

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

PRESBYTERY OF LAKE HURON
Stated Meeting – December 2, 2025

The Presbytery of Lake Huron was called to order with prayer by the Moderator, Beth Asperger, at 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, December 2, 2025 at Flushing Presbyterian Church, Flushing, Michigan.

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

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to seat RuthAimee Belonni-Rosario (New York City) as a Corresponding Member.

Welcoming of new commissioners was held.

Paul Pfeuffer gave a welcome from the church.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to adopt the docket.

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

The **OFFERING** taken will be given to Flushing Christian Outreach Center.

A short break was taken after worship.

The **SYNOD OF THE COVENANT** report was given by RuthAimee Belonni-Rosario, Synod Associate Executive for Racial Justice.

The Vice Moderator, Paul Pfeuffer, assumed the chair.

Discussion was held regarding the proposed establishment of Listening Team and led by Nathaniel Asperger and Robbie Carnes.

MOTION WAS NOT SUSTAINED to call the question.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to strike item 1.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the Listening Team proposal as amended. [ATTACHMENT B]. (A paper ballot was used for the vote. Yes-32; No-2)

A break for **LUNCH** was taken following prayer by Paul Pfeuffer.

Following lunch the Moderator, Beth Asperger, assumed the chair.

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The **COMMISSION ON MINISTRY AND MINISTRY PREPARATION** report was given by Robbie Carnes.

The commission placed the following people in nomination as Ordination Readers for 2026 and presbytery approved:

The Rev. Nathaniel Asperger	Teaching Elder
Elder Kitty Myers (Saginaw-Second)	Ruling Elder
Elder Ed Savage (Birch Run-Taymouth)	Alternate

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

1. Appointed Alyssa Davis as Moderator of Houghton Lake-Kirk of the Lakes' annual congregational meeting.
2. Appointed Joseph Novak as Moderator of Flint-Trinity United and Grand Blanc-Kirkridge.
3. Appointed Robbie Carnes as Moderator of Lapeer-First.
4. Approve that the presbytery through COMMP funds cover 30 days of benefits for a member of presbytery. This is in addition to the church and Board of Pensions each covering 30 additional days each.
5. Appointed Deb Coverdill as Moderator of Session for Croswell-First.
6. Approved the part-time (10 hours per week) Commissioned Ruling Elder contract between Elder Jodie Vanderstow and Houghton Lake-Kirk of the Lakes effective January 1, 2026 through April 30, 2026. Details are as follows:

Cash Salary	\$500/month
Lead Worship and Preach	2 times each/month
Pastoral care	2 hours/month
Church Business	1 hour/month

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7. MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the part-time (20 hours/week) Temporary Supply Covenant between the Rev. Mark Morningstar and Ithaca-First effective for a period of one year, effective January 1, 2026. Terms are as follows:

Cash Salary	\$42,000
Travel Reimbursement	At IRS rate
Continuing Education	\$1,000
Book Allowance	\$500
Vacation Time	4 weeks including 4 Sundays
Study Leave Time	2 weeks including 2 Sundays

The **NOMINATING TEAM** report was given by Scott Kroener.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to elect the following people to the position and class indicated:

Board of Trustees

Elder Adam Engel, Saginaw-Second, Class of 2028
Elder Sue McClary, Saginaw-First, Class of 2028

Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation

Elder Al Hosler, Croswell-First, Class of 2028
Elder Susie Rockwell, Cass City-First, Class of 2028
Rev. Jane Young, Honorably Retired, Class of 2028
Rev. Scott Kroener, Birch Run-Taymouth, Class of 2028

Rev. Nathaniel Asperger, Saginaw-Countryside Trinity, Class of 2027
Elder Gayle Wooster, Harbor Beach-First, Class of 2027
Elder Deb Coverdill, Deckerville-First, Class of 2027

Mission Coordinating Committee

Rev. Michael Ludwig, Midland-Memorial, Class of 2028
Rev. Jamie Milton, Bay City-Westminster, Class of 2028

