

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

## **PRESBYTERY OF LAKE HURON**

Stated Meeting – March 6, 2018

The Presbytery of Lake Huron was called to order with prayer by the Moderator, the Rev. Desiree Lawson, at 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at Linden Presbyterian Church, Linden, Michigan.

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

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to adopt the docket.

Welcome by the host pastor was given by the Rev. Dawn Stoker.

Visitors, new clergy and elder commissioners were introduced.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to seat the following as Corresponding Members: The Revs. David Weber (Lake Michigan) and Molly Casteel (Eastern Oklahoma) and Elder Steve Kaiser (Lake Michigan).

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to approve the Consent Agenda which included:

1. The minutes of the December 5, 2017 Stated Meeting of the Presbytery.
2. The request of the Cass City First Presbyterian Church for an exception to G-2.0404 so that they may elect two deacons to serve more than two consecutive terms.

**WORSHIP** included a **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**, sermon led by the Rev. Dr. Dan Saperstein, Executive Presbyter, and an **OFFERING** to Love, Inc.

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

During the **EQUIPPING TIME**, attendees rotated through three workshops (2 prior to lunch and one immediately after). The workshops were:

- "Building Diverse and Inclusive Faith Communities," led by the Rev. Molly Casteel, Assistant Stated Clerk and Manager for Equity and Representation of the General Assembly
- "Disaster Preparedness Planning for your Church," led by Georgia McCall, Ernestine Jackson, and Debbie Grant, Regional Disaster Response Training Specialists for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
- "Creative Ways of Raising Funds for Mission," led by Steve Keizer, Vice President for Ministry Relations for the Presbyterian Foundation.

Adjourned for lunch at 12:30 pm.

Reconvened at 1:15 pm.

Attendees rotated through the third and final workshop of **EQUIPPING TIME**.

The meeting was reconvened following prayer by the Moderator.

The report of the **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION REGARDING FAIRGROVE** was given by Elder Adam Engel.

The Administrative Commission for Fairgrove Presbyterian Church recommended and Presbytery approved:

1. To dissolve the Administrative Commission at the conclusion of the April 8th worship service of the Fairgrove Church.

The **STATED CLERK** report was given by the Rev. Ted McCulloch.

The clerk recommended and presbytery approved:

1. 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 and Fairgrove.
  - 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 and Linden.
  - e. The church registers for the following church be approved with exceptions:
  - f. The church registers for the following churches were not approved: None

The Stated Clerk reported the following items for information:

1. The Stated Clerk received the following resignations: Rev. Sharlyn Gates, Nominating Team. The Nominating Team has been notified of the resignations.

2. Invitations are being accepted for 2019 Presbytery Meetings:

March 2 (***Please note this is a Saturday***)

June 4

September 17, 2019

December 3, 2019

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.

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

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

The **MISSION COORDINATION TEAM** report was given by the Rev. Jim Offrink.

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

The Vice Moderator, Elder Chris Wolf, assumed the chair.

The **PRESBYTERY COUNCIL** report was given by Elder CJ Merriman.

The Presbytery Council recommended and presbytery approved:

1. To co-opt Elder Linda Langrill as a member of the Presbytery Council.
2. To elect the Rev. David Myers as an at-large member of the Nominating Team, Class of 2020.

The Presbytery Council presented the following items for information:

1. Established four standing committees, approved committee descriptions (attached), elected chairs and appointed members to the following:
  - b. Budget and Finance – Adam Engel (moderator), Roger Terrill
  - c. Planning/Equipping/Vision – Desiree Lawson (moderator), Doug Abel and Shimon Pak
  - d. Personnel – Linda Langrill (moderator), Doug Goringe, Tom Miles
  - e. Policies, Bills and Overtures – Lindsey Carnes (moderator), Delphine Moore

Each standing committee chair will ordinarily serve a two year term.

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2. Approved six month deferments on 2018 per capita payments for the following churches: Beaverton, Birch Run, Flushing, Linden, Saginaw-First, Saginaw-Second, and Fenton-First.
3. The March 2018 presbytery meeting offering be designated to Genesee County Branch of “Love in the Name of Christ”.
4. Approved the cost for lunch served at Presbytery meetings be between \$7 to \$10. Each hosting church to determine their cost within that range.
5. Approved a Service of Reconciliation for Fairgrove Church, with appropriate liturgy, be part of the worship service at the March 6th presbytery meeting.

