

**PROPOSED MINUTES
 PRESBYTERY OF MACKINAC
 Church in the Hills of Bellaire, Michigan
 Saturday, February 10, 2018**

1 The Presbytery of Mackinac held a Stated meeting Saturday, February 10, 2018, at the Church in the Hills of Bellaire, Michigan. The Presbytery Moderator, Ruling Elder Richard Wissell, called the meeting to order and opened with prayer at 10:00 p.m.

2 The roll was taken, and the Moderator ascertained that a quorum was present. In accordance with the *Book of Order*, G-3.0304, a quorum is defined as being “no fewer than three teaching elders who are members of presbytery and three ruling elder commissioners from three different congregations.”

THE ROLL

NAME OF MINISTER/TEACHING ELDER

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Absent</u>
VALIDATED			
Arnold, Judith		1	
Barkat, Nancy	1		
Broschart, Elizabeth		1	
Cammarata, Nicholas	1		
Cook, Thomas	1		
Donahoe, Ryan	1		
Gabbard, Mark		1	
Hebert, Anne	1		
Johnson, Douglas		1	
Krause, Kenneth		1	
Layraman, Sudalak		1	
Lopez, Jose	1		
Lopez, Melissa	1		
March, Michael		1	
Murphy, Kenneth P.	1		
Myers, William	1		
Paulsen, Jessica		1	
Ramage, David C.	1		
Reed, Janice	1		
Riggins, Michael			1
Zurakowski, Gregory	1		
Zurakowski, Karen	1		

MEMBER AT LARGE

Duke, Cheryl		1	
Jones, Terrence B.			1
Plocher, Andrew		1	
Robb, Christina			1

HONORABLY RETIRED

Aroian, Lois	1	
Bard, G. Terry		1
Blevins, Gerald E.		1
Bown, Ronald		1
Brandt, Russell		1
Broschart, Gerard J.		1
Brown, Robert O.		1
Christopherson, James E.		1
Edwards, Ned W.		1
Faulman, Robert E.		1
Ferris, Duane E.		1
Foster, Ross A.		1
Fox, Margaret A.		1
Groty, Mary V.		1
Hall, David Q.		1
Hall, Maxine E.		1
Henderson, David N.	1	
Kelley, Robert H.		1
Kinloch, Donald E.	1	
Lane, William R.		1
Lueck, Robert		1
McClure, Mary A.		1
McLeod, Donald R.		1
McQuilkin, Robert W.		1
Megregian, Patricia		1
Morrison, J Elliot P.	1	
Murray, Sandra A.		1
Nye, Homer		1
Parcels, Clayton R.		1
Payne, William T.		1
Raffensperger, Carolyn M.		1
Robb, James		1
Saad, Jennifer		1
Shaw, Sandy R.		1
Stanley, Joseph D.		1
Van Dam, David J.		1
Wright, Sanford K. H.		1
Total Present	17	
Total Excused	43	
Total Absent	3	

NAME OF CHURCH

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Elder Commissioner</u>
Alpena	1			Charlotte Keune
Bellaire	1			Sarah Juntune
Beulah			1	Commissioner
Big Bay		1		Daniel Maloch
Boyne City	1			Julie Hasse

Dafter	1		Connie Watson
DeTour Village	1		Leslie Henderson
Donaldson	1		Joyce Henderson
East Jordan		1	Toni Jeffery
Elk Rapids	1		William Clark
		1	Commissioner
Escanaba	1		William DeHaan
Florence WI		1	Karen Wertenan
Gaylord		1	Kris Kerwin
Gould City	1		Sharon Poole
Harbor Springs	1		Scott Carbeck
Harrisville		1	Cynthia Swise
Hessel	1		Michael Stoll
Houghton		1	Jeanette Medlyn
Iron River		1	Cynthia M. Cochene
Ishpeming	1		Karen Richards
Kingsford		1	Cliff Smith
Manistique		1	Sandra Uecke
Marquette		1	Carolyn McDonald
Menominee		1	Steven Engeldinger
Munising		1	Commissioner
Neebish Island		1	Commissioner
Newberry	1		Lynn Dake
Northern Lakes		1	Commissioner
Omena		1	Lynn Enyart
Petoskey	1		Susanne Fantini
Pickford	1		Roger Morrison
Rogers City		1	Commissioner
Rudyard		1	Margaret LaPonsie
Sagola		1	Suzanne Fleury
Sault Ste. Marie		1	Brenda Ransom
Spruce		1	Kristin Benghauser
Stalwart		1	James Braeckeveldt
Traverse City	1		Steven McLain
	1		Florence Morrison
		1	Commissioner
Trout Creek		1	Commissioner
Total Elder Commissioners Present		17	
Total Churches Represented		16	
Total Churches Not Represented		23	

COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Julie Dowty	1		
Donald Myers			1
Brenda Ransom			1
Dawn Robbins	1		

CERTIFIED CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS
None

CERTIFIED CHURCH ADMINISTRATORS

Lindy Bearss	1
Addie Marceau	1

COORDINATING COUNCIL RULING ELDER MEMBERS

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Absent</u>
James Halsey (Ministry)	1		
Thomas Juntune (Treasurer)	1		
Kay Morrill (Stated Clerk)	1		
Florence Morrison (Presbyterian Women)	Counted elsewhere		
Patricia Pellet (Session Records)	1		
Kenneth Visser (Worshiping Communities)	1		
Richard Wissell (Presbytery Moderator)	1		

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

Commissioned Ruling Elder Ruth Azar, Vice Moderator of the Synod of the Covenant Administrative Commission to the Presbytery of Mackinac; Presbytery of Detroit
 The Rev. Dr. Daniel Saperstein, Moderator of the Synod of the Covenant Administrative Commission to the Presbytery of Mackinac; Executive Presbyter, Presbytery of Lake Huron

STAFF

Ms. Raeann Dunlop, Administrative and Financial Assistant

VISITORS

Connie Clark, Ted Fines, Robert Goodenough, Sandi Gray, Alice Halsey, Michael Robbins, R. B. Smith, Mary “Jill” Stoll, Allison Trainor

MEETING ATTENDANCE TOTALS

CATEGORY

Minister Members of Presbytery	17
Church Commissioners	17
Commissioned Ruling Elders	2
Certified Christian Educators	0
Certified Church Administrators	0
Elder Members	6
Corresponding Members	2
Staff	1
Visitors	<u>9</u>
Total People in Attendance (02/10/2018)	54
Churches represented	16
Churches not represented	23

- 2.1 First-time Ruling Elder Commissioners, ministers new to the Presbytery, and visitors were introduced and welcomed.
- 2.2 On motion duly made and seconded, Presbytery **VOTED** to give

Corresponding Members—CRE/CLP Ruth Azar and the Rev. Dr. Daniel Saperstein—voice but not vote.

- 2.3 On motion duly made and seconded, Presbytery **VOTED** to give guest, Ruling Elder Ted Fines, Spruce, voice but not vote.
- 2.4 The Rev. David Ramage, Pastor of the Church in the Hills of Bellaire, welcomed the members and visitors of the Presbytery of Mackinac to the Church in the Hills of Bellaire which was founded in 1982 as a New Church Development.
- 2.5 On motion duly made and seconded, Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the Proposed Docket as amended.
- 2.6 On motion duly made and seconded, Presbytery **VOTED** to give the offering taken today to The Coat Shed, a ministry of the Church in the Hills of Bellaire. The church has purchased a trailer to house coats which are collected and purchased and given to people in need in the community. The purchase of a trailer has enabled them to be a visible presence in and around the community during festivals and special events where people gather.

3 **THE BODY OF CHRIST UNITES IN WORSHIP AND THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

The Rev. David Ramage presided at worship and Proclaimed the Word of God, *A ‘Perplexing’ Peace*, with scripture from Philippians 4:1-9 and officiated at The Lord’s Supper.

