COMMISSION ON MINISTRY AND MINISTRY PREPARATION
Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2021

The meeting of the Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation was held via Zoom and called to order by Linda Kennan at 11:00 a.m., June 23, 2021, following devotions by Philomena Ofori-Nipaah.

Members present: Robbie Carnes, Carol Dulin, Janette Gonzales, Christina Jensen, Linda Kennan, Georgia McCall, Ann Moe, 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: Jon Baker, Bill Bowen, Hakbae Moon, Scott Kroener Brant Piper and Andrew Pomerville.

Guest: Nikelle Johnson

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the agenda.

Check-in was held.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2021 meeting as amended.

Ted McCulloch gave the **STATED CLERK REPORT.** He noted that the Synod would be holding Boundaries Training this summer for non-clergy and this fall for clergy and CREs. This will take the place of the Boundaries Training the presbytery hosts. All clergy and CREs are required to complete this training every three years and within the first three years of employment.

Dan Saperstein gave the **EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER REPORT**. It was noted that the presbytery office is currently operating on summer hours through Labor Day. Arrangements can be made for meetings outside those hours if needed. There will be a conflict management webinar hosted by the Synod on September 29th that would be helpful to all COMMP members but especially to those serving on the Interview Team. The Synod is also hosting an online COM and CPM training on October 13th that members should attend if possible.

The **COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY** report was given by Robbie Carnes. Nikelle Johnson joined the meeting to discuss her background and future plans.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to enroll Nikelle Johnson as an Inquirer Under Care of the Presbytery.

She will be introduced at the September presbytery meeting if she is available. An update on Ally Muenzer was given. It was noted that she is doing very well in seminary.

The **CPM Team** will begin working on arranging the annual consultations with Inquirers and Candidates.

The **INTERVIEW TEAM** report was given by Linda Kennan. Interview statuses:

- Katrina Pekich-Bundy interview complete
- Jane Young interview complete
- Interview with Flushing candidate scheduled for July
- Interview with Leslie Piper is scheduled for later this summer

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to enroll Jane Young as an Honorably Retired member of presbytery effective immediately.

Jane Young will be placed on the Pulpit Supply list per her request.

The **TRANSITION TEAM REPORT** was given by Dawn Russell. It was noted that Lapeer-First's mission study is in progress. Some changes are still needed.

Alma-First had a congregational meeting, the candidate, Katrina Pekich-Bundy, was approved and begins August 1, 2021.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED if the way be clear that Kinde-First/Elkton-Chandler be placed on CLC after some minor revisions.

It was noted that Fenton-Tyrone has formed their PNC.

Brant Piper is retiring at the end of September. Saginaw-Countryside will need pulpit supply.

Holly has a congregational meeting regarding calling Brooke Pickrell that Robbie Carnes will moderate.

The **ADMINSTRATIVE TEAM** report was given by Ted McCulloch.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve a scholarship for Elder Kim McKenzie (Breckenridge-Emerson) in the amount of $150 to cover the cost of tuition for the lay preaching course at Alma College.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the technology grant request from Holly in the amount of $1184.

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, 2021. Terms of call are as follows:

Cash Salary	$150/preaching session and $50/moderating session meeting
Travel Reimbursement	At IRS rate

The Rev. Robbie Carnes will continue to serve as his mentor.

The **LISTENING TEAM** report was given by Linda Kennan. Discussion was held regarding Ithaca-First. It was noted that a second check-in with Saginaw-Second will be scheduled soon.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to adjourn at 12:10pm following closing prayer by Philomena Ofori-Nipaah. It was noted that there will not be a July meeting unless necessary. The next scheduled meeting of the Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation will be held Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at 11:00am via Zoom. (It was moved up one week earlier than normal due to Labor Day and member vacations.) Robbie Carnes will lead devotions at the August meeting.

Staci Percy
Communications Manager/Recording Clerk