

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

**PRESBYTERY OF LAKE HURON**  
Stated Meeting –September 15, 2026

The Presbytery of Lake Huron was called to order with prayer by the Moderator, Paul Pfeuffer, at 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, and was held at Holly Presbyterian Church, Holly, Michigan.

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

Welcoming of new commissioners was held.

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

A welcome from the host church was given by Elders Pam Felton and Jim Lyles.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to adopt the docket as amended.

**WORSHIP** was led by the Presbytery's Pastors To Pastors, Brenna Overland and Joseph Novak.

A short break was taken after worship.

The report of the **227<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY** was given by Clergy Commissioner Andrew Miller (Mt. Pleasant-First) and Elder Commissioner Linda Kennan (Midland-Memorial). A full written report was provided. [ATTACHMENT B]

The **PRESBYTERY COUNCIL** report was given by Beth Asperger.

Jane Young gave a report on how our churches can be fully inviting and inclusive with our spaces. It was noted that the denomination has resources available on their website regarding disability inclusion and that the Trustees will provide information on a grant to help congregations become ADA compliant during their report later in the meeting.

The Council recommended and presbytery:

1. Approved setting the Presbytery portion of the 2027 Per Capita assessment at \$20.34 per active member. This makes the Presbytery of Lake Huron overall Per Capita rate to be as follows:

|                  | <u><b>2027</b></u> | <u><b>2026</b></u> |             |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Presbytery       | <b>\$20.34</b>     | \$20.34            | (unchanged) |
| Synod            | <b>\$ 3.40</b>     | \$ 3.40            | (unchanged) |
| General Assembly | <b>\$13.04</b>     | \$11.26            | (+\$1.78)   |
| TOTAL            | <b>\$36.78</b>     | \$35.00            | (+\$1.78)   |

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2. Approved the recommended changes in job duties for the Stated Clerk, effective January 1, 2027: [ATTACHMENT C]

The following items would be added permanently to the job description of the Stated Clerk:

- a. *Be the Presbytery representative at the Synod and General Assembly levels as needed.*
  - b. *Both provide when requested and also request Presbytery to Presbytery background check.*
  - c. *Coordinate and manage the Presbytery staff.*
3. Approved the recommended changes in compensation for the Stated Clerk, effective January 1, 2027:

| Stated Clerk                           | <u>2027</u>        | <u>2026</u> |                 |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Salary                                 | <b>\$27,554.79</b> | \$21,554.79 | (+\$ 6,000.00)  |
| SECA/Medicare                          | <b>\$ 3,695.94</b> | \$ 3,695.54 | ( \$ 3,695.94)  |
| Travel &<br>business<br>reimbursements | <b>\$ 4,000.00</b> | \$ 4,000.00 | ( \$ 4,000.00)  |
| Head of Staff                          | <b>Eliminated</b>  | \$26,744.82 | ( -\$26,744.82) |
| TOTAL                                  | <b>\$35,250.73</b> | \$55,995.53 | ( -\$20,744.80) |

The Presbytery Council presented the following item for information:

4. Designation of the Presbytery meeting offering and lunch contributions to the Baby Pantry of Holly Presbyterian Church

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

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to elect the following:

**Presbytery Moderator**

Elder Linda Kennan (Midland-Memorial)

Class of 2027

**Presbytery Vice Moderator**

Rev. Katrina Pekich-Bundy

Class of 2027

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to elect the following:

**Board of Trustees**

Rev. Andrew Miller

Class of 2029

**Permanent Judicial Commission**

Rev. Glenn Grant

Class of 2027

**Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation**

Rev. Dawn Russell

Class of 2029

Elder Linda Gibbs (Flint-First)

Class of 2029

**Mission Coordinating Committee**

Rev. Katrina Pekich-Bundy

Class of 2029

All those elected will begin service on January 1, 2027.

Breakout sessions took place. The topic was how congregations use their spaces and how they welcome the community.

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

Reconvened by the Moderator following lunch.

A time of sharing what was discussed in the breakout sessions was held.

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

The Stated Clerk recommended and presbytery:

1. Approved the minutes of the June 2, 2026 Presbytery meeting

The Stated Clerk presented the following item for information:

2. Schedule of the remaining 2026 Presbytery meetings:

Date

December 1, 2026

Host

Flint-First

5. 2027 Meeting Invitations

Date

March 6, 2027

June 1, 2027

September 21, 2027

December 7, 2027

Host

via Zoom

Alma College

Mt. Pleasant First

Midland Memorial

The Stated Clerk announced that information regarding Records Review would be sent to all Clerks of Session later this month. It would also be included in upcoming Bi-Weekly Briefs.

The Stated Clerk announced that the Synod has some openings left this year for Boundary Training for those who have not fulfilled their training requirements.

The **MISSION COORDINATING COMMITTEE** report was given by Jamie Milton.

The Mission Coordination Committee presented the following items for information:

1. ERACCE Training for Sept. 26, 2026 at Bay City Westminster Presbyterian Church

A reminder that there are Mission Grants available through the committee. Information may be found on the presbytery's website.

The **TRUSTEES** report was given by Ted McCulloch.

Trustees presented the following items for information:

1. ADA Grants for congregations.
2. Information from Rev. Jane Young on being fully inviting and inclusive with our spaces. (Report given earlier in the meeting.)
3. Established a policy for the purpose of providing grants up to \$6,000 to churches in the Presbytery of Lake Huron for ADA related projects. Such grants would be awarded on a case-by-case basis. Funds from non-budgeted expenditures would be used to cover costs.
4. Approved a grant up to \$6,000 to Fenton Tyrone Community Presbyterian Church for ADA related projects.

The **COMMISSION ON MINISTRY AND MINISTRY PREPARATION** report was provided in writing and is as follows:

The Commission recommended and Presbytery to approved:

1. That the Presbytery Minimum Terms of Call for 2027 be set as 75% of the 2026 Board of Pensions Median effective salary of \$71,100. Minimum Terms of Call for 2027 for the presbytery would therefore be \$53,325 ( $71,100 \times 0.75$ ).  
[ATTACHMENT D]

The Commission reported the following for information:

2. Appointed Julianne Princinsky as Moderator of Grand Blanc-Kirkridge.
3. Appointed Dawn Russell as Moderator of Flint-Trinity United.
4. Approved the CRE contract renewal between Elder Jon Essex and Beaverton-First for a period of one year effective January 1, 2026. Terms are as follows:

|                       |                                                 |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Cash Salary           | \$375 Sunday Service Office Hours/Pastoral Care |
| Moderate Session      | \$50 per meeting                                |
| Travel Reimbursement  | Up to \$300 at IRS Rate                         |
| Phone calls           | \$260                                           |
| Professional Expenses | \$600                                           |
| Vacation Time         | 3 weeks including 3 Sundays                     |
| Study Leave           | 1 week including 1 Sunday                       |
| Family Leave          | Up to 12 weeks per year                         |

5. Approved the Temporary Supply Pastor Covenant between Elder Julianne Princinsky and Grand Blanc-Kirkridge for a period of six months effective July 1, 2026. Terms are as follows:

|                  |                             |
|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Cash Salary      | \$1250/month                |
| Soc Sec/Medicare | \$91.80/month               |
| Vacation Time    | 2 weeks including 2 Sundays |
| Study Leave      | 1 week including 1 Sunday   |
| Family Leave     | Up to 12 weeks per year     |

The committee reported that since the Presbytery does not currently have training for those who are interested in becoming Commissioned Ruling Elders (CREs), it is recommended that they enroll in the Synod's Cultivation the Gift of Preaching Initiative (CGPI). Funds are available for scholarships to help with the cost of the course.