4 **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

- 4.1 On motion duly made and seconded, Presbytery **VOTED** to adopt the minutes of the September 15-16, 2017, Presbytery meeting as the official record of the Presbytery.
- 4.2 On motion duly made and seconded, Presbytery **VOTED** to adopt the minutes of the December 5, 2017, Special Presbytery meeting as the official record of the Presbytery.

5 **CONSENT AGENDA**

On motion duly made and seconded, Presbytery **VOTED** to receive the following reports on the Consent Agenda: Presbytery Moderator, Committee on Education and Leadership Development, Committee on Worshiping Communities, and the Minister Commissioner to Synod Assembly.

6 **STATED CLERK**

Ruling Elder Kay Morrill

- 6.1 The Stated Clerk presented the Necrology Report of Ruling Elders from churches in the Presbytery who have passed in 2017, as follows:

Name	Church	Year and Place Ordained	Date of Death
Jim Coats	Beulah	01/02/2000	11/18/2017
Al Lawson	Boyne City	12/14/1997	05/31/2017
Gordon Lambie	Boyne City	11/13/2011	08/15/2017
Norman (Scotty) Mathers	Boyne City	12/2009	07/02/2017
Evon Pluister	Boyne City	05/07/1978	12/09/2017
Anne Thurston	Boyne City	01/01/1987	10/13/2017
Ray Towne	Boyne City	03/06/1977	03/21/2017
Loyal Cobb	Elk Rapids	1978	12/21/2017
Robert Hutton	Gaylord	01/12/2013	01/09/2017
Marian Gammey	Florence, WI	02/1998	01/17/2017
Clyde Anderson	Harbor Springs	1973, First Presbyterian, East Moline, IA	03/12/2017
Jane Clay	Harbor Springs	Westminster Presbyterian, Rogers City	04/2017
Dick Lent	Harbor Springs	1958, Crossroads Presbyterian Gibsonia, PA	05/17/2017
John Jeffrey	Harbor Springs	2006, First Presbyterian Harbor Springs	10/16/2017
Jean Bloecker	Harrisville	12/08/1996	06/26/2017
Jerome Brown	Harrisville	01/07/2007	03/19/2017
Mag Bernhardt	Iron River (Iron County)	01/1958	02/02/2017
Wally "Doc" Menghini	Kingsford/Iron Mountain	01/01/1961	02/02/2017
William Norman	Manistique	04/07/1998	01/06/2017
Jill Baker	Marquette		02/21/2017
Frank Tramp	Marquette		03/17/2017
Raymond Hiller	Marquette		05/29/2017
Judith (Block) Beyer	Menominee		02/28/2017
Mary (Jones) Higley	Menominee		10/20/2017
Lavina (Kehoe) Hofer	Menominee		02/07/2017
Anna Kabatek	Menominee		12/15/2017
Ellen (Banta) LaHaye	Menominee		08/08/2017
Frances (Armstrong) Smith	Menominee		12/10/2017
Helen (Beattie) Weinschrott	Menominee		03/31/2017
Tom Edie	Neebish Island		10/12/2017
Robert Schaefer	Newberry	02/20/1966	09/20/2017

Arlis Fountain	Pickford	02/14/1988	12/06/2017
John Hillock	Pickford	02/02/1986	02/08/2017
Roy Rye	Pickford	01/16/1977	10/17/2017
Donald Burrell	Traverse City	09/26/2004	08/28/2017
Rita Colbath	Traverse City		09/16/2017
Milton Dodge	Traverse City		12/02/2017
Margaret “Peggy” Ferguson	Traverse City	1975	02/17/2017
Burton Griner	Traverse City	1970	03/29/2017
Donald Hacker	Traverse City	1960	11/28/2017
Dr. Lorne Kerr	Traverse City		10/28/2017
Gerald “Jerry” Maalox, Sr.	Traverse City		09/14/2017
George Townsend	Traverse City	1964	03/18/2017
Henry Zuilhof	Traverse City	2002	02/10/2017

6.2 The Stated Clerk submitted a written report as follows:

6.2.1 **Report of the Presbytery’s Annual Administrative Review for 2017 (G-3.0108)**

Annual Administrative Reviews for 2017 have been conducted and completed for 35 of the 39 churches in the Presbytery.

