COMMISSION ON MINISTRY AND MINISTRY PREPARATION
Meeting Minutes
September 23, 2026

The meeting of the Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation was held via Zoom and called to order by Dawn Russell at 10:00am on September 23, 2026 following prayer by Al Hosler.

Members present: Nathaniel Asperger, Robbie Carnes, Deb Coverdill, Al Hosler, Christina Jensen, Scott Kroener, Mark Morningstar, Dawn Russell, Kim Strunz and Gayle Wooster.

Members excused: Linda Gibbs, Kim McKenzie, Suzy Rockwell and Jane Young

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 August 26, 2026 stated meeting.

The **Transition Team** report was led by Christina Jensen. Updates on the following churches were given:

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

The **Committee of Ministry Preparation** report was given by Robbie Carnes.

Updates were given on those Under Care of the Presbytery:

- Rebecca Francek – Candidate
- Justice (Cuddie) Zurakowski – Inquirer

CPM will begin working on updating the Commissioned Ruling Elder Manual.

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

Discussion was held regarding the status of Chris Moody, a Member-At-Large of the presbytery.

Discussion was held regarding listening to churches to help with any concerns. Past ways of doing so were discussed (Triennial Listing Visits and COM Liaisons.) A suggestion to develop a survey for sessions to complete was discussed. Dawn Russell asked that team members think about questions that should be included and send them to her over the next month prior to the October meeting.

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MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to adjourn at 10:45am following prayer by Dawn Russell.

The next scheduled meeting of the Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation will be held Wednesday, October 28, 2026 at 10:00am via Zoom. Nathaniel Asperger will lead devotions.

Staci Percy
Communications Manager/Recording Clerk