

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

PRESBYTERY OF LAKE HURON
Stated Meeting – March 2, 2019

The Presbytery of Lake Huron was called to order with prayer by the Moderator, Elder Chris Wolf, at 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, March 2, 2019, at Kirkridge Presbyterian Church, Grand Blanc, 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. Glenn Grant.

Visitors and new elder commissioners were introduced.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to seat the following as a Corresponding Member: The Rev. David Weber (Lake Michigan).

WORSHIP included a **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**, sermon by Elder Chris Wolf, and an **OFFERING** to Grand Blanc Outreach.

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

EQUIPPING TIME was led Elder Martha Miller

Adjourned for lunch following prayer by Glenn Grant at 12:15 pm.

Reconvened at 1:00 pm by the Moderator.

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

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to make an addition to the docket.

Prayers of Intercession were led by Chris Wolf.

The **COMMISSION ON MINISTRY** report was given by Elder Bill Bowen.

The Commission on Ministry reported 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.

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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.

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.

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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

The report of the **POLICIES, BILLS AND OVERTURES** committee of the **PRESBYTERY COUNCIL** was given by the Rev. Lindsey Carnes. Discussion was held and voting took place on the proposed amendments to the Book of Order. The results are as follows:

I. CONSENT LIST - VOTED ON AS A GROUP

18-A Election of Ruling Elders and Deacons [to Nominating Committee]	Yes
18-D Membership of Presbytery [ministers laboring outside the bounds of their Presbytery need approval of both Presbytery annually]	Yes
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]	Yes
18-F Welcoming to the Table [baptized children, with instruction]	Yes
18-G Disciplinary Offense [affirm that Scriptures defines sexual misconduct as a sin]	Yes
18-H Time Limit [no time limit for sexual abuse cases]	Yes

II. DISCUSSION AND VOTE HELD INDIVIDUALLY

18-B Renunciation of Jurisdiction	
18-B.1 [no congregation shall employ a minister who has renounced jurisdiction]	Yes
18-B.2 [...who has renounced jurisdiction for a disciplinary case]	Yes
18-C Officers [shall not approve or endorse political candidates]	No

The **SYNOD REPORT** was given by the Rev. Rafaat Zaki.

The **NOMINATING TEAM** report was given by the Rev. Dr. Dan Saperstein. The Nominating Team placed the following person in nomination and presbytery approved for the committee and class indicated: Elder Ed Savage (Birch Run-Taymouth), Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Class of 2021.

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

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

The **PRESBYTERY COUNCIL** report was given by the Rev. Lindsey Carnes.

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

The Stated Clerk recommended and presbytery approved:

1. The minutes of the December 4, 2018 Stated Meeting of the Presbytery.
2. 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 Saginaw-Korean.
 - 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 Saginaw-Korean.
 - 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 reported the following items for information:

1. The Stated Clerk received the Minutes of the Administrative Commission to Install Matthew Schramm from the Moderator. They are as follows:

The Commission established by the Presbytery of Lake Huron to Install the Rev. Matthew Schramm as the Designated Pastor of Memorial Presbyterian Church of Midland, MI met at the church on January 20, 2019 at 3:40pm. Present were the members of the commission: Elder Linda Kennan, the Rev. Dr. Rhonda Myers, the Rev. Andrew Miller, Elder Chris Wolf (Moderator) and the Rev. Ted McCulloch. Also present were the Rev. Dr. Dan Saperstein and the Rev. Dr. Wallace Mayton. A quorum of the Commission was present. Chris Wolf, Presbytery Moderator opened with prayer. Motion was sustained to receive corresponding members: the Rev. Dr. David Pierce and the Rev. Dr. Chip Hardwick. Matthew Schramm reviewed the order of the service. Motion was sustained that the commission would be dismissed with the benediction at the end of the worship. Matthew Schramm closed with prayer.

2. The Stated Clerk received the following resignations: Rev. Dr. Rhonda Myers as Vice-Moderator for the Presbytery. Elder Craig Hardy from Commission on Ministry.

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3. 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

4. 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. All meetings start at 9:30 AM. The Clerk will be recommending to Council that meeting host churches be handicap accessible.

The **TRUSTEES** presented 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.

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

The meeting adjourned following prayer by the Moderator at 2:35 pm.

