

COMMITTEE REPORTS TO LAKE HURON PRESBYTERY
March 7, 2017

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve the minutes for the January 17, 2017 Special Meeting and the December 6, 2016 Stated Meeting of the Presbytery.
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: Birch Run-Taymouth
 - b. The church registers for the following churches be approved without exception: Birch Run-Taymouth
3. Grant the request of Harbor Beach-First for an exception to and waiver of the requirements of G-2.0404, to allow the re-election of elders who have served two consecutive terms.
4. Grant the request of Flint-Trinity United to pay their 2017 Per Capita in four installments, to be completed by December 31, 2017.

COORDINATING TEAM

The Coordinating Team presents the following items for action:

1. Recommend approval of the attached proposed resolution which addresses the indefinite suspension of all Syrian refugees from entry into the U.S.
[ATTACHMENT A]

The Coordinating Team presents the following items for information:

2. A Vision Task Force was appointed to implement Presbytery Plans for 2017. Vision Task Force members are: Teaching Elders Dan Saperstein, Desiree Lawson, Katja Gruening, and Ruling Elders Kathleen Rowe, Luz Ytterock and CJ Merriman.
3. Appointed Doug Abel as the Coordinating Team representative to the Fairgrove Response Team.

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4. Designated \$3,100 from DUA account 000-000-21030 Presbytery Disaster Relief as well as requested funding in the amount of \$5,000 from the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program in support of the 2017 Fresh Flint Festival.
5. Designated a grant of \$1,000 from DUA account 000-000-21494 Presbytery Peacemaking Offering to Rev. Cathy Chang to assist with travel costs in order that she might interpret her work combating human trafficking at the June 2017 meeting and elsewhere in the U.S.
6. Designated that the offering from the March presbytery meeting be forwarded to the Presbytery of South Louisiana for relief from the New Orleans tornadoes, with preference for application to the housing facility for Project Homecoming volunteers which was destroyed.

Note: Project Homecoming is the ongoing Presbyterian response to rebuild housing from Katrina. The building that was destroyed was owned by the Presbytery. The Rev. Ron Sutto is General Presbyter of PSL, and is a product of the Presbytery of Lake Huron.

TRUSTEES

The Trustees present the following item for information:

1. Yeo & Yeo Computer Consulting was awarded the contract to install a new server at the Presbytery Office. Installation was completed in December, 2016.
2. Yeo & Yeo CPAs will conduct a financial review of the 2016 financial records for an expected amount of \$5,000. The review is anticipated to be completed by February, 2017.

STATED CLERK

The Stated Clerk presents the following items for action:

1. Approve the following amendments from the 222nd General Assembly:
[ATTACHMENT B - Association of Stated Clerk's an analysis of amendments]
 - a. Amending G-3.0106: Child and Youth Protection Policy
 - b. Amending G-3.0109: Parity in Committees

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- c. Eight (8) Amendments on Ordered Ministry titles. *The Presbytery may choose to vote on all eight at once or individually.*
 - i. Amending F-3.0202
 - ii. Amending G-2.0102
 - iii. Amending G-2.0301
 - iv. Amending G-2.05 and G-2.0501
 - v. Amending G-2.0701
 - vi. Amending G-3.0307
 - vii. Amending Titles in Directory for Worship and Rules of Discipline
 - viii. Amending W-4.4001a
- d. Two Amendments on the Relationship to the PC(USA) of a Person Who Has Renounced Jurisdiction of the Church.
 - i. Amending G-2.0509
 - ii. Amending D-10.0401
- e. Amending G-2.1101: Certified Service Requirements
- f. Amending G-1.0304: The Ministry of Members
- g. Amending W-2.4011a and b: Access to the Lord's Table. *If the Revised Directory for Worship is approved by the presbyteries, this language will already be included.*
- h. Amending the Directory for Worship: Replacing with the Revised Directory for Worship.

The Stated Clerk reports the following items for information:

- 5. The Presbytery Meeting in September will be moved from September 19, 2017 to **September 12, 2017** to accommodate the scheduling of a visit from one of the Co-Moderators of the General Assembly, Denise Anderson, who will also be part of Midland Memorial's 150th anniversary celebration. In addition, that date allows her to visit other Michigan presbyteries.

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6. The following invitations have been received to host presbytery stated meetings in 2018:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
March 6	OPEN	9:30 am
June 5	OPEN	9:30 am
September 18	OPEN	9:30 am
December 4	OPEN	9:30 am

Invitations are being accepted for the 2018 Presbytery meetings. We are especially looking for churches that have round tables that we can use for discussion and meeting time. If you have any questions, please call the Stated Clerk.

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

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

1. Approved the Administrative Commission to Install the Rev. John "Scott" Kroener as Pastor of Birch Run-Taymouth on Sunday, February 26, 2017 at 3:00pm. Members include: Elders CJ Merriman, Moderator (Lapeer-First), Ed Savage (Birch Run-Taymouth) and Janie Gugino (Saginaw-First); The Revs. Linda Graham, Ted McCulloch, Teresa Peterson and the Rev. Dr. Dan Saperstein.
2. Approve as Moderator of Session until their installations for:
 - a. Scott Kroener at Birch Run-Taymouth
 - b. Alex Peterson at Lapeer-First
3. Added Jon Essex to the Pulpit Supply List
4. Approved the part-time CRE covenant renewal between Elders Henry and Mary Kubin and Alma-Eastminster for a period of one year, effective January 1, 2017. Terms are as follows:

Salary	\$475/month
Social Security/Medicare	\$36.36
Continuing Education	None listed
Book Allowance	None listed
Travel Reimbursement	At current IRS Rate
Vacation Allowance	4 weeks per year including 4 Sundays
Study Leave	None listed

A mentor was not listed on the contract. Previously the Rev. Joseph Novak had served as their mentor.

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5. Approved the part-time CRE covenant renewal between Elder Kathy Grimes and Elkton-Chandler for a period of one year, effective January 1, 2017. Terms are as follows:

Salary	\$341.87/month
Social Security/Medicare	\$47.19
Medical Coverage	\$275/month
Housing Arrangement	Use of Kinde manse including utilities; electric, heat and garbage
Continuing Education	\$325/year
Book Allowance	\$0
Telephone	Phone provided
Travel Reimbursement	\$800/year at current IRS Rate
Vacation Allowance	28 days per year including 4 Sundays
Study Leave	14 days per year including 2 Sundays

The Rev. Linda Graham will serve as her mentor.

An addendum to the COM reports will be distributed at the meeting.

END OF COMMITTEE REPORTS