

COMMITTEE REPORTS TO LAKE HURON PRESBYTERY
December 5, 2017

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve the minutes of the September 12, 2017 Stated Meeting of the Presbytery.
2. Approve the request of the Tawas Area Presbyterian Church for an exception to G-2.0404 so that they may elect a ruling elder to serve more than two consecutive terms.

STATED CLERK

The Stated Clerk reports the following items for action:

1. Approve the proposed bylaws governing the Coordinating Team. These were given a first reading at the September Presbytery meeting. The bylaws would be effective January 1, 2018. [ATTACHMENT A]
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, Cass City-First, Cass City-Fraser, Croswell-First, Davison-St. Andrews, Deckerville-First, Elkton-Chandler, Flint-First, Flushing, Grand Blanc-Kirkridge, Holly, Houghton Lake-Kirk of the Lakes, Kinde-First, Lapeer-First, Marlette-First, Marlette-Second, Midland-Chapel Lane, Midland-Memorial, Rosebush, Saginaw-Countryside Trinity and Swartz Creek-Mundy.
 - b. The minutes of the following churches be approved with exception: Fenton-First, Tawas-Tawas Area, Vassar-First and Yale-First.
 - 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, Cass City-First, Cass City-Fraser, Croswell-First, Davison-St. Andrews, Deckerville-First, Elkton-Chandler, Flint-First, Flushing, Grand Blanc-Kirkridge, Holly, Houghton Lake-Kirk of the Lakes, Kinde-First, Lapeer-First, Marlette-First, Marlette-Second, Midland-Chapel Lane, Midland-Memorial, Rosebush, Saginaw-Countryside Trinity, Swartz Creek-Mundy Tawas-Tawas Area and Yale-First.
 - e. The church registers for the following church be approved with exceptions: Fenton-First and Vassar-First.

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- f. The church registers for the following churches were not approved: None

The Stated Clerk reports the following items for information:

1. Reminder: 2018 Per Capita rate will be \$26.94 per member. That's based on the church membership at the end of 2016. We are unable to make any adjustments for membership changes that did not get reported through the General Assembly statistics.
2. IRS business mileage rate for 2018 has **not** been released as of yet.
3. The online statistical reporting for the PCUSA 2017 Session Annual Statistical Report became available on December 2, 2017. The web address is <http://oga.pcusa.org/stats>. Please have your Sessions approve the statistical report as soon after December 31 as is possible. The deadline for Statistical Reports will be in **February 15, 2018**. After that date, the online system will no longer be available. Password and login information is the same as last year unless you changed it. If you have any questions or cannot locate your password/login information, please do not wait until the last minute. Contact Ted McCulloch, Stated Clerk or Staci Percy, Recording Clerk at the Presbytery office for assistance.
4. The Presbytery's Minutes were reviewed by the Synod and were approved without exception.
5. The Stated Clerk received the following resignations: Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Weenink, Board of Trustees; Rev. David Myers, Synod Commissioner. The Nominating Team has been notified of the resignations.
6. Received the minutes of the Administrative Commission to install the Rev. Dawn Stoker. They are as follows:

The Administrative Commission to install the Rev. Dawn Stoker as Pastor at Linden Presbyterian Church was convened with prayer at 2:05 pm on October 29, 2017 in the pastor's office. The commission consisted of: The Revs. Glenn Grant, Teresa Peterson and Sharlyn Gates, and Elders Craig Hardy (Flint-Trinity United), Gretchen Sutto (Linden), Johnathan Dugan (Linden) and C J Merriman (Lapeer-First), Moderator. After reviewing the order of worship and clarifying the process a motion to proceed with the installation and to adjourn with the benediction was sustained and immediately followed by the installation service.

CJ Merriman
Moderator

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
March 6	Linden-Linden	9:30 am
June 5	Lapeer-First	9:30 am
September 18	Tawas-Tawas Area	9:30 am
December 4	Flint-Trinity United	9:30 am

TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees presents the following items for information:

1. Designated \$5,000 from proceeds of church and property located at 1945 Michigan Avenue, Alma (formerly Alma-Eastminster) to Love, In the Name of Christ of Gratiot County. In addition, the final balance from designated use account 000-000-21517 (Alma-Eastminster) (approximately \$8,000) will also be designated to the entity. There is an offer pending.
2. Lapeer-First Church is in the process of re-financing their loan application with PILP. Re-financing would decrease their loan from \$110,000 to \$99,000 and extend the payoff period from 5 year to 10 years.
3. Appointed a committee consisting of Andrea Drapp, Roger Scovill, and Dan Saperstein to develop a proposal which addresses the Korean Presbyterian Church of Saginaw's debt obligation to PILP and the Synod for a total of \$110,000. The proposal would consist of a payment plan between the Presbytery of Lake Huron and the Saginaw Korean Church.

