

**COMMITTEE REPORTS TO LAKE HURON PRESBYTERY**  
**March 2, 2019**

**COMMISSION ON MINISTRY**

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

1. Elected Elder Janie Gugino as Moderator for 2019.
2. Established the role of Vice Moderator and elected Elder Bill Bowen for 2019.
3. Approved a grant for a Teaching Elder in the amount of \$1100.
4. Approved placing the Rev. Jim Williams on the Pulpit Supply list.
5. Approved the Installation Commission to Install the Rev. Matt Schramm as Pastor of Midland-Memorial on January 20, 2019 at 4:00pm. Commission members are: Elders Chris Wolf (Moderator) and Linda Kennen and the Revs. Ted McCulloch, Rhonda Myers and Andrew Miller.
6. Authorized the following Ruling Elders to serve communion at the church listed for a period of one year:
  - Kathy Maurer, Birch Run-Taymouth
  - Rob Minard, Birch Run-Taymouth
  - Bonnie Rapson, Kinde-First
  - Bonnie Rapson, Elkton-Chandler
  - CJ Merriman, Lapeer-First
  - Dawn Johnson, Twining-Maple Ridge
  - Fred Overdier, Caro-First
  - John Siegner, Caro-First
  - Terry Wood, Caro-First
7. Approved the part-time CRE contract renewal between Elder Chris Wolf and Marlette-First and Marlette-Second effective January 1, 2019 for a period of one year. Terms are as follows:

Salary	\$900/week
Social Security/Medicare	As required
Continuing Education	\$2,100/year
Travel Reimbursement	At current IRS Rate
Vacation Time	4 weeks including 4 Sundays
Study Leave	2 weeks including 2 Sundays

The Rev. Philomena Ofori-Nipaah will serve as her mentor.

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8. Approved the part-time CRE contract renewal between Elder Liz Long and Ithaca-Lafayette effective January 1, 2019 for a period of one year. Terms are as follows:

Salary	\$160/week
Social Security/Medicare	N/A
Continuing Education	N/A
Travel Reimbursement	At current IRS Rate
Vacation Allowance	4 weeks including 4 Sundays
Study Leave	2 weeks including 2 Sundays

The Rev. Matt Schramm will serve as her mentor.

9. Approved the full-time Interim Pastor Covenant between the Rev. Miriam Joy Smith and Alma-First effective March 15, 2019 for a period of two years. Terms are as follows:

Salary	\$75,700
Housing Allowance	Percentage to be determined by the Pastor
Pension, Medical, Disability and Death Benefit Coverage under BOP	Possibly 37% of cash salary (approx. \$28,000) negotiable/selection of plan determined by Pastor
Study Leave Allowance	\$1,560
Travel Reimbursement	\$2,00 at current IRS Rate
Total Maximum Reimbursements	\$3,560
Vacation Time	4 weeks including 4 Sundays
Study Leave	2 weeks including 2 Sundays

### **PRESBYTERY COUNCIL**

The Presbytery Council presents the following recommendations for action regarding the Proposed Constitutional Amendments:

#### **I. CONSENT LIST (TO BE VOTED ON AS A GROUP)**

18-A Election of Ruling Elders and Deacons [to Nominating Committee]	Approve
18-D Membership of Presbytery [ministers laboring outside the bounds of their Presbytery need approval of both Presbytery annually]	Approve
18-E Pastor, Counselor, and Advisor to its Pastors and Congregations [give access to COM, etc for all "pastors," even if not currently in a call]	Approve
18-F Welcoming to the Table [baptized children, with instruction]	Approve
18-G Disciplinary Offense [affirm that Scriptures defines sexual misconduct as a sin]	Approve
18-H Time Limit [no time limit for sexual abuse cases]	Approve

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### II. DEBATE AND VOTE ON ANY ITEM REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT LIST

18-B Renunciation of Jurisdiction

18-B.1 [no congregation shall employ a minister who has renounced jurisdiction]

18-B.2 [...who has renounced jurisdiction for a **disciplinary case**]

18-C Officers [shall not approve or endorse political candidates]

The Presbytery Council presents the following items for information:

1. Elected Lindsey Carnes as Presbytery Council Moderator for 2019.
2. The following were reappointed to their respective committees:

