

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

**PRESBYTERY OF LAKE HURON**  
Stated Meeting – September 20, 2022

The Presbytery of Lake Huron was called to order with prayer by the Moderator, the Rev. Glenn Grant, at 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, and was held via Zoom and in-person at First Presbyterian Church, Bay City, Michigan.

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

A welcome by the host pastor, the Rev. Breanna Overland, was given.

A welcoming of new minister member, Hal Shafer, was given. He was recently called to serve as Pastor of Lapeer-First.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to seat the following as a Corresponding Member: The Rev. Dr. Chip Hardwick (Miami Valley) and the Rev. Luke Choi (Western Reserve).

An introduction of new elder commissioners was given.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to adopt the docket amended.

**WORSHIP** included a sermon by Elder Kathleen Rowe, Presbytery Vice Moderator. The **OFFERING** taken will be given to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

The Moderator reconvened the presbytery.

The **SYNOD EXECUTIVE** report was given by Chip Hardwick.

The Synod reported the following for information:

Synod Programs and Ministry Update

- 9/30 Matthew 25 Grant Applications due 9/30/22...up to \$5000 grant for work to build congregation vitality or to fight structural racism or systemic poverty.
- 10/5 @ 10:00 to 11:30 am “Preaching for Advent 2022” zoom preaching workshop with Chip Hardwick of the Synod of the Covenant
- 10/13 @ 9:00 to 12:00 pm “Resilience and Renewal” zoom retreat to care for pastors/CRE’s as the stressful holiday season approaches. Offered by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.
- 10/21 @ 10:00 am to 3:30 pm “How To Try” Innovation Workshop at Maumee Bay State Park in Oregon, OH by Fr. Lorenzo Lebrija (to be recorded as well as held in person)
- 10/25 & 26 @ 10:00 am to 12:00 pm “Leading in Divided Times” zoom workshop for Pastors and Commissioned Ruling Elders for tools to navigate our polarized culture
- 11/2 @ 10:00 am to 11:30 am “Preaching in the Valley of Dry Bones” zoom preaching workshop by Rev. Dr. Luke Powery, Dean of the Duke University Chapel

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- 11/8 & 9 @ 6:30 – 9:00 pm “Healthy Church Boundaries” zoom workshop by LeaderWise for church leaders to help congregations develop appropriate boundaries for their ministries and leaders
- 11/16 & 17 @ 6:00 to 8:30 pm “Introduction to Boundaries” zoom workshop by LeaderWise for teaching and ruling elders

Each of these offerings is free, having been paid for by your presbytery and Synod. For more information, visit [www.synodofthecovenant.org](http://www.synodofthecovenant.org) or contact Synod Executive Chip Hardwick at [chip@synodofthecovenant.org](mailto:chip@synodofthecovenant.org) or 309-530-4578.

The **BOARD OF PENSIONS** report was given by Luke Choi.

The **EQUIPPING TIME** was led by Kathleen Rowe. Breakout sessions were held in person and online. Discussions were held regarding the results of feedback sessions held over the summer.

Adjourned for lunch following prayer by Kathleen Rowe.

Reconvened by the Moderator.

The **GENERAL ASSEMBLY** report was given via video by Lindsey Carnes Clergy Commissioner to GA2022.

The **PRESBYTERY COUNCIL** report was given by Wally Mayton.

The Council recommended and presbytery approved:

1. Setting the Presbytery portion of the 2023 Per Capita assessment at \$16.77 per active member. This makes the Presbytery of Lake Huron overall Per Capita rate to be as follows:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	
Presbytery	\$16.77	\$16.77	unchanged
Synod	\$ 3.25	\$ 3.25	unchanged
General Assembly	\$ 8.98	\$ 9.85	(+ \$ .87)
TOTAL	\$29.00	\$29.87	(+ \$ .87)

The Presbytery Council presented the following item for information:

2. A brown bag lunch will be served at the September Presbytery meeting. A collection plate will be available for attendees who wish to donate toward the lunch. Donation by credit card is also welcome. Suggested amount will be left up to the individual. Presbytery will cover the difference between what is collected and actual cost.