Dafter, DeTour Village, Donaldson, Florence (WI), Gould City, Hessel, Manistique, Newberry, Petoskey, Pickford, Sault Ste. Marie, and Trout Creek were approved without exception.

Alpena, Beulah, Big Bay, East Jordan, Elk Rapids, Escanaba, Gaylord, Harrisville, Houghton, Iron River/Iron County, Ishpeming, Kingsport/Iron Mountain, Marquette, Menominee, Munising, Neebish Island, Rogers City, Rudyard, Sagola, Spruce, Stalwart, Northern Lakes Traverse City, and Traverse City were approved with exceptions.

While Bellaire participated in the review, no report was submitted. Boyne City, Harbor Springs, and Omena were non compliant.

6.2.2 **Mid Council Leaders Gathering and Association of Stated Clerks Annual Meeting**

The Stated Clerk attended the Association of Stated Clerk Annual Meeting on October 13–14, 2017, and the Mid Council Leaders Gathering (formerly Polity Conference) on October 15–16. Both were held in St. Louis, Missouri, site of the 223rd General Assembly (2018). The theme for the 223rd General Assembly will be *Kindom Building for the 21st Century*, based on Matthew 6:33, *But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well*, NIV. The business of the Assembly will be conducted by 538 commissioners—66 fewer than the 2016 Assembly, plus advisory delegates. Information regarding the upcoming GA can be found at www.pc-biz.org. The 2017 Mid Council Leaders Gathering (formerly Fall Polity Conference) was co-sponsored by the Office of the General Assembly

(OGA) and the Board of Pensions (BoP). This partnership resulted in a more faithful stewardship of the resources of the two agencies as well as mid councils. The event was preceded by the Moderators' Conference and meetings of the Association of Mid Council Leaders (AMCL) and the Association of Stated Clerks (ASC), all taking place October 13-14. The Mid Council Leaders Gathering (and its three related pre-conferences) provided the opportunity for mid council leaders and staff of the co-sponsoring agencies to engage with one another about polity and benefits issues, to share common concerns, to discuss the changing nature of the church and to discern our common life together.

6.2.3 **Communications**

Letter from the Rev. David Bartley, Stated Clerk of the Synod of the Covenant

Per Capita for 2018 (\$3.25) for the Presbytery of Mackinac will be \$15,925.00 based on a membership of 4,900.

On November 4, 2017, Synod Assembly voted that Per Capita for 2019 will remain at \$3.25.

6.2.4 The Stated Clerk continues to respond to inquiries regarding polity and church-related matters.

6.2.5 On motion duly made and seconded, Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the report.

7 **TREASURER'S REPORT** Ruling Elder Thomas Juntune
Presbytery Treasurer, Ruling Elder Thomas Juntune reported.

7.1 **Operating Fund**

The Operating Fund had a year-end balance of \$62,645. Per capita revenues totaled \$166,873 of an anticipated \$192,736. \$26,559 has been paid to General Assembly and \$13,427 to the Synod of the Covenant, leaving \$126,887 for the Presbytery. Twenty-six (26) churches have paid in full, nine (9) have made partial payments, and four (4) have made no payments. A total of \$30,418.37 was transferred from the restricted account for the mission payments for Presbytery Point and Campus Ministries approved by Presbytery. Income, including the transfers from the Restricted Account, exceeded expenses by \$11,414. Total expenses were \$206,479 of a budgeted \$261,615. Major savings came in personnel expenses where we spent \$145,648 of a budgeted \$170,315.

7.2 **Mission Fund**

The Mission account is zeroed out each month as payments are made. Basic Mission receipts totaled \$91,694 of which \$21,354 has been remitted to General Assembly and \$5,949 to the Synod, leaving \$64,392

for the Presbytery of a budgeted \$70,000. Peacemaking revenues and expenses totaled \$5,842, and Special Offering revenues and expenses totaled \$75,681, highlighted by \$17,423 for One Great Hour of Sharing and \$22,907 for Christmas Joy. The churches of the Presbytery were very generous in their giving for other validated mission causes, especially Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), for a total of \$29,626. Total mission income and expenses were \$173,218.