Permanent Judicial Commission

Elder Jon Baker, Rosebush, Class of 2029
Rev. Christina Jensen, Cass City-Fraser/Elkton-Chandler/Kinde-First, Class of 2031
Elder Kathy Maurer, Birch Run-Taymouth, Class of 2031
Rev. Matt Schramm, Midland-Memorial, Class of 2031

Presbytery Council

Rev. Andrew Miller, Mt. Pleasant-First, Class of 2028

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INSTALLATION OF THE MODERATOR AND VICE MODERATOR took place. The Rev. Paul Pfeuffer (Moderator) and Elder Linda Kennen (Midland-Memorial) installations will be effective at the conclusion of the meeting.

The **MISSION COORDINATING TEAM** report was given by Michael Ludwig. An update on EERN was given.

The **PRESBYTERY COUNCIL** report was given by Matt Schramm.

The Presbytery Council presented the following items and presbytery approved:

1. Changes in compensation for the Stated Clerk as follows:

Stated Clerk:	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
Salary	\$21,029.06	\$21,554.79
SECA/Medicare	\$13,605.80	\$3,695.94
Travel & Business Reimbursements	\$ 4,000.00	\$4,000
Total	\$28,634.86	\$29,250.73

2. The 2026 budget [ATTACHMENT C]

The Presbytery Council presented the following item for information:

3. Designation of the meeting offering will be for Flushing Christian Outreach Center.

The **TRUSTEES** report was given by Glenn Grant.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve a \$12,000 one-time payment to Saginaw-Michigan Nanum to assist with the costs associated with the Presbytery Office moving to a virtual office.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the sale of a parcel of land by the Flushing Presbyterian Church to the Flushing School District. Legal description is as follows: Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 23, T8N-R5E, Flushing Township, Genesee County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point that is N00°00'00"E on the West line of said Section 23 a distance of 66.00 feet and S89°32'37"E (recorded as S89°34'00"E) parallel with the South line of said Section 23 a distance of 792.00 feet from the Southwest corner of said Section 23; thence N00°00'00"E 433.58 feet; thence S89°32'37"E (recorded as S89°34'00"E) 15.00 feet; thence S00°00'00"W 433.58 feet; thence N89°32'37"W (recorded as N89°34'00"W) 15.00 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0 .15 of an acre, more or less. Subject to all easements and restrictions of record.

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

The Stated Clerk presented the following items and presbytery approved:

1. The minutes of the September 16, 2025 Stated Meeting
2. The following actions with regard to the review of Session minutes and Church Registers:
 - a. The minutes of the following churches be approved without exception: Alma-First, Bay City-Westminster, Beaverton-First, Birch Run-Taymouth, Breckenridge-Emerson, Cass City-Fraser, Cass City-First, Croswell-First, Davison-St. Andrews, Deckerville-First, Elkton-Chandler, Fenton-First, Flint-Trinity United, Flushing, Holly, Houghton Lake-Kirk of the Lakes, Kinde-First, Lapeer-First, Marlette-Second, Midland-Memorial, Saginaw-Countryside Trinity, Saginaw-Second, Tawas-Tawas Area, Vassar-First and Yale-First.
 - b. The minutes of the following churches be approved with exception: Fairgrove, Mt. Pleasant-First and Swartz Creek-Mundy.
 - c. The minutes of the following churches were not approved: None
 - d. The church registers for the following churches be approved without exception: Alma-First, Bay City-Westminster, Beaverton-First, Birch Run-Taymouth, Breckenridge-Emerson, Cass City-Fraser, Cass City-First, Croswell-First, Davison-St. Andrews, Deckerville-First, Elkton-Chandler, Fairgrove, Fenton-First, Flushing, Holly, Houghton Lake-Kirk of the Lakes, Kinde-First, Lapeer-First, Marlette-Second, Midland-Memorial, Mt. Pleasant-First, Saginaw-Countryside Trinity, Saginaw-Second, Swartz Creek-Mundy, Vassar-First and Yale-First
 - e. The church registers for the following church be approved with exceptions: None
 - f. The church registers for the following churches were not approved: None

