COMMISSION ON MINISTRY AND MINISTRY PREPARATION
Meeting Minutes
October 25, 2023

The meeting of the Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation was held via Zoom and called to order by Linda Kennan at 10:00 a.m., October 15, 2023, following devotions and prayer by Linda Kennan.

Members present: Jon Baker, Robbie Carnes, Lynn Franko, Janette Gonzales, Al Hosler, Christina Jensen, Linda Kennan, Scott Kroener, Rob Minard, Brant Piper, Ed Savage, Kim Strunz, Cassie Todd, Jane Young and Paul Ytterock.

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

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the agenda as amended.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2023 stated meeting.

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

Moderating Session Meeting Training is scheduled for November 4, 2023 at Saginaw-First. Pre-registration on the presbytery website is requested but not required.

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

Discussion was held regarding needing a Moderator for the Harbor Beach-First congregational meeting on January 14, 2024. This item will be included on the November agenda.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to appoint Lindsey Carnes as the Moderator of the Flint-Trinity United congregational meeting on October 29, 2023.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to appoint Paul Ytterock at Moderator of Session for Grand Blanc-Kirkridge.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the part-time Temporary Covenant between Croswell-First and the Rev. William Wright effective for a period of 12 months beginning January 1, 2024. Terms are as follows:

Cash Salary	$1825/month (18 hours per week)
Travel Reimbursement	At IRS rate
Book Allowance	$600
Vacation Time	4 weeks including 4 Sundays
Study Leave Time	2 weeks including 2 Sundays
Family Leave Time	Up to 12 weeks

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve a short-term CRE contract effective immediately through December 31, 2023 between Elder John Essex and Beaverton-First. He will be paid $250 per week and is authorized to serve communion.

A discussion was held regarding the request of Dan Saperstein to be placed on the Pulpit Supply List.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to not approve the request of Dan Saperstein to be placed on the Pulpit Supply List.

The **INTERVIEW TEAM** report was given by Scott Kroener.

The team recently interviewed the Rev. William Wright. The Interview Team found the Rev. William Wright acceptable for the role of part-time pastor and recommended he be considered for temporary membership.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to grant William Wright temporary membership in the presbytery.

The team will interview Sue Hand on October 26, 2023.

The **TRANSITION TEAM** report was given by Linda Kennan. And update was given on:

- Flint churches partnership
- Tawas
- Vassar
- Twining

The **COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION** report was given by Robbie Carnes. It was noted that the committee anticipates on Inquirer moving to Candidacy in the spring and a Candidate being ready for Ordination by the summer.

Ordination Readers are needed for 2024. Names of a clergy, an elder and an alternate need to be brought to the next meeting so that they may be elected at the December meeting of presbytery.

GENERAL/NEW BUSINESS included:

- Linda Kennan gave an update on the UCC Conference that she recently attended.
- Brant Piper presented a draft of the role of liaisons that the subteam has developed. They will present more information at the November meeting.
- Members were reminded that the November meeting has been moved up a week due to Thanksgiving.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to move all future November meetings to the third Wednesday of the month.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to adjourn at 11:45pm following closing prayer by Linda Kennan. The next scheduled meeting of the Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation will be held Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 10:00am via Zoom. Robbie Carnes will lead devotions.

Staci Percy
Communications Manager/Recording Clerk