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The **TRUSTEES** report was given by Wally Mayton.

The Trustees recommend and presbytery approved:

1. Following congregational approval on January 30, 2022, grant First Presbyterian Church of Vassar permission to sell the property located at 123 Madison Street, Bay Vassar, Michigan 48768 (legal description: Lots 3 & 4, Block 3, Ebenezer Morse's addition to the village of Vassar (now city), according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 1, Page 259 of Deeds, Tuscola County Records, except the North 20 feet of Lot 4; also the east 33 feet of Lots 11 and 12, of said Block 3, except a strip of land 20 feet in width and 33 feet in length in the Northeast corner of said Lot 11, being subject to any easements, reservations, restrictions, or rights of way, whether implied, visible or of record.) Tax code: 051-500-423-0300-00. The purchase price will be \$200,000.

The **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN** report was given by Chris Wolf.

The **MISSION COORDINATION COMMITTEE** report was given by Karen Blatt.

The Mission Coordination Committee reports the following for information:

African American Religious Autobiographies Bibliography for the Presbytery of Lake Huron September meeting:

Frederick Douglass: Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave;

Ida B. Wells: Crusade for Justice (Ms. Wells and issues related to lynchings)

Benjamin Mays: Born to Rebel (Dr. Mays brought Morehouse College into prominence; spiritual leader/friend Martin Luther King, Jr.)

Howard Thurman: With Head and Heart (Dr. Thurman brought spiritual leadership to Howard University, dean of Marsh Chapel of Boston University, co-founder of the interdenominational Fellowship Church in San Francisco)

W.E.B. Dubois: The Soul of Black Folk (Dr. Dubois wrote 14 essays describing the life, ambitions, struggles of African Americans late 19th century into the 20th century.)

Martin Luther King, Jr: Where Do We Go from Here (Dr. King wrote and published this book in 1968.)

James Cone: Said I wasn't Gonna Tell Nobody and The Cross and the Lynching Tree (Dr. Cone is renowned as a theologian, and his work is Black Theology,)

Additional treat:

Stop at the Oakwood Cemetery, Battle Creek, for the grave site of Sojourner Truth  
Tour in Detroit to Charles H. Wright African American Museum, the Birwell St. Wall constructed by developer to separate white-black neighborhoods.

From Rev. Karen Blatt, a participant in the week-long Seminar at Calvin Theological Seminary, entitled “African-American Religious Autobiographies”, July 10-15, 2022. Leadership: Dr. John Witvliet, Director of the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship at Calvin Theological Seminary.

The Vice Moderator assumed the chair.

The **NOMINATING TEAM** report was given by Mary Ann Parker.

The Nominating Team presented the following for election and presbytery approved:

The Rev. Glenn Grant, Presbytery Moderator for 2023

The Rev. Matthew Schramm, Presbytery Vice Moderator for 2023

The Moderator assumed the chair.

The **COMMISSION ON MINISTRY AND MINISTRY PREPARATION** report was given by Linda Kennan.

The Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation recommended, and presbytery approved:

1. That the 2023 Minimum Terms of Call be 75% of the Churchwide Median making the minimum effective salary for 2023 to be \$46,575.

The Commission on Ministry and Ministry Preparation presents the following for information:

2. Appointed an Installation Commission to Install the Rev. Matthew Schramm as Pastor and the Rev. Michael Ludwig as Associate Pastor of Midland-Memorial on September 11, 2022 at 1:30pm. Members are: Elder Linda Kennan (Midland-Memorial), Janie Gugino (Saginaw-First), Martha Miller (Mt. Pleasant-First, Karen Dastick (Midland-Memorial) and the Revs. Glenn Grant (Moderator), Ted McCulloch, Jim Neumann, Andrew Miller and Andrew Pomerville. Invited Pastors: Chip Hardwick, Synod of the Covenant and Don Dawson, Pittsburgh.
3. Appointed and Installation Commission to Install the Rev. Christina Jensen as Pastor of Cass City-Fraser, Elkton-Chandler and Kinde-First on Saturday, September 10, 2022 at 1:00pm at Kinde-First. Members are Elders: Pat Deuver (Elkton-Chandler) Dan Pratt (Kinde-First) Heather Shamka (Cass City-Fraser) Linda Kennan (Midland-Memorial); the Revs. Glenn Grant (Moderator), Kim Strunz and Ted McCulloch. Corresponding Member: Rev. Peter Moore (Mackinac Presbytery).

