could lend heart and inspiration to another. Jesus prayed that we all may be one, and that unity can only be built if we meet, respect, and share with one another.

Three years ago, I identified that CACC needed to focus on three areas. Recruiting quality Board members, re-building committees, and engaging with our member churches. The progress that was reported last year has continued. In addition to Dr. Richard Pfau and Dr. Margaret Anderton, who were voted in as board members at our Assembly last year, Anel Smith of Macedonia Baptist Church was recruited, and the Board of Directors voted him to the board. As per our by-laws, Anel will be confirmed at this year's assembly. All three have proven to be excellent additions to CACC. There are now fully functioning Communications and Finance Committees and the start of a Development Committee. Less was accomplished with engaging churches in 2023 than I had hoped. That effort will resume full force in March.

You will note from this year's Annual Report that all our programs are still thriving. The CROP Walk raised over \$100,000 and the MLK Scholarship over \$14,000. The Emergency Homeless Overflow Shelter continues to serve men over 18 years old during the winter months. In addition to the MLK Interfaith Celebration in January and our Good Friday service in April, an ecumenical dementia-friendly service was held in September. A video of the service and a panel discussion around the planning are available on the CACC YouTube channel. Finally, in June, we held our first ecumenical summer kick-off picnic at Henry Hudson Park in Selkirk.

In June, CACC prepared a grant request to the Lilly Endowment for their Thriving Congregations grants. Though we were not awarded a grant, creating the submission helped the CACC board realize there was a role that we could play in helping our congregations to thrive. Though some denominations have been shrinking for years, COVID-19 was particularly harmful to many churches and there are congregations that have not recovered to pre-pandemic levels. This provides an opportunity for CACC to live its motto to "do together what we cannot do alone." CACC will seek out resources and best practices around re-building congregations and discipleship. These resources will be shared among our member churches as will success stories. CACC will help churches either develop a program or training, assist in identifying a group of churches that will work together, or at times, CACC will provide the program or training. By working together, we can provide opportunities for the Capital Region to hear and respond to the good news of Jesus Christ. A key piece of this initiative is the Ecumenical Liaison program CACC is launching, and which Board President Peter Crasto-Donnelly speaks to in his report.

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.

**Communications Committee Annual Report 2023****Peg Anderton**

"Whatever words we utter should be chosen with care for people will hear them and be influenced by them for good or ill." - Buddha

"Good communication is the bridge between confusion and clarity."  
- Nat Turner

"Speech has power. Words do not fade. What starts out as a sound, ends in a deed." -Abraham Joshua Heschel

"Words have power. Words created this universe . . . Everything started with the Word. Scripture says, 'In the beginning was the Word.' In the same way, our words have creative power." -Bo Sanchez

"A picture is worth a thousand words." - Tess Flanders/Fred R. Barnard

The year 2023 saw the resurrection of the CACC Communications Committee. We gathered up a group of talented people, brainstormed a bit, came up with a goal and task list and got to work. We now have an annual plan/

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

Despite lingering concerns over COVID-19, over 150 people signed in at First Lutheran Church on Sunday, May 7th 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 and will be continued for the 2024 Walk.

Will Vail and Phil Teumin, 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. Two of Rev. Miller’s daughters came from the Boston area 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 2023 Walk was number 6 in the nation, raising a total of \$102, 612.

One quarter of the money raised, over \$26,065, 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 5, 2024 Walk. It will have a new location—starting and ending at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church on Hackett Blvd. 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 the volunteers, corporate sponsors, and donors who support this important community event. Special thanks to the 2023 Walk Committee: Frank D’Ambrosio, Dan Halloran, Annette Johnson, Judy Seery, Barb Turner, Treasurer Jim Box, 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.

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calendar for getting out the CACC Newsletter and Appeal Letters.

In addition to our print resources, the committee looked at our digital footprint on our website and Facebook page. We are committed to finding ways to utilize our Facebook page other than simply announcing upcoming events. We are working on a new, visually appealing Website which we hope to premiere in the not to distant future.

CACC has a great story to tell which means our focus is on finding creative and meaningful ways to share that story far and wide. We enter 2024 excited to be storytellers and to further the mission and ministry of CACC.

