

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

PRESBYTERY OF LAKE HURON

Stated Meeting – June 5, 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, June 5, 2018, at First Presbyterian Church, Lapeer, 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. Alex Peterson.

Visitors, new clergy and elder commissioners were introduced.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to seat the following as Corresponding Members: The Revs. David Weber (Lake Michigan), Leslie Piper (Charlotte), Andrew Pomerville (Lake Michigan), Josh Heikkila (Twin Cities), Douglas Portz (Pittsburgh), Michael Ludwig (Scioto Valley) and Lori Neff-LaRue (New Brunswick).

WORSHIP included a **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**, sermon led by the Rev. Josh Heikkila, and an **OFFERING** to Good Samaritan Food and Clothing Pantry of Lapeer.

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

During the **EQUIPPING TIME**, attendees participated in either “Clergy Self Care” or “Caring For The Caregiver”,

Adjourned for lunch at 12:30 pm.

Reconvened at 1:15 pm.

A **COMMISSIONING SERVICE** for those representing the presbytery at the 223rd General Assembly was held.

A presentation on the PC(USA)s mission work in Niger was given by Josh Heikkila.

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

The **COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY** report was given by the Rev. Dr. Rhonda Myers.

The Presbytery affirmed the decision of the Commission on Preparation for Ministry to:

1. Receive Carrie Marie Sumrall as an Inquirer Under Care of the Presbytery.

The Commission on Preparation for Ministry recommended and Presbytery approved:

2. To move Kim Strunz from Inquirer status to Candidate status.
3. To move Rebecca Francek-Cole from Inquirer status to Candidate status.

Rhonda Myers gave a summary of the status of those who are currently under care of the presbytery.

The Rev. Doug Portz gave a report on changes coming from the **BOARD OF PENSIONS**.

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

The Moderator assumed the chair.

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

The Presbytery Council recommended and presbytery approved:

1. That the Presbytery appoint an Administrative Commission to assist the session and congregation of Warren Avenue Presbyterian Church with the following:
 - a. To bring to a close the ministry of Warren Avenue Presbyterian Church on or before December 4, 2018;
 - b. To identify in consultation with the session and members of Warren Avenue Presbyterian Church and other congregations of the Presbytery and/or partner denominations a plan for the future of the members and assets of WAPC that maintains to the greatest degree possible a shared identity and mission for the congregation. This may include formal merger with another congregation, dissolution of the congregation and transfer of members to another congregation with a plan for a shared identity and mission (including disposition of assets), or another mechanism as they may discern;

- c. To consult with the Trustees of the Presbytery of Lake Huron in developing the plan and conducting any and all legal and financial matters related to the closure, merger, or transition of the congregation and its assets; and
- d. To assist in an appropriate recognition of Warren Avenue Presbyterian Church with thanksgiving for the legacy of its ministry and mission

In addition, the Presbytery Moderator, in consultation with the Executive Presbyter and the Stated Clerk, will propose nominees to serve on the Commission.

- 2. The proposed changes to the bylaws were given a first reading [ATTACHMENT B].

The Presbytery Council presented the following items for information:

- 1. Designated that the June 5, 2018 Presbytery offering go to the Good Samaritan Food and Clothing Pantry of Lapeer.

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

The Stated Clerk recommended and presbytery approved:

- 1. The minutes of the March 6, 2018 Stated Meeting of the Presbytery and the April 24, 2018 Special Meeting of the Presbytery.
- 2. On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Elder CJ Merriman, Lapeer First is nominated to be the Disaster Response Team Director.

The Stated Clerk reported the following items for information:

- 1. The Stated Clerk reports the following vacancy: for Elder Roger Terrill, Fenton-First, on the Presbytery Council. The Nominating Team has been notified of the vacancy.
- 2. The Annual Statistical Report [ATTACHMENT C]

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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:

Elder Sam McKim	term expired December 31, 2017
Rev. Donald Neuville	term expired December 31, 2017
Rev. Dr. Valerie Fargo	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

4. Invitations are being accepted for 2019 Presbytery Meetings:

March 2 (<i>Please note this is a Saturday</i>)	Grand Blanc Kirkridge
June 4	
September 17, 2019	Mt. Pleasant First
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. All meetings start at 9:30 AM. The Clerk will be recommending to Council that meeting host churches be handicap accessible.