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4. Appointed Kim Strunz as Moderator of Session for the Cass City-First and Fairgrove congregations effective August 1, 2022.
5. Appointed Andrew Pomerville as Moderator of Session at Houghton Lake-Kirk of the Lakes effective November 20, 2022.
6. Re-authorized Elder Gail Smith to serve communion at Swartz Creek-Mundy.
7. Re-authorized Lynn Cramer, Joy Lupton and Beth Asperger to serve communion at Fairgrove.
8. Transferred Rhashell Hunter to Mid-Kentucky Presbytery effective May 23, 2022.
9. Approved changing the status of Dan Saperstein to Honorably Retired effective October 1, 2022.
10. Approved the Temporary Pulpit Supply agreement between Elder Linda Living-Hawley and Fenton-Tyrone effective February 6 through July 31, 2022. Terms are as follows: \$150 per Sunday plus mileage.
11. Approved the CRE Covenant renewal between Elder Shaun Hardimon and Swartz Creek-Mundy for a period of one year effective August 1, 2022. Terms of call are as follows:

Cash Salary	\$150/preaching session and \$50/moderating session meeting
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Travel Reimbursement	At IRS rate
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The Rev. Robbie Carnes will continue to serve as his mentor.

The **STATED CLERK'S REPORT** was given by the Rev. Ted McCulloch.

MOTION WAS SUSTIANED to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2022 Stated Presbytery meeting and the minutes of the July 13, 2022 Special Presbytery meeting.

MOTION WAS SUSTAINED to That the Presbytery approves the recommendation that future income from the Joseph C. and Dora Wynn Gindlesperger Memorial Fund No. 2 – 102240004114, a fund of the former Midland Chapel Lane congregation, go to the Midland Memorial Presbyterian Church. The fund is a remaining asset from Chapel Lane and New Covenant Trust requires the above recommendation be approved by Presbytery.

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The Stated Clerk presented the following items for information:

1. The Presbytery Minutes were approved without exception by the Synod.
2. Boundary Training will be held virtually November 16 and 17, 2022 from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm each day and is offered by Leaderwise through the Synod of the Covenant.
3. Last stated meeting of 2022:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host</u>
December 6, 2022	Bay City-Westminster

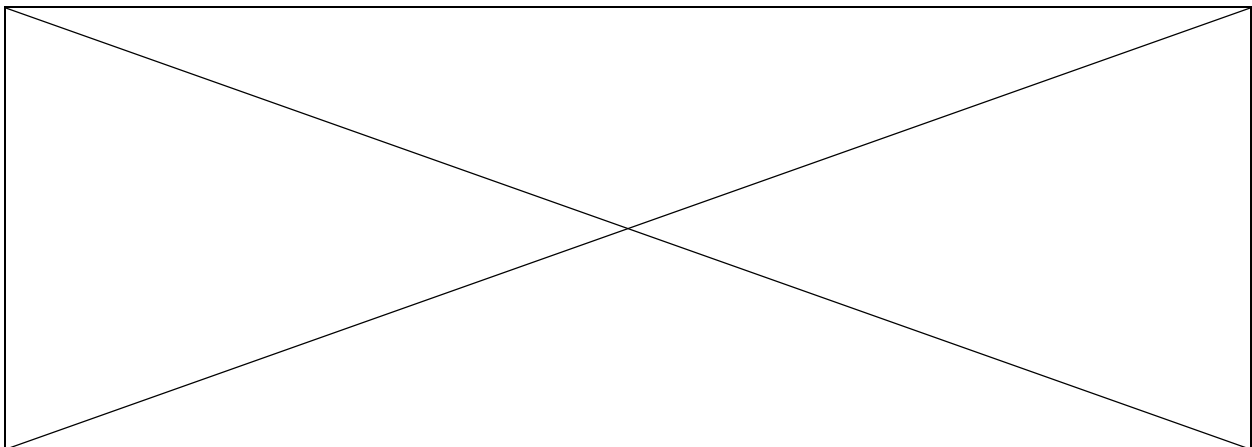
4. Schedule of meetings for 2023:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host</u>
March 4, 2023 (Saturday)	Holly – Zoom only
June 6, 2023	Alma College
September 19, 2023	TBD
December 5, 2023	TBD

