COMMISSION ON MINISTRY AND MINISTRY PREPARATION
Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2022

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., March 23, 2022, following devotions and prayer by Ann Moe.

Members present: Bill Bowen, Robbie Carnes, Lynn Franko, Janette Gonzales, Al Hosler, Christina Jensen, Linda Kennan, Scott Kroener, Ann Moe, Andrew Pomerville, Brant Piper, Philomena Ofori-Nipaah, Ed Savage, Matt Schramm, Kim Strunz and Cassie Todd.

Presbytery staff present: Staci Percy, Communications Manager/Recording Clerk.

Members excused: Jon Baker, Hakbae Moon, John Tapley and Paul Ytterock.

Presbytery staff excused: Ted McCulloch, Stated Clerk

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the agenda as amended.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2022 stated meeting as amended.

The **COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY** report was given by Robbie Carnes. The team has been in contact with all three of the Inquirers Under Care of the Presbytery. They are close to having the CPM Manual ready to bring to the full COMMP meeting for approval.

The CPM team was asked to review Christian Education opportunities and Mentors for CREs and bring recommendations to the full group at a future meeting.

The **INTERVIEW TEAM REPORT** was given by Scott Kroener. The team met with the candidate for Flint-Trinity United. The team approved the church moving forward with an offer if they choose to do so.

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

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the MIF for Saginaw-Countryside Trinity.

Discussion was held regarding the Yale and Sandusky congregations.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to appoint Brant Piper as Moderator of a special session meeting of Sandusky on April 3, 2022 and if they way be clear to moderate any special congregational meetings of Sandusky.

An update was given regarding Houghton Lake-Kirk of the Lakes.

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

Discussion was held regarding the pastoral care proposal from Kim Strunz. This was referred to the Admin Team for further discussion and review.

Discussion was held regarding using special titles such as Lay Pastor for Ruling Elders who are providing pulpit supply.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the $2000 technology grant request from Elkton-Chandler.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to permit Elder Gregoire Bolduc to serve communion at Flint-Trinity United for a period of one year effective immediately.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to permit Elders Kathy Maurer and Rob Minard to serve communion at Birch Run-Taymouth for a period of one year effective immediately.

Linda Kennan gave the **STATED CLERK REPORT.** Clergy and CREs who have not completed Boundary Training within the past three years are required to complete training this year either through the Synod or another presbytery.

GENERAL BUSINESS items were as follows:

Discussion was held regarding regional clergy and leadership gatherings.

Discussion was held regarding a proposed clergy/CRE retreat later this year. A poll will be sent to clergy and CREs currently serving to gage interest.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to adjourn at 12:40pm following closing prayer by Ann Moe. The next scheduled meeting of the Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation will be held Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at 11:00am via Zoom. Scott Kroener will lead devotions.

Staci Percy
Communications Manager/Recording Clerk