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

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

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

The Commission on Ministry presented the following item for information:

1. The reading of the 2017 Necrology Report [ATTACHMENT D]

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

2. Approved the full-time Interim Pastor contract between the Rev. Leslie Piper and Bay City-First effective May 1, 2018 for a period of one year. Terms are as follows:

Cash Salary	\$41,450
Housing Allowance	\$16,000
Other	\$16,800
Pension, Medical, BOP	\$27,425
SECA offset	\$4,394
Travel Reimbursement	IRS Rate *
Continuing Education and Books	\$2,400 *
Other	\$3,600 *
Other	\$2,500
Vacation Time	4 weeks including 4 Sundays
Study Leave	2 weeks including 2 Sundays
* Total of starred items not to exceed \$10,000	

3. Authorized Elder Bonnie Rapson to serve communion at Kinde-First and Elkton-Chandler for a period of one year.
4. Permit Karen Price to preach once a month for six months at Kinde-First and Elkton-Chandler. She may not officiate the sacraments and the agreement expires on October 31, 2018.

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

The meeting adjourned following prayer by the Moderator at 3:10 pm.

The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Lake Huron will be held Thursday, September 20, 2018 at Tawas Area Presbyterian Church, Tawas, Michigan, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ted McCulloch
Stated Clerk

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ATTACHMENT A – Attendance (Continued)

NAME OF CHURCH	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Elder Commissioner(s) Present</u>
Alma-First		1	
Bay City-First	1		Al McFayden
Bay City-Westminster		1	
Beaverton			Elder requested excused absence
Birch Run	1		Lil Ostrom
Breckenridge		1	
Caro		1	
Cass City-First		1	
Cass City-Fraser	1		Kim Strunz
Croswell	1		Sally Pomeroy
Davison		1	
Deckerville	1		Linda Spencer
Elkton-Chandler		1	
Fairgrove	1		Beth Asperger
Fenton-First	1		Janet Stork
Fenton-Tyrone		1	
Flint-First		3	
Flint-Trinity United	1		Waldo Bronson
Flint-Unity		1	
Flushing	1		Sandra Snyder
Grand Blanc-Kirkridge	1		John Baxter
Harbor Beach		1	
Holly	1		Jim Lyles
Houghton Lake		1	
Ithaca-First	1		Vickie Thum
Ithaca-Lafayette		1	
Kinde-First		1	
Lapeer	1		Arthur Sieting
Linden		1	
Marlette-First		1	
Marlette-Second		1	
Midland-Chapel Lane	1		Linda Langrill
Midland-Memorial	2		Tom Ryden; Judy McDowell
Mt. Pleasant		1	
Rosebush		1	
Saginaw-Countryside Trinity	1		Mary Longstreth
Saginaw-First	1		Janie Gugino
Saginaw-Korean		1	
Saginaw-Second			Elder requested excused absence
Saginaw-Warren Avenue		1	
Sandusky		1	
Swartz Creek		1	
Tawas	1		Andre DeWilde
Twining		1	
Ubly		1	
Vassar		1	
Yale		1	
Total Present	19		
Total Represented	18		
Total Not Represented	29		

ATTACHMENT A – Attendance (Continued)

ELDER MEMBERS	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Andrea Drapp (Trustee)			1
Adam Engel (Presbytery Council)			1
Sarah Martin-Fanone (Presby Council)			1
Doug Gorringer (Presbytery Council)			1
Janie Gugino (COM Moderator) ***			
Linda Langrill (Personnel Team Mod) ***			
Georgia McCall (PW Moderator)	1		
CJ Merriman (Presbytery Council)	1		
Tom Miles (Presbytery Council)			1
Delphine Moore (Presbytery Council)			1
Mary Ann Parker (Nominating Team)			1
Roger Scovill (Treasurer)			1
Total Elder Members	2	0	8

