COMMISSION ON MINISTRY AND MINISTRY PREPARATION
Meeting Minutes
May 26, 2021

The meeting of the Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation was held via Zoom (due to State of Michigan restrictions relating to COVID-19) and called to order by Linda Kennan at 11:00 a.m., May 26, 2021, following devotions by Christina Jensen.

Members present: Jon Baker, Bill Bowen, Robbie Carnes, Carol Dulin, Janette Gonzales, Christina Jensen, Linda Kennan, Scott Kroener, Georgia McCall, Ann Moe, Brant Piper, Andrew Pomerville, Philomena Ofori-Nipaah, Dawn Russell, Ed Savage, Matt Schramm and Paul Ytterock.

Presbytery staff present: Dan Saperstein, Executive Presbyter; Ted McCulloch, Stated Clerk; and Staci Percy, Communications Manager/Recording Clerk.

Members excused: Hakbae Moon and Joy Smith.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the agenda as amended.

Check-in was held.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2021 meeting.

Ted McCulloch gave the **STATED CLERK REPORT.** He noted that CJ Merriman had resigned from COMMP. A replacement for his position will most likely be presented at the June presbytery meeting.

Dan Saperstein gave the **EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER REPORT**. An update on the changing COVID restrictions was given. Details of the Equipping Time portion of the June presbytery meeting was discussed. An update on the presbytery staff was given.

COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY was given by Andrew Pomerville. Nikelle Johnson has submitted her paperwork to request to be enrolled as an Inquirer Under Care of the Presbytery. That paperwork needs to be given to the presbytery office prior to the June meeting of COMMP so that a vote can be held to enroll her. She will be introduced at the September presbytery meeting if she is available. Ally Muenzer has completed her first year of seminary and is ready to have her psych eval done.

The **INTERVIEW TEAM** report was given by Scott Kroener. Interview statuses:

- Midland-Chapel Lane: Exit interview with Timm High completed
- Alma-First: Exit interview with Joy Smith completed
- Membership transfer: Interview with Rev Jane Young completed
- Alma-First: Interview with pastoral candidate completed

The **TRANSITION TEAM REPORT** was given by Dawn Russell. Saginaw-Second's mission study is complete.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to permit Saginaw-Second to form a Pastor Nominating Committee.

Discussion was held regarding Fenton-Tyrone.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to permit Fenton-Tyrone to form a Pastor Nominating Committee. The PNC will be reminded that a call cannot be extended without the prior approval of COMMP.

It was noted that Jon Baker will moderate the session of Alma-First for the months of June and July. (An if the way be clear motion regarding this appointment was made at the April meeting of COMMP.)

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to appoint Robbie Carnes as Moderator of Session for Holly's June 27, 2021 congregational meeting.

The **ADMINSTRATIVE TEAM** report was given by Ted McCulloch. It was noted that a final copy of the pastoral call for Bay City-First was received and that it had not changed from what was approved on an if the way be clear motion at the April meeting of COMMP.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the full-time Pastoral Call between the Rev. Katrina Pekich-Bundy and Alma-First effective August 1, 2021. Terms are as follows:

Salary	$34,865
Housing Allowance	$17,000
Social Security/Medicare	$4,295
Continuing Education	$2,500
Travel Reimbursement	$1,060 at IRS rate
Moving Cost Reimbursement	Up to $5,000 with prior approval
Vacation Allowance	4 weeks including 4 Sundays
Study Leave	2 weeks including 2 Sundays
Other	Up to $1,633 dental reimbursement

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to adjourn at 12:25pm following closing prayer by Christina Jensen. The next scheduled meeting of the Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation will be held Wednesday, June 23, 2021, at 11:00am via Zoom.

Staci Percy
Communications Manager/Recording Clerk