

(Preliminary minutes – subject to approval by Presbytery of Lake Huron)

PRESBYTERY OF LAKE HURON
Stated Meeting – June 6, 2017

The Presbytery of Lake Huron was called to order with prayer by the Moderator, Elder CJ Merriman, at 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, June 6, 2017, at Alma College, Alma, Michigan.

The roll was taken, and the moderator announced that a quorum was present.
[ATTACHMENT A]

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to adopt the docket as amended.

Welcome from the President of Alma College was given by Dr. Nick Piccolo, Vice President for Student Life.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to seat the following as Corresponding Members: The Rev. Stephen Keizer (Philadelphia) and the Rev. David Weber (Lake Michigan).

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the Consent Agenda which included:

1. Approved the minutes of the March 7, 2017 Stated Meeting of the Presbytery.

A short **BREAK** was taken prior to **WORSHIP**.

WORSHIP was led by the Rev. Drs. Joseph Novak and Rhonda Myers and included a **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**, sermon led by the Rev. Dr. Rhonda Myers and an **OFFERING** to 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.

Visitors, new clergy and elder commissioners were introduced.

A short **BREAK** was taken prior to the Equipping for Ministry time.

During the **EQUIPPING TIME**, Stephan Keizer of the Presbyterian Foundation gave a preview of his workshop that he will be leading as part of the Stewardship event on June 24, 2017 at Flint-First.

Adjourned for lunch at 12:00 pm following prayer by the Moderator.

Reconvened at 12:45 pm following prayer by the Moderator.

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The report of the **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION** for Alma-Eastminster was given by the Rev. Mary Anne Evans-Justin.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to dissolve the congregation of Alma Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Alma, MI effective June 6, 2017. Upon dissolution, and subject to the conditions of G-4.0205, all property of the Alma Eastminster Presbyterian Church congregation is transferred to the Presbytery of Lake Huron.

A celebration of the life and ministry of Alma-Eastminster was led by the Revs. Scott Kroener and Mary Anne Evans-Justin.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to dissolve the Administrative Commission to close Alma-Eastminster.

The **COMMISSION ON MINISTRY** report was given by Elder Janie Gugino.

A **CELEBRATION OF THE MINISTRY** of the Rev. Ken Parker who is retiring as Pastor of Saginaw-Countryside Trinity was led by Elders Chris Wolf and Mary Ann Parker.

A **CELEBRATION OF THE MINISTRY** of the Rev. Ken Hetzel who is retiring as Pastor of Croswell-First was led by Elders Chris Wolf and Sally Pomeroy.

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

1. Authorized Dan Saperstein and/or Ken Hetzel to train Ruling Elders in the Thumb to be commissioned to serve communion in their churches. Those trained shall be reported to the COM and shall be commissioned for a maximum of 24 months.
2. Approved the Administrative Commission to Install the Rev. Alex Peterson as Pastor of Lapeer First on Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 3:00pm.

The Vice Moderator, the Rev. Desiree Lawson, assumed the chair.

The Rev. Catherine Chang, Mission Co-Worker to the Philippines, gave a presentation on her ministry.

The report of the **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION** for Saginaw-Korean was given by the Rev. Lindsey Carnes.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to dismiss the Administrative Commission for Saginaw-Korean.

The **EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER** report was given by the Rev. Dr. Dan Saperstein. Recent staffing changes were reported on.

The report on **REFORMATION 500TH** was given by the Rev. Karen Blatt.

The **COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY** report was given by the Rev. Dr. Rhonda Myers. It was reported that Candidate for Ministry, Christina Westbury, was Certified as Ready to Receive a Call earlier this year, has been called to serve as Associate Pastor at Kalamazoo-First effective August 15, 2017. The Presbytery of Lake Huron has received permission for the Presbytery of Lake Michigan to ordain Chrissy at Midland-Chapel Lane, where she is a member and is under care of that session. The ordination is scheduled for the afternoon of August 13, 2017.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to appoint an Administrative Commission to Ordain Christina Westbury on August 13, 2017 at 3:00pm at Midland-Chapel Lane. Commission members are: Elders CJ Merriman, Moderator (Lapeer-First), Joyce Osborne (Midland-Chapel Lane) and Carolyn Krebs (Bay City-First) and the Revs. Rhonda Myers, Wally Mayton, Katja Gruening and Dave Myers.

