COMMISSION ON MINISTRY AND MINISTRY PREPARATION
Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2024

The meeting of the Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation was held via Zoom and called to order by Linda Kennan at 10:20 a.m., April 24, 2024, following devotions and prayer by Linda Kennan.

Prior to the meeting, beginning at 9:00am, our Board of Pensions representative, Luke Choi, gave a presentation regarding the significant changes being made to the plan in 2025.

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

Members excused: Jon Baker, Kim Strunz and Cassie Todd.

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

Guests: Luke Choi and Jessica Schira (for the presentation prior to meeting only)

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the agenda as amended.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2024 stated meeting.

The **STATED CLERK** report was given by Ted McCulloch. It was noted that Wesley Smith is planning his Ordination service. An Administrative Commission will need to be approved as soon as members are identified. Alissa Davis has requested to transfer her membership to the PC(USA). More dates for Boundary Training have been added by the Synod of the Covenant. Classes fill up fast and those that need to complete it this year are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to appoint Ted McCulloch, either Cassie Todd or Robbie Carnes and Andrew Miller to interview Alissa Davis regarding her request to transfer her membership to the PC(USA).

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

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to appoint Kim Strunz as Moderator of the Ubly's congregational meeting on May 19th. Linda Kennan was appointed as a backup if Kim Strunz is not available.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the grant request of $500 from Breckenridge-Emerson to cover part of the cost to send Elder Kim McKenzie to the Cultivating the Gift of Preaching Initiative through the Synod of the Covenant.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to grant permission to Nikelle Johnson, Candidate Under Care, to be placed on the Pulpit Supply List for the Presbytery of the James where she resides. The Stated Clerk will send a letter to the Presbytery of the James.

The **TRANSITION TEAM** report was given by Linda Kennan. Updates on Fenton-Tyrone and Twining-Maple Ridge were given.

OLD BUSINESS An update on Tawas was given. The liaison letter to churches is ready to be sent. All Clerks of Session and Moderators of Session will receive a copy first via snail mail and two weeks later via email.

NEW BUSINESS Discussion was held regarding the request by Dan Saperstein to be added to the Pulpit Supply List.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to not approve the request of Dan Saperstein to be placed on the Pulpit Supply List.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED that the Administrative Team will update the policies regarding Pulpit Supply and bring it to the May meeting of COMMP for review and approval.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to adjourn at 11:20am following closing prayer by Linda Kennan. The next scheduled meeting of the Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation will be held Wednesday, May 20, 2024 at 10:00am via Zoom. Robbie Carnes will lead devotions.

Staci Percy
Communications Manager/Recording Clerk