COMMISSION ON MINISTRY AND MINISTRY PREPARATION
Meeting Minutes
November 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. November 20, 2024, following devotions and prayer by Robbie Carnes.

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

Members excused: Jon Baker, Rob Minard and Jane Young.

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

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the agenda.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2024 stated meeting as amended.

The **TRANISITION TEAM** report was given by Linda Kennan.

The interview and background check of Mark Morningstar have been completed.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to transfer the membership of Mark Morningstar to Lake Huron, to place him on the Pulpit Supply List and give him permission to accept Pulpit Supply and Interim Pastor positions effective immediately.

It was noted that Liz Long will not be retiring at the end of the year and not renewing her CRE contract with Ithaca-Lafayette.

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

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the part-time (25 hours/week) Temporary Supply Covenant renewal between the Rev. Sue Hand and Tawas effective for a period of one year, effective January 1, 2025. Terms are as follows:

Cash Salary	$37,000
Housing Allowance	$15,000
Travel Reimbursement	At IRS rate
Vacation Time	4 weeks (non-consecutive) including 4 Sundays
Study Leave Time	3 weeks including Sundays
Compensatory Time Off	5 weeks including Sundays 12 weeks plus Sundays at one week per month
Family Leave Time	Up to 12 weeks
Reimbursable Items	Study leave allowance, phone calls, professional expenses and others

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the part-time Temporary Supply Covenant renewal between the Rev. Kate Morrison and Grand Blanc-Kirkridge effective for a period of one year, effective January 1, 2025. Terms are as follows:

Cash Salary	$11,865
Housing Allowance	$16,800
SECA Allowance	$2,193
Board of Pension Items	As BOP rate
Travel Reimbursement	Up to $1,500 at IRS rate
Study Leave Allowance	$750
Professional Expenses Allowance	$750
Vacation Time	4 weeks including 4 Sundays
Study Leave Time	2 weeks including 2 Sundays
Family Leave Time	Up to 12 weeks
Reimbursable Items	Study leave allowance, phone calls, professional expenses and others

The contract renewal for Bill Wright will be brought to the January stated meeting. Some items need clarification prior to approval.

The **STATED CLERK** report was given by Ted McCulloch. It was noted that due to the lack of spaces in Synod training sessions, Boundary Training will be established in partnership with other Michigan presbyteries.

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

Potential new Inquirers include: Justice Cuddie, a member of Tawas and an Alma College student.

The CRE Handbook/Policy has some consistency edits to be made before posting on the presbytery's website.

OTHER BUSINESS

- No meeting in December
- Ted McCulloch will lead devotions in January

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to adjourn at 10:45 am following closing prayer by Robbie Carnes. The next scheduled meeting of the Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation will be held Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 10:00am via Zoom. Ted McCulloch will lead devotions.

Staci Percy
Communications Manager/Recording Clerk