COMMISSION ON MINISTRY AND MINISTRY PREPARATION
Meeting Minutes
August 18, 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., August 18, 2021, following devotions by Robbie Carnes.

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

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the agenda.

Check-in was held.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2021 meeting.

Ted McCulloch gave the **STATED CLERK REPORT.** He noted that the annual Records Review would be held this fall.

Dan Saperstein gave the **EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER REPORT**. The Synod is hosting an online COM and CPM training on October 13th that members should attend if possible. The recent advice from Council regarding COVID protocol was reviewed.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve a Technology Grant in the amount of $2500 for Saginaw-Michigan-Nanum.

It was noted that a technology team should follow up with grant recipients.

Discussion was held regarding the role and responsibilities of liaisons. Discussion points included:

- Rethinking the liaison model to make it easier to connect with churches may be helpful
- Talk with elders about COMMP; churches don't know much about their role; need to educate them on what the committee does
- Talk with churches who have brought up concerns about not connecting with liaisons
- Brant Piper will look into how other presbyteries' liaison programs are structured
- Possibly have regional meetings of churches with their liaison(s).

- Liaisons could meet with representatives from their churches at presbytery meetings once we resume hybrid and/or in-person meetings

It was decided to refer the liaison format to the Administrative Team.

Members should review their assignments and let Linda Kennan and Staci Percy know if changes are needed.

Liaison assignment changes made during the discussion:

- Bill Bowen will be the Liaison to Harbor Beach
- Brant Piper will be the liaison to Sandusky
- Scott Kroener and Janette Gonzales will share liaison duties for Marlette-First and Marlette-Second

Discussion was held regarding Pulpit Supply. The students who took the Alma College course need to have their eligibility verified and can be added to the list if they qualify. The Interview Team needs to interview them prior to being added to the list. Andrew Pomerville will provide the list of attendees.

The **COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY** report was given by Robbie Carnes. He noted that Nathaniel Aspberger is interning at Fairgrove. The team needs to speak with Nathaniel as it is not a good internship.

Question was asked about who covers CREs. They are covered under CPM for educational items and placement is done under COM.

CPM has questions all set to ask Paul Pfeuffer tomorrow at the special called meeting of presbytery to examine him as ready for Ordination.

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

- Leslie Piper – completed
- Paul Pfeuffer – completed

The **TRANSITION TEAM REPORT** was given by Dawn Russell.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approved the MIF for Fenton-Tyrone. Updates were given for:

- Sandusky
- Thumb Ministry Group
- Farigrove/Vassar
- Lapeer-First

Dan Saperstein will remove Fairgrove's MIF from CLC.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to permit Saginaw-Countryside Trinity to pursue a bridge pastor.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to permit Flint-Trinity United to pursue two contracted part-time pastors. (Lindsey Carnes' contract is ending on September 30, 2021).

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

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED if the way be clear to appoint an Installation Commission to Install Dr. Kim as Pastor of Saginaw-Nanum on September 19, 2021. Members are: Elders Linda Langrill (Moderator), Andrea Drapp and an Elder from Saginaw-Nanum to be appointed by the Moderator and the Revs. Dan Saperstein, Paul Ytterock and Hakbae Moon.

Ted McCulloch noted that there are a number of Installations anticipated in the next few weeks and that he would be emailing people asking for dates so that there will not be any overlapping.

An update was given on Michael and Rachel Ludwig. They have COVID and are not able to travel at this time.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED if the way be clear to approve the full-time Pastoral Call of Paul Pfeuffer and Flushing effective September 12, 2021. (Approval is pending updating contract to include housing in salary.) Terms presented were:

Salary	$53,000
Housing Allowance	$15,900
Social Security/Medicare	$4,054.50
Continuing Education	$1,000
Professional Expenses	$1,000
Travel Reimbursement	$2,000 at IRS rate
Moving Cost Reimbursement	Up to $4,000
Dental Premium	$1609.08
403B	$1,590
Vacation Allowance	4 weeks including 4 Sundays
Study Leave	2 weeks including 2 Sundays
Paternity Leave	4 weeks

Discussion was held regarding revising forms and documents used by COMMP and having them posted on the presbytery's website.

The **LISTENING TEAM** report was given by Linda Kennan and Dan Saperstein.

Discussion was held regarding Ithaca-First. (Christina Jensen was put in a Zoom waiting room during this discussion period.)

Discussion was held regarding Saginaw-Second.

It was noted that several churches in the southern part of the presbytery recently sustained damage from storms. Grants from PDA may be available if needed and churches are encouraged to apply.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to adjourn at 1:10pm following closing prayer by Robbie Carnes. The next scheduled meeting of the Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation will be held Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at 11:00am via Zoom.

Staci Percy
Communications Manager/Recording Clerk