7.3 **Restricted Fund**

Restricted (designated) funds are maintained in accounts with the Presbyterian Foundation, the New Covenant (Mutual) Funds, and in a money market account at Chase Bank. Only the Chase account can actually be used for any transactions. After the transfer of \$30,418 to the operating account for Missions, the current balance in the Chase account is \$200,997. The endowment funds in the Presbyterian Foundation total \$151,303, with income being transferred quarterly to the Chase account, and the New Covenant Funds total \$86,330.

7.4 **Financial Totals**

Total balances in all accounts in January 2017 were \$504,744 and in December \$512,211. The Operating Fund is up about \$10,000, the Chase Restricted account down \$21,000, so the increase is due to the performance of the funds in the Presbyterian Foundation and the New Covenant Funds.

7.5 **Financial Review/Audit**

A review of financial procedures for the year ending December 31, 2016, was conducted by the CPA firm Boldrey, Senchuk, Rouleau & Williams of Alpena, with the final report being issued November 21, 2017. The review was based on final balances and some randomly selected transactions. No serious discrepancies were noted, and most of the questions involved transactions carrying over from one year to the next which will also be the case as we move from 2017 to 2018.

7.6 In addition, the Treasurer made the following observations:

7.6.1 The Operating Fund is a little higher than at the beginning of 2017 for a couple of reasons. The Presbytery did not spend as much money after the Transitional Designated General Presbyter resigned effective the end of September, so no salaries, pensions, other benefits and expenses were paid after that date.

7.6.2 The projected Budget for 2017 with a \$19,000 deficit was covered in part through the transfer of \$11,000 from the Restricted Fund designated for Presbytery Point and Campus Ministry. This transfer of funds to reduce the 2017 Budget was authorized by the Coordinating Council at its April 4, 2017 meeting, said action found in Paragraph 9.2 of the minutes of that meeting.

7.6.3 Going forward, there are several issues the Committee needs to discuss.

- 7.6.3.1 What are we doing with our money? One-half of the investment money is in a money market with a 0.1 percent interest rate. As an example, an investment of \$50,000 would yield \$50 in interest. He noted that this is not wise stewardship.
- 7.6.3.2 The Presbytery has most of its money in restricted funds which are designated. The Presbytery cannot use these funds except for how they are designated. Again, he noted that this is not good stewardship to have money earning very little when we have so many needs in our presbytery and our churches.
- 7.6.3.3 The Presbytery has the fiscal responsibility to look at this and decide what the Presbytery should do with this money to further the mission of the church, and he noted it really needs to be about mission and not bank accounts.
- 7.6.4 Several Presbyters thanked the Treasurer for his straightforward and understandable report.

8 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 8.1 **Presbyterian Women** Ruling Elder Florence Morrision
Presbyterian Women have two opportunities to explore fellowship in 2018.
- 8.1.1 Presbyterian Women will be gathering on Saturday, April 28, 2018, at First Presbyterian Church of Elk Rapids. The featured speakers are two women from the Synod of the Covenant who were selected to go on the Synod-sponsored Global Exchange in Indonesia.
- 8.1.2 The Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women will be held August 2–8, 2018, in Louisville, Kentucky. Isaiah 60:1 inspired the Gathering theme, “Arise, shine, your light has come!” She reported that some churches, such as the Traverse City Church, have set aside money in their budgets every year to help with registration and enable attendance. Also, the Synod is willing to pay for women who wish to attend. Registration includes all meals and all the workshops. She encouraged Presbyters to take a Registration Booklet and share it with the women in their churches.
- 8.2 **First Call Writing Contest and Parish Pastor of the Year**
Due to illness, Coordinating Council Chair, the Rev. Jessica Paulsen, was unable to be present. The Moderator urged those interested to contact the Coordinating Council Chair for information.
- 8.3 The Rev. David Ramage showed a video from the recent anniversary celebration for the Church in the Hills in 2014. The Church in the Hills began as a mission church, very similar to the Gaylord church.