The **SYNOD OF THE COVENANT** report was given by the Synod Executive, Chip Hardwick.

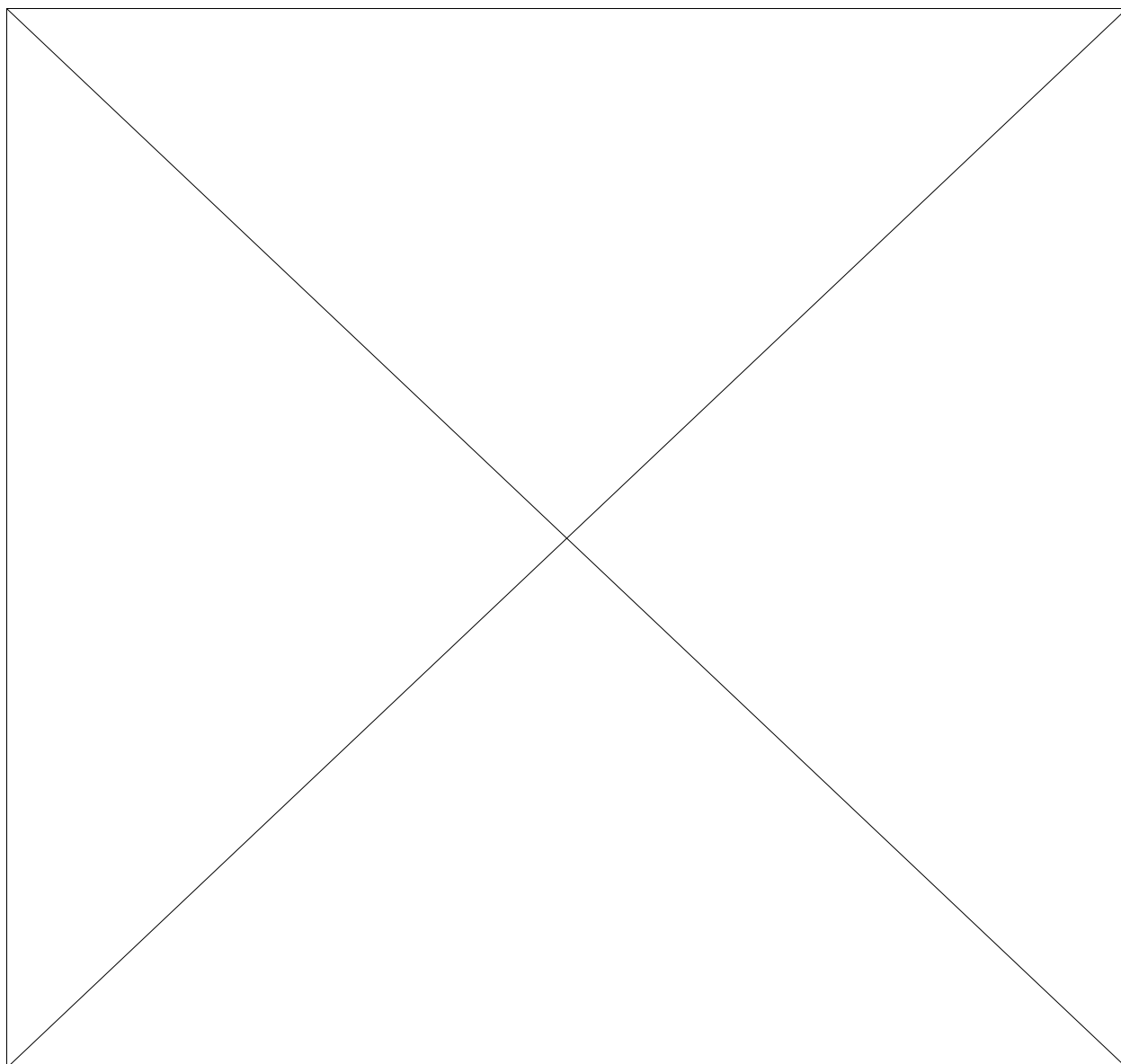
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The meeting was adjourned following prayer by Paul Pfeuffer at 1:40pm. The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Lake Huron is scheduled to be held on December 1, 2026 at First Presbyterian Church, Flint, Michigan beginning at 9:30 a.m.

