COMMISSION ON MINISTRY AND MINISTRY PREPARATION
Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2022

The meeting of the Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation was held via Zoom and called to order by Linda Kennan at 11:00 a.m., November 16, 2022, following devotions and prayer by Robbie Carnes.

Members present: Robbie Carnes, Lynn Franko, Janette Gonzales, Al Hosler, Christina Jensen, Linda Kennan, Scott Kroener, Ann Moe, Brant Piper, Philomena Ofori-Nipaah, Ed Savage, Matt Schramm, Kim Strunz, John Tapley, Cassie Todd and Paul Ytterock.

Presbytery staff present: Ted McCulloch, Stated Clerk and Staci Percy, Communications Manager/Recording Clerk.

Members excused: Jon Baker, Bill Bowen, Hakbae Moon and Andrew Pomerville.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the agenda.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2022 stated meeting.

The **STATED CLERK REPORT** was given by Ted McCulloch. Boundary Training was discussed. This is requirement is likely to be in the next Book of Order. Discussion needs to be had regarding how the presbytery will react if someone does not take the training. This will be placed on the agenda in the first quarter of 2023. Robbie Carnes agreed to work with Ted McCulloch on coming up with suggestions for COMMP to consider.

The Stated Clerk reported that he is working on setting up another round of communion training for elders.

The **ADMINSTRATIVE TEAM** report was given by Paul Ytterock.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the part-time (approximately 15 hours per week) CRE Covenant renewal between Elder Kathleen Rowe and Tawas for a period of six months effective January 1, 2023. Terms are as follows:

Cash Salary	$10,000
Medical Coverage	$3,000
Travel Reimbursement	IRS Rate up to $500
Book Allowance	$250
Vacation Time	N/A
Study Leave	N/A

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

Discussion was held regarding the terms of call for Saginaw-Second. It was decided that they would be approved via email prior to the end of the month.

Discussion was held regarding the letter to COMMP from Deckerville-First.

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

Discussion was held regarding the request from Nathaniel Asperger for reimbursement for a course he is taking in Italy. No action was taken. There will be discussion in January regarding the use of funds for Candidates and Inquirers.

The **TRANSITION TEAM REPORT** was given by Linda Kennan. Updates on Houghton Lake, Ithaca/Emerson and Grand Blanc were given.

The **INTERVIEW TEAM** was given by Scott Kroener.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve adding the Rev. Dr. Susan Sickelka to the Pulpit Supply List.

GENERAL BUSINESS was presented by Linda Kennan.

Discussion was held regarding the presbytery wide listening sessions. Next year, small teams will be set up to discuss the role of liaisons.

A thank you was given to those rotating off of the commission.

A reminder was given about the need to elect a Moderator and Vice Moderator of COMMP for 2023 at the January meeting.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to adjourn at 12:45pm following closing prayer by Robbie Carnes. The next scheduled meeting of the Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation will be held Wednesday, January 25, 2023, at 11:00am via Zoom.

Staci Percy
Communications Manager/Recording Clerk