The Stated Clerk presented the following items for information:

3. Schedule of the upcoming Presbytery meetings in 2026. Pending Council approval, dates and formats are as follows:

Saturday, March 7, 2026
Tuesday, June 2, 2026
Tuesday, September 15, 2026
Tuesday, December 1, 2026

Zoom only (virtual host needed)
Linden Presbyterian Church
Holly Presbyterian Church
Flint First Presbyterian Church

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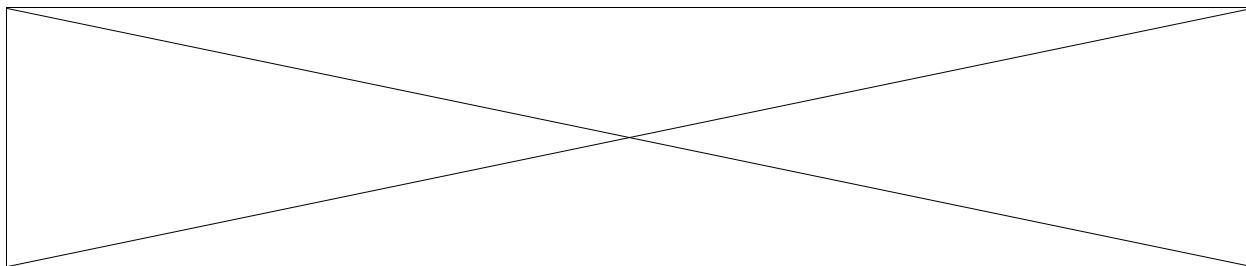
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4. The minutes of the Presbytery of Lake Huron were approved without exception by the Synod of the Covenant.
5. The minutes of the Administrative Commission established by the Presbytery of Lake Huron to Ordain Nikelle Johnson met at Bay City-Westminster on Sunday, September 21, 2025 at 2:35pm. Members present: The Revs. Jamie Milton, Matthew Schramm and Christina Jensen and Elders Beth Asperger (Fairgrove) Moderator, Ann Moe (Midland-Memorial), Ed Savage (Birch Run-Taymouth), and Faith Snelling (Bay City-Westminster). A quorum of the Commission was present. Beth Asperger, Presbytery Moderator, opened with prayer. Nikelle Johnson reviewed the Order of Service. Motion was sustained to proceed with the commission and that the commission would be dismissed with the benediction at the end of the worship. Beth Asperger closed with prayer.
6. Received the resignations of Elder Janette Gonzales, Class of 2026 COMMP; Rev. Linda Graham, Class of 2026 Nominating, Class of 2026 Council, Class of 2027 Trustees.
7. Roster of Available Permanent Judicial Commission members
Elder Andrea Drapp, Class of 2023
Rev. Dr. Joseph Novak, Class of 2023
Elder Carolyn Krebs, Class of 2025
Rev. James Neumann, Class of 2025

The meeting was adjourned following prayer by Paul Pfueffer at 1:45pm. The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Lake Huron is scheduled to be held on March 7, 2026 via Zoom only beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ted McCulloch
Stated Clerk