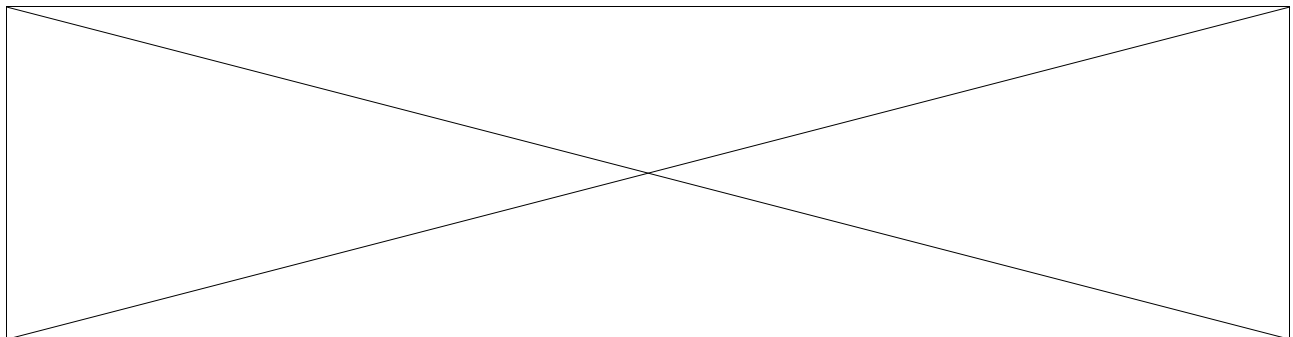
Respectfully Submitted,

Ted McCulloch  
Stated Clerk



**ATTACHMENT A – Attendance**

| <b>NAME OF MINISTER</b>      | <b><u>Present</u></b> | <b><u>Excused</u></b> | <b><u>Absent</u></b> | <b>NAME OF MINISTER</b> | <b><u>Present</u></b> | <b><u>Excused</u></b> | <b><u>Absent</u></b> |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Ahn, Daniel (HR)             |                       | 1                     |                      | Moon, Hakbae            |                       | 1                     |                      |
| Asperger, Nathaniel          | 1                     |                       |                      | Morningstar, Mark (HR)  |                       | 1                     |                      |
| Becker, John (HR)            |                       | 1                     |                      | Neumann, James (HR)     |                       | 1                     |                      |
| Blackburn, David (HR)        |                       | 1                     |                      | Novak, Joseph           | 1                     |                       |                      |
| Blatt, Karen (HR)            | 1                     |                       |                      | Overland, Brenna        | 1                     |                       |                      |
| Borycz, Edward (HR)          |                       | 1                     |                      | Park, Dong Won (HR)     |                       | 1                     |                      |
| Browne, Roger (HR)           |                       | 1                     |                      | Parker, Kenneth (HR)    |                       | 1                     |                      |
| Carnes, Lindsey              | 1                     |                       |                      | Pekich-Bundy, Katrina   |                       | 1                     |                      |
| Carnes, Robbie               | 1                     |                       |                      | Pfeuffer, Paul          | 1                     |                       |                      |
| Chambers, Janice (HR)        |                       | 1                     |                      | Pickrell, Brooke        |                       | 1                     |                      |
| Cunningham, Bruce (HR)       |                       | 1                     |                      | Piper, Brant (HR)       |                       | 1                     |                      |
| Emrich, Robert (HR)          |                       | 1                     |                      | Piper, Leslie (HR)      |                       | 1                     |                      |
| Eshelman, David (HR)         |                       | 1                     |                      | Russell, Dawn           | 1                     |                       |                      |
| Estell, Ruth                 |                       | 1                     |                      | Saperstein, Dan (HR)    |                       | 1                     |                      |
| Evans-Justin, Mary Anne (HR) |                       |                       |                      | Schramm, Matt           | 1                     |                       |                      |
| Graham, Linda                | 1                     |                       |                      | Shafer, Hal             |                       | 1                     |                      |
| Grant, Glenn (HR)            |                       | 1                     |                      | Shugert, Stephen (HR)   |                       | 1                     |                      |
| Grimes, Ronald (HR)          |                       | 1                     |                      | Smith, Wesley           |                       | 1                     |                      |
| Hand, Sue                    | 1                     |                       |                      | Snyder, Noel            |                       | 1                     |                      |
| Irish, Dennis                |                       | 1                     |                      | Stilwell, Elizabeth     |                       | 1                     |                      |
| Jensen, Christina            | 1                     |                       |                      | Strunz, Kim             | 1                     |                       |                      |
| Kim, Do Hyeong               |                       | 1                     |                      | Swihart, Dale (HR)      |                       | 1                     |                      |
| Kroener, Scott               | 1                     |                       |                      | Taylor, Robert (HR)     |                       | 1                     |                      |
| Lawther, Richard (HR)        |                       | 1                     |                      | Thomas, Chris           | 1                     |                       |                      |
| Lee, Hoon Koo                |                       | 1                     |                      | Todd, Cassie            |                       | 1                     |                      |
| Ludwig, Michael              | 1                     |                       |                      | Williams, Linda         |                       | 1                     |                      |
| Marquardt, Charles (HR)      |                       | 1                     |                      | Wright, William         |                       | 1                     |                      |
| Mayton, Wally                |                       | 1                     |                      | Young, Jane             | 1                     |                       |                      |
| McCulloch, Ted               | 1                     |                       |                      | Ytterock, Paul          | 1                     |                       |                      |
| Miller, Andrew               | 1                     |                       |                      |                         |                       |                       |                      |
| Milton, Jamie                | 1                     |                       |                      |                         |                       |                       |                      |
| Moody, Chris                 |                       |                       |                      |                         |                       |                       |                      |
|                              |                       |                       |                      | <b>Total Present</b>    | 21                    |                       |                      |
|                              |                       |                       |                      | <b>Total Excused</b>    | 38                    |                       |                      |
|                              |                       |                       |                      | <b>Total Absent</b>     | 0                     |                       |                      |



**ATTACHMENT A – Attendance (Continued)**

| <b>NAME OF CHURCH</b>        | <b><u>Present</u></b> | <b><u>Absent</u></b> | <b><u>Elder Commissioner(s) Present</u></b> |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Alma-First                   | 1                     |                      | Sue Malone                                  |
| Bay City-First               |                       | 1                    |                                             |
| Bay City-Westminster         | 1                     |                      | Karen Brown-Fackler                         |
| Beaverton                    |                       | 1                    |                                             |
| Birch Run                    | 1                     |                      | Edward Savage                               |
| Breckenridge                 |                       | 1                    |                                             |
| Caro                         |                       | 1                    |                                             |
| Cass City-First              |                       | 1                    |                                             |
| Cass City-Fraser             |                       | 1                    |                                             |
| Croswell                     |                       | 1                    |                                             |
| Davison                      | 1                     |                      | Thomas Princinsky                           |
| Deckerville                  |                       | 1                    |                                             |
| Elkton-Chandler              |                       | 1                    |                                             |
| Fairgrove                    | 1                     |                      | Beth Asperger                               |
| Fenton-First                 |                       | 1                    |                                             |
| Fenton-Tyrone                |                       | 1                    |                                             |
| Flint-First                  | 1                     | 1                    | Linda Gibbs                                 |
| Flint-Trinity United         | 1                     |                      | Barbara Wesley                              |
| Flint-Unity                  |                       | 1                    |                                             |
| Flushing                     | 1                     |                      | Michael Keeler                              |
| Grand Blanc-Kirkridge        |                       | 1                    |                                             |
| Harbor Beach                 |                       | 1                    |                                             |
| Holly                        | 1                     |                      | Fran Pelton                                 |
| Houghton Lake                | 1                     |                      | Thomas Glennan                              |
| Ithaca-First                 |                       | 1                    |                                             |
| Ithaca-Lafayette             |                       | 1                    |                                             |
| Kinde-First                  |                       | 1                    |                                             |
| Lapeer                       |                       | 1                    |                                             |
| Linden                       |                       | 1                    |                                             |
| Marlette-First               |                       | 1                    |                                             |
| Marlette-Second              |                       | 1                    |                                             |
| Midland-Memorial             | 2                     |                      | Harold Jones, Trish Martin                  |
| Mt. Pleasant                 |                       | 1                    |                                             |
| Rosebush                     |                       | 1                    |                                             |
| Saginaw-Countryside Trinity  | 1                     |                      | Roger Scovill                               |
| Saginaw-First                | 1                     |                      | Janie Gugino                                |
| Saginaw-Michigan Nanum       |                       | 1                    |                                             |
| Saginaw-Second               | 1                     |                      | Kathryn Myers                               |
| Sandusky                     |                       | 1                    |                                             |
| Swartz Creek                 |                       | 1                    |                                             |
| Tawas                        | 1                     |                      | Elaine Brown                                |
| Twining                      |                       | 1                    |                                             |
| Ubly                         |                       | 1                    |                                             |
| Vassar                       | 1                     |                      | Kevin Haines                                |
| Yale                         |                       | 1                    |                                             |
| <b>Total Present</b>         | <b>17</b>             |                      |                                             |
| <b>Total Represented</b>     | <b>16</b>             |                      |                                             |
| <b>Total Not Represented</b> | <b>29</b>             |                      |                                             |

