

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

PRESBYTERY OF LAKE HURON
Stated Meeting – September 19, 2023

The Presbytery of Lake Huron was called to order with prayer by the Moderator, Glenn Grant, at 9:35 a.m., on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, and was held at Countryside Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Saginaw, Michigan and via live stream to the church's YouTube channel.

The Stated Clerk reviewed the electronic meeting instructions.

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 Chip Hardwick (Miami Valley) and Luke Choi (Western Reserve) as Corresponding Members.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to adopt the docket as amended.

WORSHIP included a **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** and was led by the Presbytery's Pastors To Pastors, Brenna Overland and Joseph Novak.

The **OFFERING** taken will be given to the City Rescue Mission of Saginaw.

A welcome by the host pastor, Jane Young was given.

A short break was taken after worship.

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

The **COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER** report was given by Staci Percy. A preview of the refreshed website for the presbytery was given. The revised website will be up and running by the end of the year.

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

The **COMMISSION ON MINISTRY AND MINISTRY PREPARATION** was given by Linda Kennan.

The Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation recommended, and presbytery approved the following items:

1. That the Presbytery Minimum Terms of Call for 2024 be set as 75% of the 2023 Board of Pensions Median effective salary of \$64,800. Minimum Terms of Call for 2024 for the presbytery would be \$48,600 ($64,800 \times 0.75$). The required Family Leave Time of 12 weeks are to be added to the terms.

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2. That presbytery provide emergency financial assistance towards the cost of Pulpit Supply as needed and requested where pastoral leadership is on family leave. The funds would come from the Emergency Assistance Fund designated use account.

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

3. Validated the ministry of the Rev. Cassie Todd at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church in Grand Blanc that she has been doing since 2018.
4. Authorized the Stated Clerk to conduct training for elders who wish to moderator sessions when pastoral leadership is not available.
5. Appointed the following people as Moderator of Session for the congregation listed effective immediately:
 - Robbie Carnes for Houghton Lake-Kirk of the Lakes
 - Christina Jensen for Harbor Beach-First
 - Scott Kroener for Breckenridge-Emerson
6. Recommend to Council that COMMP membership be reduced from 19 to 15 members.
7. Approved any contract extension requests for Jennifer Rike at Holly as needed through June 2024 provided there are no changes except the dates.
8. Approved to extend 12 weeks of Family Leave to all non-install pastoral positions, including Commissioned Ruling Elders.
9. Approved the part-time Temporary Relationship contract between the Rev. Dr. Susan Sickelka and Ithaca-First effective October 1, 2023 for a period of nine months. Terms are as follows:

Salary	\$3750/month
Travel Reimbursement	IRS Rate
Health/Dental	Paid quarterly, amount is equal to her current
Reimbursement	premium amount
Supplies Need	Reimbursed with pre-approval

Responsibilities:

Part-time, approximately 18 hours per week
Moderate session and congregational meetings
Worship leadership/preach 3 Sundays per month
Visit congregational members
Emergency/pastoral care
3-4 office hours per week

The **MISSION COORDINATION COMMITTEE** report was given by Jamie Milton. All were invited to attend the book study event on September 30th at Bay City-Westminster.

The **NOMINATING TEAM** report was given by Linda Graham.

The Nominating Team recommended, and presbytery approved the following item:

1. To elect Matt Schramm as Presbytery Moderator for 2024.

Adjourned for lunch following prayer by Glenn Grant.

Reconvened by the Moderator.

The **PASTORS TO PASTORS** report was given by Brenna Overland and Jospeh Novak. Information on the Doxology Conference in October was shared.

The Vice Moderator assumed the chair.

The **PRESBYTERY COUNCIL** report was given by Andrew Miller.

The Presbytery Council recommended, and presbytery approved the following item:

1. Setting of the Presbytery portion of the 2024 Per Capita assessment at \$16.45 per active member. This would make the Presbytery of Lake Huron overall Per Capita rate to be as follows:

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	
Presbytery	\$16.77	\$16.45	(- \$.32)
Synod	\$ 3.25	\$ 3.25	unchanged
General Assembly	\$ 9.75	\$ 9.80	(+\$.05)
TOTAL	\$29.77	\$29.50	(- \$.27)

The Presbytery Council presented the following items for information:

2. Approved the purchase of a new server for the Presbytery Office in an amount not to exceed \$6,000. Funds from the Presbytery Office Maintenance Fund (account #21487) will be used to cover costs. The Presbytery of Lake Huron's Microsoft Windows Server 2012R2's end of life is October 10, 2023. Security updates from Microsoft will no longer be received after that date. The new server has been installed.