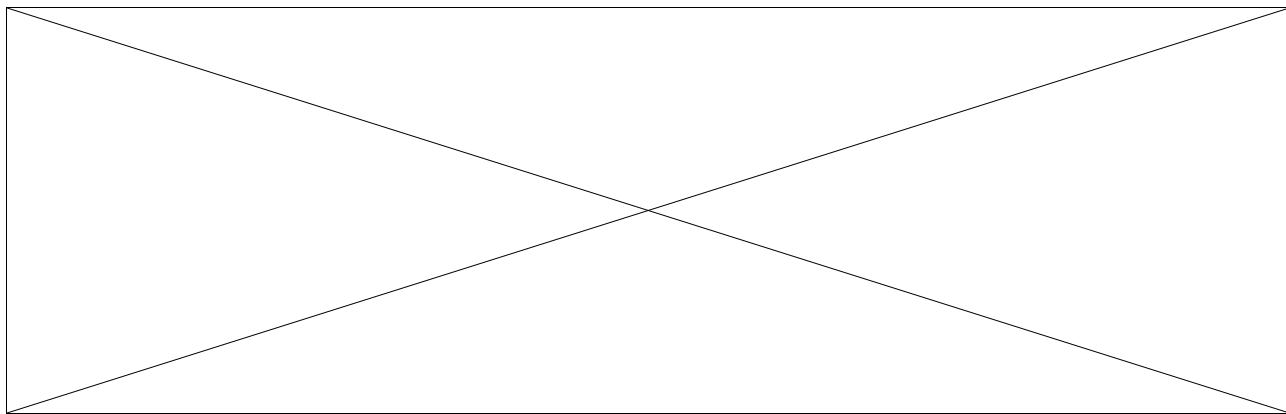


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ATTACHMENT A – Attendance

NAME OF MINISTER	Present	Excused	Absent	NAME OF MINISTER	Present	Excused	Absent
Ahn, Daniel (HR)		1		Moody, Chris		1	
Asperger, Nathaniel	1			Moon, Hakbae		1	
Becker, John (HR)		1		Morningstar, Mark	1		
Blackburn, David (HR)		1		Neumann, James (HR)		1	
Blatt, Karen (HR)	1			Neuville, Donald (HR)		1	
Borycz, Edward (HR)		1		Novak, Joseph	1		
Browne, Roger (HR)		1		Overland, Brenna	1		
Carnes, Lindsey	1			Park, Dong Won (HR)		1	
Carnes, Robbie	1			Parker, Kenneth (HR)		1	
Chambers, Janice (HR)		1		Pekich-Bundy, Katrina		1	
Cunningham, Bruce (HR)		1		Pfeuffer, Paul	1		
Emrich, Robert (HR)		1		Piper, Brant		1	
Eshelman, David (HR)		1		Piper, Leslie (HR)		1	
Evans-Justin, Mary Anne (HR)		1		Russell, Dawn	1		
Graham, Linda		1		Saperstein, Dan (HR)		1	
Grant, Glenn (HR)	1			Schramm, Matthew	1		
Grimes, Ronald (HR)		1		Shafer, Hal		1	
Hand, Sue	1			Shugert, Stephen (HR)		1	
Jensen, Christina	1			Snyder, Noel		1	
Kim, Do Hyeong		1		Stilwell, Elizabeth		1	
Kroener, Scott	1			Strunz, Kim	1		
Lawther, Richard (HR)		1		Swihart, Dale (HR)		1	
Lee, Hoon Koo		1		Taylor, Robert (HR)		1	
Ludwig, Michael	1			Thomas, Chris		1	
Marquardt, Charles (HR)		1		Todd, Cassie	1		
Mayton, Wally		1		Walser, Joseph (HR)		1	
McCulloch, Ted	1			Young, Jane		1	
Miller, Andrew	1			Ytterock, Paul	1		
Milton, Jamie	1			Total Present	21		
				Total Excused	36		
				Total Absent	0		



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NAME OF CHURCH	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Elder Commissioner(s) Present</u>
Alma-First			
Bay City-First			
Bay City-Westminster			
Beaverton			
Birch Run	1		Ed Savage
Breckenridge			
Caro			
Cass City-First			
Cass City-Fraser	1		Elizabeth Leitch
Croswell			
Davison-St. Andrews	1		Julianne Princinsky
Deckerville			
Elkton-Chandler			
Fairgrove	1		Beth Asperger
Fenton-First	1		Janet Stork
Fenton-Tyrone			
Flint-First	1	1	Lionel Wernette
Flint-Trinity United			
Flint-Unity			
Flushing			
Grand Blanc-Kirkridge			
Harbor Beach			
Holly	1		Dessalee Cook
Houghton Lake			
Ithaca-First			
Ithaca-Lafayette			
Kinde-First			
Lapeer			
Linden			
Marlette-First			
Marlette-Second			
Midland-Memorial	1	1	Linda Kennan
Mt. Pleasant			
Rosebush			
Saginaw-Countryside Trinity	1		Roger Scovill
Saginaw-First	1		Janie Gugino
Saginaw-Michigan Nanum			
Saginaw-Second	1		Kathryn Myers
Sandusky			
Swartz Creek			
Tawas	1		Elaine Brown
Twining			
Ubly			
Vassar			
Yale			
Total Present	12		
Total Represented	12		
Total Not Represented	33		

