COMMISSION ON MINISTRY AND MINISTRY PREPARATION
Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2025

The meeting of the Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation was held via Zoom and called to order by Dawn Russell at 10:00 a.m. February 26, 2025, following prayer and devotions by Linda Gibbs.

Members present: Jon Baker, Linda Gibbs, Al Hosler, Christina Jensen, Dawn Russell Kim Strunz and Jane Young.

Members excused: Robbie Carnes, Janette Gonzales, Rob Minard and Brant Piper.

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 January 22, 2025 stated meeting.

The **STATED CLERK** report was given by Ted McCulloch. Various upcoming training opportunities were discussed.

It was noted that CPM needs people to serve on that SubTeam. Brant Piper volunteered last month to serve. Jon Baker agreed to serve on CPM. It was noted that Ed Savage and Cassie Todd are helping CPM as needed even though they no longer serve on COMMP.

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

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the renewal of the Pastoral Partnership Agreement between the Rev. Denny Irish, Vassar-First and First United Methodist Church of Vassar effective January 1, 2025 for a period of one year. Time expectations to Vassar-First is part-time (20 hours/week). The following are the terms for Vassar-First's portion of his salary and funds will be paid to Vassar-First United Methodist on a monthly basis.

Salary	$40,225/annum ($3,352/month) (Vassar-First's portion)
Housing	Included in salary paid to V-FUMC
Medical	Included in salary paid to V-FUMC
Continuing Education	Included in salary paid to V-FUMC
Travel Reimbursement	Included in salary paid to V-FUMC
Vacation Time	4 weeks including 4 Sundays
Study Leave	2 weeks including 2 Sundays
Additional Leave	4 weeks on the 5th Sundays on the month

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve renewal of the part-time (35 hours/month) Temporary Relationship Covenant between the Rev. Chris Thomas and Holly effective March 1, 2025 for a period of one year. Terms are as follows:

Housing	$1,000/month
Travel Reimbursement	At current IRS Rate
Vacation Time	4 weeks including 4 Sundays
Study Leave Time	2 weeks including 2 Sundays
Family Leave	Twelve weeks
Study Leave Allowance	$650/year
Professional Expenses	$500/year

Jon Baker gave an update on Ithaca-Lafayette. An interview will need to be scheduled with the person they are considering for as a Temporary Supply. Jon will ask Andrew Miller. Kim Strunz volunteered to help if Andrew is not available.

Dawn Russell gave an update on Davison-St. Andrews. Al Hosler volunteered to assist Dawn and Linda Graham to help the congregation come up with some creative suggestions regarding their future.

The **TRANSITION TEAM** report was given by Christina Jensen and Dawn Russell.

Dawn noted that Grand Blanc-Kirkridge would like to call Kate Morrison as their pastor (she is currently serving them in a contracted position) and need guidance on how to make that happen. Dawn will ask Janette Gonzales if she would volunteer to help.

Jon Baker gave an update on Ithaca-First.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Devotion leader volunteers for the next few meetings are as follows:
    - March – Jane Young
    - April – Al Hosler
    - May – Christina Jensen

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to adjourn at 10:30 am following closing prayer by Linda Gibbs. The next scheduled meeting of the Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation will be held Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 10:00am via Zoom. Jane Young will lead devotions.

Staci Percy
Communications Manager/Recording Clerk