The **NOMINATING TEAM** report was given by Elder Mary Ann Parker. The Nominating Team placed the following people in nomination for the committees and classes indicated and presbytery approved:

1. Board of Trustees: Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Weenink, Class of 2019
2. Personnel Committee: Elder Charlee Litten, Holly Presbyterian Church, Class of 2018

The **STATED CLERK** report was given by the Rev. Ted McCulloch. The Stated Clerk reports the following items for information:

1. The Stated Clerk received the following resignations: Rev. Dr. George Baird, Board of Trustees; Rev. Dr. Noel Snyder, Permanent Judicial Commission; Elder Betty Shaw, Nominating Team. The Nominating Team has been notified of Dr. Baird and Dr. Snyder's resignations and the Coordinating Team has been notified of Elder Shaw's resignation.
2. The Stated Clerk shares the Annual Statistical report. [ATTACHMENT B].

3. The *Book of Order*, D-5.0206b, requires that the Stated Clerk maintain a current roster of those members of the Permanent Judicial Commission of the presbytery whose terms have expired within the last six years and report the roster to the presbytery annually. Those with a strike-through of their name are not available to be used. The current roster lists the following names:

Rev. Dr. Valerie Farge	term expired December 31, 2015
Elder Gregory Ross	term expired December 31, 2015
Elder Roger Scovill	term expired December 31, 2013
The Rev. Todd Smith	term expired December 31, 2013
Elder Norma Carnahan	term expired December 31, 2011
Elder David Fisher	term expired December 31, 2011

4. Received the minutes of the Administrative Commission to install the Rev. Alex Peterson. They are as follows:

The Rev. Alex Peterson was Installed as Pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of Lapeer on May 7, 2017 was convened with prayer at 2:30 pm in the pastor's office. The commission consisted of the Revs. Doug Abel (Vassar-First), Glenn Grant (Grand Blanc-Kirkridge), Desiree Lawson (Flint-Trinity United) and Elders Bobbi Hardy (Flint-Trinity United), Justine Speer (Lapeer-First) and CJ Merriman (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

5. Received the minutes of the Administrative Commission to install the Rev. John "Scott" Kroener. They are as follows:

The Administrative Commission to install the Rev. John "Scott" Kroener as Pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of Taymouth on February 26, 2017 was convened with prayer at 2:30 pm in the pastor's office. The commission consisted of the Revs. Linda Graham (Cass City-First and Cass City-Fraser), Teresa Peterson (Flushing-Flushing), Ted McCulloch (Saginaw-First and Presbytery Stated Clerk) and Dan Saperstein (Executive Presbyter) and Elders Janie Gugino (Saginaw-First), Ed Savage (Birch Run-Taymouth) and CJ Merriman (Moderator). After reviewing the order of worship and clarifying 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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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	Linden-Linden	9:30 am
June 5	OPEN	9:30 am
September 18	Tawas-Tawas Area	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.

The **TRUSTEES** report was given by the Rev. Dr. Dan Saperstein.

The Trustees recommend and Presbytery approved:

1. The request from Ubyly First Presbyterian Church to sell the driveway on the east side of the church at the sale price of \$1,500 plus the buyer pays all sale costs. Legal description provided below.

Sale Price: \$1,500.00 plus buyer pays all sale costs.
Buyers Name: David and Marie Yaroch
Street Address: 4476 Franklin, Ubyly, MI 48475

Legal Description:

The East 24.75 feet of the West 33 feet of lot 8, Block 9, "PLAT OF THE VILLAGE OF UBLY" being a subdivision in part of the Northeast ¼ of Section 27, T15N-R13E, Village of Ubyly, Huron County Michigan; according to the Plat thereof as Recorded in Liber 1 of Plats on Page 21 of Huron County Records. Subject to easements and rights of ways of record.

Purposes for which the church will use the realized income: Current operating expenses.