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ATTACHMENT A – Attendance (Continued)

ELDER MEMBERS

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Beth Asperger (Presby Mod) ***			
Adam Engel (Trustee)		1	
Janie Gugino (Council) ***			
Chuck Hewitt (Trustee)		1	
Sue McClary (Trustee)		1	
Martha Miller (CCE)		1	
Ed Savage (Council) ***			
Roger Scovill (Treasurer) ***			
Tim Rutzen (Trustee)		1	
Total Elder Members	0	0	5

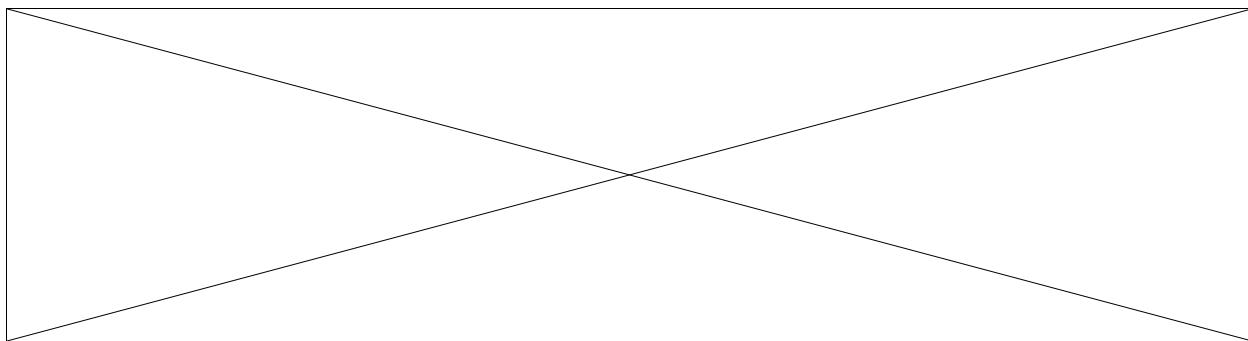
*** Signed in as Elder Commissioner, did not count here

COMMISIONED RULING ELDERS

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Jon Baker		1	
Jon Essex		1	
Mark Garavaglia		1	
Shaun Hardimon		1	
Bonnie Rapson	1		
Jodie Vanderstow		1	
Chris Wolf	1		
CRE Attending	2		
CRE Not Attending	0		
CRE Excused	5		