**Communications Committee:** Margaret Danes, Andrea Ralph, Bill Hinrichs, Jeanne Bianchine, Matt Cuevas, Peg Anderton, Bruce France

## Ecumenical Witnesses of Baptism Annual Report 2023

Bruce France

*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

CACC and those in the Ecumenical Witnesses of Baptism program were saddened by the passing of Miranda Rand, Coordinator for CACC's Ecumenical Witnesses of Baptism, on March 31, 2023. Her death created a hole in the program which was still recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic. Executive Director Bruce France began evaluating how best to replace Miranda in addition to becoming the point person for EWB requests.

After lengthy consideration and reviewing the history of the program, replacing the single coordinator position with a committee made the most sense. A committee allows more people to be involved, spreads out the work, and provides backup if someone is unable to be active. The committee (names and duties outlined below) began meeting in the summer and immediately began holding discussions about redoing the brochure and planning for the 2024 renewal service.

Along with establishing the committee, the EWB program proceeded as usual. Approximately 20 people gathered on January 8, 2023, at First Church in Albany for the 28<sup>th</sup> EWB renewal service. The service was led by Rev. Trey Tirpak of First Church in Albany. Changes in leadership resulted in poor record keeping. Around twenty baptisms were witnessed at several different churches.

### ***Ecumenical Witness of Baptism Team***

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

## MLK Celebration Committee Annual Report 2023

Bruce France

The 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Interfaith Celebration was held, as usual, on Dr. King's birthday. This year, the day was Sunday, January 15, 2023, and the service was hosted by the Macedonia Baptist Church, led by Rev. Michael-Aaron Poindexter, M.Div., Pastor. Over 100 people attended the service. Rev. Jahmel K. Robinson, Pastor, Mount Zion Baptist Church, was the riveting Keynote Speaker. Pastor Robinson was introduced by Rev. Constance Knight, Moderator of the Hudson River Missionary Baptist Association. Ms. Nell Stokes and Mrs. Ann Pope provided their stories concerning civil rights. The invocation was provided by Rabbi Beverly Magidson, Capital District Board of Rabbis & Cantors, and Rev. James Kane Director, The Commission for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, RCDA gave the Benediction. Elder Andrea Ralph, MLK Committee Co-chair presided over the celebration and MLK Committee Co-chair Rev. Antonio Booth made closing remarks. Words of Dr. King were read by Kairen Eric Russell of the Buddhist Tradition, Khalafalla Osman Islamic Tradition, Scholarship recipients Nyasha Jones and Samantha Ivey, and Junii Middleton, Orville Ivey and Sanai West. Music was provided by the Macedonia Baptist Church choir.

### Special thanks to Retiring Board Members

Margaret Danes - St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church

David Stagliano - Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany

James Weeks - Bruderhof Community

Carolyn Weeks - Bruderhof Community

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 tasks and projects, many of which will continue to be pursued in 2024. These include:

- a) Engaging a consultant to conduct an audit review of the Council's financials and internal controls;
- b) Documenting the Council's relationship with our ministries;
- c) Conducting a review of the Council's insurance policies;
- d) Supporting the discussion about the future location of the Council and Overflow Shelter;
- e) Preparing 2024 budgets for operations and the Shelter.

We are also pleased to support the new Development initiative being led by Richard Pfau.

The December 2023 balance sheet (next page) shows beginning and end of year balances for all the Council's accounts. Also provided is a budget document for core Council operations showing actual income and expenses for the past four years together with a revenue and spending plan for 2024. 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 administrative personnel and outreach. Our endowment funds grew this past year following losses during the pandemic; we have not tapped this resource for several years and plan to begin harvesting dividends for operations in 2024.

I am grateful for the other volunteer members of the Finance Committee who represent a diverse profile of perspectives and experience: Roxanne Jones Booth, Reinaldo Cardona, Barbara Croskery, Bruce France, Richard Pfau, and Anel Smith.

## Remembering Bishop Howard Hubbard



CACC is grateful for work the late Bishop Howard Hubbard with those outside the Roman Catholic faith. The ecumenical and interfaith relations that he fostered will endure. Bishop Hubbard and former Executive Director, the late Rev. Robert Lamar, opened up CACC to Roman Catholic parishes in March of 1992.