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

COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Baker, Jon			1
Mark Garavaglia			1
Kathy Grimes			1
Shaun Hardimon			1
Linda Living-Hawley			1
Liz Long			1
Peggy Ronk			1
Kathleen Rowe	1		
Wixson, Don	1		
Chris Wolf	1		
CRE Attending	3		
CRE Not Attending	0		
CRE Excused	7		

MEETING ATTENDANCE TOTALS

CATEGORY	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Members of Presbytery	23	1	52
Corresponding Members	7		
Commissioned Ruling Elders	3	0	7
Church Commissioners	19	29	0
Elder Members	2	0	8
Visitors (Including LHP Staff)	18		
Total People in Attendance	72		
Churches represented	29		
Churches not represented		0	

ATTACHMENT B – Proposed Bylaws Changes

Recommended Changes to Presbytery Bylaws: *(changes in Bold or cross-out)*

- Article V, Bylaw 5.2 Membership currently reads:
“The membership shall include at least one person from each of the four regions of presbytery plus two at large members. Additional members of the Council shall include: the moderator and vice moderator of the presbytery, moderators of the Nominating Committee, Mission Coordination Committee, COM, CPM, and Board of Trustees. The Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk shall serve as non-voting members with privilege of voice.”

Proposed new Article V, Bylaw 5.2 Membership

“The membership shall include at least one person from each of the four regions of presbytery plus two at large members. Additional members of the Council shall include: **the moderator of Council**, moderator and vice moderator of the presbytery, moderators of the Nominating Committee, Mission Coordination Committee, COM, CPM, and Board of Trustees. The Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk shall serve as non-voting members with privilege of voice.”

- Article II, Bylaw B 2.1 – Meetings currently reads:
“ a. Ordinarily, the Presbytery shall hold four stated meetings per year. The meetings will be held on the first Tuesdays of March, June and December and the third Tuesday of September. The presbytery shall not meet during Holy Week.”

Proposed new (to allow for meetings on any day of the week) Article II, Bylaw B 2.1 – Meetings

“ a. ~~Ordinarily,~~ **The** Presbytery shall hold four stated meetings per year. The meetings will be held in ~~first Tuesdays of March, June, and December. and the third Tuesday of September.~~ **September** and December. The presbytery shall not meet during Holy Week.”

ATTACHMENT C – Stated Clerk's Annual Report - 2017

STATED CLERK'S ANNUAL REPORT OF CHURCHES FOR 2016

Presented to Lake Huron Presbytery June 5, 2018

Clerks of session have now filed their 2017 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	7,530
<u>Gains</u>	
Profession of faith	
17 & under	51
18 & over	50
Certificate	26
Other	119
Total Gains	246
<u>Losses</u>	
Certificate	47
Death	174
Other	311
Total Losses	532
Net Loss	<u>(286)</u>
Membership 12/31/17	7,244

Of 7,244 members 4,363 are women (or 60.2%)

2. Membership profile - 5 year period			
	<u>Membership</u>	<u>Net change</u>	<u>% change</u>
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
12/31/17	7,244	- 286	- 3.9
3. Church School profile - 5 year period			
	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Net change</u>	<u>% change</u>
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
12/31/17	2,231	+ 139	+ 6.23

ATTACHMENT C – Stated Clerk’s Annual Report - 2017 (Continued)

4. Baptism profile - 5 year period

	<u>Children</u>	<u>Adult</u>
12/31/13	101	24
12/31/14	93	14
12/31/15	66	15
12/31/16	53	13
12/31/17	61	14

B. FINANCIAL STATISTICS

1. Total income – 5 year period

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Net change</u>	<u>% change</u>
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
2017	9,820,968	-488,442	- 4.97