CATEGORY

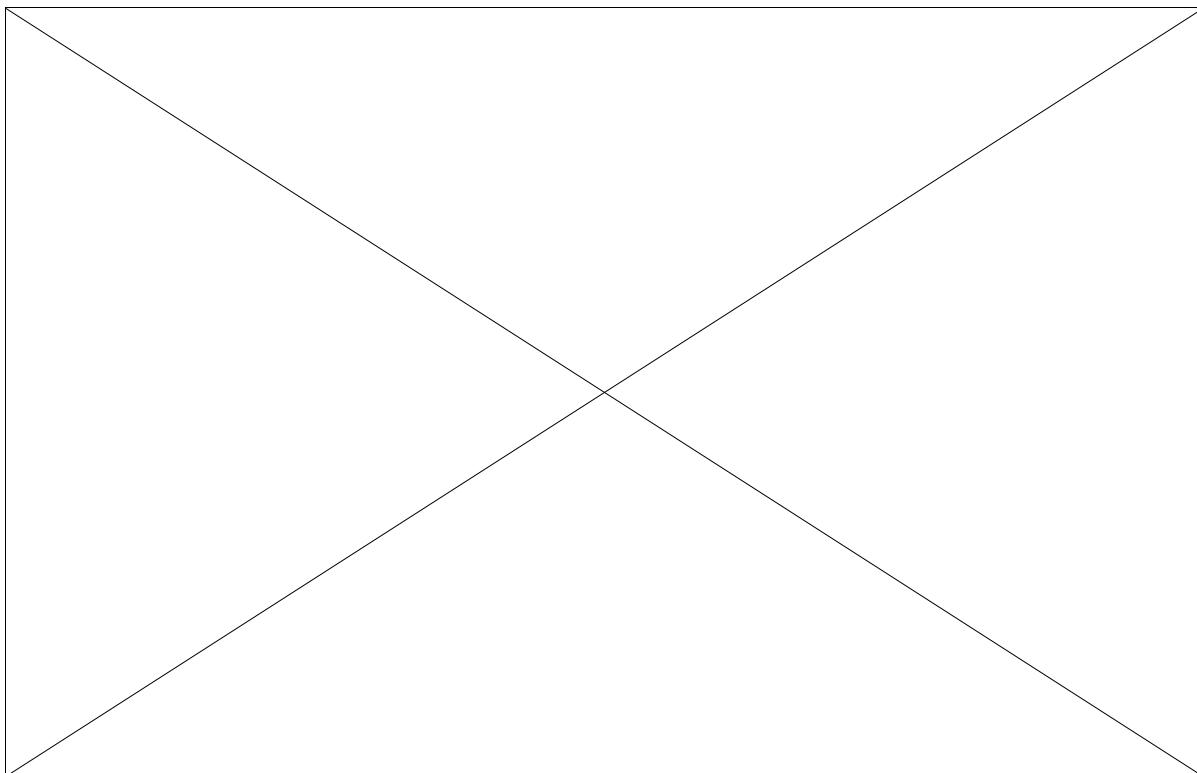
	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Members of Presbytery	21	0	36
Corresponding Members	1		
Commissioned Ruling Elders	2	0	5
Church Commissioners	12	33	
Elder Members	0	0	5
Visitors (Including LHP Staff)	5		
Total People in Attendance	41		
Churches represented	12		
Churches not represented		33	



ATTACHMENT B – Motion to Establish a Listening Team

Acknowledging the work of the 2022–2023 consultation team of COMMP, the presbytery shall designate its findings to the Council of the Presbytery, which shall then be tasked with proposing a detailed action plan to resolve the identified issues. It would be appropriate for the Council to consult the Listening and Discovery Committee, in their considerations to produce an action plan to address the issues of the Presbytery.

Upon a proposed action plan, the Presbytery Council shall send a letter to the Clerk of each Member Church of the Lake Huron Presbytery, with adequate time for all churches to compose a critique or affirmation for the Presbytery Council's consideration. It would be appropriate to call each MC's Clerk directly to establish this communication. The Council may choose to hold town-hall type meetings in each region to receive collaboration from each region's Member Churches. The Presbytery Council shall present its proposal no later than the June 2027 Presbytery meeting.



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ATTACHMENT C - 2026 Budget

2026 - Budget

Acct #	Description	2025	2026
40100	Per Capita - Presby Portion	170912.61	105422
	Per Capita - GA Portion		58361
	Per Capita - Synod Portion		17622
40200	GA Basic mission	33350	
40210	Synod Basic Mission		
40220	Presbytery Basic mission	81650 ***	
40225	Prior Year Pledge		
40260	Joy Fund	20000	20000
40270	PW of Lake Huron Presbytery	750	750
40280	Investment distribution	88869.84	100536.08
Sub-total income		395532.45	226708.08
40350	Miscellaneous income	2800	2800
	Flint Trinity Loan Payments	28800	24000
40370	Other MTS: Presbytery		
40380	Other MTS: Synod		
40390	Other MTS: GA		
40395	Gifts in Kind		
40396	Gain/Loss on Sale of Church		
Sub-total Miscellaneous income		31600	26800
TOTAL INCOME		427132.45	253508.08

