COMMISSION ON MINISTRY AND MINISTRY PREPARATION
Meeting Minutes
September 24, 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. September 24, 2025, following prayer and devotions by Kim Strunz.

Members present: Jon Baker, Robbie Carnes, Al Hosler, Christina Jensen, Mark Morningstar, Dawn Russell, Kim Strunz and Jane Young.

Members excused Linda Gibbs, Janette Gonzales and Brant Piper.

Presbytery staff present: Ted McCulloch, Stated Clerk and Staci Percy, Communications Manager/Recording Clerk

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the agenda.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2025 stated meeting.

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

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to appoint Alyssa Davis as Moderator of Houghton Lake-Kirk of the Lakes' annual congregational meeting.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the minutes of the Administrative Commission to Ordain Nikelle Johnson. They are as follows:

The Administrative Commission established by the Presbytery of Lake Huron to Ordain Nikelle Johnson met at Bay City-Westminster on Sunday, September 21, 2025 at 2:35pm. Members present: The Revs. Jamie Milton, Matthew Schramm and Christina Jensen and Elders Beth Asperger (Fairgrove) Moderator, Ann Moe (Midland-Memorial), Ed Savage (Birch Run-Taymouth), and Faith Snelling (Bay City-Westminster). A quorum of the Commission was present. Beth Asperger, Presbytery Moderator, opened with prayer. Nikelle Johnson reviewed the Order of Service. Motion was sustained to proceed with the commission and that the commission would be dismissed with the benediction at the end of the worship. Beth Asperger closed with prayer.

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

Discussion was held regarding Saginaw-Second.

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

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED if the way be clear to appoint Joseph Novak as Moderator of Flint-Trinity United and Grand Blanc-Kirkridge effective immediately. Dawn Russell will serve as Moderator if Joseph Novak is not available.

COMMP Representatives at the Called Joint Meeting of the Sessions of Flint-Trinity United and Grand Blanc-Kirkridge at a date to be determined are: Dawn Russell, Christina Jensen and Janette Gonzales. Linda Gibbs will participate if Janette Gonzales is not available.

An update on Lapeer-First was given.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to appoint Robbie Carnes as Moderator of Lapeer-First effective immediately.

Exit Interview Team for Lapeer-First: Robbie Carnes and Mark Morningstar. Kim Strunz volunteered to assist if needed.

An update Croswell-First was given.

Other business the date of the October meeting has been moved one week later to October 29, 2025.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to adjourn at 10:40 am following closing prayer by Kim Strunz.

The next scheduled meeting of the Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation will be held Wednesday, October 29, 2025 at 10:00am via Zoom. Brant Piper will lead devotions.

Staci Percy
Communications Manager/Recording Clerk