Planning and Vision:	Moderator Chris Wolf, Doug Abel, Rev. Shimon Pak, and co-opted members Heather Bailey and Linda Living-Hawley
Policies, Bills and Overtures:	Moderator Lindsey Carnes, Jacob Bennett, Sharlyn Gates, Katja Gruening, Kathy Maurer and James Offrink
Budget/ Finance:	Moderator Adam Engel and Bob Emrich
Personnel:	Moderator Linda Langrill, (co-opted), and Doug Gorringer, Tom Miles and co-opted member Charlee Litten
3. Approved six month deferments on 2019 per capita payment for the following churches: Beaverton, Birch Run, Fenton-first, Flint Trinity-United, Flushing, Lapeer and Linden.
4. Appointed Nikelle Johnson (Bay City-Westminster) and Rev. Philomena Ofori-Nipaah, (Fairgrove) as co-coordinators for the 2019 Triennium.
5. Approved the contract with Yeo & Yeo (Acronsis) for monitoring and data back-up services for the Presbytery office for an approximate amount of \$1,022. Services to be provided on a month to month basis. Funds from account #000-110-51031 (Presbytery Office) would be used to cover costs.
6. The Presbytery Office will investigate using electronic payments for attendees to use when paying for lunches at Presbytery meetings.
7. The Presbytery Office will provide a lump sum payment for lunches to churches who host Presbytery meetings based on an average attendance.
8. Approved an amendment to the Presbytery of Lake Huron Disaster Preparedness Coordination and Communication Plan.
9. The March 2019 Presbytery meeting offering be designated to Grand Blanc Outreach.

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### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The Nominating Team places the following person in nomination for the committee and class indicated: Elder Ed Savage (Birch Run-Taymouth), Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Class of 2021.

### **STATED CLERK**

The Stated Clerk reports the following items for action:

1. Approve the minutes of the December 4, 2018 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: Bay City First, Birch Run Taymouth.
  - b. The minutes of the following churches be approved with exception: None
  - c. The minutes of the following churches were not approved: None
  - d. The church registers for the following churches be approved without exception: Bay City First, Birch Run Taymouth.
  - 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

The Stated Clerk reports the following items for information:

1. The Stated Clerk received the following resignations: Rev. Dr. Rhonda Myers as Vice-Moderator for the Presbytery. Elder Craig Hardy from Commission on Ministry.
2. Dates and locations for 2019 Presbytery Meetings are as follows:

June 4, 2019	Saginaw-First
September 17, 2019	Mt. Pleasant-First
December 3, 2019	Fenton-First

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3. Invitations are being accepted for 2020 Presbytery Meetings:

March 7, 2020	Invitations being accepted
June 2, 2020	Invitations being accepted
September	Date TBD – Invites not being accepted at this time
December	Date TBD – Invites not being accepted at this time

If you are interested in hosting one of those Presbytery meetings, please **e-mail** the Stated Clerk's office – [tmcculloch@presbylh.org](mailto:tmcculloch@presbylh.org). All meetings start at 9:30 AM. The Clerk will be recommending to Council that meeting host churches be handicap accessible.

### **TRUSTEES**

The Trustees present the following items for information:

1. That the Presbytery approve a loan request from Holly Presbyterian church in the amount of \$10,000 for the purchase of a new boiler. Monthly payments of \$200 for 4.5 years would be made.
2. The 2019 interest rate for all loans is 4.125%.
3. For investment purposes, the 2019 Equities Target Range for international was changed from: 18% to 8% in large cap and 10% would be distributed evenly in value, blend and growth.
4. Grace Community Cathedral Church has agreed to the following buyout terms of their current loan:
  - a. Maintaining current monthly payment of \$1,100 through December 2019;
  - b. On or before December 31, 2019; Grace Cathedral Community Church will buyout the land contract at 60% of the remaining balance on December 31, 2019 with a one-time payment of \$78,944.15 (60% of \$131,573.59);
  - c. A \$5,000 non-refundable deposit has been received to secure the agreement.
5. Bob Emrich was re-elected as President, Andrea Drapp was re-elected as Vice President, and Roger Scovill was re-elected as Treasurer. Ted McCulloch was re-elected as secretary.
6. The following were re-elected to the Investment Committee for 2019: Robert Emrich (moderator), Andrea Drapp, Bill Lauderbach, Harold Moldenhauer, and Roger Scovill.
7. An audit will be conducted by Yeo & Yeo CPAs on the Presbytery's 2018 financial records. Time frame to be determined.

**END OF COMMITTEE REPORTS**