The Board of Trustees presents the following item for action:

1. To authorize the Board to retire the debt obligation of the Korean Presbyterian Church of Saginaw of approximately \$110,000 with the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program and the Synod of the Covenant, with funds to be drawn from unrestricted reserves; and to authorize the Board to enter an agreement for repayment by the Korean Presbyterian Church of Saginaw to the Presbytery for the retirement of the debt. The terms of the agreement shall be subject to the approval of the Presbytery.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Team places the following people in nomination for the committees and classes indicated:

The Board of Trustees

Rev. Tom Brackbill (Alma-First), Class of 2019

Mission Coordination Committee

Elder Julianne Princinsky (Davison-St. Andrew) Class of 2020

Rev. James Offrink (Honorably Retired), Class of 2020

Elder Doug Byron (Saginaw-Second), Class of 2019

Rev. Karen Blatt (Honorably Retired), Class of 2019

Rev. James Williams (Saginaw-Warren Avenue), Class of 2018

Disaster Response Team

Associate Director – Debbie Grant, Grand Blanc-Kirkridge

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION for FAIRGROVE

The Administrative Commission for Fairgrove Presbyterian Church recommends that the Presbytery:

1. Approve the holding of a Service of Reconciliation between the Presbytery and the Fairgrove Presbyterian Church during the congregation's Sunday worship service at a date to be determined. In addition, a similar Service of Reconciliation be held at a Presbytery meeting.

COORDINATING TEAM

The Coordinating Team presents the following items for action:

1. That the Presbytery adopt the 2018 Presbytery budget as approved by the Coordinating Team. [ATTACHMENT B]
2. That the Presbytery approve the recommended change in the Terms of Call for the Executive Presbyter and to designate the clergy housing allowance for 2018:

Cash Salary	\$50,472
Housing Allowance	\$32,000
Supplemental Life Insurance	\$516
Vacation Time	4 weeks including 4 Sundays
Study Leave	2 weeks including 2 Sundays
Professional Expenses and Travel Reimbursement	\$10,000 with mileage at IRS Rate
Study Leave Allowance	\$3,000
Sabbatical	3 month paid sabbatical at a time of mutual agreement in the seventh year of employment or according to the Presbytery of Lake Huron sabbatical policy, if it has one at that time, the leave usually incorporates all unused study leave accrued to date

The Coordinating Team presents the following items for information:

1. The Administrative Commission for Fairgrove has met with session and the congregation on several occasions. Seventy-five non-binary ballots were mailed out, fifty-two were returned. Ballots were opened on November 9th. Findings will be compiled and committee recommendations will be presented at the December 5th Presbytery meeting.
2. Approved the transfer of unused audit funds to a reserve account for the purpose of a full audit to be conducted every third year.
3. Approved a Thumb Ministry Consultation to be held sometime in January or February 2018 to address leadership needs in the thumb for the next five years. The Consultation would consist of representatives from COM, CPM, Proposed Presbytery Council and Dan Saperstein.
4. Authorized a pastoral support stipend for Philomena Ofori-Nipaah, on a month to month basis for up to three months beginning January 1, 2018, if the way be clear. She is currently serving as Temporary Supply at Fairgrove.

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5. Established a Racial, Ethnic Development Fund using seed funds in the amount of \$1,215 donated by the Saginaw Korean Church and the Unity Presbyterian Church.

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

The Commission on Ministry presents the following items for action:

1. Approve the 2018 Minimum Terms of Call [ATTACHMENT C]

The Commission on Ministry reports that it took the following actions on behalf of presbytery or presents them for information:

2. Dissolved the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Dr. Tom Schacher and Midland-Memorial effective November 19, 2017.
3. Appointed Wally Mayton as Moderator of Session of Midland-Memorial during the vacancy period.
4. Approved the conducting of training of elders designated by their respective Sessions for the purpose of officiating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.
5. Authorized the Rev. Zoltan (Steve) Suttor to serve communion at Davison-St. Andrews for a period of one year effective immediately.
6. Approved the renewal of the part-time CRE contract between Elder Shaun Hardimon and Swartz Creek-Mundy for one year effective August 16, 2017. Terms are as follows:

Cash Salary	\$100/per worship service
Moderating Session	\$50/per session meeting
Travel/Mileage	IRS Rate

The Rev. Dr. Sharlyn Gates will continue to serve as his mentor.

7. Approved the renewal of part-time CRE covenant between Elder Jon Baker and Rosebush-Rosebush for a period of one year, effective October 1, 2017. Terms are as follows:

Salary	\$175/week
Travel Reimbursement	At current IRS Rate
Vacation Allowance	4 Sundays

The Rev. Andrew Miller will continue to serve as his mentor.

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8. Approved the part-time CRE contract renewal between Elder Don Wixson and Croswell-First effective December 1, 2017 for a period of one year. Terms are as follows:

Salary	\$100/week plus \$50 Moderating Session Fee and \$20/hour for additional duties (i.e. hospital/shut in visits, home communions, etc.)
Social Security/Medicare	N/A
Continuing Education	N/A
Travel Reimbursement	At current IRS Rate
Vacation Allowance	N/A
Study Leave	N/A
Responsibilities:	
Lead worship 4-5 times per month	
Administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper	
Administer the Sacrament of Baptism	
Moderate Session Meetings	
Perform Marriages	
Time Expectations:	N/A
Specific Days In Ministry:	N/A
Vacation Time:	4 weeks including 4 Sundays
Study Leave:	2 weeks including 2 Sundays

The Rev. Glenn Grant will continue to serve as his mentor.

END OF COMMITTEE REPORTS