The Trustees presented the following item for information:

2. The 2017 interest rate for loans is 2.81%
3. Executive Presbyter Dan Saperstein was approved as an authorized signatory for signing checks.
4. Bob Emrich was elected as President. Andrea Drapp was elected as Vice President. Roger Scovill was elected as Treasurer. Ted McCulloch was elected as secretary.

The **COORDINATING TEAM** presented the following items for information:

1. New Visions of Stewardship Workshop will be held on June 24, 2017; 9 am-2 pm at Flint-First. Registration is now open. Click on the Workshop link on the presbytery website at www.presbylh.org, or call the presbytery office 989-799-7481. \$10 covers registration, lunch, and the free book *Not Your Parents Offering Plate*. Keynote speaker is Stephen Keizer, from the Presbyterian Foundation. The first 100 attendees will receive the free book. All ruling elders and other leaders are encouraged to attend.
2. Designated \$10 per attendee from DUA 000-000-21497 Leadership Training to fund the New Visions of Stewardship Workshop.
3. The Vision Task Force has developed a disaster plan for the presbytery, in cooperation with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. It will be presented at the next Coordinating team meeting for approval.
4. Approved a request from Karen Blatt for a five minute opportunity at the June Presbytery meeting for her to share from her May Reformation 500 pilgrimage to Germany and Italy.
5. Designated that the June Presbytery meeting offering go to support Cathy Chang's ministry.

Attendees were encouraged to complete their feedback forms prior to leaving.

The meeting adjourned following prayer by the Vice Moderator at 2:50 pm.

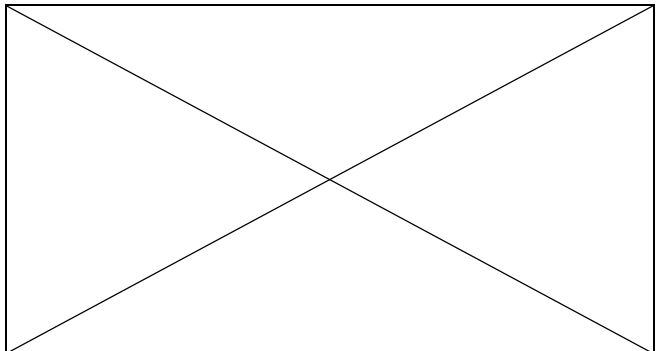
The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Lake Huron will be held Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at Memorial Presbyterian Church, Midland, Michigan, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ted McCulloch
Stated Clerk

ATTACHMENT A – Attendance

<u>NAME OF MINISTER</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>NAME OF MINISTER</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Abel, Doug	1			Moody, Chris			1
Ahn, Daniel (HR)		1		Musgrave, John (HR)			1
Anderson, Kenneth (HR)		1		Myers, David	1		
Baird, George (HR)		1		Myers, Rhonda	1		
Becker, John (HR)		1		Neumann, James	1		
Blackburn, David (HR)		1		Neuville, Donald (HR)			1
Blatt, Karen (HR)	1			Novak, Joseph	1		
Borycz, Edward	1			Offrink, James (HR)	1		
Brackbill, Thomas	1			Ofori-Nipaah, Philomena	1		
Brooks, Alexander (HR)		1		Pak, Shimon	1		
Browne, Jim		1		Park, Dong Won (HR)			1
Browne, Roger (HR)		1		Parker, Kenneth	1		
Carnes, Lindsey	1			Peterson, Alex	1		
Carnes, Robbie		1		Peterson, Theresa			1
Chambers, Janice (HR)		1		Rasmussen-Baker, Jill			1
Chang, Catherine	1			Russell, Peter (HR)			1
Clark, Bert (HR)		1		Saperstein, Dan	1		
Cundiff, Thomas (HR)		1		Schacher, Tom			1
Cunningham, Bruce (HR)		1		Schramm, Matthew	1		
Der-Garabedian, Lucy		1		Shoemaker, Rodney			1
Emrich, Robert (HR)		1		Shugert, Stephen (HR)			1
Eshelman, David (HR)		1		Snyder, Noel			1
Evans-Justin, Mary Anne (HR)	1			Stilwell, Elizabeth			1
Gates, Fred (HR)		1		Stratton, Brian			1
Gates, Sharlyn		1		Swihart, Dale (HR)			1
Gillette, George (HR)	1			Taylor, Robert (HR)			1
Graham, Linda	1			Walser, Joseph (HR)			1
Grant, Glenn	1			Weenink, Jeffrey	1		
Grimes, Ronald (HR)		1		Ytterock, Paul	1		
Gruening, Katja	1			Zaki, Raafat			1
Hetzel, Kenneth	1			Total Present	30		
Hunter, Rhashell		1		Total Excused	45		
Kroener, John Scott	1			Total Absent	0		
Lakey, Robert (HR)		1					
Lawson, Desiree	1						
Lawther, Richard (HR)		1					
Leas, Robert (HR)		1					
Lee, Hoon Koo		1					
Lee, Joungnam		1					
Loenshal, Michael		1					
Marquardt, Charles		1					
Mayton, Wally	1						
McCulloch, Ted	1						
McMellen, Larry (HR)		1					
Miller, Andrew	1						



