COMMISSION ON MINISTRY AND MINISTRY PREPARATION
Meeting Minutes
October 26, 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., October 26, 2022, following devotions and prayer by Bill Bowen.

Members present: Jon Baker, Bill Bowen, Robbie Carnes, Janette Gonzales, Al Hosler, Christina Jensen, Linda Kennan, Ann Moe, Brant Piper, Andrew Pomerville, Philomena Ofori-Nipaah, Matt Schramm, Kim Strunz, John Tapley, Cassie Todd and Paul Ytterock.

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

Members excused: Lynn Franko, Scott Kroener, Hakbae Moon and Ed Savage.

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 September 28, 2022 stated meeting.

The **STATED CLERK REPORT** was given by Linda Kennan. A reminder was given that Boundary Training is being held next month. Anyone who has not attended in the past three years is required to attend.

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

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the Installation Commission to Install the Rev. Hal Shafer as Pastor of Lapeer-First on Saturday, November 19, 2022 at a time to be determined at Lapeer-First. Members are: Revs. Glenn Grant (Moderator), Scott Kroener and Kim Strunz; Elders Linda Kennan (Midland-Memorial), Janette Gonzales (Birch Run-Taymouth) and Bob Rowden (Lapeer-First)

Discussion was held regarding the CRE contract between Elder Rapson and Deckerville-First that was originally presented at the September meeting of COMMP. The time expectations listed on the contract have been clarified.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the Covenant with a Ruling Elder between Elder Bonnie Rapson and Deckerville-First for period of one year effective September 11, 2022. Terms are as follows:

Cash Salary	$700/month (30-35 hours per month)
Travel Reimbursement	At IRS rate
Telephone	Billable to church
Continuing Education	$500

Book Allowance	$50
Vacation Time	4 weeks including 4 Sundays
Study Leave Time	2 weeks including 2 Sundays

The Rev. Christina Jensen will serve as her mentor.

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

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to recommend to the Nominating Team that Elder Pat Duever (Elkton-Chandler) be nominated as the Ruling Elder Ordination Reader for 2023.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to pay $500 of the fee for the required psychological evaluation for Nikelle Johnson and to reimburse Nathaniel Asperger for the portion that he paid for his evaluation.

Discussion was held regarding having the presbytery pay for the full cost of the evaluations in the future.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve granting Nathaniel Asperger $1500 (2/3 of the cost) for a train-the-trainer course with the understanding that he will lead a training event for the presbytery afterwards.

Discussion was held regarding the request of Nathaniel Asperger to pay for the cost of an art course in Italy. Discussion was tabled until the November meeting.

The **TRANSITION TEAM REPORT** was given by Linda Kennan. An update on Houghton Lake-Kirk of the Lakes was given. While Saginaw-Second was discussed, Philomena Ofori-Nipaah was put in the waiting room.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to appoint Ted McCulloch as Moderator of the Session of Saginaw-Second for the months of November and December.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to appoint Linda Kennan as Moderator of the Session of Saginaw-Second for the congregational meeting to be held January 8, 2023.

The **INTERVIEW TEAM** reported that they had an interview with a candidate for Saginaw-Second.

Philomena Ofori-Nipaah rejoined the meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS was presented by Linda Kennan.

Discussion regarding the presbytery wide listening sessions was moved to the November meeting of COMMP.

The November meeting will be moved up one week due to Thanksgiving. It will be held on Wednesday, November 16th at 11:00am via Zoom.

Discussion was held regarding the Moderator and Vice Moderator of COMMP for 2023.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to adjourn at 12:45pm following closing prayer by Bill Bowen. The next scheduled meeting of the Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation will be held Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at 11:00am via Zoom. Robbie Carnes will lead devotions.

Staci Percy
Communications Manager/Recording Clerk