

**COMMITTEE REPORTS TO LAKE HURON PRESBYTERY**  
**March 5, 2022**

**PRESBYTERY COUNCIL**

The Presbytery Council presents the following items for information:

The Presbytery Council met January 12 and February 9, via Zoom and presents the following items for information:

1. Elected Wally Mayton as Moderator of the Presbytery Council for 2022. Andrew Miller was elected Vice-Moderator of the Presbytery Council for 2022.
2. The following were appointed to their respective committees:

Budget & Finance	Roger Scovill (ex-officio); as needed.
Personnel	Andrew Miller (Leader), Linda Kennan, Mary Ann Parker and Charlee Litten (co-opted)
Planning/Visioning/Equipping	Glenn Grant (Leader), Kathleen Rowe
Policies, Bills & Overtures	Lindsey Carnes (Leader), Byungil Ahn
3. Designated the March Presbytery Meeting offering be given to Revive Ministries of Cass City.
4. Approved compensation for Ted McCulloch of \$2,100 a month, working 12-15 hours/week as temporary Head of Staff. This is in addition to the compensation and time he works in the Stated clerk role, until the role of Executive Presbyter is defined.
5. Approved posting the financial position in the Presbytery office. The posting was included in the January 12, 2022 edition of the Bi-Weekly Brief for two weeks with a link to the position application. Interested candidates were encouraged to submit a resume by email to Rose Onan no later than Wednesday, January 26, 2022.
6. Beginning January 17, 2022, approved closing the Presbytery Office on Fridays. The Presbytery Office will be open Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.
7. By e-vote, approved an exception to our current policy to allow the offering on the January 30, 2022 installation service for Rev. Katrina Pekich-Bundy, pastor at Alma-First, be designated for reparations for people of color.

Our current policy states that offerings at services go to the Fund for Preparation for Ministry. The fund is designed to provide assistance to inquirers and candidates under care in our Presbytery and currently has approximately \$14,000 in it.

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8. Accepted a proposal from Lombard Mennonite Peace Center for the Presbytery for an estimated cost of \$3,796. Funds from non-budgeted expenditures (account #000-110-52002) will be used to cover the cost.
9. Approved including a summary of the monthly Council meetings in the Bi-Weekly Brief. This action will allow more open communication within the Presbytery.

### **REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL TEAM**

1. Approved the hiring of Jessica Schira as the permanent Financial Secretary for the Presbytery. She had been serving at the temporary Financial Secretary since May 2021.

### **COMMISSION ON MINISTRY AND MINISTRY PREPARATION**

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

1. Approved the Administrative Commission to Install the Rev. Katrina Pekich-Bundy as Pastor of Alma-First on Sunday, January 30, 2022 at 3:00pm. Members are: The Revs. Glenn Grant (Moderator), Joseph Novak, Andrew Pomerville, Mary Ann Evans Justin and Christina Jensen and Elders: David Justin (Ithaca-First) and Nick Piccolo (Alma-First).
2. Approved the Administrative Commission to Install the Rev. Brooke Pickrell as Pastor of Holly on February 20, 2022 at 2:00pm. Members are: The Revs. Glenn Grant (Moderator), Robbie Carnes, Lindsey Carnes and Cassie Todd. Elder members to be determined by the Moderator at a later time.
3. Enrolled the Rev. Dr. Wally Mayton as an Honorably Retired member of presbytery effective December 31, 2021.
4. Validated the ministry of Lucy Dergarabedian.
5. Appointed Christina Jensen as Moderator of Session for Fairgrove and Ubyly-First.
6. Appointed Robbie Carnes as Moderator of Session for Ithaca-First through June.
7. Appointed Cassie Todd as Moderator of Session for Flint-Trinity United through May.
8. Approved a grant for one of our congregations to help cover the cost of Pulpit Supply.

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9. Approved the part-time Temporary Supply contract between Elder Kim McKenzie and Breckenridge-Emerson effective January 10, 2022. Compensation will be \$150/week. Permission to serve communion is granted.
10. Approved the part-time CRE contract renewal between Elder Liz Long and Ithaca-Lafayette effective January 1, 2022 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

11. Approved the renewal of the Temporary Supply contract between the Rev. Linda Graham and Davison-St. Andrew's for a period of one year effective January 1, 2022. Terms are as follows:

Salary	\$21,557.50
Housing Allowance	\$20,000.00
Social Security Allowance	\$3,442.50
IRA Allowance	\$4,000.00
Health Insurance	\$4,000.00 (estimated)
Study Leave	\$650
Mileage	IRS Allowance
Professional Reimbursement	\$3,350.00
Study Leave Allowance	\$650
Vacation Time	4 weeks including 4 Sundays
Study Leave	2 weeks including 2 Sundays