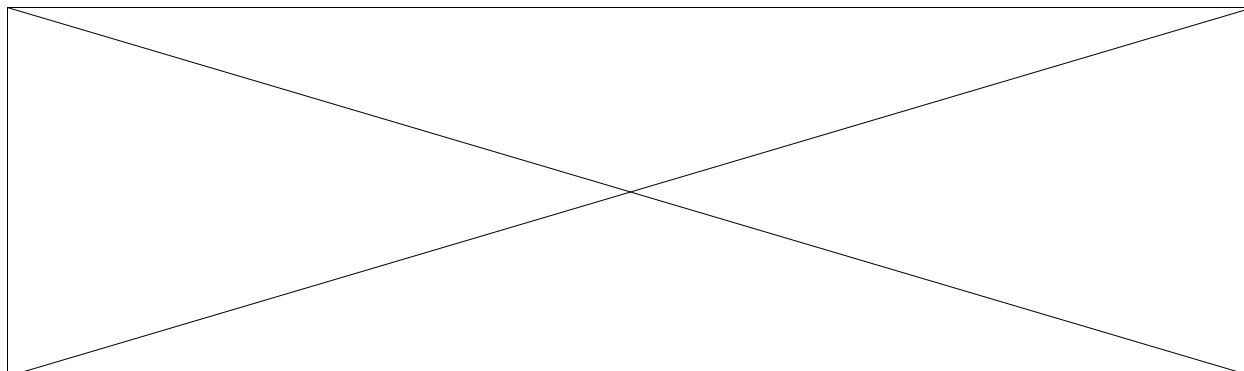
**ATTACHMENT A – Attendance (Continued)**

| <b>ELDER MEMBERS</b>               | <b><u>Present</u></b> | <b><u>Absent</u></b> | <b><u>Excused</u></b> |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Beth Asperger (Council Mod) ***    |                       |                      |                       |
| Adam Engel (Trustee)               |                       |                      | 1                     |
| Janie Gugino (Council) ***         |                       |                      |                       |
| Chuck Hewitt (Trustee)             |                       |                      | 1                     |
| Linda Kennan (Presbytery Vice Mod) | 1                     |                      |                       |
| Sue McClary (Trustee)              |                       |                      | 1                     |
| Martha Miller (CCE)                | 1                     |                      |                       |
| Ed Savage (Council) ***            |                       |                      |                       |
| Roger Scovill (Treasurer) ***      |                       |                      |                       |
| Tim Rutzen (Trustee)               |                       |                      | 1                     |
| <b>Total Elder Members</b>         | <b>2</b>              | <b>0</b>             | <b>4</b>              |

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

| <b>COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS</b> | <b><u>Present</u></b> | <b><u>Absent</u></b> | <b><u>Excused</u></b> |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Jon Baker                         |                       |                      | 1                     |
| Jon Essex                         |                       |                      | 1                     |
| Mark Garavaglia                   |                       |                      | 1                     |
| Shaun Hardimon                    |                       |                      | 1                     |
| Kim McKenzie                      |                       |                      | 1                     |
| Julianne Princinsky               | 1                     |                      |                       |
| Bonie Rapson                      | 1                     |                      |                       |
| Chris Wolf                        | 1                     |                      |                       |
| <b>CRE Attending</b>              | <b>3</b>              |                      |                       |
| <b>CRE Not Attending</b>          | <b>0</b>              |                      |                       |
| <b>CRE Excused</b>                | <b>5</b>              |                      |                       |

| <b>CATEGORY</b>                   | <b><u>Present</u></b> | <b><u>Absent</u></b> | <b><u>Excused</u></b> |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Members of Presbytery             | 21                    | 0                    | 38                    |
| Corresponding Members             | 1                     |                      |                       |
| Commissioned Ruling Elders        | 3                     | 0                    | 5                     |
| Church Commissioners              | 17                    | 29                   |                       |
| Elder Members                     | 2                     | 0                    | 4                     |
| Visitors (Including LHP Staff)    | 7                     |                      |                       |
| <b>Total People in Attendance</b> | <b>51</b>             |                      |                       |
| Churches represented              | 16                    |                      |                       |
| Churches not represented          | 29                    |                      |                       |



**ATTACHMENT B – Report of the 227<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Commissioners**

**227<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Lake Huron Presbytery Commissioner Report**

**September 15, 2026**

**“Persevering Toward Wholeness”**

Greetings from your General Assembly Commissioners,

Last December, you elected Teaching Elder Rev. Andrew Miller, Mt. Pleasant First, and Ruling Elder Linda Kennan, Midland Memorial, as your commissioners to the 227<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. Over the two weeks from June 21<sup>st</sup> to July 2, we witnessed a faith-filled and diverse gathering of commissioners, delegates, volunteers and staff dedicated to prayerfully discerning the future direction of the church, making the subsequent decisions on implementation across PC(USA) and celebrating God in daily worship, devotion and prayer. Thank you for allowing us to represent Lake Huron Presbytery in Milwaukee.

The first week was spent in hybrid committee meetings. All overtures, reports and other items of business were divided amongst 11 committees. The committee leadership teams were gathered in Milwaukee while commissioners, advisory delegates, advocates and other speakers participated over Zoom. Linda was honored to be asked to moderate the Climate & Environmental Justice Committee and Andrew served as a commissioner on the Reformed Identify in the United States Committee.

**PER CAPITA FOR 2027 & 2028**

The Assembly’s decisions are taken with awareness of the financial implications on the 2027 & 2028 per capita. As each item is debated and amended, each item of business is assessed in real-time for future per capita implications. The 227<sup>th</sup> GA actions will result in an approved GA per capita increase (additional amount on top of the basis per capita) of \$2.10 in 2027 and \$1.45 in 2028.

