COMMISSION ON MINISTRY AND MINISTRY PREPARATION
Meeting Minutes
June 22, 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., June 22, 2022, following devotions and prayer by Robbie Carnes.

Members present: Bill Bowen, Robbie Carnes, Janette Gonzales, Al Hosler, Christina Jensen, Linda Kennan, Scott Kroener, Brant Piper, Ed Savage, Matt Schramm, John Tapley and Paul Ytterock.

Presbytery staff present: Ted McCulloch, Stated Clerk and Staci Percy, Communications Manager/Recording Clerk.

Members excused: Jon Baker, Lynn Franko, Ann Moe, Hakbae Moon, Andrew Pomerville, Philomena Ofori-Nipaah, Kim Strunz and Cassie Todd.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the agenda.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2022 stated meeting.

The **STATED CLERK REPORT** was given by Ted McCulloch.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to appoint an Installation Commission to Install the Rev. Matthew Schramm as Pastor and the Rev. Michael Ludwig as Associate Pastor of Midland-Memorial on September 11, 2022 at 1:30pm. Members are: Elder Linda Kennan (Midland-Memorial), Janie Gugino (Saginaw-First), Martha Miller (Mt. Pleasant-First, Karen Dastick (Midland-Memorial) and the Revs. Glenn Grant (Moderator), Ted McCulloch, Jim Neumann, Andrew Miller and Andrew Pomerville. Invited Pastors: Chip Hardwick, Synod of the Covenant and Don Dawson, Pittsburgh.

The **COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY** report was given by Robbie Carnes.

Discussion was held regarding adding Nathaniel Asperger to the Pulpit Supply List. Once a background check is complete, he will be added.

Discussion was held regarding the need to find Ordination Exam Readers. One clergy and one elder are needed. CPM will bring suggestions to the August meeting and those approved will be sent to the presbytery to be elected at the September meeting.

It was noted that CPM will be holding face-to-face meetings with all Candidates and Inquirers this summer.

The **ADMINSTRATIVE TEAM** report was given by Paul Ytterock.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to appoint Kim Strunz as Moderator of Session for the Cass City-First and Fairgrove congregations effective August 1, 2022.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to re-authorize Elder Gail Smith to serve communion at Swartz Creek-Mundy.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to re-authorize Lynn Cramer, Joy Lupton and Beth Asperger to serve communion at Fairgrove.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the Temporary Pulpit Supply agreement between Elder Linda Living-Hawley and Fenton-Tyrone effective February 6 through July 31, 2022. Terms are as follows: $150 per Sunday plus mileage.

It was noted that Andrew Miller is now back to Moderating the Session of Ithaca-First.

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

It was noted that in congregational meetings held recently, the calls were approved for Christina Jensen as Pastor of Cass City-Fraser, Elkton-Chandler and Kinde-First and for Hal Shafer as Pastor of Lapeer-First.

The team has begun work on a manual for the PNC process.

GENERAL BUSINESS was presented by Linda Kennan.

Discussion was held regarding compensation for moderating congregational meetings. The same rate as moderating a session meeting applies. This will be noted on the presbytery' website for clarification.

Discussion was held regarding the Listening Sessions held at the June meeting of presbytery. Members were asked to encourage their churches to participate in the upcoming Zoom session. Liaisons were asked to reach out to the congregations they are assigned and sit with them, ask them the same questions, and provide a written summary that will be used by the Presbytery Council.

At the August meeting of COMMP, the liaison list will be reviewed and revised where needed.

Members were asked to lead devotions for the remainder of the year. There was not a volunteer for the August or November meetings. John Tapley volunteered to lead in September and Bill Bowen volunteered to lead in October.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to adjourn at 12:10pm following closing prayer by Robbie Carnes. The next scheduled meeting of the Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation will be held Wednesday, August 24, 2022, at 11:00am via Zoom. A leader for devotions is still needed. There is not a scheduled meeting for the month of July 2022.

Staci Percy
Communications Manager/Recording Clerk