The meeting adjourned following prayer by the Moderator at 1:50 pm. The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Lake Huron is scheduled to be held Tuesday, December 6, 2022 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Bay City, Michigan,

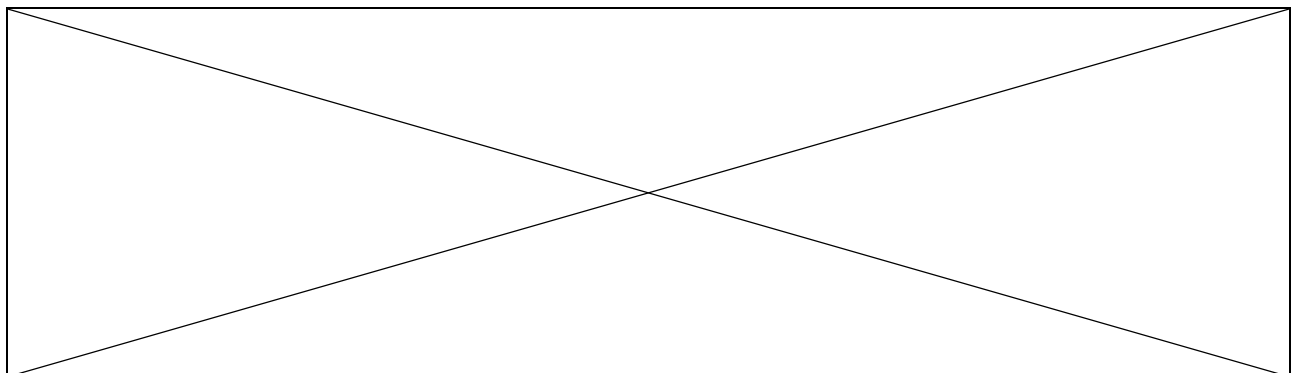
Respectfully Submitted,

Ted McCulloch  
Stated Clerk



**ATTACHMENT A – Attendance**

<b>NAME OF MINISTER</b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Excused</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>	<b>NAME OF MINISTER</b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Excused</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>
Ahn, Daniel (HR)		1		Moon, Hakbae		1	
Becker, John (HR)		1		Morritauk, Kate	1		
Blackburn, David (HR)		1		Neumann, Jim (HR)	1		
Blatt, Karen (HR)	1			Neuville, Donald (HR)		1	
Borycz, Edward (HR)		1		Novak, Joseph	1		
Browne, Roger (HR)		1		Offrink, James (HR)		1	
Carnes, Lindsey		1		Ofori-Nipaah, Philo.	1		
Carnes, Robbie	1			Overland, Brenna	1		
Chambers, Janice (HR)		1		Park, Dong Won (HR)		1	
Chang, Catherine		1		Parker, Kenneth (HR)		1	
Cundiff, Thomas (HR)		1		Pekich-Bundy, Katrina	1		
Cunningham, Bruce (HR)		1		Pfeuffer, Paul	1		
Dergarabedian, Lucy		1		Pickrell, Brooke	1		
Emrich, Robert (HR)		1		Piper, Brant		1	
Eshelman, David (HR)		1		Piper, Leslie		1	
Evans-Justin, Mary Anne (HR)		1		Pomerville, Andrew	1		
Graham, Linda		1		Russell, Dawn	1		
Grant, Glenn	1			Russell, Peter (HR)		1	
Grimes, Ronald (HR)		1		Saperstein, Dan		1	
Hetzel, Kenneth (HR)		1		Schacher, Tom		1	
High, Timm		1		Schramm, Matt	1		
Holder, Leigh	1			Shafer, Hal	1		
Jensen, Christina	1			Shugert, Stephen (HR)		1	
Kim, Do Hyeong		1		Snyder, Noel		1	
Kroener, Scott	1			Stilwell, Elizabeth		1	
Lawther, Rich(HR)		1		Strunz, Kim		1	
Lee, Hoon Koo		1		Swihart, Dale (HR)		1	
Loenshal, Michael		1		Taylor, Bob(HR)		1	
Ludwig, Michael	1			Todd, Cassie	1		
Marquardt, Charles		1		Vredeveld, Ron	1		
Mayton, Wally	1			Walser, Joseph (HR)		1	
McCulloch, Ted	1			Ytterrock, Paul	1		
McMellen, Larry (HR)		1					
Miller, Andrew	1			<b>Total Present</b>	26		
Milton, Jamie	1			<b>Total Excused</b>	42		
Moody, Chris		1		<b>Total Absent</b>	0		



