

COMMITTEE REPORTS TO LAKE HURON PRESBYTERY
December 5, 2023

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY AND MINISTRY PREPARATION

The Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation presents the following item for action:

1. The Commission presents Wesley Smith to be examined for ordination. Mr. Smith has provided a statement of faith and will share an introduction, a brief exposition on a Scripture of his choosing and be examined on his statement of faith, his faith journey, and his call to ministry. **[ATTACHMENT A]**

The Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation reports that it took the following actions on behalf of presbytery:

2. Appointed the following people as Moderators of the Sessions listed:
 - Brant Piper at Caro through the end of the year.
 - Paul Ytterock at Fairgrove
 - Paul Ytterock at Grand Blanc-Kirkridge
 - Jon Baker at Beaverton
3. Appointed the following people as Moderators of congregational meetings of the churches listed:
 - Brant Piper for Grand Blanc-Kirkridge (Robbie Carnes appointed as alternate if needed)
 - Linda Kennan for Flint-Trinity United
 - Al Hosler for Harbor Beach-First
 - Jon Baker for Breckenridge-Emerson
4. Approved Elder Jonathan Korpe to serve communion at Rosebush on October 1, 2023.
5. Approved transferring the membership of the Rev. William (Bill) Emrich, Honorably Retired, from Wabash Presbytery effective immediately.
6. Granted William Wright temporary membership in the presbytery.
7. Approve the Covenant renewal between Elder Bonnie Rapson and Deckerville-First for period of one year effective September 11, 2023. Terms are as follows:

Cash Salary	\$850/month (35 hours per month)
Travel Reimbursement	At IRS rate
Telephone	Billable to church
Continuing Education	\$1000
Book Allowance	\$500
Vacation Time	4 weeks including 4 Sundays
Study Leave Time	2 weeks including 2 Sundays
The Rev. Christina Jensen will continue to serve as her mentor.	

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8. Approved 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

9. Approved the part-time (25 hours/week) Temporary Supply Covenant between the Rev. Sue Hand and Tawas effective for a period of one year, effective January 1, 2024. Terms are as follows:

Cash Salary	\$20,000
Housing Allowance	\$15,000
Travel Reimbursement	At IRS rate
Vacation Time	4 weeks (non-consecutive) including 4 Sundays
Study Leave Time	3 weeks including Sundays
Family Leave Time	Up to 12 weeks

10. Approved the Pulpit Supply Covenant between Caro-First and Fairgrove-First with Tanya Steele and Nathaniel Asperger for a period of six months, effective January 1, 2024. Terms for each are as follows:

Nathaniel Asperger:

Cash Salary	\$150/week from each church
Travel Reimbursement	At IRS rate

- Lead worship and preach three (3) times each month at each church, in conjunction with concurrent Covenant Agreement by Churches with Tanya Steele.
- Services in Fairgrove will occur on the second, third and fourth Sundays of a month, starting at 9:30 am.
- Services in Caro will occur on the second, third and fourth Sundays of a month, starting at 11:00 am.

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Tanya Steele:

Cash Salary	\$150/week from each church
Travel Reimbursement	At IRS rate

- Lead worship and preach one to two (1-2) times each month at each church, in conjunction with concurrent Covenant Agreement by Churches with Nathaniel Asperger.
- Services in Fairgrove will occur on the first and if applicable, fifth Sundays of a month, starting at 9:30 am.
- Services in Caro will occur on the first, and if applicable, fifth Sundays of a month, starting at 11:00 am.

11. Jennifer Rike's contract at Holly was extended for another month with the same terms.

12. Approved 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.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee proposes the following people for election:

1. Ordination Readers for 2024:
 - Elder Ed Savage, Ruling Elder Reader, Birch Run-Taymouth
 - Rev. Cassie Todd, Teaching Elder Reader
 - Rev. Robbie Carnes, Alternate Reader
2. General Assembly 2024 YAAD
 - Brendan Dastick, Midland-Memorial
3. Mission Coordinating Committee
 - Rev. Katrina Pekich-Bundy, Class of 2026
 - Rev. Kate Morrison, Class of 2026
4. Synod Clergy Representative
 - Rev. Christina Jensen, Class of 2026
5. Presbytery Judicial Commission
 - Elder Fred Overdier, Caro-First, Class of 2029
 - Rev. Paul Ytterock, Class of 2029
6. Board of Trustees
 - Rev. Glenn Grant, Class of 2026
 - Rev. Christina Jensen, Class of 2026