9 **LUNCH**

The Presbytery recessed for lunch with prayer by the Moderator, and reconvened with prayer at 1:00 p.m.

10 **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

None.

11 **COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FINANCE** Rev. Dr. Anne Hebert

Committee Chair, the Rev. Dr. Anne Hebert, reported acting in accordance with Section 5.0404 of the Operating Manual. The Committee on Budget and Financial Services has approved two property transactions which are being reported to the Presbytery for action.

11.1 Grace Presbyterian Church of Sagola needs to expand its building to provide an addition for education. The church will pay the required ten (10) percent of the cost (\$29,000) and requested permission to borrow \$191,000 to finance construction of the addition.

11.1.1 The terms of loan from Northern Interstate Bank, N.A., Norway, Michigan, to Grace Presbyterian Church of Sagola, a member of the Presbytery of Mackinac, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), a non-profit corporation, in the amount of \$191,000 with interest at the rate of 3.900% per year, as follows:

Accrual Method: Interest will be calculated on an Actual/360 basis.

Late Charge: If a payment is made more than ten (10) days after it is due, there is a late charge of \$50.

Payments to be paid as follows: 119 monthly payments of \$1,003.56 beginning September 13, 2017 and 1 Balloon Payment of \$137,075.87 on September 13, 2027. The actual amount of the final payment will depend on the payment record.

Additional Terms:

Prepayment Fee: Borrower agrees that all loan fees and other prepaid finance charges are earned fully as of the date of the loan, and will not be subject to refund upon early payment (whether voluntary or a result of default), except as otherwise required by law. Upon prepayment of this note by financing through another financial institution, lender is entitled to the following prepayment fee: the fee shall be calculated based upon the year of prepayment as follows:

First Year: 3% of the outstanding balance.

Second Year: 2% of the outstanding balance.

Third Year: 1% of the outstanding balance.

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- 11.1.2 Question was raised if the Presbytery was the guarantor on the loan. Because all church property is held in trust by the Presbytery for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Presbytery is a guarantor on the loan even if the Presbytery's name does not appear on the loan.
- 11.1.3 The Stated Clerk reported that the Presbytery needed the legal description for the property.
- 11.1.4 On motion duly made and seconded, Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the loan for Grace Presbyterian Church of Sagola for \$191,000 at 3.900% through Northern Interstate Bank, N.A. at Norway, Michigan, and will get the official documents to the Stated Clerk upon approval of this motion.
- 11.2 Northern Lakes Community Church of Traverse City requested permission to sell Parcel B located on North Long Lake Road in Traverse City. The church will realize at least \$10,000 after it makes a payment to the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Fund. This payment will reduce the Presbytery's default liability and the balance will help the financially struggling church. This transaction is set to close the end of February. On recommendation of the Committee on Budget and Financial Services, the Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the terms as set forth for the sale of property by and between Northern Lakes Community Church of Traverse City, Michigan, Presbyterian Church U.S.A., a non profit corporation, and Timothy M. Sanderson and Tamara L. Sanderson, husband and wife, for the amount of \$33,000.00, the following described premises situated in the Township of Garfield, County of Grand Traverse, State of Michigan, to wit:

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- 12 **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY** Ruling Elder James Halsey
Committee Chair, Ruling Elder James Halsey, reported. Presbytery **VOTED** to reaffirm and approve all actions taken by the Committee on Ministry between meetings as noted in their report as follows:
- 12.1 Approved (September 27, 2017) transfer membership of the Rev. Dr. T. Ewen Holmes to Grace Presbytery.
- 12.2 Approved (October 11, 2017) the Rev. Dr. Gregory Zurakowski to moderate the session of First Presbyterian Church of Alpena.
- 12.3 Approved (October 24, 2017) the Rev. David Henderson, Honorably Retired, to moderate the session and congregation of First Presbyterian Church of Newbury and serve communion.
- 12.4 Committee on Ministry held a mandatory Boundary Training on November 1, 2017, at the Church of the Straits in Mackinac City. The Rev. Fran Lane-Lawrence, Presbytery of Lake Michigan, led the training. Rev. Dr. Lois Aroian (Honorably Retired), Rev. Gerald Blevins (HR),