12. Approved the renewal of the part-time Temporary Relationship contract renewal between the Rev. Ron Vredevelde and Beaverton-First effective January 1, 2022 for a period of one year. Terms are as follows:

Salary	\$24,975
Housing Allowance	\$4,275
Study Leave Allowance	\$325
Phone Calls	\$300
Professional Expenses	\$500
Travel Reimbursement	At current IRS Rate up to \$300
Medical Reimbursement	Included in Cash Salary
Vacation Time	4 weeks including 4 Sundays
Study Leave	2 weeks including 2 Sundays

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13. Approved the part-time CRE contract between Elder Mark Garavaglia and Sandusky and Yale-First congregations effective January 3, 2022 for a period of one year. Terms are as follows:

Salary	\$550/week (\$275 paid by each church)
Medical	\$500/month (\$250 paid by each church)
Continuing Education	\$1000/year (\$500 paid by each church)
Travel Reimbursement	At current IRS Rate
Vacation Allowance	4 weeks including 4 Sundays
Study Leave	2 weeks including 2 Sundays

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

Trustees present the following item for action:

1. Recommend to Presbytery that permission be granted to Michigan Nanum Presbyterian Church, 5560 McCarty Road, Saginaw, MI to sell the property located at 5524 McCarty Road, Saginaw, MI (Parcel-A), if the way be clear, for no less than \$90,000. The full legal property description will be included in the permanent minutes of the Presbytery.

Rationale:

- The building was built over 50 years ago, and it has been difficult to maintain/repair.
- In light of the number of church members, the space does not have specific use and does not serve a purpose in the ministry of the congregation.
- Maintenance expenses has been gradually increasing (electric/water/insurance/repair, etc.) making it difficult to fit into the budget.
- Market price is advantageous for sellers. Currently asking price is \$90,000.
- The property is a private home currently being rented and acquired in 2018. It was acquired with the vision to expand the church parking. Session has changed their plans and no longer needs the property.

2. Recommend to Presbytery, by e-vote, that permission be granted to Vassar Presbyterian Church, 250 W. Huron Ave, Vassar, MI to sell the Manse, located at 123 Madison St, Vassar, MI 48768. The full legal property description will be included in the permanent minutes of the Presbytery.

Rationale: The property is not in use and does not look like it will be utilized anytime in the future and continues to be a draw on funds. Building and Grounds, with approval of their Session, are asking for proceeds to go to the roof replacement project. Alternative choice is to set aside funds of 25% for future pastors' contracts, 50% to roof replacement, and 25% for charity programs.

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Trustees present the following items for information:

1. Wally Mayton was elected President, Andrea Drapp was re-elected as Vice President, Roger Scovill was re-elected as Treasurer and Ted McCulloch was re-elected as secretary.
2. The 2022 interest rate for all loans was set at 2.43% using the formula in our loan policy.
3. Approved Elder Andrea Drapp (Saginaw-Second) and Roger Scovill, Presbytery Treasurer, as authorized signatories for signing checks issued by the Presbytery of Lake Huron.

### **REPORT OF THE MISSION COORDINATION COMMISSION**

The Mission Coordination Commission presents the following for information:

1. A report by Rev. Lucy Der-Garabedian on her ministry work in Lebanon and her plans for continuing that work.

### **REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK**

The Stated Clerk presents the following items for action:

1. Approve the minutes of the December 7, 2021 Presbytery meeting.
2. Approve a renewal of the March 13, 2021 Presbytery approved motion that congregations who request it be granted a one-year exception to G-2.0404, allowing elders to serve beyond the normal limit of six years.
3. Approve 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: Flint First, Flushing
  - 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: Flint First, Flushing
  - 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

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The Stated Clerk presents the following items for information:

4. Review of the 2021 Annual Statistical Report [ATTACHMENT A]
5. Schedule of the remaining 2022 Presbytery meetings:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host</u>
June 7, 2022	Alma College
September 20, 2022	Bay City-First
December 6, 2022	Bay City-Westminster

\*\* - the Council has designated March Presbytery meetings to be by Zoom. This allows one of our smaller churches to serve as a "virtual host." This will give churches that normally cannot host Presbytery a chance to do so. Opportunities to share the church's history and mission will be arranged for a "virtual" host. Please contact the Stated Clerk if you have any questions.

6. Reading of the Necrology Report for 2021. The ending of the reading and prayer will adjourn our meeting. [ATTACHMENT B]

**END OF COMMITTEE REPORTS**