ATTACHMENT A – Attendance (Continued)

NAME OF CHURCH	Present	Absent	Elder Commissioner(s) Present
Alma-Eastminster	1		Virgina Lutz
Alma-First		1	
Bay City-First	1		Chuck Hewitt
Bay City-Westminster	1		Bill Schueneman
Beaverton	1		Nancy Macklem
Birch Run	1		Lil Ostrom
Breckenridge		1	
Caro		1	
Cass City-First		1	
Cass City-Fraser		1	
Croswell		1	
Davison		1	
Deckerville		1	
Elkton-Chandler		1	
Fairgrove	1		Joy Lupton
Fenton-First	1		Janet Stork
Fenton-Tyrone		1	
Flint-First	1	2	Charlotte Forr
Flint-Trinity United	1		Waldon Bronson
Flint-Unity		1	
Flushing		1	
Grand Blanc-Kirkridge		1	
Harbor Beach	1		William Rayment
Holly	1		Charlee Litten
Houghton Lake	1		Ruth Rumsey
Ithaca-First	1		Vickie Thum
Ithaca-Lafayette		1	
Kinde-First		1	
Lapeer	1		Linda Hamilton
Linden		1	
Marlette-First	1		Hugh Daly
Marlette-Second		1	
Midland-Chapel Lane	1		Linda Langrill
Midland-Memorial	1		Tom Ryden
Mt. Pleasant	1		Tom Miles
Rosebush		1	
Saginaw-Countryside Trinity	1		Mary Ann Parker
Saginaw-First	1		Barb Lumsden
Saginaw-Korean	1		Byungil Ahn
Saginaw-Second	1		Doug Byron
Saginaw-Warren Avenue		1	
Sandusky	1		Don Wixson
Swartz Creek		1	
Tawas	1		Candace Anderson
Twining		1	
Ubly		1	
Vassar	1		Steve Franko
Yale		1	
Total Present	25		
Total Represented	25		
Total Not Represented	23		

ATTACHMENT A – Attendance (Continued)

ELDER MEMBERS	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Mark Battell (Coordinating Team)			1
Andrea Drapp (Trustee)			1
Adam Engel (Coordinating Team)			1
Doug Gorrige (Coordinating Team)			1
Janie Gugino (COM Moderator)	1		
Linda Langrill (Coordinating Team) ***			
Georgia McCall (PW Moderator)			1
CJ Merriman (Moderator)	1		
Cliff Miles (Trustee)			1
Tom Miles (Coordinating Team) ***			
Delphine Moore (Coordinating Team)			1
Mary Ann Parker (Nominating Team) ***			
Roger Scovill (Treasurer)			1
Roger Terrill (Coordinating Team)			1
Total Elder Members	2	0	9

*** Signed in as Elder Commissioner, did not count here

COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Jon Essex			1
Mark Garavaglia			1
Kathy Grimes			1
Shaun Hardimon			1
Henry Kubin	1		
Mary Kubin	1		
Linda Living-Hawley			1
Liz Long	1		
Sam McKim			1
Charles Moerdyk			1
Peggy Ronk			1
Kathleen Rowe	1		
Chris Wolf	1		
CRE Attending	5		
CRE Not Attending	0		
CRE Excused	8		

