COMMISSION ON MINISTRY AND MINISTRY PREPARATION
Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2024

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., March 20, 2024, following devotions and prayer by Brant Piper.

Members present: Robbie Carnes, Lynn Franko, Linda Gibbs, Janette Gonzales, Al Hosler, Christina Jensen, Linda Kennan, Rob Minard, Brant Piper, Dawn Russell, Ed Savage, Kim Strunz and Jane Young.

Members excused: Jon Baker and Cassie Todd.

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

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the agenda as amended.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2024 stated meeting.

The **STATED CLERK** report was given by Ted McCulloch. Boundary Training was discussed. All active clergy, CREs and some ruling elders are required to participate in boundary training every three years. There are some sessions being offered by the Synod this fall that people are encouraged to attend. Letters to those who are due for training will be sent out sometime after Easter.

The **ADMINSTRATIVE TEAM** report was given by Dawn Russell.

It was noted that when Jon Essex's CRE contract with Beaverton-First was approved last month a mentor was not included. Brant Piper agreed to be his mentor.

The Administrative Team is working on updating covenants and contracts. They are also working on compiling a list of their duties and responsibilities. Just a brief bulletin list of the main items. They are asking that the Transition Team, Committee on Preparation and the main COMMP group also do that same.

The **COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION** report was given by Robbie Carnes. It was noted that two Candidates will be taking Ordination Exams this month.

The team is continuing to work CRE training. The Synod's preaching course was discussed. Applications are due April 5, 2024.

The **TRANSITION TEAM** report was given by Linda Kennan. An interview with Jon Essex was held and he is approved to serve as CRE at Beaverton-First.

An update on Saginaw-Countryside was given.

OLD BUSINESS The liaison letter to churches is being drafted by Linda Kennan and should be ready to send to churches prior to the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS A Listening Team for Tawas has been formed. Members are: Brant Piper, Brenna Overland Tim Rutzen.

Per Capita and Annual Statistics was discussed.

It was noted that the presbytery received a letter from Houghton Lake-Kirk of the Lakes thanking the presbytery for their help in acquiring a grant from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the request of the Flint area churches for a grant in the amount of $500 to show support for their church and community wide Maundy Thursday meal.

It was noted that Mt. Pleasant-First will be hosting an event in May featuring Mark Elsdon. A flier will be sent to members after the meeting. Information will also be in upcoming Bi-Weekly Briefs.

The Board of Pensions is expected to announce their extensive plan changes on April 5, 2024. The presbytery's rep, Luke Choi would like 45-60 minutes to speak at the COMMP meeting in April. The April meeting will begin at 9:00am with the presentation by Luke Choi, the business portion will begin at 10:00am. If Luke Choi is not able to give his presentation that day, the meeting will begin at 10:00am. Members will be notified when the documents are posted the week of the meeting.

It was mentioned that Michigan has approved new laws regarding mandated reporting. Training will be provided at a future meeting of both COMMP and the presbytery.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to adjourn at 10:50am following closing prayer by Brant Piper. The next scheduled meeting of the Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation will be held Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 9:00am via Zoom. Linda Kennan will lead devotions.

Staci Percy
Communications Manager/Recording Clerk