*"Bishop Howard Hubbard did so much to contribute to peace, justice, ecumenical and interfaith relationships, and to lift up the poor and oppressed." - A Presbyterian Minister*

*"Bishop Howard Hubbard was a friend to all faiths." - WGY News*

*"Bishop Hubbard is fondly remembered at The Cathedral of All Saints for his role with Bishop Ball in forming the unique covenant between the two Cathedrals and the two Dioceses." - A Priest, Episcopal Diocese of Albany*

Treasurer's Report 2023 and Proposed Budget 2024

Capital Area Council of Churches - Albany NY  
**2024 Budget for Core Operations**

<u>Account Name</u>	2020 <u>(actual)</u>	2021 <u>(actual)</u>	2022 <u>(actual)</u>	2023 <u>(budget)</u>	2023 <u>(actual)</u>	2024 <u>(proposed)</u>
Operations Fund Balance						\$6,000
EIDL Investment						\$4,334
<u>Income</u>						
Congregational Giving	\$12,120	\$10,990	\$11,154	\$13,000	9,982.00	\$11,000
Dividend/Interest	\$449	\$510	\$510	\$500	7,112.03	\$10,000
Individual Giving	\$11,674	\$13,305	\$16,695	\$15,000	16,799.00	\$20,000
Assembly	\$465	\$0	\$0	\$0	154.00	\$0
Judicatories Giving	\$9,600	\$10,100	\$11,050	\$13,600	10,284.00	\$11,000
Shelter Chargeback	\$15,000	\$18,000	\$18,000	\$18,000	18,000.00	\$18,000
CACC Grants	\$3,250	\$60,860	\$0	\$8,000	12,000.00	\$5,000
Fund Raising Event/Activity	\$3,686	\$12,850	\$12,030	\$15,500	11,620.00	\$13,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$56,244</b>	<b>\$126,615</b>	<b>\$69,439</b>	<b>\$83,600</b>	<b>85,951.03</b>	<b>\$98,334</b>
<u>Expenses</u>						
<u>Personnel</u>						
Executive Director	\$26,988	\$26,988	\$26,988	\$27,000	26,988.00	\$29,000
Administrative Assistant	\$5,125	\$11,358	\$10,260	\$12,000	8,531.00	\$20,000
Ignatian Volunteer		\$2,720	\$0	\$1,120	2,280.00	\$1,120
Student Interns		\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	\$0
Continuing Ed (/Exec/Adm Director)			\$0	\$0	0.00	\$0
FICA/Medicare Taxes + Insurances	\$2,699	\$4,003	\$3,177	\$3,500	3,066.10	\$4,500
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>\$34,812</b>	<b>\$45,069</b>	<b>\$40,425</b>	<b>\$43,620</b>	<b>40,865.10</b>	<b>\$54,620</b>
<u>Administration &amp; Outreach</u>						
Postage	\$396	\$711	\$1,389	\$1,000	561.00	\$750
Telephone/Internet	\$1,651	\$1,642	\$1,687	\$1,700	1,817.38	\$1,800
Office Supplies	\$515	\$696	\$542	\$600	688.64	\$500
Publicity/Public Relations	\$4,167	\$6,369	\$8,965	\$7,500	6,893.85	\$7,000
Assembly/Fall Event Exp	\$3,291	\$5,911	\$6,475	\$6,500	7,320.06	\$6,500
D&O and EPLI Insurance	\$942	\$1,123	\$1,355	\$1,400	1,546.00	\$1,850
EIDL Loan Interest					4,416.00	\$4,416
Office Rent	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$2,100	2,100.00	\$2,100
Professional Fees	\$3,000	\$140	\$600	\$0	0.00	\$0
Equipment Maint/Purchase	\$1,939	\$3,906	\$562	\$600	1,184.80	\$600
Credit Card Fees	\$71	\$236	\$192	\$200	223.78	\$200
Administration Misc	\$0	\$159	\$0	\$0	0.00	\$0
<b>Total Administration &amp; Outreach</b>	<b>\$18,072</b>	<b>\$22,992</b>	<b>\$23,867</b>	<b>\$21,600</b>	<b>26,751.51</b>	<b>\$25,716</b>
<u>Program Ministries</u>						
SUNY Protestant Ministry	\$17,748	\$17,748	\$17,748	\$17,748	17,748.00	\$17,748
NYS Council of Churches	\$125	\$0	\$100	\$100	0.00	\$100
Special Programs	\$3,250	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	\$0
Faith In Action Committee	\$0	\$100	\$100	\$100	0.00	\$0
Ecumenical/Interfaith Events	\$0		\$0	\$0	0.00	\$0
National Council of Churches	\$0	\$0	\$100	\$100	0.00	\$100
Baptismal Witness Program	\$108	\$42	\$37	\$50	0.00	\$50
Program Ministries Misc	\$0	\$1,064	\$16	\$0	0.00	\$0
<b>Total Program Ministries</b>	<b>\$21,231</b>	<b>\$18,954</b>	<b>\$18,101</b>	<b>\$18,098</b>	<b>17,748.00</b>	<b>\$17,998</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$74,116</b>	<b>\$87,015</b>	<b>\$82,394</b>	<b>\$83,318</b>	<b>85,364.61</b>	<b>\$98,334</b>
<b>Net (Income less Expenses)</b>	<b>-\$17,872</b>	<b>\$39,600</b>	<b>-\$12,955</b>	<b>\$282</b>	<b>586.42</b>	<b>\$0</b>