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Brochart, Rev. Robert O. Brown (HR), Ruling Elder Caron Christopherson, Ruling Elder Lynn Dake, Ms. Raeann Dunlop, Ruling Elder Susanne Fantini, Rev. Robert Faulman (HR), Rev. Mark Gabbard, Rev. Dr. Anne Hebert, Ruling Elder James Halsey, Rev. Robert Hunter (HR), Rev. Kenneth Krause, Rev. Michael March, Rev. Patricia Megregian (HR), Ruling Elder Kay Morrill, Rev. Sandra Murrey (HR), Rev. Jessica Paulsen, Rev. David Ramage, Ruling Elder Karen Richards, Rev. Janice Reed, Rev. Michael Riggins, CRE/CLP Dawn Robbins, Mr. Michael Robbins, Mr. Gary Stevens, Ruling Elder Kenneth Visser, Rev. Dr. Greg Zurakowski, and Rev. Karen Zurakowski completed the Boundary Training.

- 12.5 Approved (January 13, 2018) CLP/CRE Julie Dowty to moderate the congregational meeting at First Presbyterian Church of East Jordan on January 28, 2018.
- 12.6 Approved (January 16, 2018) the Rev. David Henderson, Honorably Retired, to moderate the congregational meeting at the Donaldson Presbyterian Church on January 21, 2018.
- 12.7 Approved (January 16, 2018) the Rev. David Henderson, Honorably Retired, to moderate the congregational meeting at First Presbyterian Church of Escanaba on February 11, 2018.
- 12.8 Approved (January 24, 2018) CLP/CRE Brenda Ransom to be re-commissioned to the Presbytery of Mackinac.
- 12.9 Approved (January 26, 2018) Commissioned Lay Pastor Jim Rogers appointment to First Presbyterian Church of Munising, part time at a cash salary of \$23,000 annually starting May 1, 2018.
- 12.10 Approved (January 26, 2018) the Rev. Kenneth Murphy to serve outside the bounds of the Presbytery of Mackinac to lead a men's retreat March 3 and preach March 4, 2018, at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church of Iowa City.
- 12.11 Approved (January 31, 2018) the Rev. Dr. Lois Aroian, Honorably Retired, to serve communion at First Presbyterian Church of Alpena on February 4, 2018, and April 1, 2018.
- 12.12 On February 5, 2018, the Committee on Ministry approved and recommended to Presbytery to transfer Roger Veliquette from Inquirer to Candidate for Ministry.
- 12.13 On Committee on Ministry approval and recommendation, Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the Commissioning of Ruling Elder Julie Dowty to First Presbyterian Church of East Jordan, as follows:
On the 15th day of January 2018, at a properly called meeting of the Session of First Presbyterian Church of East Jordan located in the State of Michigan, PIN 03316, belonging to the Presbytery of Mackinac, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Julie Dowty was approved as Commissioned Ruling Elder to particular pastoral service part time (approximately 25%), effective the 11th day of February 2018 at the

following terms: commissioned to serve in ministry, authorized to moderate the Session, to moderate congregational meetings, to administer the Sacraments (Baptism and Communion), and to officiate at marriages, to deliver sermons, all on a per-diem basis when needed subject to review on an annual basis. Approved by the Committee on Ministry on February 7, 2018.

- 12.14 Chair James Halley thanked the Rev. David Henderson, Honorably Retired, for his help in moderating sessions and congregations and his willingness to travel in the Upper Peninsula.
- 12.15 On recommendation of the Committee on Ministry and the Committee on Education and Leadership Development, Presbytery **VOTED** to move the Boundary Training responsibilities from Ministry to Education and Leadership Development and modify the Manual of Operations accordingly.
- 12.16 **Commissioning of Ruling Elder Julie Dowty**
Presbytery Moderator, Ruling Elder Richard Weasel, commissioned Ruling Elder Julie Dowty to First Presbyterian Church of East Jordan on a per diem as needed basis as set forth above in Paragraph 12.13.