3. Designation of the meeting offering to be announced at the September Presbytery meeting.
4. Approved combining or moving Designated Use Accounts funds within the Presbytery of Lake Huron budget as appropriate. Funds that belong to other entities will be sent as appropriate.
5. Approved holding, for the September Presbytery meeting only, the meeting by livestream. All committee reports will need to be presented in person.
6. Accepted the resignation of Elder Mary Ann Parker, Saginaw Countryside, Moderator, Nominating Committee.
7. Approved the appointment of the Rev. Linda Graham, Davison-St Andrews, to the Nominating Committee, Class of 2023.

The **STATED CLERK'S REPORT** was given by Ted McCulloch.

The Stated Clerk recommended, and presbytery approved the following items:

1. The minutes of the June 6, 2023 Presbytery meeting.
2. The requests of congregations for an exception to G-2.0404 so that they may elect a ruling elder and/or deacon to serve more than two consecutive terms. A record of all the churches requesting is on file with the Stated Clerk.

The Stated Clerk presented the following items for information:

3. Dates and locations for Session Minutes Review
 - a. October 16: Presbytery Office, if you attend this session, please sign up for a time slot on our website.
 - b. October 21: 10 AM: Bay City-Westminster
 - c. October 28: 10 AM: Lapeer Presbyterian Church
4. Schedule of the remaining 2023 Presbytery meetings:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host</u>
December 6, 2023	Midland Memorial

Host congregations for most 2024 meetings are still needed:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host</u>
March 2, 2024	Zoom Only – Kinde First ,Chandler, Cass City Fraser
June 4, 2024	Alma College
September 17, 2024	Mt. Pleasant First
December 3, 2024	Flint First

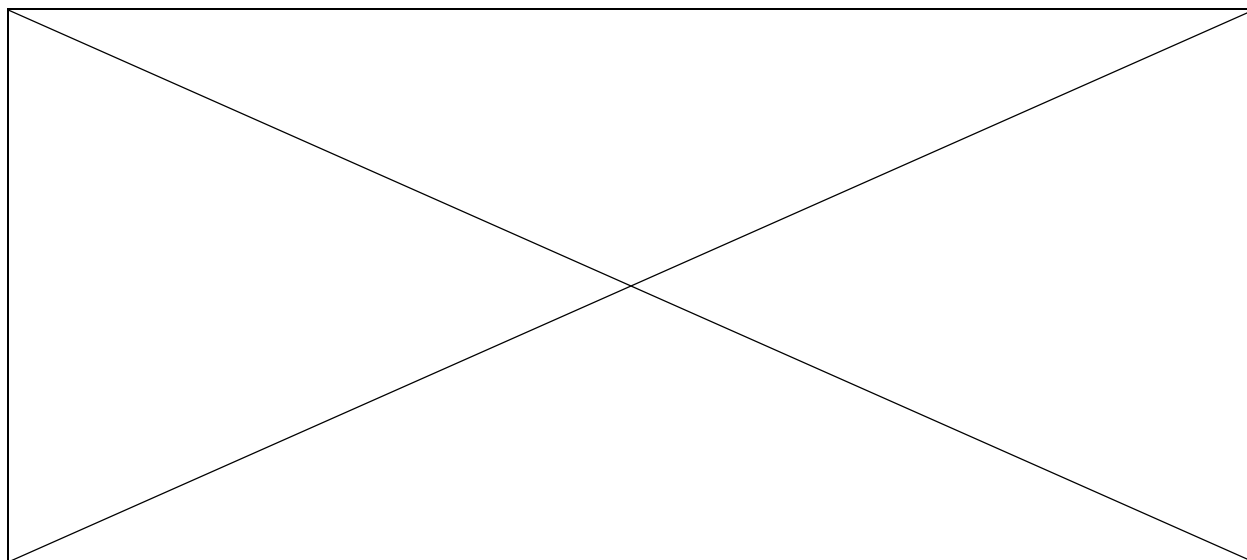
** Council has designated March Presbytery meetings to be by Zoom. This allows any of our churches to serve as a “virtual host.” This will give churches that normally cannot host Presbytery a chance to do so. Opportunities to share the church’s history and mission will be arranged for a “virtual” host. Please contact the Stated Clerk if you have any questions.

The **BOARD OF PENSIONS** report was given by Luke Choi.

The meeting adjourned following prayer by the Vice Moderator at 12:55 pm. The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Lake Huron is scheduled to be held Tuesday, December 5, 2023 beginning at 9:30 a.m. in person at Memorial Presbyterian Church, Midland, Michigan and via live stream on the church’s YouTube channel.