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

The Commission on Ministry recommended and presbytery approved:

1. The following adjustment to the 2018 Minimum Terms of Call: Board of Pensions rate for Medical was raised 0.5% over 2017.

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

2. Approved the transfer of John Musgrave to the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee.
3. Approved the transfer Jeffrey Weenink to Genesee Valley Presbytery.
4. Approved to receive Cassie Todd from Peace River Presbytery.
5. Approved the Administrative Commission to Install the Rev. Christina Jensen as Pastor of Ithaca-First on January 28, 2018 at 3:30pm and to serve communion during the service. Commission members are: the Revs. Desiree Lawson (Moderator), Mary Anne Evans-Justin and Dan Saperstein; Elders Joy Heinlein (Ithaca-First) and Jon Baker (Mt. Pleasant-First); Corresponding Member, Elder Nancy Bass (Detroit Presbytery).

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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 (if the way be clear)
- CJ Merriman, Lapeer-First
- Dawn Johnson, Twining-Maple Ridge
- Fred Overdier, Caro-First
- John Siegner, Caro-First
- Terry Wood, Caro-First
- David Hawley, Fenton-Tyrone
- Colleen Berg, Fenton-Tyrone
- Pamela Heavener, Fenton-Tyrone

7. Approved the part-time CRE contract renewal between Elder Chris Wolf and Marlette-First and Marlette-Second effective January 1, 2018 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. Dr. Rhonda Myers will continue to serve as her mentor.

8. Approved the part-time Temporary Relationship contract renewal between the Rev. Ron Vredevelde and Beaverton-First effective January 1, 2018 for a period of one year. Terms are as follows:

Salary	\$24,323 (\$18,011 + Med \$6,312)
Housing Allowance	\$3,602
Study Leave Allowance	\$325
Phone Calls	\$300
Professional Expenses	\$500
Travel Reimbursement	At current IRS Rate
Medical Reimbursement	Included in Cash Salary
Vacation Time	4 weeks including 4 Sundays
Study Leave	2 weeks including 2 Sundays

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9. Approved the part-time CRE contract renewal between Elder Mark Garavaglia and Deckerville-First and effective January 5, 2018 for a period of one year. Terms are as follows:

Salary	\$250/week
Continuing Education	Amount not listed
Book Allowance	\$400/year
Travel Reimbursement	At current IRS Rate
Vacation Time	4 weeks including 4 Sundays
Study Leave	2 weeks including 2 Sundays

10. Approved the part-time CRE contract renewal between Elder Kathy Grimes and Kinde-Chandler effective January 1, 2018 for a period of one year. Terms are as follows:

Salary	\$344.48/week
Housing	Use of Kinde-Chandler's manse including utilities, electric, heat and garbage
Social Security/Medicare	\$47.39
Medical Coverage	\$275/month
Continuing Education	\$325/year
Travel Reimbursement	At current IRS Rate up to \$1,000/year
Vacation Time	28 days including 4 Sundays
Study Leave	14 days including 2 Sundays

The Rev. Linda Graham will continue to serve as her mentor.

11. Approved the full-time Interim Pastor contract between the Rev. David Weber and Davison-St. Andrew's effective February 1, 2018 for a period of one year. Terms are as follows:

Cash Salary	\$28,101
Housing Allowance	\$17,150
Pension, Medical, BOP	\$16,517
SECA offset	\$3,749
Travel Reimbursement	\$2,833 at current IRS Rate
Continuing Education and Books	\$650
Other (Publications, etc.)	\$400
Moving Expenses	Up to \$2,500
Vacation Time	4 weeks including 4 Sundays
Study Leave	2 weeks including 2 Sundays

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12. Approved the part-time CRE contract renewal between Elder Liz Long and Ithaca-Lafayette effective January 1, 2018 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	2 weeks including 2 Sundays
Study Leave	1 week including 1 Sunday

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  
Other Duties: Christmas Eve; Call on the sick and hospitals; funerals

Time Expectations: 15-20 hours

Specific Days In Ministry: N/A

The Rev. Dr. Rhonda Myers will serve as her mentor.

