COMMISSION ON MINISTRY AND MINISTRY PREPARATION
Meeting Minutes – February 15, 2023

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., February 15, 2023, following devotions and prayer by Robbie Carnes.

Members present: Jon Baker, Bill Bowen, Robbie Carnes, Lynn Franko, Al Hosler, Linda Kennan, Scott Kroener, Brant Piper, Andrew Pomerville, Philomena Ofori-Nipaah, Ed Savage, 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: Janette Gonzales, Christina Jensen, Rob Minard, and Jane Young.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the agenda.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2023 stated meeting.

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

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the requests to transfer the membership of Timm High to Northern Waters Presbytery effective October 15, 2022 and the membership of Lucy Der-Garabedian to Tropical Florida Presbytery effective November 11, 2022.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the following Ruling Elders to serve communion in their congregations when Presbyterian clergy is not available. They successfully completed communion training led by the Stated Clerk on Saturday, January 28, 2023.

- Kristy Prentiss (Tawas-Tawas Area)
- Dale Nester (Ithaca-First)
- Richard Teal (Ithaca-First)
- Marion Nester (Ithaca-First)
- Kimberly Butka (Grand Blanc-Kirkridge)
- Patty Gross (Birch Run-Taymouth)
- Rob Minard (Birch Run-Taymouth)
- Kathy Maurer (Birch Run-Taymouth)
- Bambi Straebel (Saginaw-First)

Discussion was held regarding the following items from General Assembly that are expected to be passed by the presbyteries this summer:

- Boundary Training requirements
- Paid family leave of 12 weeks
- Severance packages

The **ADMINSTRATIVE TEAM** report was given by Ted McCulloch.

Discussion was held regarding payment for Pulpit Supply when worship is cancelled.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to modify the Pulpit Supply Policy to require $100 be paid in the event that worship is cancelled.

Discussion was held regarding the request that salary information be collected on clergy. It was decided that no formal survey or collection was needed.

Discussion was held regarding the consequences of not attending Boundary Training.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the renewal of the part-time (approximately 20 hours per week) Temporary Supply contract renewal between the Rev. Scott Sherrill and Vassar-First for a period of one year effective December 1, 2022. Terms are as follows:

Cash Salary	$39,300
Housing Allowance	N/A
BoP coverage	N/A
Travel Reimbursement	$1,500 at the IRS Rate
Study Leave Allowance	$750
Reimbursable Items inc. books	$500
Professional Expenses	$500
Study Leave	2 weeks, including 2 Sundays
Vacation Time	4 Weeks including 4 Sundays; Plus 4 additional Sundays which will be the 5th Sunday of the month where applicable.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED if the way be clear, to appoint an Administrative Commission to Install the Rev. Ruth Estell as Pastor of Saginaw-Second on March 12, 2023 at 3:00pm. Members of the commission to be determined and will be reported at the March meeting of COMMP.

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

Discussion was held regarding adjusting the budget to cover the cost of psychological exams.

Discussion was held regarding the controversial scripture passage used on the Ordination Exam this year.

The **TRANSITION TEAM REPORT** was given by Linda Kennan. There was a meeting with the Flint area congregations on February 4, 2023 to discuss potential new ministry

models/options. It was very well attended and there was enthusiasm about what may result from future discussions.

It was noted that Nick Schmelter is leaving Caro-First effective April 23, 2023.

GENERAL BUSINESS was presented by Linda Kennan.

Discussion was held regarding liaison duties. Brant Piper will work with the Administrative Team to work on developing details on the role and responsibilities of liaisons.

Discussion was held regarding 2023 liaison assignments. [ATTACHMENT A]

Discussion was held regarding the request to train future CREs. Andrew Pomerville will share dates of the preaching course through Alma College when they become available. Ted McCulloch will work with CPM regarding individuals wanting to go through CRE training and placement after training is complete.

John Tapley assumed the chair.

Discussion was held regarding the types of technology that churches currently have and ways to help congregations access additional tools when needed.

Discussion was held regarding the need for devotion leaders. Philomena Ofori-Nipaah volunteered to lead in March and John Tapley will lead in April.

Discussion was held regarding the start time of future meetings. It was agreed that future meetings will start at 10:00am

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to adjourn at 12:50pm following closing prayer Robbie Carnes. The next scheduled meeting of the Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation will be held Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at 10:00am via Zoom.

Staci Percy
Communications Manager/Recording Clerk

ATTACHMENT A – 2023 Liaison Assignments

NAME OF CHURCH	# OF MEMBERS	REGION #	NAME OF LIAISON
Alma-First	141	1	Jon Baker
Bay City-First	377	2	Philomena Ofori-Nipaah
Bay City-Westminster	321	2	Linda Kennan
Beaverton	31	1	Bill Bowen
Birch Run	110	2	Paul Ytterock
Breckenridge	28	1	Bill Bowen
Caro	38	4	Philomena Ofori-Nipaah
Cass City-First	44	4	Scott Kroener
Cass City-Fraser	38	4	Linda Kennan
Croswell	109	4	Brant Piper
Davison	48	3	Robbie Carnes
Deckerville	28	4	Brant Piper
Elkton-Chandler	13	4	Linda Kennan
Fairgrove	57	4	Scott Kroener
Fenton-First	303	4	Andrew Pomerville
Fenton-Tyrone	39	4	Robbie Carnes
Flint-First	962	3	Bill Bowen
Flint-Trinity United	57	3	Paul Ytterock
Flint-Unity	81	3	Paul Ytterock
Flushing	124	3	Ted McCulloch
Grand Blanc-Kirkridge	95	4	Robbie Carnes
Harbor Beach	22	4	Bill Bowen
Holly	65	4	Cassie Todd
Houghton Lake	21	1	Linda Kennan
Ithaca-First	86	1	Andrew Pomerville
Ithaca-Lafayette	16	1	Andrew Pomerville
Kinde-First	35	4	Linda Kennan
Lapeer	154	3	Brant Piper
Linden	165	4	Paul Ytterock
Marlette-First	47	4	Scott Kroener & Janette Gonzales
Marlette-Second	64	4	Scott Kroener & Janette Gonzales
Midland-Memorial	864	2	Ted McCulloch
Mt. Pleasant	162	1	Andrew Pomerville
Rosebush	24	1	Brant Piper
Saginaw-Countryside Trinity	56	2	Linda Kennan
Saginaw-First	300	2	
Saginaw-Korean	45	2	Ted McCulloch
Saginaw-Second	267	2	Linda Kennan
Sandusky	80	4	Brant Piper
Swartz Creek	22	4	Cassie Todd
Tawas	88	2	Andrew Pomerville
Twining	12	2	Brant Piper
Ubly	13	4	Linda Kennan
Vassar	96	4	Scott Kroener
Yale	57	4	Brant Piper