

**COMMITTEE REPORTS TO LAKE HURON PRESBYTERY**  
**June 4, 2019**

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The Nominating Team places the following person in nomination:

**Officer**

The Rev. Philomena Ofori-Nipaah (Fairgrove), Vice Moderator

**COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY**

The Commission on Preparation for Ministry recommends that the Presbytery:

1. Approve the move of an Inquirer status to Candidate status. (Documents including the Faith Journey statement will be provided at the meeting.)

**COMMISSION ON MINISTRY**

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

1. Directed the Stated Clerk to transfer the membership of Joy Smith from Twin Cities Presbytery pending background check.
2. Approved the Covenant of Dissolution and Covenant of Temporary Relationship between Linda Graham and Cass City-First and Cass City-Fraser.
3. Approved the Covenant of Dissolution between Teresa Peterson and Flushing Presbyterian Church.
4. Appointed Cassie Todd as Moderator of Holly upon Sharlyn Gates' retirement.
5. Approved a grant for emergency expenses for a minister member of Presbytery.
6. If the way be clear, approved the calling of a congregational meeting to change the terms of call at Vassar First Presbyterian to part-time.
7. Approved authorizing Midland Memorial Presbyterian to create an Associate Pastor position and to form an APNC for said position.
8. Appointed Don Wixson as Moderator of Session for Deckerville-First effective April 22, 2019.
9. Appointed Craig Hardy as Moderator of Flint-Trinity United's congregational meeting on March 31, 2019 to dissolve the pastoral relationship between the church and Desiree Lawson.

**Committee Reports to Lake Huron Presbytery**

**June 4, 2019**

**Page 2**

10. Appointed Paul Ytterrock as Moderator of Session for Flint-Trinity United effective April 1, 2019.
11. Appointed Joyce Hetzler as Moderator of the congregational meeting of Cass City-First and Cass City-Fraser.
12. Approved a scholarship for a clergy member of presbytery for up to \$1000.
13. Added Jenny Saperstein and the Rev. Dr. Sharlyn Gates to the Pulpit Supply list.
14. Approved the part-time Commissioned Ruling Elder Covenant between Elder Shaun Hardimon and Holly effective May 6, 2019 through June 23, 2019. Terms and responsibilities are as follows:

\$100 per Sunday preached.

Lead worship and preach each Sunday from May 16-June 23, 2019.

Administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Prayer.

Administer the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Rev. Robbie Carnes will serve as his mentor.

15. Approved the full-time Transitional Pastor Covenant between Midland-Chapel Lane and the Rev. Timm High for a period of one year effective June 1, 2019. Terms are as follows:

Cash Salary	\$60,000
Board of Pensions (Full Support)	6,600
BC/BS PPO (Member Only)	11,302
Death and Disability	600
SECA Offset	None
Travel/Mileage	IRS Rate
Continuing Education and Books	650
Other: Professional Expenses	1,000
Vacation Time	4 weeks including 4 Sundays (1 wk/quarter)
Continuing Education	2 weeks including 2 Sundays

**Committee Reports to Lake Huron Presbytery**

**June 4, 2019**

**Page 3**

16. Approved the part-time Temporary Relationship Covenant between Saginaw-Countryside Trinity and the Rev. Margaret Vredeveld for a period of three months effective April 16, 2019. Terms are as follows:

Cash salary	\$2,500/month
Housing Allowance	500/month
Vacation Time	1 week including 1 Sunday per 3 month period
Travel/Mileage	IRS Rate
Other reimbursement	Reasonable vouchered pastoral expenses not to exceed \$100/month

Responsibilities will include: General pastoral duties including but not limited to: worship leadership, preaching, pastoral care, administration, support of session and committees and will serve as Moderator of Session.

17. Approved the full-time Interim Pastor Covenant between Bay City-Westminster and the Rev. Ewen Holmes for a period of one year effective May 6, 2019. Terms are as follows:

Cash Salary	\$40,000
Housing Allowance	35,000
Board of Pensions (Full Support)	28,383
SECA Offset	5,738
Travel/Mileage	IRS Rate up to \$1,800
Continuing Education and Books	1,200
Other: Cell Phone	1,200
Other: Professional Expenses	1,500
Moving Expenses	Up to \$1,000
Vacation Time	4 weeks including 4 Sundays (1 wk/quarter)
Continuing Education	2 weeks including 2 Sundays

**STATED CLERK**

The Stated Clerk reports the following items for action:

1. Approve the minutes of the March 2, 2019 Stated Meeting of the Presbytery.

The Stated Clerk reports the following items for information:

2. The Annual Statistical Report of the Presbytery [ATTACHMENT A]
3. The Reading of the Necrology Report [ATTACHMENT B]
4. Reporting that the Minutes of the Presbytery were reviewed and were approved without exception.

## Committee Reports to Lake Huron Presbytery

June 4, 2019

Page 4

5. The Stated Clerk received the following resignations: Rev. Teresa Peterson from the Warren Avenue Administrative Commission and the Permanent Judicial Commission; Rev. Dr. Sharlyn Gates from the Commission on Ministry and the Commission on Preparation for Ministry.

6. Dates and locations for 2019 Presbytery Meetings are as follows:

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

7. Invitations are being accepted for 2020 Presbytery Meetings:

Saturday, March 7, 2020	Invitations being accepted
June 2, 2020	Invitations being accepted
September 15, 2020	Fairgrove Presbyterian Church
December 1, 2020	Invitation being accepted

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.

### **PRESBYTERY COUNCIL**

The Presbytery Council presents the following items for information:

1. The Mission Coordination Committee has planned two mission activities for the June Presbytery meeting. The pre-mission activity will be held on June 3, 2019 (the day prior to the Presbytery meeting) at approximately 3:00 pm and involves assisting at the First Presbyterian Church of Saginaw's Food Bank. The post-mission activity will be held immediately following the Presbytery meeting and will involve community cleanup of Roeser Park which is near First Presbyterian Church of Saginaw. Pizza would be ordered for fellowship with enough to share with neighbors.
2. The book "The Neighborhood Church" has been purchased in bulk at a reduced rate in preparation for the December Presbytery meeting theme "Becoming A Neighborhood Church". The book will be available at the June Presbytery meeting for commissioners to take back to their congregations to initiate conversations. Donations for the books are being requested to defray costs.
3. Approved the June 2019 Presbytery meeting offering be designated to the Ecumenical Food Pantry at First Presbyterian Church of Saginaw.

**END OF COMMITTEE REPORTS**