COMMISSION ON MINISTRY AND MINISTRY PREPARATION
Meeting Minutes
November 17, 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., November 17, 2021, following devotions and prayer by Scott Kroener.

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

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the agenda as amended.

Check-in was held during devotions.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2021 stated meeting as amended.

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

- Records Review is going well. Had a well-attended weekday session. One more session on December 4th.
- About 16-18 people attended the Boundaries Training through the Synod of the Covenant last week.
- Vassar-First has been working on arrangements with the Methodist church on sharing a pastor.

Dan Saperstein gave the **EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER REPORT**. It was noted that the presbytery has a new Board of Pensions representative, Luke Choi, who will give a presentation at the December presbytery meeting.

The **COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY** report was given by Robbie Carnes. They will be meeting tomorrow via Zoom and will have a report at the next COMMP meeting.

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

- Intake interview with Flint-Trinity candidate went well
- Exit interview with Christina Jensen is complete
- Exit interview with Brant Piper is complete

- Intake interview with Scott Sherrill needs to be scheduled

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

- Flint-Trinity United has made an offer to a candidate, but it has not been accepted yet.
- Kinde/Chandler/Fraser have agreed on a financial arrangement for a 3 church parish for a designated pastor
- Discussion was held regarding Lapeer-First

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to permit Cass City-Fraser to form a PNC.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED if the way be clear to approve Saginaw-Second's MIF. Vote was 9 Yes, 5 No.

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

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the renewal of part-time CRE contract renewal between Elder Jon Baker and Rosebush-Rosebush for a period of one year, effective November 1, 2021. Terms are as follows:

Salary	$200/week
Vacation Allowance	4-8 Sundays

The Rev. Andrew Miller will continue to serve as his mentor.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED if the way be clear to approve the part-time (approximately 20 hours per week) Temporary Supply contract renewal between the Rev. Scott Sherril and Vassar-First for a period of one year effective December 1, 2021; to enroll him as a Temporary Member of Presbytery for the duration of his service and appoint him as Moderator of Session. Terms are as follows:

Cash Salary	$37,824
Housing Allowance	N/A
BoP coverage	N/A
Travel Reimbursement	$1,500 at the IRS Rate
Study Leave Allowance	$750
Reimbursable Items inc. books	$500
Professional Expenses	$500
Study Leave	2 weeks, including 2 Sundays
Vacation Time	4 Weeks including 4 Sundays; Plus 4 additional Sundays which will be the 5th Sunday of the month where applicable.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve part-time Temporary Supply contract between Elder Linda Living-Hawley and Fenton-Tyrone effective November 28 through December 24, 2021. Payment of $150 per service plus mileage to and from the church from her home at the IRS rate.

The **LISTENING TEAM** report was given by Linda Kennan.

- Discussion was held regarding regional listening sessions/gathering for clergy to help care for each other. Regional conveners are:
    - Christina Jensen, Region 1
    - Ted McCulloch, Region 2
    - Robbie Carnes, Region 3
    - Leigh Holder, Region 4

Members who are rotating off from COMMP at the end of the year were acknowledged and thanked for their service. They are: Georgia McCall, Carol Dulin and Dawn Russell. Joy Smith, who moved from the area earlier this year, was acknowledged and thanked for her service.

Discussion was held regarding a COMMP Moderator and Vice Moderator for 2022. Linda Kennan and Paul Ytterock are willing to serve again but if others would like an opportunity, they won't seek re-election.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED if the way be clear to approve the pastoral call of Michael Ludwig as Associate Pastor of Midland-Memorial effective January 1, 2022. Terms are as follows:

Cash Salary	$35,000
Housing Allowance	$35,000
SECA	$5,355
403B	$3,768
Pension/Major Medical	Full per BOP Plan
Dental and Supplemental	$1,878
Death Benefits	
Medical Allowance	$2,000
Study Leave	$1,000
Professional Expenses	$2,000
Travel/Mileage	$2,500 at IRS rate
Vacation Time	4 weeks including 4 Sundays
Study Leave Time	2 weeks including 2 Sundays
Maternity Leave	6 weeks

The committee commended the church in fulfilling the provisions of the presbytery's Affirmative Action Equal Employment Opportunity Program for the Calling of Pastors, meeting the requirements of the church-wide plan for EEO.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to adjourn at 12:25pm following closing prayer by Scott Kroener. The next scheduled meeting of the Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation will be held Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 11:00am via Zoom.

Staci Percy
Communications Manager/Recording Clerk