Balance Sheet 2023

Capital Area Council of Churches - Albany NY  
Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2023

Sunday, February 4, 2024

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Account #	Account Name	Beginning Balance	YTD Balance
<b>Assets</b>			
1.10.00	Operating Checking Account	92,830.84	36,847.67
1.10.10	Six Month CD	0.00	25,000.00
1.10.15	Nine Month CD	0.00	25,000.00
1.20.00	Shelter Checking Account	50,238.92	67,794.44
1.30.00	MLK Scholarships	13,653.83	18,215.64
1.40.00	CropWalk Checking Account	2,140.80	2,140.80
1.50.00	Savings Account	5,987.94	5,991.96
1.60.10	Hartman	101,334.79	115,936.88
1.60.20	Snow Hogancamp	156,903.82	179,515.63
1.60.30	Giles	4,736.09	4,739.22
1.60.40	Interfaith Fund	5,582.38	5,587.38
1.70.00	Prepaid Postage	959.39	375.18
1.75.00	Prepaid Paypal	0.00	(17.98)
1.90.00	Credit Card Holding	0.00	0.00
	<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$434,368.80</b>	<b>\$487,126.82</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
2.00.00	Accounts Payable/Vendors	2,391.49	5,643.90
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
	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$88,291.49</b>	<b>\$91,543.90</b>
<b>Fund Balances</b>			
3.10.00	Operations Fund Balance	5,574.92	6,161.34
3.20.00	Shelter Operations Fund Balance	50,314.42	64,237.06
3.30.00	Martin Luther King Fund Balance	13,503.54	17,815.35
3.40.00	Crop Walk Fund Balance	2,140.80	2,140.80
3.50.00	Savings Account Fund Balance	5,986.55	5,990.57
3.60.10	Hartman Balance	101,334.79	113,369.39
3.60.20	Snow Hogancamp Balance	156,903.82	175,541.81
3.60.30	Giles Balance	4,736.09	4,739.22
3.63.40	Interfaith Fund Balance	5,582.38	5,587.38
	<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$346,077.31</b>	<b>\$395,582.92</b>
	<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$434,368.80</b>	<b>\$487,126.82</b>

For the first 2 months {Nov-Dec} of the 2023-24 Overflow Shelter being open, have averaged 12-14 guests each evening with the weekends having the most each night (up to 16). A few nights we have been at full capacity of 19.

{a total of 353 nights for Nov.;  $353/30 = \sim 12$  *guests*/nt average}

{for Dec., 427 nights = **14/nt average**} for Jan. 2024 have been averaging 14/nt. as of Jan. 8. [Between Feb. – Apr. 2023, Shelter numbers totaled 1,242 total guests for avg. of 14/nt.]

As we get into the colder winter months of 2024 and our numbers increase, we may need to increase overnight staff to 2 people from 1, in order to assure safety and backup should an emergency arise w/ the guests. {to be determined, based on staff available}

Below are some specific needs of the Shelter going forward, a list sent out in the recent newsletter; ***Here's a list of things we could use.*** Please call Pam Bullock – Shelter Director re; dropping off or shipping any of these items to be sure staff will be available to receive. Shelter phone# 518-426-1227

coffee , hot chocolate or tea

powder coffee creamer (any size)

powder drink mixes (ie. lemonade, ice tea, fruit punch)

men's white t-shirts; sizes Large, XL & 2X

And monetary donations too as we are able to purchase hot/cold cups, plates at a bulk cost from local restaurant supply store.