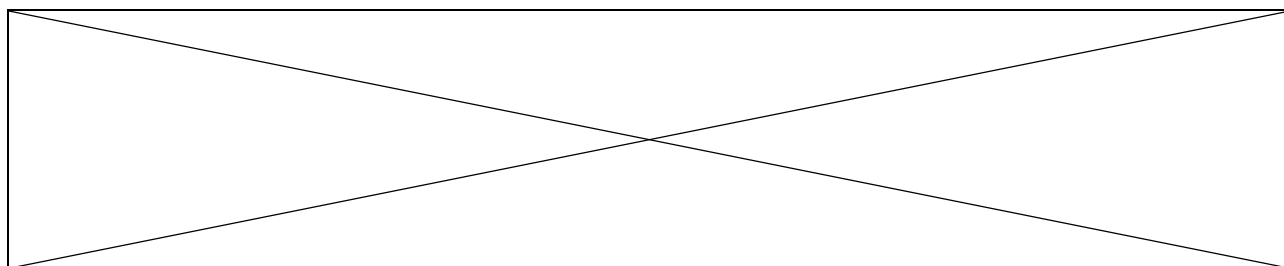
Respectfully Submitted,

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, James (HR)		1	
Borycz, Edward (HR)		1		Neuville, Donald (HR)		1	
Browne, Roger (HR)		1		Novak, Joseph	1		
Carnes, Lindsey		1		Overland, Brenna	1		
Carnes, Robbie	1			Park, Dong Won (HR)		1	
Chambers, Janice (HR)		1		Parker, Kenneth (HR)		1	
Chang, Catherine		1		Pekich-Bundy, Katrina	1		
Cundiff, Thomas (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, Ronald (HR)		1		Schramm, Matthew	1		
Hetzel, Kenneth (HR)		1		Shafer, Hal	1		
Jensen, Christina	1			Shugert, Stephen (HR)		1	
Kim, Do Hyeong		1		Snyder, Noel		1	
Kroener, Scott	1			Stilwell, Elizabeth		1	
Lawther, Richard (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		1	
Mayton, Wally		1		Walser, Joseph (HR)		1	
McCulloch, Ted	1			Young, Jane	1		
McMellen, Larry (HR)		1		Ytterrock, Paul	1		
Miller, Andrew	1						
Milton, Jamie	1						
				Total Present	22		
				Total Excused	42		
				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		Sue Malone
Bay City-First		1	
Bay City-Westminster	1		Jan Witucki
Beaverton		1	
Birch Run	1		Marge Colosky
Breckenridge		1	
Caro		1	
Cass City-First		1	
Cass City-Fraser		1	
Croswell		1	
Davison		1	
Deckerville	1		Linda Spencer
Elkton-Chandler		1	
Fairgrove	1		Beth Asperger
Fenton-First		1	
Fenton-Tyrone		1	
Flint-First	2		Linda Gibbs, Lionel Wernette
Flint-Trinity United	1		Delphine Moore
Flint-Unity		1	
Flushing	1		Michael Keeler
Grand Blanc-Kirkridge	1		Alicia Handlin
Harbor Beach		1	
Holly	1		Jim Lyles
Houghton Lake	1		Tom Glennan
Ithaca-First		1	
Ithaca-Lafayette		1	
Kinde-First		1	
Lapeer	1		Robert Rowden, Jr.
Linden		4	
Marlette-First		1	
Marlette-Second		1	
Midland-Memorial	1	1	Linda Kennan
Mt. Pleasant		1	
Rosebush		1	
Saginaw-Countryside Trinity		1	
Saginaw-First	1		Janie Gugino
Saginaw-Michigan Nanum		1	
Saginaw-Second	1		Billie Bauer
Sandusky		1	
Swartz Creek		1	
Tawas		1	
Twining		1	
Udly		1	
Vassar	1		Kevin Haines
Yale	1		Nancy LePla
Total Present	18		
Total Represented	17		
Total Not Represented	28		

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)			

Sue McClary (Trustee)			1
Roger Scovill (Treasurer)			1
Tim Rutzen (Trustee)			1
Total Elder Members	0	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	22	0	42
Corresponding Members	2		
Commissioned Ruling Elders	3	0	5
Church Commissioners	18	28	
Elder Members	0	0	6
Visitors (Including LHP Staff)	9		
Total People in Attendance	54		
Churches represented	17		
Churches not represented	28		

