

(Preliminary minutes – subject to approval by Presbytery of Lake Huron)

PRESBYTERY OF LAKE HURON

Stated Meeting – June 6, 2023

The Presbytery of Lake Huron was called to order with prayer by the Moderator, the Rev. Glenn Grant, at 9:40 a.m., on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, and was held at Alma College, Alma, Michigan and via Zoom.

A review of Zoom protocols was given.

The roll was taken, and the moderator announced that a quorum was present.
[ATTACHMENT A]

Welcoming of new attendees was given.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to seat the Rev. Dr. Chip Hardwick (Miami Valley) as a Corresponding Member.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to adopt the docket.

A welcome by the host pastor, the Rev. Alissa Davis was given.

WORSHIP included a sermon by the Rev. Katrina Pekich-Bundy.

The **OFFERING** taken will be given to Restorative Actions, a justice ministry that students take part in through the college.

A short break was taken after worship.

The Moderator reconvened the presbytery.

PRESBYTERY 101 was led by the Jamie Milton and the Mission Coordination Committee.

The **COMMISSION ON MINISTRY AND MINISTRY PREPARATION** report was given by Linda Kennan. Inquirer Under Care, Nathaniel Asperger, was introduced.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve moving Nathaniel Asperger from Inquirer to Candidate Under Care of the Presbytery effective immediately.

It was announced that the Rev. Dr. Philomena Ofori-Nippah has accepted a call in another presbytery. Gratitude for her ministry and service to the presbytery was expressed.

It was announced that the Rev. Dr. Andrew Pomerville has accepted a call as the President of Louisville Seminary. Gratitude for his ministry and service to the presbytery was expressed.

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The Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation presented the following item for information:

1. Ordination Exam Readers are needed. Names will be presented at the September meeting of presbytery.

The Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation reported that it took the following actions on behalf of presbytery:

2. Approved a Technology Grant request from Cass City-Fraser in the amount of \$2212.18.
3. Approved receiving the Rev. Chris Thomas as a Member-At-Large member of the presbytery and to direct the Stated Clerk to transfer his membership from Detroit Presbytery and to place him on the Pulpit Supply List.
4. To review the Pulpit Supply List, ask each person listed if they wish to continue being on the list and if so, to have a background check completed every five years. Those who have not previously had a background check completed will need to have one in order to remain on the list.
5. To direct the Administrative Team to develop a policy regarding financial support for congregations who may need pulpit supply if their pastoral leader uses Family Leave.
6. To direct the Administrative Team to write a policy regarding Family Leave for anyone serving in a temporary pastoral leadership position and bring it to a future meeting for review and vote.
7. Appointed John Tapley as the Moderator for Grand Blanc-Kirkridge's congregational meeting on June 18, 2023 and appointed him Moderator of Session at Caro-First effective immediately.
8. Approved the CRE Covenant renewal between Elder Shaun Hardimon and Swartz Creek-Mundy for a period of one year effective August 1, 2023. Terms of call are as follows:

Cash Salary	\$150/preaching session and \$50/moderating session meeting
Travel Reimbursement	At IRS rate
Vacation Time	4 Weeks including 4 Sundays
Study Leave Time	2 Weeks including 2 Sundays
The Rev. Robbie Carnes will continue to serve as his mentor.	

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9. Approved the renewal of the part-time Temporary Relationship contract renewal between the Rev. Ron Vredevelde and Beaverton-First effective January 1, 2023 for a period of one year. Terms are as follows:

Salary	\$24,975
Housing Allowance	\$4,275
Study Leave Allowance	\$325
Phone Calls	\$300
Professional Expenses	\$500
Travel Reimbursement	At current IRS Rate up to \$300
Medical Reimbursement	Included in Cash Salary
Vacation Time	4 weeks including 4 Sundays
Study Leave	2 weeks including 2 Sundays

10. Approved the part-time Pulpit Supply contract between Elder Jodie Vanderstow and Houghton Lake-Kirk of the Lakes effective May 1, 2023 for a period of one year. Terms are as follows:

Salary	\$750/month
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Responsibilities are:

- Lead worship and preach three times per month
- Pastoral care 2 hours per month
- Church business 1 hour per month
- Time expectations: 15 hours per month

11. If the way be clear, approved the part-time Temporary Relationship contract between the Rev. Jennifer Rike and Holly effective June 4, 2023 for a period of two months. Terms are as follows:

Salary	\$150/Sunday
Travel Reimbursement	IRS Rate

Responsibilities:

Serve communion once a month

Preaching for 9 Sundays during the months of June and July

12. Approved the part-time (approximately 15 hours per week) CRE Covenant extension between Elder Kathleen Rowe and Tawas for a period of six months effective July 1, 2023. Terms are as follows:

Cash Salary	\$10,000
Medical Coverage	\$3,000
Travel Reimbursement	IRS Rate up to \$500

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Book Allowance	\$250
Vacation Time	N/A
Study Leave	N/A

The Rev. Ted McCulloch will continue to serve as her mentor.

