COMMISSION ON MINISTRY AND MINISTRY PREPARATION
Meeting Minutes
April 22, 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 April 22, 2026 following prayer by Mark Morningstar.

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

Members excused: Robbie Carnes and Suzy Rockwell.

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

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the agenda as amended.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the minutes of the March 25, 2026 stated meeting.

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

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the part-time (10 hours per week) Commissioned Ruling Elder contract between Elder Jodie Vanderstow and Houghton Lake-Kirk of the Lakes for a period of one-year effective May 1, 2026. Details are as follows:

Cash Salary	$300/per service preached
Lead Worship and Preach	2 times each/month
Pastoral care	2 hours/month
Church Business	1 hour/month

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the Pulpit Supply Covenant between Tanya Steele and the congregations of: Caro-First, Fairgrove and Cass City-First for a period of six months effective January 1, 2026. Duties: Lead worship up to four times per month in the three congregations in conjunction with other pulpit supply.

Cash Salary	$150 minimum/per week per church preached at
Travel reimbursement	At IRS rate

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the Commissioned Ruling Elder Contract between Elder Chris Wolf and the congregations of Marlette-First and Marlette-Second for a period of one-year effective January 1, 2026. Details are as follows:

Salary	$900/month
Social Security/Medicare	As required
Continuing Education	$2,100/year
Travel Reimbursement	At current IRS Rate
Vacation Time	6 weeks including 6 Sundays
Study Leave	2 weeks including 2 Sundays

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the full-time Temporary Supply Covenant between Lauretta Phillips and Ithaca-Lafayette for a period of one-year effective April 12, 2026. Details are as follows:

Salary	$175/week
Travel Reimbursement	At current IRS Rate
Vacation Time	4 weeks including 4 Sundays
Study Leave	2 weeks including 2 Sundays

The **Committee on Preparation for Ministry** report was given by Dawn Russell. It was mentioned that Justice Cuddie is the only person currently under care of the presbytery.

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

In **Old Business** the following was discussed:

- The possibly of restructuring presbytery regions
- Presbytery wide pulpit exchange
- Role of liaisons

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to adjourn at 11:00 am following prayer by Mark Morningstar.

The next scheduled meeting of the Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation will be held Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at 10:00am via Zoom. Christina Jensen will lead devotions.

Staci Percy
Communications Manager/Recording Clerk