COMMISSION ON MINISTRY AND MINISTRY PREPARATION
Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2026

The meeting of the Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation was held via Zoom and called to order by Dawn Russell at 10:00 am on March 25, 2026 following prayer by Jane Young.

Members present: Nathaniel Asperger, Robbie Carnes, Deb Coverdill, Linda Gibbs, Al Hosler, Christina Jensen, Scott Kroener, Kim McKenzie, Mark Morningstar, Dawn Russell, Kim Strunz and Jane Young.

Members excused: Suzy Rockwell and Gayle Wooster.

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 February 25, 2026 stated meeting.

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

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to appoint Nathaniel Asperger as Moderator of Houghton Lake-Kirk of the Lakes effective immediately.

The **Transition Team** report was led by Chirstina Jensen.

Updates on the following churches were given:

- Lapeer-First
- Saginaw-Second
- Flint-Trinity United
- Grand Blanc-Kirkridge

The **Committee on Preparation for Ministry** report was led by Robbie Carnes. An update on Justice Cuddie was given. The team is currently working on updating the Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) Handbook.

In **Old Business** the role of and structure of liaisons was discussed. Need to find leaders in each region to meet with and train folks. Scott Kroener, Nathaniel Asperger, Christina Jensen and Daen Russell volunteered to lead training sessions. More will be discussed at the April meeting of COMMP.

In **New Business** the discussion on how to connect with retired clergy was moved to the April meeting.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED if the way be clear to transfer the membership of the Rev. John Osborne from the Presbytery of North Central Iowa.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to adjourn at 11:15 am following prayer by Jane Young.

The next scheduled meeting of the Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation will be held Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at 10:00am via Zoom.

Staci Percy
Communications Manager/Recording Clerk