13. If the way be clear, approved to approve the CRE Covenant between Elder Sam McKim and Croswell-First effective immediately.

Salary	\$150/Sunday
Travel Reimbursement	IRS Rate

Responsibilities:

Serve communion when requested. Typically once per month

Adjourned for lunch following prayer by Glenn Grant.

Reconvened by the Vice Moderator.

The **PASTORS TO PASTORS** report was given by Brenna Overland and Joseph Novak. They announced that they are organizing a clergy retreat at the Doxology Conference in October. It is open to all actively serving clergy and CREs.

The **PRESBYTERY COUNCIL** report was given by Wally Mayton.

The Presbytery Council presented the following items for information:

1. Authorized the use of Leadership Training funds (Designated Use Account #21497) to provide financial assistance of up to \$500 per attendee to attend the DOXOLOGY Conference. The conference is designed to assist clergy and CRE's on pastoral renewal. The conference will be held October 2-4, 2023 at Pillar Church (CRC/RCA) & Western Theology Seminary in Holland, Michigan.
2. Approved, as recommended by the Personnel Team, to inform the Presbytery at its June meeting of the following: "As we move forward as a presbytery, the staffing model does not include hiring an Executive//General Presbyter."

After consideration, there are no plans to pursue hiring an Executive//General Presbyter. The current staffing of Head of Staff and Pastor to Pastor positions are adequate.

3. Granted permission to the Mission Coordination Committee to purchase a copy of the book "~~I Was Hungry~~: Cultivating Common Ground to End an American Crisis" by Jeremy Everett for each church in Lake Huron Presbytery to distribute at the June 2023 Presbytery meeting. Funds to cover costs to be determined.

4. Granted permission to the Mission Coordination Committee to a bank for “2 Coins-a-meal” on the lunch tables at the presbytery meeting.
5. Designation of the meeting offering to be announced at the June Presbytery meeting.

The **MODERATOR’S REPORT** was given by Glenn Grant.

The **SYNOD EXECUTIVE** report was given by Chip Hardwick.

The **STATED CLERK’S REPORT** was given by Ted McCulloch. It was noted that the presbytery’s website will be undergoing a much needed refresh over the summer. It is anticipated that the site will be ready in time to demonstrate it at the September meeting of presbytery.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2023 stated meeting.

The Stated Clerk presented the following items for information:

1. received the Minutes of the Administrative Commission to Install Ruth Estell from the Moderator. They are as follows:

The Commission established by the Presbytery of Lake Huron on February 15, 2023 to Install the Rev. Ruth Estell as the Pastor of Second Presbyterian Church of Saginaw, MI met at the church on March 12, 2023 at 2:30pm. Present were the members of the commission: The Revs. Glenn Grant (Moderator), Ted McCulloch, Jim Neumann and Andrew Pomerville, Elders Linda Kennan (Midland-Memorial) and Adam Engel (Saginaw-Second). A quorum of the Commission was present. Glenn Grant, Presbytery Moderator opened with prayer. A motion was sustained that the commission would be dismissed with the benediction at the end of the worship. Glenn Grant closed with prayer. Ruth Estell answered the Constitutional questions and was installed at a worship service held at 3:00pm.

2. Schedule of the remaining 2023 Presbytery meetings:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host</u>
September 19, 2023	Saginaw Countryside Trinity
December 6, 2023	Midland Memorial

** Council has designated March Presbytery meetings to be by Zoom. This allows any of our churches to serve as a “virtual host.” This will give churches that normally cannot host Presbytery a chance to do so. Opportunities to share

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the church's history and mission will be arranged for a "virtual" host. Please contact the Stated Clerk if you have any questions.

Host congregations for most 2024 meetings are still needed:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host</u>
March 2, 2024	Zoom Only – Highlighted Congregations: Kinde
June 4, 2024	First ,Chandler, Cass City Fraser
September 17, 2024	Alma College
December 3, 2024	Hybrid – Host Congregation Needed
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The **NOMINATING TEAM** report was given by Linda Graham.

