COMMISSION ON MINISTRY AND MINISTRY PREPARATION
Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2025

The meeting of the Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation was held via Zoom and called to order by Dawn Russell at 10:00 a.m. August 27, 2025, following prayer and devotions by Robbie Carnes.

Members present: Robbie Carnes, Linda Gibbs, Janette Gonzales, Al Hosler, Mark Morningstar, Dawn Russell and Jane Young.

Members excused: Jon Baker, Christina Jensen, Kim Strunz and Brant Piper.

Presbytery staff present: Staci Percy, Communications Manager/Recording Clerk

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the agenda as amended.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2025 stated meeting.

The **Admin Team** report was given by Dawn Russell.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the 2026 Minimum Terms of Call as 75% of the denominations median wage of $70,000. For 2026 the presbytery's minimum will be $52,500.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to direct the Stated Clerk to transfer the membership of Cathy Chang to North Central California Presbytery effective September 6, 2025.

MOTION WAS SUSATAINED to approve the contract renewal between Elder Bonnie Rapson and Deckerville-First effective September 11, 2025 for a period of one year. Terms are as follows:

Cash Salary	$850/month (35 hours per month)
Travel Reimbursement	At IRS rate
Other	$300
Continuing Education	$1000
Book Allowance	$500
Vacation Time	4 weeks including 4 Sundays
Study Leave Time	2 weeks including 2 Sundays
Family Medical Leave	12 weeks

The Rev. Christina Jensen will continue to serve as her mentor.

The **Commission on Preparation for Ministry** report was given by Robbie Carnes.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to exam Nikelle Johnson as Ready for Ordination at the September stated meeting of presbytery.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to enroll Justice Cuddie as an Inquirer Under Care of the presbytery effective immediately.

The **Transition Team** report was given by Dawn Russell.

Discussion was held regarding Saginaw-Second.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve Ted McCulloch as Administrative Guide of Saginaw-Second with the post requisite that a job description be provided to COMMP.

Discussion was held regarding Ithaca-First.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to allow Ithaca-First to post their open position in the presbytery's newsletter.

Discussion was held regarding Grand Blanc-Kirkridge and Flint-Trinity United.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to dissolve the call of Kate Morrison as Pastor of Flint-Trinity United and to end her contract with Grand Blanc-Kirkridge as of October 15, 2025 and to direct the Stated Clerk to transfer her membership when requested.

Other business Linda Gibbs and Robbie Carnes will help with the transition at Flint-Trinity United and Grand Blanc-Kirkridge.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to adjourn at 10:55 am following closing prayer by Robbie Carnes.

The next scheduled meeting of the Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation will be held Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at 10:00am via Zoom. Kim Strunz will lead devotions.

Staci Percy
Communications Manager/Recording Clerk