The **NOMINATING TEAM** report was given by Ted McCulloch. The Nominating Team placed the following people in nomination for the committees and classes indicated and presbytery approved them as follows:

#### **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

Elder Kathy Maurer (Birch Run-Taymouth), Class of 2018

#### **Disaster Response Team**

Associate Director – Elder Debbie Grant, Grand Blanc-Kirkridge

Elder Bob Wood, Marlette-Second

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The **TRUSTEES** report was given by Ted McCulloch. The Trustees recommend and Presbytery approved:

1. The terms of the proposed promissory note between the Korean Presbyterian Church of Saginaw (borrower) and the Presbytery of Lake Huron (lender) effective March 21, 2018. Terms of the note are: the principal amount is \$106,000 with an interest rate of 3.375%. 216 payments of \$655.47 shall be made with the first payment to commence on April 21, 2018. The Trustees also recommend that the current Presbytery of Lake Huron loan policy regarding annual reviews of the interest rate be waived (See adjustments section of the note.) Proposed promissory note is attached.

The Trustees presented the following items for information:

1. The 2018 interest rate for all loans is 3.375%.
2. For investment purposes, the 2018 Equities Target Range was changed from: 60% with  $\pm$  10% to 60% with  $\pm$  5%.
3. The property located at 1945 Michigan Avenue, Alma (formerly Alma-Eastminster) has been sold for the purchase price of \$29,963.20. \$5,000 from the proceeds has been designated to Love In the Name of Christ, Gratiot County. In addition, the final balance from designated use account 000-000-21517 (Alma-Eastminster) (approximately \$8,651) will also be designated to the entity. Legal description is as follows: Commencing at a point North 49° 20' East 435.1 feet from the intersection of the North and South quarter line and the Northerly line of Michigan Avenue, of Section 35, Township 12 North, Range 3 West, thence North 49° 20' East 265.3 feet, thence North 5° 32' West 492.6 feet, thence South 49° 20' West 265.3 feet, thence South 5° 32' East 492.6 feet to the point of beginning.
4. Bob Emrich was elected as President, Andrea Drapp was elected as Vice President, and Roger Scovill was elected as Treasurer. Ted McCulloch was elected as secretary.
5. The following were elected to the Investment Committee for 2018: Robert Emrich (moderator), Andrea Drapp, Bill Lauderbach, Harold Moldenhauer, and Roger Scovill.
6. Ted McCulloch was appointed as the Registered Agent for the Corporation.



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

The meeting adjourned following prayer by the Vice Moderator at 2:45 pm.

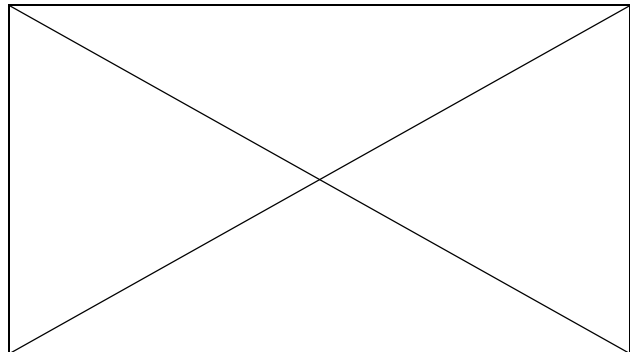
The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Lake Huron will be held Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at First Presbyterian Church, Lapeer, Michigan, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ted McCulloch  
Stated Clerk

**ATTACHMENT A – Attendance**

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Absent</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		
Becker, John (HR)		1		Myers, Rhonda	1		
Blackburn, David (HR)		1		Neumann, James		1	
Blatt, Karen (HR)	1			Neuville, Donald (HR)		1	
Borycz, Edward (HR)		1		Novak, Joseph	1		
Brackbill, Thomas	1			Offrink, James (HR)		1	
Brooks, Alexander (HR)		1		Ofori-Nipaah, Philomena	1		
Browne, Jim		1		Pak, Shimon	1		
Browne, Roger (HR)		1		Park, Dong Won (HR)		1	
Carnes, Lindsey		1		Parker, Kenneth (HR)		1	
Carnes, Robbie	1			Peterson, Alex	1		
Chambers, Janice (HR)		1		Peterson, Theresa	1		
Chang, Catherine		1		Rasmussen-Baker, Jill		1	
Clark, Bert (HR)		1		Russell, Peter (HR)		1	
Cundiff, Thomas (HR)		1		Saperstein, Dan	1		
Cunningham, Bruce (HR)		1		Schacher, Tom		1	
Der-Garabedian, Lucy		1		Schramm, Matthew	1		
Duncan, Annie		1		Shoemaker, Rodney		1	
Emrich, Robert (HR)	1			Shugert, Stephen (HR)		1	
Eshelman, David (HR)		1		Stilwell, Elizabeth		1	
Evans-Justin, Mary Anne (HR)		1		Stoker, Dawn		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			Vredeveld, Ronald		1	
Grant, Glenn	1			Walser, Joseph (HR)		1	
Grimes, Ronald (HR)		1		Ytterock, Paul		1	
Gruening, Katja	1			Zaki, Raafat		1	
Hetzel, Kenneth (HR)	1			<b>Total Present</b>	25		
Hunter, Rhashell		1		<b>Total Excused</b>	49		
Jensen, Christina	1			<b>Total Absent</b>	1		
Kroener, John Scott	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)**