2. Distribution of income – 2 year period

	<u>2016</u>		<u>2017</u>	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>
Contributions	\$ 6,839,862	66.35	\$ 6,822,561	69.47
Capital & Building Funds	1,123,119	10.89	832,867	8.48
Investment & Endowment Income	1,199,079	11.63	1,364,957	13.90
Bequests	725,176	7.03	183,346	1.87
Aid & other income	<u>422,174</u>	4.10	<u>617,237</u>	6.28
Total	\$10,309,410	100.00	\$ 9,820,968	100.00%

3. Total expenditures – 5 year period

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Net change</u>	<u>% change</u>
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
2017	11,413,865	2,669,531	+ 30.53

4. Distribution of expenditures - 2 year period

	<u>2016</u>		<u>2017</u>	
	<u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>%</u>
Local program and mission	\$7,148,176	81.75	\$7,742,219	67.83
Capital expenditures	1,022,182	11.69	2,409,633	21.11
Investments	70,269	0.80	177,263	1.55
Per capita apportionment	194,479	2.22	182,157	1.60
Validated mission	264,448	3.02	269,674	2.36
G.A. Theological Education Fund	9,896	0.11	3,715	0.03
Other mission	<u>34,884</u>	0.40	<u>629,204</u>	5.51
Total	8,744,334	100.00	11,413,865	100.00%

ATTACHMENT D – 2017 Necrology Report

	<u>Minister</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
	Robert Lakey	August 7
	George Baird	September 2
<u>Church</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Alma-First	Ruth Seals	April 21
	Kenneth Bruza	June 5
	William Walker	September 4
Bay City-First	Robert McKinley	June 14
	Bette Jylha	December 1
Bay City-Westminster	Janet Dannesberger	January 28
	Margaret Belknap	March 14
	Dorothy Eickel	September 13
Cass City-First	Jessie Goodall	March 3
Croswell-First	Betty Pabst	March 31
	Wayne Clarkson	April 2
	Max Boyes	September 13
Davison-St. Andrew's	LaVerne Draper	May 28
	Norma Morningstar	November 12
Deckerville-First	Nancy Jane (Susie) Cheffey	October 7
	Dorothy Ross	October 23
	Stuart Stoutenburg	November 5
Fairgrove-Fairgrove	Norman Adams	August 1
	Jerry Noble	October 29
Flint-First	Dennis Younger	January 5
	Marilyn Orban	February 12
	Frances Gumper	March 2
	Barbara Walters	April 15
	Jean Pakney	August 8
	Virginia Bland	December 17
	Lester Young	December 27
Flushing-Flushing	Beverly Gatenby	February 9
	Arlene Ewing	February 20
	William Churchill	March 25
	Yvonne McArthur	May 3
	Wilson Koshaba	September 10

ATTACHMENT D – 2017 Necrology Report (Continued)

Grand Blanc-Kirkridge	Nadine Baxter Doug Jones	March 10 March 10
Harbor Beach-First	Gerry Ross	September 29
Kinde-First	Fred Empkie	July 23
Lapeer-First	Joseph Adamson	March 20
Marlette-First	Elmer Flannigan Ken Kallgren Donna Flannigan	January 10 August 4 April 10
Midland-Chapel Lane	Florence Goethe	March 18
Midland-Memorial	Glenn Allen Stuart David B. Kellom Jean C. Hillman George B. Fromhold Robert C. Hedlund George Callaghan Jean P. Kellom	May 9 June 21 August 14 August 19 September 6 October 28 November 23
Mt. Pleasant-First	Gerald Cassel	February 2
Saginaw-Countryside	Barbara Klein	November 16
Saginaw-First	Gene Koerber Dorothy Wheatley Jack LaBreck	March 19 August 14 August 16
Saginaw-Second	Barbara Steeves James Carney John Yinney Mary Donaldson- Roberts	November 13 March 23 April 9 January 31
Sandusky-Sandusky	Dora Gutierrez Marjorie Hiner Donald Conklin	February 14 August 16 October 22
Swartz Creek-Mundy	Robert Turmell	December 4