**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](mailto: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*

We have been granted \$7,500 from NYS Health Dept. & CARES to acquire any needed supplies to assist with any COVID Mitigation; ie. cleaning supplies and any other related supplies – such as linens, air purifiers and some backpacks packed w/ individual personal toiletries items. Pam is contacting them, we have until July 2024 to use any of these funds. *{we already have on hand much cleaning supplies and other things that have been donated by our faith communities}*

We will also have received another order of BOMBAS calf high socks for distribution to our guests.

Members of the committee: Bruce France, Reinaldo Cardona, Peter Crasto-Donnelly and Phyllis Cardona.

**Orientation of new board members:**

This year, we were happy to provide an orientation for three new members to the CACC Board. They were given a copy of the By-Laws, the Code of Ethics, and the Board Handbook. A warm welcome was extended to:

- Margaret M. Anderton, M Div, D Min.
- Dr. Richard Pfau
- Mr. Anel Smith, MBA

**Board Development:**

The committee reviewed a board member matrix that identified board demographics in areas regarding age, gender, ethnicity, geography, denomination, areas of expertise and circles of influence. All board members responded which gave us an accurate snapshot of the current board.

The results suggest that we need to broaden the overall representation on the board primarily in the areas of age, ethnicity, denomination and areas of influence. Board members have received some preliminary resources which have led to some strategies for improving the composition of the board which we hope will bring in additional opinions, worship styles and organizational models to provide a broader perspective in CACC programing and events.

The Governance committee will provide materials and training to help board members and committee chairs accomplish the strategies and tactics laid out in the Capital Area Council of Churches Strategic Plan. This plan was developed over the past few years and finalized into a working document at the Strategic Planning Meeting of August 12, 2023.

**MLK Scholarship Annual Report 2023**

In 2023, over \$14,000 was raised for the MLK Scholarship Fund from the offering at the MLK Interfaith Celebration and other solicitations. Generous donations from previous years and only the awarding of one scholarship in 2022 allowed the fund to grow substantially. The number of applicants rebounded to twelve in 2023 (from two in 2022). The committee awarded five \$4,000 scholarships to the graduating high school seniors listed below.

Name	High School	Intended College
Nana Anto Asare	RCS High School	Roanoke College
Makayla Mackey	Holy Name	Wake Forest University
Evan Nabors	Schenectady High School	University of Buffalo
Alexander Rotondi	LaSalle Institute	Notre Dame
Anaya Thomas Sylvester	Holy Names	University of Albany

The recipients were honored at the CACC Spring Assembly held on June 12, at First Lutheran Church in Albany.

**Individual Support For 2023  
\$1,000 and Above**

Teresa & Peter Crasto-Donnelly	Rev. James Miller	Charles & Nancy Scholes
Bruce & Wendie France	Stephen Parker	David Schultz
Raymond & Mary Garthner	Karen Pass	Laura Wayman
Dr. Christine Grant	Archbishop Richard G. Roy & Brother Stephen K. Peterson	

**\$500 to \$999**

Dorothy Ellinwood	Phyllis & Ray Cardona
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**\$250 to \$499**

Dr. Karl Barbir	Leo & Martha Levy	Tom & Charlene Schaffer
Rev. Antonio & Rev. Dr. Roxanne Jones Booth	Rev. Bob Long	Jane E. Schweikert
Martha & Thomas Corneil	Dr. Merle Longwood	Mary Jean & Allan Tedrow
Dr. Lois Daly	Marilyn Pendergast	Chris & Dave Van Alstyne
	Richard Pfau	

