COMMISSION ON MINISTRY AND MINISTRY PREPARATION
Meeting Minutes
September 22, 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., September 22, 2021, following devotions and prayer by Linda Kennan.

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

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the agenda.

Check-in was held.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2021 stated meeting and the September 10, 2021 special meeting.

Ted McCulloch gave the **STATED CLERK REPORT.**

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to Validate the Ministry of the Rev. Dr. Andrew Pomerville as Director of Community Engagement at Alma College.

Dan Saperstein gave the **EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER REPORT**. It was noted that the new date to Install Dr. Kim as Pastor of Saginaw-Michigan Nanum is October 3, 2021.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to appoint an Administrative Commission to Install the Rev. Dr. Do Kim as Pastor of Saginaw-Michigan Nanum on Sunday, October 2, 2021 at 3:00pm. Commission members are: the Revs. Philomena Ofori-Nipaah and Dan Saperstein and Elder Linda Langrill (Moderator) and to permit the COMMP Moderator to appoint or co-opt additional members.

Discussion was held regarding the 2022 Minimum Terms of Call. It was decided that this will go back to the Admin Team and they will bring recommendations to a future meeting.

It was noted that the presbytery is hosting a second COVID-19 Zoom workshop with Lisa Allgood on October 5, 2021.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to add Elder Sharon Peters (Birch Run-Taymouth) to the Pulpit Supply list effective immediately. The Rev. Scott Kroener will serve as her mentor.

The **COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY** report was given by Robbie Carnes. Annual Consultations are being planned. Robbie Carnes will be Paul Pfeuffer's mentor. A mentor for Kim Strunz is needed. This will be added to the October meeting agenda.

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

- No interviews were conducted this month.
- Upcoming: Brant Piper, Christina Jensen, Flint-Trinity United

It was noted that there is a need to re-establish regional ministry groups.

The **TRANSITION TEAM REPORT** was given by Linda Kennan.

Discussion was held regarding Sandusky.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to permit Sandusky to form as PNC.

Discussion was held regarding the need to assign Moderators of Session for several churches.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to appoint Dan Saperstein as Moderator of Fairgrove for the month of October and Philomena Ofori-Nipaah as Moderator of Saginaw-Countryside for the month of October.

Ithaca-First will need a Moderator starting in November.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the part-time (approximately 20 hours per week) Temporary Supply contract renewal between the Rev. Lindsey Carnes and Flint-Trinity United for a period of six months effective October 1, 2021. Terms per month are as follows:

Cash Salary	$1,837.50
Housing Allowance	N/A
BoP coverage	$441
SECA Offset	$140.59
Medical Supplement	$250

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the Temporary Pulpit Supply agreement between the Rev. Zoltan Sutto and Flint-Trinity United to preach and lead worship on October 10 and 24 and November 14, 2021 at a rate of $150 per Sunday.

It was noted that Vassar-First is no longer working with Fairgrove on a shared ministry. They are working with the Methodist church in Vassar to set up a shared ministry.

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

Discussion was held regarding the role and responsibilities of liaisons.

It was noted that the team is working on updating the various pastoral relationship forms.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the Covenant of Closure between the Rev. Brant Piper and Saginaw-Countryside

The **LISTENING TEAM** report was given by Linda Kennan and Jeanette Gonzales. Christina Jensen's last day at Ithaca-First will be October 31, 2021. Pastoral support on that day for the Service of Dissolution is needed.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED if the way be clear to appoint an Administrative Commission to Ordain and Install Paul Pfeuffer on October 17, 2021 at 3:00pm at Flushing. Commission members are the Revs. Dan Saperstein, Joseph Novak and Robbie Carnes and two Elders to be named later.

Discussion was held regarding the need for devotion leaders for October and November. Ted McCulloch will lead the October meeting and Scott Kroener will lead the November meeting.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to adjourn at 12:55pm following closing prayer by Linda Kennan. The next scheduled meeting of the Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation will be held Wednesday, October 27, 2021, at 11:00am via Zoom.

Staci Percy
Communications Manager/Recording Clerk