COMMISSION ON MINISTRY AND MINISTRY PREPARATION
Meeting Minutes
May 22, 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., April 24, 2024, following devotions and prayer by Robbie Carnes.

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

Members excused: Jon Baker, Brant Piper and Rob Minard.

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

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the agenda and the minutes of the April 24, 2024 stated meeting.

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

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to appoint an Administrative Commission to Ordain Wesley Smith on June 9, 2024 at Flint-First. Members of the commission are: The Revs. Matthew Schramm (Moderator), Robbie Carnes, Paul Ytterock and Dale Swihart and Elders Shaun Hardimon (Swartz Creek-Mundy) and Jay Kirkey (Fenton-First).

It was noted that there are a few members of presbytery who are in need of completing Boundary Training this year. The Stated Clerk has sent notices to those who need to attend one of the sessions that the Synod is offering in 2024.

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

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the grant request from Kinde-First of $250 to help cover the cost of Elder Bill Mallett attending the Cultivating the Gift of Preaching Initiative through the Synod of the Covenant.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the Pulpit Supply contract between Elder Lisa Naveen and Cass City-First for a period of one year effective April 1, 2024. Terms are as follows:

Lead worship and preach 2 Sundays per month; Preach on the 2nd and 3rd Sunday of each month	$260/Sunday
Travel reimbursement	IRS Rate

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the CRE Covenant renewal between Elder Shaun Hardimon and Swartz Creek-Mundy for a period of one year effective August 11, 2024. Terms of call are as follows:

Cash Salary	$100/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.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to appoint the following as Moderators of Session effective September 1, 2024:

- The Rev. Christina Jensen for Fairgrove
- Elder Al Hosler for Harbor Beach-First

Discussion was held regarding the updates made to:

- Pulpit Supply Policy
- Pastoral Call form
- Covenant of Closure form

The team will bring revised documents to the June stated meeting for approval.

The **COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY** report was given by Robbie Carnes.

Updates were given regarding:

- Nathaniel Asperger – is certified as ready to search for a call
- Nikelle Johnson – has one more year to go
- The CRE Policy is revised and it will be brought to the June stated meeting for review
- Ordination Readers are needed for 2025

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

NEW BUSINESS The 2025 Minimum Terms of Call may need to include information regarding the Board of Pension changes. The Stated Clerk will work with Christina Jensen and Linda Gibbs to determine recommendations to bring to a stated meeting this summer for discussion.

OLD BUSINESS The liaison letter to churches was sent to all Clerks of Session and Moderators of Session via snail mail last month and then a follow up two weeks later via email.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to adjourn at 11:20am following closing prayer by Robbie Carnes. The next scheduled meeting of the Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation will be held Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at 10:00am via Zoom. Al Hosler will lead devotions.

Staci Percy
Communications Manager/Recording Clerk