**BOOK OF ORDER AMENDMENTS**

A total of 26 proposed amendments to the Book of Order were approved to be sent to the presbyteries for approval/disapproval. If approved, they will go into effect July 2027. The proposed amendments will be put forward for the discussion and voting at the December 2026 and March 2027 Lake Huron Presbytery Meetings. The full list of proposed amendments will be available in September on [pcusa.org/](https://pcusa.org/).

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

***CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE (CLJ)***

Five items were brought before the committee. All five passed with overwhelming support in committee and subsequently on the consent agenda at plenary. These items included guidance for our financial agencies with regards to divesting in fossil fuels; supporting soil stewardship in our community gardens and farms; and developing an endowment fund to support green initiatives and those impacted by climate change. Each action will be absorbed into the current agency operations with no impact on per capita.

### ***CONSTITUTIONAL INTERPRETATION (CON)***

There was a total of sixteen items of business. One of the items was passed on the consent agenda and the others were discussed on the floor of plenary. Six of the items discussed at plenary were requests for authoritative interpretation.

#### ***CON-05 On Paid Administrative Leave***

This overture requested the formation of a committee to review the implications of D-7.0902b, including financial implications, mandating that administrative leave be paid leave. The body referred this item to Presbyterian Life & Witness. This action adds \$0.03 to Per Capita in 2027 and \$0.02 in 2028. Visit [myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001427](https://myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001427) to see what was approved.

#### ***CON-08 On Expanding Healthcare Options for Ministers***

The body approved the referral of this item and recommended that the Board of Pensions, in consultation with the Advocacy Committee for Women and Gender Justice, study and report to GA 228 to provide an equitable, just, and consistent process to permit expanded choice for ministers, and to refer CON-08 to this entity. This action adds \$0.02 to Per Capita in 2027 and \$0.03 in 2028. Go to [myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001461](https://myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001461) to see what was approved.

#### ***CON-09 On Ethical Conduct Training***

CON-09 was approved by the Assembly 465 affirmative/4 Negative and overtures the 227th General Assembly to direct the Stated Clerk to send the approved amendments to the presbyteries for their affirmative or negative votes in order to revise the language in the Book of Order with regard to boundary training and abuse prevention training requirements, for the purpose of clarifying the requirements and more appropriately placing the requirements within their respective sections. This action adds \$0.00 to Per Capita in 2027 and 2028. Go to [myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001441](https://myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001441) to review the impacted sections and changes.

#### ***CON-10 On Requiring Ministers of Word and Sacrament to Be Monogamous***

The Assembly approved 433 Affirmative/44 Negative to Refer CON-10 to the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy for discussion as part of the comprehensive theological framework proposed in GEN-09. This action adds \$0.00 to Per Capita in 2027 and 2028. Visit [myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001456](https://myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001456) to see what was approved.

### ***FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP & WITNESS COMMITTEE (FIN)***

The Assembly gave direction to FIN on a variety of items such as future agency budgets, agency pay equity, updates on divestment policies and actions and Stewardship of Restricted World

Mission Funds. The per capita impact of all actions on FIN items was minimal at \$0.06 in 2027 and \$0.01 in 2028. Details of all items can be viewed on MyGA at [Finance Committee Items of Business](#).

### ***GENERAL ASSEMBLY OPERATIONS (GAO)***

There were thirteen items of business considered. Two items were brought to plenary for consideration. This committee also reviewed and reported on all of the 2024/2025 minutes for each synod and the PCUSA A Corporation Board.

#### ***GAO-01 Recommended Location for the 228th General Assembly (2028)***

After much discussion, and support for our siblings in Puerto Rico, the Assembly approved 467 Affirmative/5 Negative that in-person gatherings of the 228th General Assembly (2028) be hosted by el Presbiterio de San Juan in San Juan, Puerto Rico from June 11-June 22, 2028. Go to [myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001535](https://myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001535) to see what was approved.

#### ***GAO-02 On In-Person Assemblies***

The Assembly approved 389 Affirmative/83 Negative to commit to holding a full in-person General Assembly in 2030. While there is no financial impact will be seen on the 2027/2028 per capita, there is expected to be a large increase in per capita for 2030 due to the expenses of holding in-person committee meetings. Visit [myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001435](https://myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001435) to see what was approved.

### ***GENERAL ASSEMBLY RELATIONSHIPS (GAR)***

The General Assembly Relationships committee considered eleven items of business. Eight of the items were included on the consent agenda.

#### ***GAR-02 On Reinstating the Immigration Attorney Position***

This overture directs the reinstatement of the position of Staff Attorney for Immigration as a full-time role, filled by a licensed immigration attorney. GAR-02 was approved as part of the consent agenda with the understanding that the creation of any group, comes with additional financial requirements. This action adds \$0.37 to Per Capita in 2027 and \$0.35 in 2028. Go to [myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001444](https://myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001444) to see additional details.

#### ***GAR-03 Report of the General Assembly Agency Review Committee on the Board of Pensions***

GAR-03 recommends the creation of a working group to examine the issues concerning a deliverance clarifying the relationship between the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and bring further recommendations to the 228th General Assembly in 2028. This item was approved by the Assembly 445 Affirmative/30 Negative. This action adds \$0.02 to Per Capita in 2027 and \$0.03 in 2028. Visit [myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001469](https://myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001469) to see what was approved.

### ***GENDER AND SEXUALITY JUSTICE (GEN)***

There were twelve items of business from the Gender and Sexuality Justice Committee. Nine items landed on the consent agenda and three were discussed and voted on during plenary.

**GEN-02** *On Access to Healthcare*

This business item was approved 441 to 30. Declare that the PC(U.S.A) supports all individuals have access to all medically necessary, evidence-based gender-affirming healthcare. Go to [myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001421](https://myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001421) to see what was approved.

**GEN-06** *Addition of Question to Ministry Discernment Profile- From the Advocacy Committee for LGBTQIA Equity*

This business item was approved 339 to 138. It will add a minimal \$2,120 to the total Per Capita in 2027. Allows congregations to indicate their openness and readiness to call an LGBTQIA+ candidate and it allows any candidate to view the congregational response about their openness and readiness to call an LGBTQIA+ candidate and filter search results. Go to [myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001484](https://myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001484) to see what was approved.

**GEN-09** *Beyond Changing Families: Flourishing Relationships and Belonging*

This business item was approved by a vote of 419 to 54. This item of business adds \$0.07 to Per Capita in 2027 and \$0.01 for 2028. Go to [myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001501](https://myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001501) to see what was approved. A helpful resource from 223rd General Assembly (2028): “On Affirming and Celebrating the Full Dignity and Humanity of People of All Gender Identities”, [www.pc-biz.org/search/3000312](https://www.pc-biz.org/search/3000312).

***THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION AND ORDINATION (ORD)***

The Theological Education and Ordination Committee considered fourteen overtures and seven were included in the consent agenda at plenary.

**ORD-02** *On Preparation and Ordination*

This item proposes amendments to the presbyteries for their affirmative or negative votes in order to amend the Book of Order by renaming the “Preparation for Ministry” and “Ordination” sections to clarify that they apply specifically to the Ministry of the Word and Sacrament, and by adding a subsection that explicitly spells out the required education and training that must be completed prior to Ordination as a minister of the Word and Sacrament. ORD-2 was approved by the Assembly 447 Affirmative/10 Negative. Visit [myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001442](https://myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001442) to see more details of what was approved.

**ORD-03** *On Studying A Collaborative Approach to Ordained Ministry for the Faithful Support of Congregations and Ministers*

This item directs a special committee of eight to ten members, in consultation with Presbyterian Life & Witness and the Advisory Committee on the Constitution, and in further consultation with the Committee on Theological Education and the Board of Pensions, to study and develop recommendations for an approach to ordained ministry in which ministers serve together as part of ministry teams, supporting faithful ministry in congregations by drawing on their particular

gifts to meet the evolving needs of the church, and to report its progress to the 228th General Assembly (2028) and its final recommendations to the 229th General Assembly (2030). The Assembly approved ORD-03 417 Affirmative/38 Negative. This action adds \$0.03 to Per Capita in 2027 and \$0.00 in 2028. Go to [myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001443](https://myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001443) to learn more.

**ORD-07** *Ordination Task Force Report*

This item of business comes from the Task Force to Explore the Theology and Practice of Ordination and directs the Stated Clerk to send proposed amendments to the Book of Order regarding training, assessments, evaluations etc. of CPM members, inquirers, commissioned ruling elders, Christian educators to the presbyteries for their affirmative or negative votes. The Assembly approved the action 389 Affirmative/85 Negative. This action adds \$0.07 to Per Capita in 2027 and \$0.00 in 2028. There are changes to multiple sections. You can review this by going to: [myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001487](https://myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001487).

**ORD-06** *Self Study of the PCC*

Approved on consent agenda. This action adds \$0.03 to Per Capita in 2027 and \$0.04 in 2028. For details see: [myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001476](https://myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001476)

**ORD-14** *On Creating the Korean American Ministry Roundtable to Reimagine the Future of Korean American Ministry in the Presbyterian Church (USA)*

Approved on consent agenda. This action adds \$0.05 to Per Capita in 2027 and \$0.01 in 2028. For details see: [myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001532](https://myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001532)

**RACIAL JUSTICE (RAC)**

There were five action items of business from RAC with two being approved on the consent agenda and three items discussed and voted in plenary.

**RAC-01** *Formation of a Special Committee of African American Ecclesial Repair- From the Racial Equity Advocacy.*

This business item was approved by a vote 454 to 29. The action adds \$0.11 to the 2027 Per Capita and \$0.05 in 2028. RAC-01 was referred to Presbyterian Life & Witness to establish a Special Committee. Go to [myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001478](https://myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001478) to see what was approved.

**RAC-04** *Final Report of Special Committee of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and Race*

This business item was approved 449 to 26 with the action it adds \$.53 to 2027 Per Capita and \$0.60 to 2028. Go to [myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001512](https://myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001512) to see what was approved.

**RAC-05** *Restoring and Strengthening Racial Equity & Intercultural Congregational Support Ministries and Ensuring Their Proper Organizational Placement Within U.S.-Based Partnership Structures*

This item of business was approved 471 to 13. RAC-05 was referred to Presbyterian Life & Witness. Go to [myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001604](https://myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001604) to see what was approved.

***REFORMED IDENTITY FROM AROUND THE WORLD (RIW)***

There was a total of twelve items of business. Five of the items of business were approved on the consent agenda and the other seven were discussed on the floor of plenary.

**RIW-01** *Call to Review the Restructuring of the PC(U.S.A.) World Mission.*

This item of business was approved by the body of the General Assembly by 369 affirmative and 98 negative as amended. This action adds \$0.07 to Per Capita in 2027 and \$0.03 in 2028. Go to [myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001417](https://myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001417) to see what was approved.

**RIW-02** *Calling for a New Missiological Statement for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

This item of business was approved 447 to 12. This action adds \$0.03 to Per Capita in 2027 and \$0.04 in 2028. Go to [myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001418](https://myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001418) to see what was approved.

**RIW-04** *On Recognizing that Israel has Violated the International Law Prohibiting Genocide.*

This business item was approved 454 to 15. Go to [myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001425](https://myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001425) to see what was approved.

**RIW-07** *Concerning Mission Co-Workers*

This item of business was approved 436 to 1. Highlights include:

- 1) Provide a detailed report by July 1, 2027, regarding the elimination of the PC(U.S.A.) mission co-workers.
- 2) Renew the call to our local congregations to financially support, pray for, educate and train up new missionaries to serve our denomination moving forward.

**RIW-08** *On Jeju in Korea*

This item of business was approved 410 to 62. This action adds \$0.10 to the 2027 Per Capita and \$0.02 in 2028. Go to [myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001445](https://myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001445) to see what was approved.

**RIW-10** *On Affirming Kairos Palestine II: A Moment of Truth: Faith in a Time of Genocide*

([www.kairospalestine.ps/images/Final Kairos document II English.pdf](https://www.kairospalestine.ps/images/Final_Kairos_document_II_English.pdf)). This item of business was approved 447 to 21. Highlights include:

- 1) Affirms Kairos Palestine: “A Moment of Truth: Faith in a Time of Genocide” as a prophetic cry from our Christian siblings in the Holy Land.
- 2) Commands Kairos Palestine II for study and prayerful engagement in all PC(U.S.A.) congregations, presbyteries, and theological institutions.

- 3) Recommends all PC(U.S.A) members, congregations, and entities to make us of the free congregational study guided developed by the Palestine Justice Network of the PC(U.S.A.).
- 4) Directs the Stated Clerk and the PC(U.S.A.)’s Global Ecumenical Liaison, Middle East and Europe, to transmit this resolution to all relevant PC(U.S.A.) entities and ecumenical and interfaith partners, including the authors of Kairos Palestine II.

***REFORMED IDENTITY IN THE UNITED STATES COMMITTEE (RUS)***

There was a total of fifteen items of business. Nine of the items of business were approved on the consent agenda and the other five were discussed on the floor of plenary.

