COMMISSION ON MINISTRY AND MINISTRY PREPARATION
Meeting Minutes – May 24, 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., May 24, 2023, following devotions and prayer by Scott Kroener.

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

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

Guest: Joseph Novak

Members excused: Jon Baker, Andrew Pomerville and Cassie Todd.

A thank you was given for the service on COMMP of Philomena Ofori-Nipaah who has accepted a call to a church in Lake Michigan Presbytery.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the agenda.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2023 stated meeting.

The **STATED CLERK REPORT** was given by Ted McCulloch. The need for training of potential new CREs was discussed. He will work with the CPM team and a recommendation will be brought to a future meeting.

It was noted that there will be Communion Training on June 3. 2023 at Saginaw-First for elders who are members of congregations without pastoral leadership.

Training to comply with new Book of Order requirements is being worked on.

Discussion was held regarding background checks for those who wish to be placed on the Pulpit Supply List.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to review the Pulpit Supply List, ask each person listed if they wish to continue being on the list and if so, to have a background check completed every five years. Those who have not previously had a background check completed will need to have one in order to remain on the list.

Discussion was held regarding the request of Dan Saperstein to be placed on the Pulpit Supply List.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to deny the request of Dan Saperstein to be placed on the Pulpit Supply List at this time.

Joseph Novak, one of the presbytery's Pastor To Pastors gave an update on what he and Brenna Overland have been working on, the contacts they have made and plans for a clergy retreat opportunity this fall.

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

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to appoint John Tapley as the Moderator for Grand Blanc-Kirkridge's congregational meeting on June 18, 2023 and to appoint him Moderator of Session at Caro-First effective immediately.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED if the way be clear the part-time Temporary Relationship contract between the Rev. Jennifer Rike and Holly effective June 4, 2023 for a period of two months. Terms are as follows:

Salary	$150/Sunday
Travel Reimbursement	IRS Rate

Responsibilities:
Serve communion once a month
Preaching for 9 Sundays during the months of June and July

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the part-time (approximately 15 hours per week) CRE Covenant extension between Elder Kathleen Rowe and Tawas for a period of six months effective July 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.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED if the way be clear to approve the CRE Covenant between Elder Sam McKim and Croswell-First effective immediately.

Salary	$150/Sunday
Travel Reimbursement	IRS Rate

Responsibilities:
Serve communion when requested. Typically once per month

An update on the scholarship request from Sheryl Hnizda was given. It was referred to the Mission Coordination Committee and approved by them at their most recent meeting.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to direct the Administrative Team to develop a policy regarding financial support for congregations who may need pulpit supply if their pastoral leader uses Family Leave.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to direct the Administrative Team to write a policy regarding Family Leave for anyone serving in a temporary pastoral leadership position and bring it to a future meeting for review and vote.

The **COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY** report was given by Robbie Carnes. It was noted that Allison Muenzer will be having her final assessment next week.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to grant $1500 to Nathaniel Asperger for tuition reimbursement.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to recommend to presbytery that Nathaniel Asperger be moved to Candidate at the June meeting of presbytery.

It was noted that Ordination Exam Readers are needed. Names will be presented at the September meeting of presbytery.

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

- Flint churches partnership
- Tuscola County churches partnership

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

- Reports from ASC Technologies regarding demographics of communities within the presbytery.
- Liaison descriptions are still being worked on. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

Volunteers to lead devotions for the remainder of the year are as follows:

June – Paul Ytterock	September – Christina Jensen	November – Robbie Carnes
August - Kim Strunz	October – Linda Kennan	

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to adjourn at 11:50pm following closing prayer Scott Kroener. The next scheduled meeting of the Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation will be held Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at 10:00am via Zoom. Paul Ytterock will lead devotions.

Staci Percy
Communications Manager/Recording Clerk