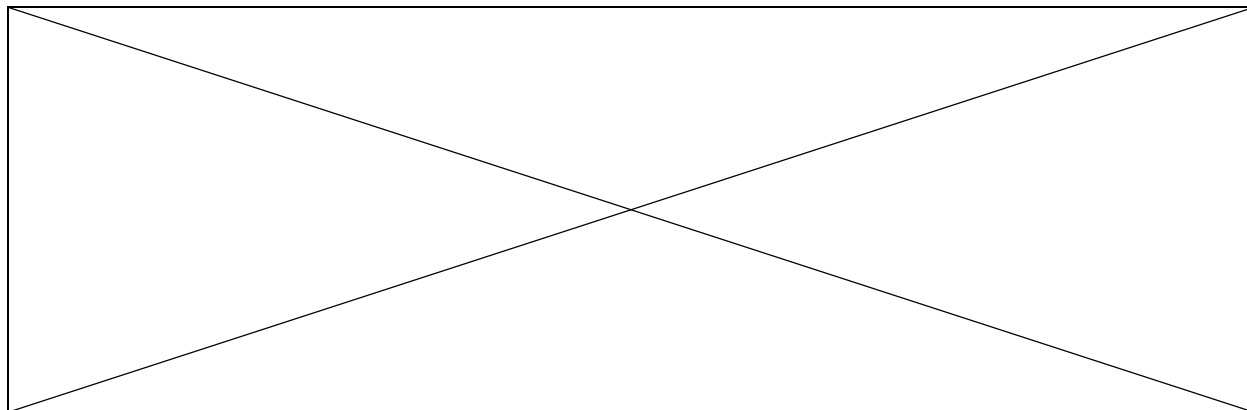
The Nominating Committee presented the following people for election to the Presbytery Council and presbytery approved:

Clergy, Region 1, Class of 2025	Andrew Miller, Mt. Pleasant
Elder, Region 2, Class of 2024	Janie Gugino, Saginaw, First
Elder, Region 4, Class of 2024	Bonnie Rapson, Deckerville, First

The meeting adjourned following prayer by the Vice Moderator at 12:45 pm. The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Lake Huron is scheduled to be held Tuesday, September 19, 2023 beginning at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom and in person at Countryside Trinity United, Saginaw, Michigan.