<b>NAME OF CHURCH</b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>	<b><u>Elder Commissioner(s) Present</u></b>
Alma-First	1		Ann Baker
Bay City-First	1		Ellen Pearson
Bay City-Westminster	1		Karen Brown-Fackler
Beaverton		1	Excused Absence
Birch Run	1		Lillian Ostrom
Breckenridge		1	
Caro	1		Gil Suzor
Cass City-First		1	
Cass City-Fraser		1	
Croswell		1	
Davison		1	
Deckerville		1	
Elkton-Chandler		1	
Fairgrove		1	
Fenton-First		1	
Fenton-Tyrone		1	
Flint-First		3	
Flint-Trinity United	1		Shirley Hale
Flint-Unity		1	
Flushing	1		Carol Dulin
Grand Blanc-Kirkridge	1		Frank Walker
Harbor Beach	1		William Rayment
Holly	1		Charlee Litten
Houghton Lake		1	
Ithaca-First	1		Vickie Thum
Ithaca-Lafayette		1	
Kinde-First		1	
Lapeer	1		Mary Margaret Rudowski
Linden	1		Bruce Walker
Marlette-First	1		Judy Hudson
Marlette-Second		1	
Midland-Chapel Lane	1		Johanna Jozwiak
Midland-Memorial	2		Tammy Hayhoe, Tom Ryden
Mt. Pleasant	1		Sallie Scheide
Rosebush		1	
Saginaw-Countryside Trinity	1		Mary Ann Parker
Saginaw-First	1		Janie Gugino
Saginaw-Korean		1	
Saginaw-Second	1		Doug Byron
Saginaw-Warren Avenue	1		Roger Scovill
Sandusky		1	
Swartz Creek		1	
Tawas	1		Andre DeWilde
Twining		1	
Ubley		1	
Vassar		1	
Yale		1	
<b>Total Present</b>	<b>23</b>		
<b>Total Represented</b>	<b>22</b>		
<b>Total Not Represented</b>	<b>25</b>		

**ATTACHMENT A – Attendance (Continued)**

<b>ELDER MEMBERS</b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>	<b><u>Excused</u></b>
Mark Battell (Coordinating Team)			1
Andrea Drapp (Trustee)	1		
Adam Engel (Coordinating Team)	1		
Doug Gorringer (Coordinating Team)			1
Janie Gugino (COM Moderator) ***			
Linda Langrill (Coordinating Team)			1
Georgia McCall (PW Moderator)	1		
CJ Merriman (Moderator)	1		
Cliff Miles (Trustee)			1
Tom Miles (Coordinating Team)	1		
Delphine Moore (Coordinating Team)			1
Mary Ann Parker (Nominating Team) ***	1		
Roger Scovill (Treasurer) ***			
Roger Terrill (Coordinating Team)			1
<b>Total Elder Members</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>

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

<b>COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS</b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>	<b><u>Excused</u></b>
Mark Garavaglia			1
Kathy Grimes			1
Shaun Hardimon			1
Linda Living-Hawley			1
Liz Long			1
Sam McKim			1
Charles Moerdyk			1
Peggy Ronk			1
Kathleen Rowe	1		
Don Wixson			1
Chris Wolf	1		
<b>CRE Attending</b>	<b>2</b>		
<b>CRE Not Attending</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>CRE Excused</b>	<b>9</b>		

**MEETING ATTENDANCE TOTALS**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>	<b><u>Excused</u></b>
Members of Presbytery	25	1	49
Corresponding Members	3		
Commissioned Ruling Elders	2	0	9
Church Commissioners	23	25	
Elder Members	6	0	6
Visitors (Including LHP Staff)	31		
<b>Total People in Attendance</b>	<b>90</b>		
Churches represented	22		
Churches not represented		25	

