COMMISSION ON MINISTRY AND MINISTRY PREPARATION
Meeting Minutes – June 28, 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., June 28, 2023, following devotions and prayer by Paul Ytterock.

Members present: Robbie Carnes, Janette Gonzales, Al Hosler, Christina Jensen, Linda Kennan, Scott Kroener, Rob Minard, Brant Piper, Kim Strunz, Cassie Todd, Jane Young and Paul Ytterock.

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

Members excused: Jon Baker, Bill Bowen, Lynn Franko, Ed Savage and John Tapley.

A thank you was given for the service on COMMP of Andrew Pomerville who has accepted a call to serve as President of Louisville Seminary.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the agenda as amended.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2023 stated meeting.

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

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to validate the ministry of the Rev. Cassie Todd at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church in Grand Blanc that she has been doing since 2018.

Discussion was held regarding background checks.

Discussion was held regarding the need for training elders to be Moderators of Session.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to authorize the Stated Clerk to conduct training for elders who wish to moderator sessions when pastoral leadership is not available.

Discussion was held regarding the need for Boundary Training Certificates.

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

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to appoint the following people as Moderator of Session for the congregation listed effective immediately:

- Robbie Carnes for Houghton Lake-Kirk of the Lakes
- Christina Jensen for Harbor Beach-First
- Paul Ytterock for Croswell-First (if the way be clear)
- Scott Kroener for Breckenridge-Emerson (if the way be clear)

The **COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY** report was given by Robbie Carnes. Updates on Nikelle Johnson and Allison Muenzer were given.

It was reported for information that a grant of $1500 was given to Nathaniel Asperger for tuition reimbursement.

The **INTERVIEW TEAM** report was given by Scott Kroener. It was noted that interviews with the following people took place:

- Sam McKim
- Jennifer Rike

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:

- The thank you letter from Houghton Lake-Kirk of the Lakes for a technology grant.
- COMMP Manual
- Reducing the size of COMMP
- CLC update and training
- Liaisons discussion was moved to August

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to recommend to Council that COMMP membership be reduced from 19 to 15 members.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to move the August meeting up a week to August 16th.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to adjourn at 11:50pm following closing prayer Robbie Carnes. The next scheduled meeting of the Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation will be held Wednesday, August 16, 2023, at 10:00am via Zoom. Christina Jensen will lead devotions.

Staci Percy
Communications Manager/Recording Clerk