**\$100 to \$249**

Edith Allen	Dr. Margaret Farrell	Diane Cameron Pascone
Margaret M. Anderton	Lisa Finkle	Barry & Julie Pollack
Deacon Walter Ayres	Denise Gisotti	David Preisinger
Marcia & Richard Bassotti	Herbert Gordon	Shirley Readdean
Karen & Stefan Bielinski	Rev. William Grosch	Paul Rehm & Kathe Rehm
Barbara Bradley	Brenda Harrison	Dr. Betty Shadrick
Mary Jane Brown	Bill & Cathy Hedberg	Elizabeth Simcoe
Carol Bullard	Dr. Lee Helsby	Katy Stenta
Dr. Mussarat & Usama Chaudhry	George Herrick	Dr. Jean Stern
Rhea Clark	Frederick Jackson	Nell Stokes
Elaine Clawson	Kitt Jackson	John Sweeney
Eleanor & Tom Corban	Rev. James Kane	Michael & Lynette Tucker
Barbara Croskery	Humera & Saeed Khan	Katherine Underwood
Joan & Donald Csaposs	Janice Logan	Kathy Van Buren
Dawn & Richard Dana	Bill & Anne Long	Rev. Richard Vosko
Margaret Danes	Rev. Jeffrey Matthews	Angela & Mark Warner
Valerie Delacruz	Colleen McCarthy	Jim & Carolyn Weeks
Paul & Barbara Dworkin	Ruth Mendel	Lois Wilson
Rev. Donna Elia & Marian Eaton	Paul Murray	Barbara Wisnom
Dr. Bassey Essien	Janet Nardolillo	David Wood
Debra & Eric Fagans	Vaughn Nevin	

**Individual Support For 2023  
Under \$100**

Carol Alexander	Steve Iannacone	Wendie & Daniel Samson
Sylvia Barnard	Monique Ivey	Teri & Paul Scoville
Debora Brown-Johnson	Sybil Johnson	Judy Seery
Joanne Buonanno	Steven Kozlowski	Rev. Al & Lois Siegel
Michael & Mary Burke	Mark Levine	Melinda Sparks
Lois Caulfield	Anne Liske	David Stagliano
Alice Corbett	Valerie Lucas	Paul Stewart
Julie Ann Fortran	Rabbi Beverly Magidson	Evelyn Stone
Lillian Foss	Dr. Anthony & Marilyn	Katherine Storms
Bob & Diane Freer	Malone	Fleeter Thorpe
Gradia Gbarbea	Mamie McDowell	Carol Tyrell
Margaret Cornman Glennie	Lynne & Peter McKee	Rev. Glenn Vanoort
Margarita Gonzalez	Carol Ann Mead	Varada Vaughan
Syed & Azra Haqqie	Olga Naazar-Tenney	Weldon Wilkening
Brenda Hayes	Dr. Richard Orsi	Phyllis Wilson
Robert & Eleanor Henion	Joe & Margot Phillips	Judith & Charles Wing
Dahlia Herring	Rev. Nancy Pullen	Janice Woodard
Nancy & Richard Horan	Virginia Radley	Stephanie Woodard
Patricia Hunziker	Barbara Robertson	Mary Anne Young

***In Loving Memory—Miranda Rand***

***1941 - 2023***



Miranda Rand, Coordinator for CACC's Ecumenical Witnesses of Baptism program and a leader in the ecumenical and interfaith world, passed away on March 31, 2021.

Miranda was born and educated in England and immigrated to the U.S. in 1966. As the EWB Coordinator, Miranda matched requests from member churches to volunteers dedicated to witnessing the Sacrament of Baptism. She served as President of the Interfaith community of Schenectady and on the board of Working Group on Girls of Schenectady, Inc. an organization dedicated to empowering Schenectady City School District Middle School girls to build healthy life habits.

Her presence in the world will be missed.

*For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 1 Corinthians 12:13*

## 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)

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)  
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)

## Past Capital Area Council of Churches Board Presidents

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
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1952-54	Rev. Dr. Russell G. Gaenzle	1973-75	Rev. Robert B. Thomas	2007-09	Joan Lipscomb
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. Riitano
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

## Past Capital Area Council of Churches Executive Directors

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

## 20023 Awards & Scholarships

### Rev. Carlyle Adams Ecumenical and Interfaith Award

*William Hedberg, Phd*

*Rabbi Rena Kieval*

*Uzma Popal*

### Rev. Joyce Steinkraus Giles Pastoral Service Award

*Rev. Robert Long*

### Campbell Peace & Justice Award

*Angela Warner*

### Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship

*Nana Anto Asare*

*Makayla Mackey*

*Evan Nabors*

*Alexander Rotondi*

*Anaya Thomas Sylvester*