**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		Sue Malone
Bay City-First	1		Clark Hughes
Bay City-Westminster	1		Jan Witucki
Beaverton	1		Nancy Macklem
Birch Run	1		Rob Minard
Breckenridge		1	
Caro		1	
Cass City-First		1	
Cass City-Fraser	1		Elizabeth Leitch
Croswell		1	
Davison	1		Phidge Howe
Deckerville	1		Ann Merriman
Elkton-Chandler	1		Pat Duever
Fairgrove	1		Beth Asperger
Fenton-First	1		Lionel Wernette
Fenton-Tyrone		1	
Flint-First		1	
Flint-Trinity United	1		Gregoire Bolduc
Flint-Unity		1	
Flushing	1		Carol Dulin
Grand Blanc-Kirkridge	1		Linnie Traver
Harbor Beach		1	
Holly	1		Jim Lyles
Houghton Lake		1	
Ithaca-First		1	
Ithaca-Lafayette		1	
Kinde-First		1	
Lapeer		1	
Linden		1	
Marlette-First		1	
Marlette-Second		1	
Midland-Memorial	1		John Boothroyd, Bill Lauderbach
Mt. Pleasant		1	
Rosebush		1	
Saginaw-Countryside Trinity		1	
Saginaw-First			Janie Gugino
Saginaw-Korean		1	
Saginaw-Second		1	
Sandusky		1	
Swartz Creek		1	
Tawas	1		JoAnn Edwards
Twining		1	
Ubly		1	
Vassar	1		Kevin Haines
Yale		1	
<b>Total Present</b>	<b>18</b>		
<b>Total Represented</b>	<b>18</b>		
<b>Total Not Represented</b>		<b>27</b>	



**ATTACHMENT A – Attendance (Continued)**

<b>ELDER MEMBERS</b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>	<b><u>Excused</u></b>
Andrea Drapp (Trustee)			1
Dan Johnson (Presby Council)			1
Chuck Hewiitt (Trustee)			1
Kathy Maurer (Presbytery Council)	1		
Mary Ann Parker (Nom Moderator)	1		
Linda Kennan (COMMP Moderator)	1		
Roger Scovill (Treasurer)			1
Tim Rutzen (Trustee)			1
<b>Total Elder Members</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</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>
Jon Baker			1
Jon Essex			1
Mark Garavaglia			1
Shaun Hardimon			1
Liz Long			1
Kathleen Rowe	1		
Chris Wolf	1		
<b>CRE Attending</b>	<b>2</b>		
<b>CRE Not Attending</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>CRE Excused</b>	<b>5</b>		

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>	<b><u>Excused</u></b>
Members of Presbytery	26	0	42
Corresponding Members	2		
Commissioned Ruling Elders	2	0	5
Church Commissioners	18	27	
Elder Members	3	0	5
Visitors (Including LHP Staff)			
<b>Total People in Attendance</b>	<b>51</b>		
Churches represented	18		
Churches not represented	27		