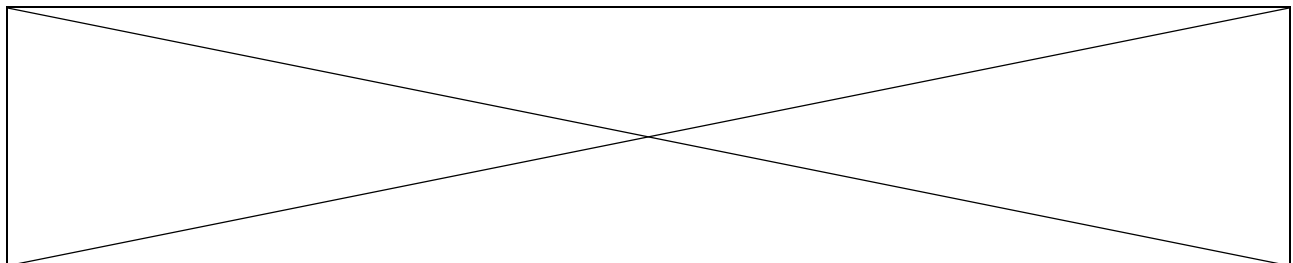
Respectfully Submitted,

Ted McCulloch
Stated Clerk



ATTACHMENT A – Attendance

NAME OF MINISTER	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Absent</u>	NAME OF MINISTER	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ahn, Daniel (HR)		1		Moody, Chris		1	
Becker, John (HR)		1		Moon, Hakbae		1	
Blackburn, David (HR)		1		Morritauk, Kate	1		
Blatt, Karen (HR)		1		Neumann, Jim(HR)	1		
Borycz, Ed(HR)		1		Neuville, Don(HR)		1	
Browne, Roger (HR)		1		Novak, Joseph	1		
Carnes, Lindsey		1		Overland, Brenna	1		
Carnes, Robbie	1			Park, Dong Won (HR)		1	
Chambers, Jan (HR)		1		Parker, Ken (HR)		1	
Chang, Catherine		1		Pekich-Bundy, Katrina	1		
Cundiff, Tom(HR)		1		Pfeuffer, Paul	1		
Cunningham, Bruce (HR)		1		Piper, Brant	1		
Emrich, Robert (HR)		1		Piper, Leslie (HR)		1	
Eshelman, David (HR)		1		Pomerville, Andrew	1		
Estell, Ruth	1			Russell, Dawn	1		
Evans-Justin, Mary Anne (HR)		1		Russell, Peter (HR)		1	
Graham, Linda	1			Saperstein, Dan (HR)		1	
Grant, Glenn	1			Schacher, Tom		1	
Grimes, Ron (HR)		1		Schramm, Matthew	1		
Hetzel, Ken (HR)		1		Shafer, Hal	1		
Jensen, Christina	1			Shugert, Steve (HR)		1	
Kim, Do Hyeong		1		Snyder, Noel		1	
Kroener, Scott	1			Stilwell, Elizabeth		1	
Lawther, Rich (HR)		1		Strunz, Kim	1		
Lee, Hoon Koo		1		Swihart, Dale (HR)		1	
Loenshal, Michael		1		Taylor, Robert (HR)		1	
Ludwig, Michael	1			Todd, Cassie	1		
Marquardt, Charles		1		Vredeveld, Ron			
Mayton, Wally	1			Walser, Joseph (HR)			
McCulloch, Ted	1			Ytterrock, Paul			
McMellen, Larry (HR)		1					
Miller, Andrew	1						
Milton, Jamie	1						
				Total Present	24		
				Total Excused	36		
				Total Absent	0		



ATTACHMENT A – Attendance (Continued)

NAME OF CHURCH	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Elder Commissioner(s) Present</u>
Alma-First		1	
Bay City-First	1		Karl Opheim
Bay City-Westminster	1		John Tapley
Beaverton		1	
Birch Run	1		Ed Savage
Breckenridge		1	
Caro		1	
Cass City-First		1	
Cass City-Fraser		1	
Croswell		1	
Davison	1		Phidge Howe
Deckerville		1	
Elkton-Chandler		1	
Fairgrove	1		Beth Asperger
Fenton-First		1	
Fenton-Tyrone		1	
Flint-First	2		Lionel Wernette, Linda Gibbs
Flint-Trinity United	1		Sharon Auger
Flint-Unity		1	
Flushing	1		Carol Dulin
Grand Blanc-Kirkridge	1		Alicia Handlin
Harbor Beach		1	
Holly	1		Jim Lyles
Houghton Lake	1		Patty Gross
Ithaca-First	1		Dale Nester
Ithaca-Lafayette		1	
Kinde-First		1	
Lapeer		1	
Linden		1	
Marlette-First		1	
Marlette-Second		1	
Midland-Memorial		1	
Mt. Pleasant		1	
Rosebush		1	
Saginaw-Countryside Trinity	1		Roger Scovill
Saginaw-First	1		Janie Gugino
Saginaw-Michigan Nanum		1	
Saginaw-Second		1	
Sandusky		1	
Swartz Creek		1	
Tawas	1		Kristy Prentiss
Twining		1	
Ubly		1	
Vassar		1	
Yale		1	
Total Present	16		
Total Represented	15		
Total Not Represented	30		

ATTACHMENT A – Attendance (Continued)

ELDER MEMBERS	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Adam Engel (Trustee)			1
Joyce Hetzler (Council)			1
Chuck Hewitt (Trustee)			1
Linda Kennan (COMMP Moderator)	1		
Sue McClary (Trustee)			1
Mary Ann Parker (Nom Moderator)			1
Roger Scovill (Treasurer) ***			
Tim Rutzen (Trustee)			1
Total Elder Members	1	0	6

*** Signed in as Elder Commissioner, did not count here

COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Jon Baker			1
Jon Essex			1
Mark Garavaglia	1		
Shaun Hardimon			1
Liz Long			1
Bonnie Rapson	1		
Kathleen Rowe			1
Chris Wolf	1		
CRE Attending	3		
CRE Not Attending	0		
CRE Excused	5		

CATEGORY	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Members of Presbytery	24	0	36
Corresponding Members	1		
Commissioned Ruling Elders	3	0	5
Church Commissioners	16	30	
Elder Members	1	0	6
Visitors (Including LHP Staff)	12		
Total People in Attendance	57		
Churches represented	15		
Churches not represented		30	