13 **PRESBYTERY POINT CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER**

Rev. Ryan Donahue

Chair of the Presbytery Point Camp and Conference Center, the Rev. Ryan Donahue, reported on the revised and updated PPCCC Committees, updated Bylaws, and updated Mission Statement. On motion duly made and seconded, Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the Presbytery Point Camp and Conference Center report which included the Bylaw changes.

APPENDIX A

14 **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

15 **SYNOD ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION**

- 15.1 The Rev. Dr. Daniel Saperstein, Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Lake Huron and Moderator of the Synod Administrative Commission to the Presbytery of Mackinac addressed the Presbytery with an update. He introduced Commissioned Ruling Elder Ruth Azar, Vice Moderator of the Commission, Presbytery of Detroit. Other members of the Commission are the Rev. Margie Osborn, Presbytery of Lake Huron; the Rev. James Pollack, Presbytery of Lake Michigan; Ruling Elder Andrew Thorburn, Clerk of the AC, Presbytery of Lake Michigan. The Administrative Commission was elected in June of 2017 at a Special Synod Assembly held via Conference Call to inquire into allegations of disorder in the

- Presbytery of Mackinac and to assist the Presbytery in becoming healthier.
- 15.2 The AC Moderator outlined the steps in their process as listening and discovery, discernment, reporting with recommendations, and implementation with followup. The AC has held several listening sessions, conducted 23 or more interviews, reviewed Coordinating Council minutes and Presbytery minutes, attended Presbytery meetings and Coordinating Council meetings over a period of time, and is currently in the discernment phase. Most areas of concern can be identified as being systemic, structural, or behavioral.

16 **PRESBYTERY VICE MODERATOR REPORT**

Presbytery Vice Moderator, the Rev. Dr. William Myers, reported on the proposed meeting dates for the 2019 Presbytery meetings, noting that the February meeting date has not been set, that he is in conversations with a church in the Eastern UP for the February meeting and their session will be meeting in the next week. He is waiting to hear from the church. Locations of the Presbytery meetings are approved by the Coordinating Council. On motion duly made and seconded, Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the Presbytery meeting dates for 2019, as follows:

February 2019	To be determined
May 18, 2019	The Presbyterian Church of Traverse City
September 20 and 21	Presbytery Point Camp and Conference Center

17 **COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION AND NOMINATIONS**

17.1 Committee Chair, the Rev. David Henderson, presented nominations to fill vacancies.

17.1.1 On motion duly made and seconded, Presbytery **VOTED** to elect Ruling Elder Michael Stoll, Hessel, **Elder Commissioner to Synod of the Covenant.**

17.1.2 On motion duly made and seconded, Presbytery **VOTED** to elect Ruling Elder Ted Fines to the **Committee on Budget and Financial Services.**

17.2 The Committee Chair introduced Ms. Allison Trainor, the Presbytery's Young Adult Advisory Delegate to the 223th General Assembly.

18 **CELEBRATIONS OF MINISTRY**

18.1 **Ordination Anniversaries**

18.1.1 Rev. Dr. Anne Hebert—30 years (January 24, 1988)

18.1.2 Rev. Sanford K H Wright—60 years (April 29, 1958)

18.2 **Congregation Celebrations**

18.2.1 First Presbyterian Church of Menominee 150 Years

18.2.2 Grace Presbyterian Church of Sagola New Education Wing

18.3 **Ongoing Ministries**

Presbyters were given an opportunity to highlight ongoing ministries in their churches and communities.

19 **PRAYER REQUESTS, CLOSING PRAYER, AND ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to come before the body at this time, on motion duly made and seconded, Presbytery **VOTED** to adjourn. Following the opportunity for prayer requests, Presbytery Moderator, Ruling Elder Richard Wissell, closed the meeting with prayer at 2:20 p.m. The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Mackinac will be Saturday, May 12, 2018, at first Presbyterian Church of Marquette.

Kay Morrill
Stated Clerk

APPENDIX A Presbytery Point Camp and Conference Center
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