

**Ray Of Hope Church Of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Inc.**  
Agenda  
40<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING in the 41<sup>st</sup> YEAR OF MINISTRY  
January 21, 2024 1:30 p.m.  
Ray Of Hope Church Parsonage  
380 W. First St. Elmira NY

Members of the Ray Of Hope Church Council are:  
Lisa Frost (1/24), Veronica Floyd (1/25), April Struhm (1/25),  
Christina McLaughlin (1/26), Ed Askins (1/26)  
Br. Shawn F. Benedict (Appointed Pastor)

**PRAYER**

**OPENING AND ESTABLISHMENT OF MEMBERSHIP QUORUM**

(As of this meeting, there are 10 members eligible to vote. According to the by-laws, a quorum for the Congregational Meeting is 25%, therefore 3 members must be present)

*Quorum established with \_\_\_\_\_ of 10 total members present.*

**AGENDA REVIEW & APPROVAL**

*Motion to approve agenda: \_\_\_\_\_ second: \_\_\_\_\_*  
*Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ in favor \_\_\_\_\_ opposed \_\_\_\_\_ abstain*

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES**

*Motion to approve minutes of 9/23/2023 Congregational Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_*  
*second: \_\_\_\_\_*  
*Vote: \_\_\_\_\_ in favor \_\_\_\_\_ opposed \_\_\_\_\_ abstain*

**OFFICERS' REPORTS:**

Moderator's Report: (Veronica Floyd)  
Vice Moderator's Report: (April Struhm)  
Treasurer's Report: (Lisa Frost)  
Clerk's Report: (No Clerk at this time)-see Moderator's report  
Appointed Pastor's Report: (Brother Benedict)

**REPORTS OF RAY OF HOPE CHURCH: (these are included within the Officer's Reports)**

Syracuse, Southern Tier Extension  
St. Benedict of Nursia Memorial Library  
Pride Month Committee  
Building Reports/Building Improvements Committee  
Corporation Fundraising  
Westcott St. Fair

501(c)(3)  
Technology Report  
Pastoral Search Committee

*Motion to Approve Officers' and Committee Reports:*

*second:*

***Vote:*** \_\_\_\_\_ *in favor*      \_\_\_\_\_ *opposed*      \_\_\_\_\_ *abstain*

**OLD BUSINESS: (None)**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1) Motion to approve budget for 2024:      *second:*

***Vote:*** \_\_\_\_\_ *in favor*      \_\_\_\_\_ *opposed*      \_\_\_\_\_ *abstain*

2) Motion to approve \$6181.00 of the amount listed under Pastoral Investment on the 2024 budget as Parsonage Allowance for Pastor Shawn F. Benedict:

*second:*

***Vote:*** \_\_\_\_\_ *in favor*      \_\_\_\_\_ *opposed*      \_\_\_\_\_ *abstain*

3) Motion to appoint Rev. Br. Shawn F. Benedict to the office of Appointed Pastor for Ray Of Hope Church Of Our Lord Jesus Christ from 2/1/2024 to 1/31/2025:

*second:*

***Vote:*** \_\_\_\_\_ *in favor*      \_\_\_\_\_ *opposed*      \_\_\_\_\_ *abstain*

**COMMENTS/REMARKS FROM THOSE IN ATTENDANCE**

**REMARKS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**PRAYER**

***MOTION TO ADJOURN:***      *second:*

***Vote:*** \_\_\_\_\_ *in favor*      \_\_\_\_\_ *opposed*      \_\_\_\_\_ *abstain*