**RUS-01** *On Taking Action to Repudiate Christian Nationalism and Affirm Our Faith Commitments*

This item of business was approved by the body of the General Assembly by 485 affirmative and 15 negative as amended. This action requires presbyteries’ vote for or against the following addition to Book of Order with the adding a new section F-1.0305 as follows:

**“Faithful Witness in Public Life**

The church affirms its calling to bear faithful witness in public life, speaking and acting from the example and teachings of Jesus Christ for justice, peace, mercy, and the dignity of all people. The church rejects any ideology that seeks to establish Christianity as a privileged or dominant force through the power of the state, or that conflates religious identity with national, racial, or ethnic supremacy. Such ideologies, in all their forms, are incompatible with the example and teachings of Jesus Christ, constitute a theological error, undermine the church’s faithful witness, and are contrary to the church.”

Visit [myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001414](https://myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001414) for additional information.

**RUS-02** *On Commemorating The 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution*

This item of business was disapproved 361 to 108. The following comment comes from the RUS Committee:

“The committee commends the author’s intent of this overture in naming and recognizing our Reformed tradition and identity. The committee listened to a wide variety of differing perspectives in its debate and after considering the advice from advisory and advocacy committees, the committee respectfully urges the assembly to disapprove this overture. The committee’s concern is not with teaching Presbyterian history; the concern is with how this overture frames that history. Advocacy Committee of Women and Gender Justice (ACWGJ reminds commissioners that RUS 02 “risks sanctifying a narrative that binds the Church’s witness to a national origin story rooted in conquest, exclusion, and the erasure of Indigenous peoples, particularly women and gender expansive persons.” The overture also risks elevating American identity in unhealthy ways, which the committee spoke to with its action on RUS-01 and RUS-07. The committee in no way discourages people from taking pride in their Presbyterian heritage and its contributions to American civil society. At this moment, the church needs to be living into our interconnected global identity, with humility as Reformed Christians.”

**RUS-07** *Standing Against White Christian Nationalism Recommendations and Rationale*

This item of business was approved 459 to 25. Go to [myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001498](https://myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001498) to see what was approved. For a helpful resource with useful definitions see [“Standing Against White Christian Nationalism”](#)

**RUS-08** *The Algorithm and the Almighty: Navigating Artificial Intelligence through a Reformed Lens*

This item of business was approved 368 to 88. This action adds \$0.09 to Per Capita in 2027 and \$0.06 in 2028. Go to [myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001499](https://myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001499) to see what was approved.

**RUS-10** *The Report of the Special Committee for a New Confession*

This item of business was approved 382 to 39. This action adds \$0.03 to the 2027 Per Capita and \$0.04 in 2028. RUS-10 authorized a new Special Committee to study and consider revising and rewriting, if deemed wise, the confession the previous Special Committee worked on. The newly created Special Committee is to report its work to the 228th General Assembly and is to invite the whole church to study and consider the confession. See [myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001517](https://myga.pc-biz.org/search/3001517) for additional information.

This concludes our written summary of the 227<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. You may explore the other items of business not summarized here by going to:

[2026-0812 GA-in-Brief.pdf](#) – PCUSA’s general summary of the 227<sup>th</sup> General Assembly  
[Welcome to the 227<sup>th</sup> General Assembly \(2026\)](#) - General information & faqs  
[MyGA](#) – Business items and final actions can be found under “Business”

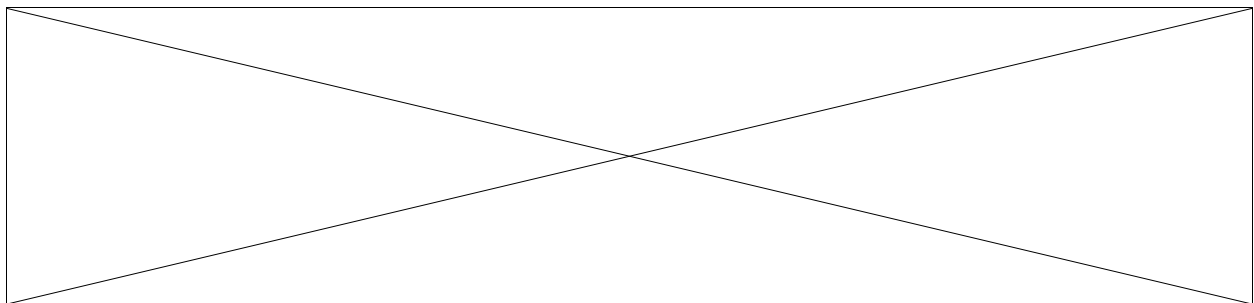
In gratitude,

Teaching Elder Rev. Andrew L. Miller  
First Presbyterian Church, Mt. Pleasant, MI

Ruling Elder Linda Kennan  
Memorial Presbyterian Church, Midland, MI

- *and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations*

Revelation 22:2 (NRSVue)



**ATTACHMENT C – Stated Clerk’s Job Description**

**JOB DESCRIPTION**

**Stated Clerk**

*Revised 11/2024*

**Status:** Part-time, Exempt

**Purpose:**

1. To strengthen the partnership between Presbytery and congregations.
2. The Stated Clerk, who works as a team member of the Presbytery staff, shall have the duties and responsibilities that are prescribed in the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the By-laws of the Presbytery of Lake Huron, and other duties as defined in this position description.

**Accountability:**

The Stated Clerk is accountable to the Presbytery through the Presbytery Council. It is a paid position elected by the Presbytery.

**Overall Responsibilities:**

1. Act as the parliamentarian of the Presbytery and ensure that all business that comes before the Presbytery is handled properly in accordance with the Constitution of the PC(USA) and parliamentary procedure.
2. Interpret the Constitution of the PC (USA) to the Presbytery and its officers, committees and sessions, and give guidance in its application.
3. Assist Ministry teams, committees, and other elected officers of Presbytery, as required or requested, in regard to the polity and procedures of the Presbytery and the PC(USA) Constitution.
4. Guide processes of education and training for Session Clerks and Ruling Elders as needed.

