

Sabbatical Gap Presbyter **November 15, 2024 - February 27, 2024**

The Rev. David Bennett, Resource Presbytery for Northern NY Presbytery and Stated Clerk for Albany Presbytery



Rev. David Bennett [He/Him] was ordained by the Albany Presbytery in 2003 and served 13 years as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Ballston Spa. In 2016, he left that call to serve as the Resource Presbyter for Northern New York Presbytery, which spans from Lake Champlain to Lake Ontario. In 2021, David was also elected as Stated Clerk of Albany Presbytery, creating a full-time call between the two presbyteries.

David likes to frame his Mid-Council/Presbytery ministry as fulfilling his passion to support pastors and church leaders as they facilitate pathways for revitalization and renewal. By fostering innovation and connecting leaders to the right resources, David believes churches can pivot and move forward as gospel communities that make a tangible difference in our world today.

When not traveling about the North Country, David loves to spend time in the woods, and recently became an Adirondack 46er! He also serves as president of the board for LifeWorks Community Action, Inc. [formerly Saratoga County Economic Opportunity Council] and is pursuing coursework in Nonprofit Management at the Rockefeller School of Public Affairs at the State University of NY in Albany. David and his wife, Kara have two children, Emilie and Ethan.

Areas of Focus:

- Attend monthly COM meetings
- Attend the February 2025 Presbytery meeting
- Provide support to the Presbytery staff and check in with the Personnel Committee through the chair as needed
- Email tracking so things are appropriately logged to committees/teams
- Hold weekly virtual office hours that committee chairpersons can schedule into for consultation/resourcing
- Coordinate on any administrative needs with the Presbytery Treasurer and Chair of the Board of Trustees
- Available if an emergency need comes up for consultation and/or visitation