

COMMITTEE REPORTS TO LAKE HURON PRESBYTERY
September 16, 2025

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY & MINISTRY PREPARATION

The Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation presents the following items for action.

1. In regard to Nikelle Johnson:
 - a. On behalf of Blackhawk Presbytery, the Commission presents Nikelle Johnson to be examined for ordination. Ms. Johnson has provided a statement of faith and will share an introduction and be examined on her statement of faith, her faith journey, and her call to ministry. [ATTACHMENT A]
 - b. Pending a successful examination of Ms. Johnson and on behalf of Blackhawk Presbytery, to approve an Administrative Commission for Ordination for 3 PM Sunday, September 21, 2026 at Bay City Westminster Presbyterian Church. Members of the Commission are:
 - Moderator and Elder Beth Asperger, Fairgrove, chair
 - Rev. Jamie Milton
 - Rev. Matthew Schramm
 - Rev. Christina Jensen
 - Elder Faith Sneller, Bay City Westminster
 - Elder Ed Savage, Birch Run Taymouth
 - Elder Ann Moe, Midland Memorial
2. Recommends that the Presbytery Minimum Terms of Call for 2026 be set as 75% of the 2025 Board of Pensions Median effective salary of \$70,000. Minimum Terms of Call for 2026 for the presbytery would be \$52,500 ($70,000 \times 0.75$). [ATTACHMENT B]

The commission reports that it took the following actions on behalf of the presbytery:

3. Enrolled Justice Cuddie as an Inquirer Under Care of the Presbytery.
4. Directed the Stated Clerk to transfer the membership of Cathy Chang to North Central California Presbytery.
5. Dissolved the call of Kate Morrison as Pastor of Flint-Trinity United and to end her contract with Grand Blanc-Kirkridge as of October 15, 2025 and to direct the Stated Clerk to transfer her membership when requested.
6. Appointed Ted McCulloch as Moderator of Saginaw-Second.
7. Appointed Mark Morningstar as Moderator of Breckenridge-Emerson.
8. Appointed Mark Morningstar as the Moderator of Uby-First's annual congregational meeting.

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9. Approved the CRE Covenant renewal between Elder Shaun Hardimon and Swartz Creek-Mundy for a period of one year effective August 11, 2025. Terms of call are as follows:

Cash Salary	\$150/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.	

10. Approved the contract renewal between Elder Bonnie Rapson and Deckerville-First effective September 11, 2025 for a period of one year. Terms are as follows:

Cash Salary	\$850/month (35 hours per month)
Travel Reimbursement	At IRS rate
Other	\$300
Continuing Education	\$1000
Book Allowance	\$500
Vacation Time	4 weeks including 4 Sundays
Study Leave Time	2 weeks including 2 Sundays
Family Medical Leave	12 weeks
The Rev. Christina Jensen will continue to serve as her mentor.	

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

The Stated Clerk presents the following item for action:

1. Approve the minutes of the June 3, 2025 Presbytery meeting

The Stated Clerk presents the following items for information:

2. Schedule of the remaining 2025 Presbytery meetings:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host</u>
December 2, 2025**	Flushing

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**Invitations are being accepted for 2026. Check with the Stated Clerk about the proposed dates for meetings. A reminder that the March Presbytery meeting is by Zoom and so would need a virtual host. We encourage invitations from churches that otherwise would not be able to host Presbytery.

March 7	Zoom only meeting. Virtual host needed
June 2	Linden Presbyterian Church
September 15	OPEN
December 1	OPEN

3. Sexual Misconduct Boundary Training will be provided in-person on Tuesday, September 30 at Bay City First OR on Wednesday, October 1 at Mt. Pleasant First from 10 AM to 2 PM. Attendance is needed for only one day, not both. Led by Rev. Fran Lane-Lawrence, the Synod of the Covenant Stated Clerk and Stated Clerk and Presbytery Leader for Lake Michigan Presbytery, this will satisfy the required Book of Order training for sexual misconduct. Also very suitable for church staff members as well as elders in our congregations. Register on the Presbytery website here: <http://www.presbylh.org/registrations/sexual-misconduct-training-registration/>
4. Session Minutes Reviews are being scheduled. The dates and locations are as follows:
 - Monday, October 13: 9 AM until Noon at the Presbytery Office***
 - Saturday, October 18: 9 AM until Noon at Flushing Presbyterian (no sign up needed)
 - Monday, October 27: 9 AM until Noon at the Presbytery Office***
 - Saturday, November 1: 9 AM until Noon at a Thumb church TBD (no sign up needed)

*** Registration is required. Please sign up on Presbytery website for a time slot here: <http://www.presbylh.org/registrations/records-review/>

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees present the following item for action:

1. To approve the sale of the following property by the Flushing Presbyterian Church to Flushing School District. Amount of sale will be provided at the meeting.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING TEAM

The Nominating Team presents the following nominees for consideration:

Moderator of the Presbytery	Rev. Paul Pfeuffer
Vice Moderator of the Presbytery	Elder Linda Kennan (Midland Memorial)
Clergy Commissioner to General Assembly	Rev. Andrew Miller
Elder Commissioner to General Assembly	Elder Linda Kennan (Midland Memorial)

PRESBYTERY COUNCIL

The Presbytery Council presents the following items...

1. Report of the Virtual Office Task Force: Members of the Task Force were Rev. Ted McCulloch, Stated Clerk; Rev. Andrew Miller, Mt. Pleasant First; Rev. Kate Morrison, Flint Trinity/Grand Blanc Kirkridge. After several meetings, the Task Force proposed that the current Presbytery office in the Nanum Presbyterian Church, Saginaw, be closed and the Presbytery operate a virtual office.
 - a. The Presbytery approve moving the office of the Presbytery to a virtual office beginning on January 1, 2026.
 - b. Grant the Trustees the permission to reach an agreement with the Nanum Presbyterian Church on possible needed building modifications and possible financial transitional support for 2026. Said agreement would be brought to the Presbytery at its December 2, 2025 meeting. If approved, funds would be used from the Designated Use Account #21487 Presbytery Office Maintenance Fund.
2. Report of the Presbytery Funding Work Group: Members are Elder Beth Asperger, Fairgrove & Presbytery Moderator; Rev. Glenn Grant; Elder Trish Martin, Midland Memorial; Rev. Mark Morningstar; Rev. Dawn Russell.
Ex Officio Members: Rev. Ted McCulloch; Rev. Dr. Joseph Novak; Jessica Schira, Financial Secretary; Elder Roger Scovill, Saginaw Countryside Trinity
[ATTACHMENT C]

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3. Approve the Presbytery portion of the 2026 Per Capita assessment at \$20.34 per active member. This would make the Presbytery of Lake Huron overall Per Capita rate to be as follows:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2025</u>	
Presbytery	\$20.34	\$16.45	+\$3.89
Synod	\$ 3.40	\$ 3.40	Unchanged
<u>General Assembly</u>	<u>\$11.26</u>	<u>\$10.84</u>	<u>+ \$0.42</u>
TOTAL	\$35.00	\$30.69	+ \$4.31

The Presbytery does not set the rates for Synod and General Assembly.

4. Designation of the meeting offering will be for the Ministerial Alliance of Fairgrove, an ecumenical group of clergy that provides emergency assistance in a variety of ways.
5. Available \$200 discount to each clergy and ruling elder to attend the NEXT Church National Gathering to be held on November 11-14, 2025 in Grand Rapids, MI. Approximately 20 persons may attend. Funds from Designated Use Account Leadership Training will be used to cover costs.

END OF COMMITTEE REPORTS