MEETING ATTENDANCE TOTALS

CATEGORY	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Members of Presbytery	30	0	45
Corresponding Members	2		
Commissioned Ruling Elders	5	0	8
Church Commissioners	25	23	
Elder Members	2	0	9
Visitors (Including LHP Staff)	7		
Total People in Attendance	71		
Churches represented	25		
Churches not represented		23	

ATTACHMENT B – Stated Clerk’s Annual Report - 2016

STATED CLERK’S ANNUAL REPORT OF CHURCHES FOR 2016
Presented to Lake Huron Presbytery June 6, 2017

Clerks of session have now filed their 2016 annual reports with the Stated Clerk of Presbytery, and the information from those reports has been tabulated and forwarded to the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly. This is a summary of that tabulation. (1 church did not report)

A. MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

1. Membership	7,871
<u>Gains</u>	
Profession of faith	
17 & under	44
18 & over	78
Certificate	31
Other	38
Total Gains	191
<u>Losses</u>	
Certificate	109
Death	194
Other	229
Total Losses	532
Net Loss	<u>(341)</u>
Membership 12/31/15	7,530

Of 7,530 members 4,556 are women (or 60.5%)

2. Membership profile - 5 year period			
	<u>Membership</u>	<u>Net change</u>	<u>% change</u>
12/31/12	9,120	- 223	- 2.5
12/31/13	8,667	- 453	- 5.2
12/31/14	8,208	- 459	- 5.6
12/31/15	7,871	- 337	- 4.3
12/31/16	7,530	- 341	- 4.5
3. Church School profile - 5 year period			
	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Net change</u>	<u>% change</u>
12/31/12	2,646	- 340	- 12.9
12/31/13	2,384	- 262	- 10.9
12/31/14	2,549	+ 165	+ 6.5
12/31/15	2,273	- 276	- 12.1
12/31/16	2,092	- 181	- 8.65

ATTACHMENT B – Stated Clerk’s Annual Report - 2016 (Continued)

4. Baptism profile - 5 year period

	<u>Children</u>	<u>Adult</u>
12/31/12	84	22
12/31/13	101	24
12/31/14	93	14
12/31/15	66	15
12/31/16	53	13

B. FINANCIAL STATISTICS

1. Total income – 5 year period

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Net change</u>	<u>% change</u>
2012	11,552,690	- 3,368,539	- 29.2
2013	9,728,814	- 1,823,876	- 18.8
2014	10,113,654	+ 384,840	+ 3.8
2015	21,425,258	+ 11,311,604	+ 52.8
2016	10,309,410	- 11,115,848	- 107.8

2. Distribution of income – 2 year period

	<u>2015</u>		<u>2016</u>	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>
Contributions	\$ 6,962,854	32.50	\$ 6,839,862	66.35
Capital & Building Funds	11,669,061	54.46	1,123,119	10.89
Investment & Endowment Income	1,365,240	6.37	1,199,079	11.63
Bequests	1,014,518	4.74	725,176	7.03
Aid & other income	<u>413,585</u>	1.93	<u>422,174</u>	4.10
Total	\$21,425,258	100.00	\$10,309,410	100.00

3. Total expenditures – 5 year period

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Net change</u>	<u>% change</u>
2012	11,703,210	- 3,447,927	- 22.76
2013	8,954,459	- 2,748,751	- 23.49
2014	9,666,027	711,568	+ 7.95
2015	9,972,812	306,785	+ 3.2
2016	8,744,334	-1,228,478	- 12.32

4. Distribution of expenditures - 2 year period

	<u>2015</u>		<u>2016</u>	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>
Local program and mission	\$8,062,869	80.85	\$7,148,176	81.75
Capital expenditures	1,077,877	10.81	1,022,182	11.69
Investments	314,498	3.15	70,269	0.80
Per capita apportionment	187,598	1.88	194,479	2.22
Validated mission	267,913	2.69	264,448	3.02
G.A. Theological Education Fund	10,733	0.11	9,896	0.11
Other mission	<u>51,324</u>	0.51	<u>34,884</u>	0.40
Total	\$9,972,812	100.00	8,744,334	100.00