*** There will be mission income but will be in its own account

DISBURSEMENTS

Admin. Assistant/Office Manager

50131	Wages	34495.98	35358.38
50132	Fica/medi	2638.94	2704.91
50134	Continuing Education	300	150
Total Adminstrative Assistant		37434.92	38213.29

Financial Secretary

50141	Salary	19426.95	19912.61
50142	Fica/medi	1486.16	1560.46
50143	Travel expenses	0	
50144	Continuing Education	500	250
Total Finance Secretary		21413.11	21723.07

Communication Mgr/Recording Clerk:

50161	Wages	38955.13	39929.01
50162	Fica/medi	2980.07	3054.57
50163	Continuing Education	1000	1000
Total Comm Mgr/Recording Clerk		42935.2	43983.58

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ATTACHMENT C - 2026 Budget

Stated Clerk:		
50221 Salary	21029.06	21554.79
50222 Seca/Medi	3605.8	3695.94
50224 Travel/business reimbursements	4000	4000
Head of Staff	26016.37	26744.82
Total Stated Clerk	54651.23	55995.55
 Pastor to Pastor		
Salary	25956	25956
Fica/medi	1985.63	1985.63
Travel expenses	8000	2000
Total Pastoral Care		
Pastor to Pastor - Events	2000	2000
 Pastor to Pastor		
Salary	25956	25956
Fica/medi	1985.63	1985.63
Travel expenses	8000	2000
Total Pastoral Care	73883.26	61883.26
 Other		
50231 Treasurer Annual Salary	1000	1000
50230 Staff Development	1000	500
50235 Contingency	1500	1500
Support staff group life @50k	240	240
Total Other	3740	3240
Total Personnel	234057.72	225038.75
 Preparation for Ministry (#104)		
50605 Annual Consultations & other	400	400
50606 Career counseling	400	400
50609 Midwest Career Center donation	400	400
Preparation for Ministry Total	1200	1200
 Commission on Ministry (#105)		
50701 Shared grants & emergency	2500	2500
50704 Care & Professional development-Clergy/CRE/CCE	3000	1500
50707 Training	500	500
Committee on Ministry total	6000	4500

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ATTACHMENT C - 2026 Budget

Mission Coordinating Committee (#106)

50909 Mission Grants	2500	2500
Niger Mission Network	2000	2000
50910 Missionary Designated Support	4000	4000
50911 Disaster Preparedness Team	300	300
Mission Coordinating Committee total	8800	8800

Presbytery Council/CT (#107)

50905 Youth Triennium	\$2,000.00	\$ -
50906 Alma Chapel Program Support	1000	1000
50912 Alma College Chaplaincy	2500	1500
50995 CT meetings/moderatorial expenses	500	500
Presbytery Council/CT Team total	\$6,000.00	3000

Board of Trustees (#108)

50312 Annual audit	5000	4000
50313 Legal expenses	2000	2000
50314 Insurance	5400	4400
Trustees total	12400	10400

Other (#110)

51030 Presbytery meetings	3000	2000
51031 Presbytery Office	40000	20000
51034 Standing units administrative expenses	2000	500
51036 Participation in G.A.	1000	1000
51040 Permanent Judicial Commission	100	100
51404 G.A. per cap	54616.36	58361
51405 Synod per cap	19766.5	17622
51406 G.A. Basic mission		
51407 Synod Basic Mission		
Total Other	120482.86	23600
Budget sub-total	\$154,882.86	51500

52002 Non-budgeted expenditures

52105 GP Search Committee

52004 Other MTS: Presbytery

52005 Other MTS: Synod

52006 Other MTS: GA

52009 Transfer Out

Total Miscellaneous

0

Grand total

\$388,940.58 276538.75