COMMISSION ON MINISTRY AND MINISTRY PREPARATION
Meeting Minutes – April 26, 2023

The meeting of the Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation was held via Zoom and called to order by Linda Kennan at 10:00 a.m., April 26, 2023, following devotions and prayer by John Tapley.

Members present: Bill Bowen, Robbie Carnes, Janette Gonzales, Al Hosler, Christina Jensen, Linda Kennan, Scott Kroener, Rob Minard, Brant Piper, Philomena Ofori-Nipaah, Ed Savage, Kim Strunz, John Tapley, Cassie Todd, Jane Young and Paul Ytterock.

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

Guest: Brenna Overland

Members excused: Jon Baker, Lynn Franko and Andrew Pomerville.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the agenda.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2023 stated meeting.

Brenna Overland, one of the presbytery's Pastor To Pastors gave an update on what she and Joseph Novak have been doing since they started in February.

The **STATED CLERK REPORT** was given by Ted McCulloch. An update on the status of GA Amendment voting by presbyteries was given. It appears that all will pass. Discussion regarding how that affects the presbytery was held. The 12-week family leave policy will take effect on July 9, 2023. The current maternity/paternity policy of the presbytery will no longer be in effect at that time. The Terms of Call will need to be updated. Boundary Training and Racism Training requirements will also become effective July 9, 2023. Getting everyone trained and compliant may take up to three years.

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

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve all three of the following contracts:

The CRE Covenant renewal between Elder Shaun Hardimon and Swartz Creek-Mundy for a period of one year effective August 1, 2023. Terms of call are as follows:

Cash Salary	$150/preaching session and $50/moderating session meeting
Travel Reimbursement	At IRS rate
Vacation Time	4 Weeks including 4 Sundays
Study Leave Time	2 Weeks including 2 Sundays

The Rev. Robbie Carnes will continue to serve as his mentor.

The renewal of the part-time Temporary Relationship contract renewal between the Rev. Ron Vredeveld and Beaverton-First effective January 1, 2023 for a period of one year. Terms are as follows:

Salary	$24,975
Housing Allowance	$4,275
Study Leave Allowance	$325
Phone Calls	$300
Professional Expenses	$500
Travel Reimbursement	At current IRS Rate up to $300
Medical Reimbursement	Included in Cash Salary
Vacation Time	4 weeks including 4 Sundays
Study Leave	2 weeks including 2 Sundays

The part-time Pulpit Supply contract between Elder Jodie Vanderstow and Houghton Lake-Kirk of the Lakes effective May 1, 2023 for a period of one year. Terms are as follows:

Salary $750/month

Responsibilities are:

- Lead worship and preach three times per month
- Pastoral care 2 hours per month
- Church business 1 hour per month
- Time expectations: 15 hours per month

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve a Technology Grant request from Cass City-Fraser in the amount of $2212.18.

Discussion was held regarding the scholarship request from Sheryl Hnizda. It was referred back to the Administration Team for more information and clarification on the funds to be used if approved.

Liaison descriptions are still being worked on. It is anticipated that a draft position description will be presented at the May meeting of COMMP.

The **COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY** report was given by Robbie Carnes. It was noted that CPM approved to permit Allison Muenzer to circulate her PIF. Nathaniel Asperger is anticipated to be moved to Candidate at the June meeting of presbytery.

The **TRANSITION TEAM REPORT** was given by Linda Kennan. And update was given on:

- Region 3 church partnership
- Church data/annual statistics
- Thumb churches

The **INTERVIEW TEAM** report was given by Scott Kroener. An update was given on the recently completed interviews.

- Completed interviews:
    - Glenn Grant
    - Chris Thomas of Detroit Presbytery

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve receiving the Rev. Chris Thomas as a Member-At-Large member of the presbytery and to direct the Stated Clerk to transfer his membership from Detroit Presbytery and to place him on the Pulpit Supply List.

GENERAL BUSINESS was given by Linda Kennan. Discussion was held regarding:

- A small church focus.
- New CLC system changes
- Board of Pensions updates

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to adjourn at 11:25pm following closing prayer John Tapley. The next scheduled meeting of the Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation will be held Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at 10:00am via Zoom. Scott Kroener will lead devotions.

Staci Percy
Communications Manager/Recording Clerk