

Presbytery of Western New York BRANCHES PLAN
(Approved by Council 11/10/2015)

- Branches: (See attached table)
 - Divided by geographical regions
 - Churches will attend initial branch meetings in assigned branch
 - Thereafter, they may self-select (additional branches could be formed)

- Coordinator of Conveners
 - Appointed by Council
 - Work with the conveners to organize branch meetings and provide follow-up
 - Will begin immediately, continue till October of 2016, renewable if desired

- Conveners:
 - Initial four appointed by Council
 - Each Convener will work with a colleague selected from a list compiled by Council and the Coordinator (a teaching elder will work with a ruling elder and vice versa).

- Branch meetings will occur in February, April, and November of 2016 (minimally)
 - Proposed themes for these three meetings are:
 - February – Lent – “Letting Go”
 - April – Pentecost – “Letting Grow”
 - November – Advent – “Letting Arrive”

- Branch meetings shall include:
 - Worship
 - Prayer
 - Fellowship
 - Mission-focused conversation

- Importance of Communication:
 - Coordinator shall communicate with Conveners to *plan* and *evaluate* branch meetings
 - A scribe shall document place, time, attendance, worship leadership, mission ideas; this information will be reported back to Council through the Coordinator or Conveners
 - Coordinator and/or Conveners shall report back to Council monthly
 - Retired and At-Large members of Presbytery will be invited to attend Branch meetings - Conveners with the Coordinator will follow up with clergy or church members who miss branch meetings

- Logistic considerations:
 - Recommend meeting after work or Saturday to facilitate availability
 - Meal may be potluck with host church providing paper goods and beverages or a small meal (elaborate catering NOT required)

Table 1: Initial Branch Organization by Geographic Area

	Niagara/Northeast	South/East	South/West	Central
1	Alden	Allegany	Bethel	Buffalo Korean
2	Amherst	East Aurora	Dunkirk	Cleveland Drive
3	Bacon Memorial	Ellicottville	Fredonia	Curtis Park
4	Clarence	Franklinville	Hamburg	Deerhurst
5	Crittenden	Gowanda	Orchard Park	Faith
6	Island United	Griffin Mills	Silver Creek	First Buffalo
7	Lewiston	Jamestown	Union	First/Tonawanda
8	Lockport	Jimersontown	Wayside	Kenmore
9	New Hope Korean	Olean	Westfield	Lafayette Avenue
10	Niagara	Portville	Wright Memorial	MacAlpine
11	Niagara Falls	Randolph		Maryvale Drive
12	North/North Tonawanda	South Wales		University
13	North/Williamsville	Springville		Westminster
14	Riverside			
15	Third/North Tonawanda			
16	Tonawanda Indian			
17	Youngstown			

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