**Specific Duties and Responsibilities:**

1. Attend all stated, adjourned and special meetings of Presbytery and, when unable to attend, arrange for the election of a stated clerk pro tem.
2. Prepare the docket for all meetings of the Presbytery.
3. Provide trainings for pastoral leadership as required in the Book of Order. Maintain records of required trainings for pastoral leadership (clergy, CREs, ruling elders serving at the Presbytery level) within the time frames required by the Book of Order.
4. Oversee Session Records Review process.
5. Coordinate with Recording Clerk in regard to Presbytery meetings, required reports to General Assembly and Synod, and maintenance of required Presbytery records.
6. Assist Moderators, other ministers and Clerks of Session, as requested, with interpretation of PC(USA) Constitution, By-laws and parliamentary procedure; provide other guidance as necessary.
7. Organize and train the Presbytery’s Permanent Judicial Commission and assist with active judicial cases as appropriate and requested.
8. Attend annual Minutes review of Presbytery minutes at the Synod.
9. Attend annual Mid Council Leaders conference as scheduled each year.
10. Attend the General Assembly meetings as an observer and resource for our commissioners. This is a biennial responsibility.
11. *Be the Presbytery representative at the Synod and General Assembly levels as needed.*
12. *Both provide when requested and also request Presbytery to Presbytery background check.*
13. *Coordinate and manage the Presbytery staff.*
14. Perform other duties and responsibilities as necessary, as requested by the Presbytery Council.

**Evaluation:**

There shall be an annual review of the Clerk's performance by the Personnel Team in accordance with the Presbytery By-laws, using current review procedures.

**Term:**

Elected position of the Presbytery for a term of three-years.

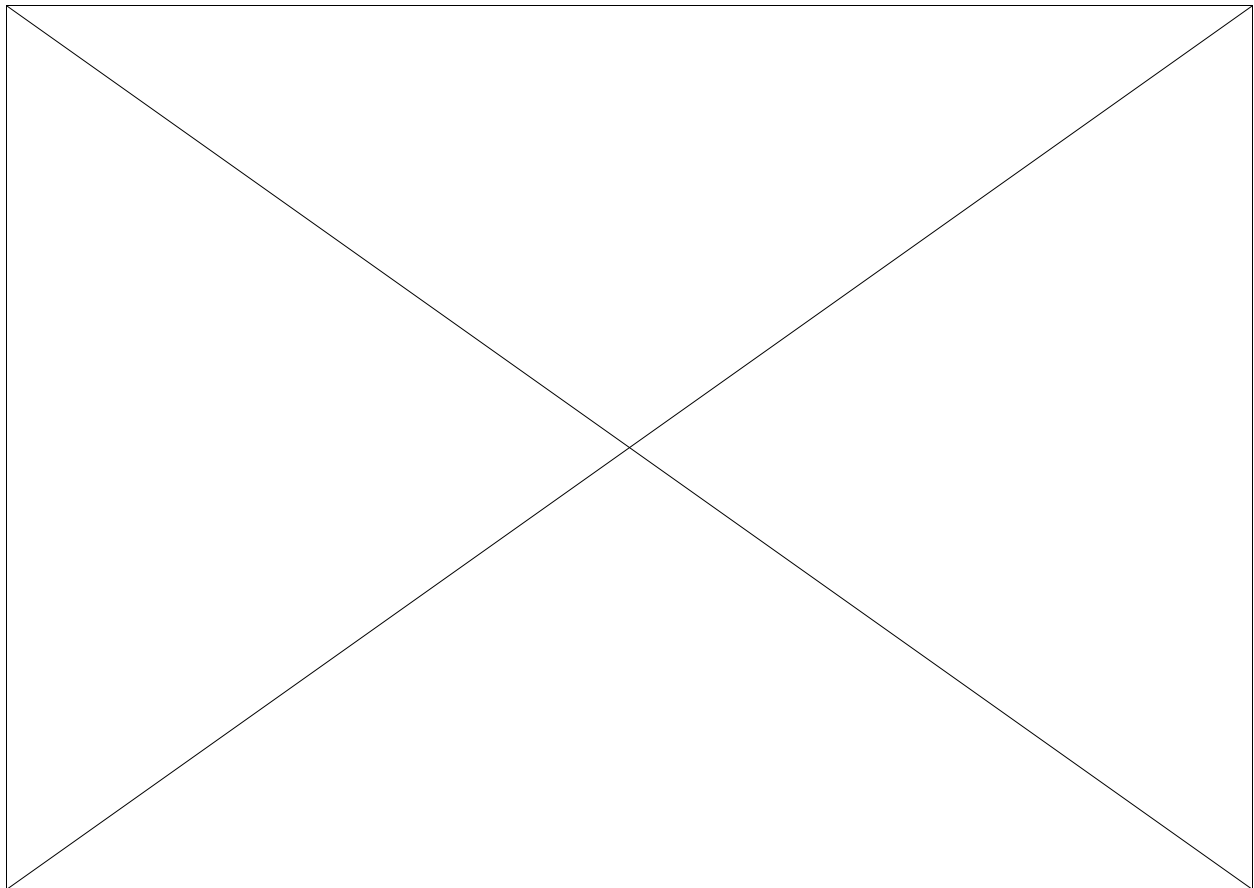
**Hours:**

The position of stated clerk shall be part-time, to average 10-15 hours per week.

**Qualifications:**

The Stated Clerk shall:

1. Be a Teaching or Ruling Elder in the PC(USA) who demonstrates a vital and active Christian faith;
2. Be able to communicate effectively in both written and oral forms;
3. Have reasonable computer literacy skills as required to carry out assigned duties;
4. Have effective administrative skills and capacity to work in a team setting;
5. Have a working knowledge of the governing bodies of the PC(USA);
6. Be committed to the polity of the PC(USA);
7. Be able to travel a reasonable amount, both inside and outside the Presbytery's geographic area, in carrying out the assigned duties and responsibilities.



**ATTACHMENT D – 2027 Minimum Terms of Call**

**MINIMUM TERMS OF CALL 2027**

For 2027, the minimum terms of call for the Presbytery of Lake Huron will include an effective salary of at least \$53,325. This is 75% of the 2026 Church Wide Median of \$71,100.

Minimum Terms of Call shall also include 4 weeks of vacation including 4 Sundays; 2 weeks of Study Leave including 2 Sundays and up to 12 weeks of family leave. All of these various times off apply whether full-time or part-time, whether installed, temporary or CRE status.

For family leave, the congregation and/or pastor can contact COMMP for both planning and to access possible assistance with the costs to the congregation for family leave.

**Medical and Pension Benefits**

It is a long-standing value of the Presbyterian Church USA and our Presbytery that those who serve as ministers or pastors have their entire households, including spouses and dependents, provided with medical insurance. In 2027, it is the expectation of Presbytery that this continue to be one of our core values. No pastor should have to worry about whether their spouse and/or dependents are covered from medical events that can strike anyone, at any time.

That coverage can be provided through the Congregational Pastors Package or the Transitional Pastors Participation. Please consult the Board of Pensions website for the different coverages and costs each provides. There are also new benefits in each package so please take the time to figure out the various costs and what is most effective in your situation. Please feel free to call our Board of Pensions representative, Rev. Luke Choi, or ask Jessica Schira, the Presbytery Financial Secretary for help.