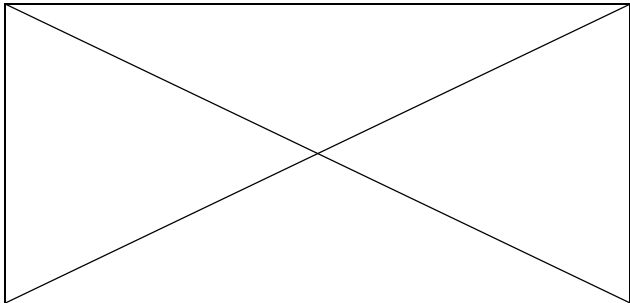
The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Lake Huron will be held Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at First Presbyterian Church, Saginaw, Michigan, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

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			Neumann, James		1	
Ahn, Daniel (HR)		1		Neuville, Donald (HR)		1	
Becker, John (HR)		1		Novak, Joseph		1	
Blackburn, David (HR)		1		Offrink, James (HR)	1		
Blatt, Karen (HR)	1			Ofori-Nipaah, Philomena	1		
Borycz, Edward (HR)		1		Pak, Shimon		1	
Brackbill, Thomas		1		Park, Dong Won (HR)		1	
Brooks, Alexander (HR)		1		Parker, Kenneth (HR)		1	
Browne, Roger (HR)		1		Peterson, Alex	1		
Carnes, Lindsey	1			Peterson, Theresa	1		
Carnes, Robbie		1		Piper, Leslie	1		
Chambers, Janice (HR)		1		Piper, Brant	1		
Chang, Catherine		1		Pomerville, Andrew		1	
Clark, Bert (HR)		1		Rasmussen-Baker, Jill		1	
Cundiff, Thomas (HR)		1		Russell, Dawn	1		
Cunningham, Bruce (HR)		1		Russell, Peter (HR)		1	
Der-Garabedian, Lucy		1		Saperstein, Dan	1		
Duncan, Annie	1			Schacher, Tom		1	
Emrich, Robert (HR)		1		Schramm, Matthew		1	
Eshelman, David (HR)		1		Shoemaker, Rodney		1	
Evans-Justin, Mary Anne (HR)		1		Shugert, Stephen (HR)		1	
Gates, Fred (HR)		1		Snyder, Noel		1	
Gates, Sharlyn	1			Stilwell, Elizabeth		1	
Gillette, George (HR)		1		Stratton, Brian		1	
Graham, Linda		1		Swihart, Dale (HR)		1	
Grant, Glenn	1			Taylor, Robert (HR)		1	
Grimes, Ronald (HR)		1		Todd, Cassie	1		
Gruening, Katja	1			Vredeveld, Ron		1	
Hetzl, Kenneth (HR)		1		Walser, Joseph (HR)		1	
Hunter, Rhashell		1		Ytterrock, Paul	1		
Jensen, Christina	1			Zaki, Raafat	1		
Kroener, John Scott	1						
Lawson, Desiree	1			Total Present	24		
Lawther, Richard (HR)		1		Total Excused	51		
Lee, Hoon Koo		1		Total Absent	1		
Lee, Joungnam		1					
Loenshal, Michael		1					
Marquardt, Charles		1					
Mayton, Wally	1						
McCulloch, Ted	1						
McMellen, Larry (HR)		1					
Miller, Andrew	1						
Moody, Chris			1				
Myers, David		1					
Myers, Rhonda		1					



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		Heather Bailey
Bay City-Westminster		1	
Beaverton		1	
Birch Run	1		Lil Ostrom
Breckenridge		1	
Caro		1	
Cass City-First		1	
Cass City-Fraser		1	
Croswell		1	
Davison	1		Phidge Howe
Deckerville		1	
Elkton-Chandler		1	
Fairgrove	1		Beth Asperger
Fenton-First	1		Jnet Stork
Fenton-Tyrone		1	
Flint-First		3	
Flint-Trinity United	1		Georgia McCall
Flint-Unity		1	
Flushing	1		Scott Tucker
Grand Blanc-Kirkridge	1		John Baxter
Harbor Beach		1	
Holly	1		Ellen Paulson
Houghton Lake		1	
Ithaca-First	1		Vickie Thum
Ithaca-Lafayette		1	
Kinde-First		1	
Lapeer	1		Sharon Galbreath
Linden		1	
Marlette-First	1		Roland Armstrong
Marlette-Second	1		Carol VanEtten
Midland-Chapel Lane	1		Susan Gaul
Midland-Memorial	2		Judy McDowell, Bill Bowen
Mt. Pleasant	1		Robert Berryman
Rosebush		1	
Saginaw-Countryside Trinity		1	
Saginaw-First		1	
Saginaw-Korean		1	
Saginaw-Second		1	
Sandusky	1		Becky Foster
Swartz Creek	1		Gail Foster
Tawas	1		Kristy Prentiss
Twining		1	
Ubyly		1	
Vassar		1	
Yale		1	
Total Present	20		
Total Represented	19		
Total Not Represented	28		

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)			1
Linda Langrill (Personnel Team Mod)			1
Georgia McCall (PW Moderator) ***			
CJ Merriman (Presbytery Council)	1		
Tom Miles (Presbytery Council)			1
Delphine Moore (Presbytery Council)			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	2		
CRE Not Attending	0		
CRE Excused	8		

CATEGORY	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Members of Presbytery	24	1	51
Corresponding Members	1		
Commissioned Ruling Elders	2	0	8
Church Commissioners	20	28	
Elder Members	2	0	8
Visitors (Including LHP Staff)	19		
Total People in Attendance	68		
Churches represented	19		
Churches not represented		28	