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7. Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation (COMMP)

- Rev. Robbie Carnes, Class of 2026
- Elder Janette Gonzales, Birch Run-Taymouth, Class of 2026
- Rev. Christina Jensen, Class of 2026
- Rev. Dawn Russell, Class of 2026

TRUSTEES

Trustees met November 1, 2023 and present the following item for action:

1. Authorize the Trustees to buyout of the debt obligation of Flint Trinity-United Presbyterian Church, 5151 Lennon Road, Flint, MI of approximately \$218,123.29 with the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP). Funds to be drawn from unrestricted reserves. In addition, authorize the Board to enter into an agreement with Flint Trinity-United for an affordable repayment by Flint Trinity-United Church to the Presbytery for the retirement of the debt.

Rationale:

As of January 1, 2024, the loan payment per month with PILP would nearly triple for Flint Trinity-United and be more than they could afford. The Board views this action as a mission opportunity not only for the congregation, its pastor, but for the Presbytery as well.

PRESBYTERY COUNCIL

The Presbytery Council met presents the following items for action:

The Presbytery Council met October 18 and November 8 and presents the following item for action:

1. Approve the recommended changes in compensation for the Stated Clerk:

Stated Clerk:	<u>2024</u>
Salary	\$20,516.16
SECA/Medicare	\$ 3,605.80
Travel & business reimbursements	\$ 4,000.00
TOTAL	\$28,121.96

2. Recommend adoption of the 2024 budget as approved by the Presbytery Council
[ATTACHMENT B]

The Presbytery Council presents the following items for information:

3. Designation of the meeting offering to be announced at the December Presbytery meeting.

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4. Approved as recommended by the Personnel Committee, that the current Pastor-to-Pastor model be continued with current staff, the Rev. Dr. Joseph Novak, Flint-First, and the Rev. Brenna Overland, Bay City-First. Reviews to be done annually.

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

The Stated Clerk presents the following items for action:

1. Approve the minutes of the September 17, 2023 Presbytery meeting.
2. Approve the following actions with regard to the review of Session minutes and Church Registers:
 - a. The minutes of the following churches be approved without exception: Alma-First, Bay City-Westminster, Beaverton-First, Birch Run-Taymouth, Breckenridge-Emerson, Cass City-First, Cass City-Fraser, Croswell-First, Davison-St. Andrews, Deckerville-First, Elkton-Chandler, Fairgrove, Fenton-First, Fenton-Tyrone, Flint-First, Flint-Trinity United, Flushing, Grand Blanc-Kirkridge, Holly, Houghton Lake-Kirk of the Lakes, Kinde-First, Lapeer-First, Marlette-Second, Midland-Memorial, Mt. Pleasant-First, Saginaw-First and Swartz Creek-Mundy
 - b. The minutes of the following churches be approved with exception: Rosebush
 - c. The minutes of the following churches were not approved: None
 - d. The church registers for the following churches be approved without exception: Alma-First, Bay City-Westminster, Beaverton-First, Birch Run-Taymouth, Breckenridge-Emerson, Cass City-First, Cass City-Fraser, Croswell-First, Davison-St. Andrews, Deckerville-First, Elkton-Chandler, Fenton-First, Fenton-Tyrone, Flint-First, Flint-Trinity United, Flushing, Grand Blanc-Kirkridge, Holly, Houghton Lake-Kirk of the Lakes, Kinde-First, Lapeer-First, Marlette-Second, Midland-Memorial, Mt. Pleasant-First, Saginaw-First and Swartz Creek-Mundy
 - e. The church registers for the following church be approved with exceptions: None
 - f. The church registers for the following churches were not approved: None

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The Stated Clerk presents the following items for information:

1. Schedule of the 2024 Presbytery meetings:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host</u>
March 2, 2024	Zoom Only – Kinde First ,Chandler, Cass City Fraser
June 4, 2024	Alma College
September 17, 2024	Mt. Pleasant First
December 3, 2024	Flint First

** Council has designated March Presbytery meetings to be by Zoom. This allows any of our churches to serve as a “virtual host.” This will give churches that normally cannot host Presbytery a chance to do so. Opportunities to share the church’s history and mission will be arranged for a “virtual” host. Please contact the Stated Clerk if you have any questions.

END OF COMMITTEE REPORTS