

**PROPOSED MINUTES  
PRESBYTERY OF MACKINAC  
First Presbyterian Church of Marquette, Michigan  
Saturday, May 12, 2018**

1 The Presbytery of Mackinac held a Stated meeting Saturday, May 12, 2018, at the First Presbyterian Church of Marquette, Michigan. The Presbytery Moderator, Ruling Elder Richard Wissell, called the meeting to order and opened with prayer at 10:00 p.m.

1.1 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>
<b>VALIDATED</b>			
Arnold, Judith			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	
Rayment, William	1		
Reed, Janice	1		
Riggins, Michael		1	
Zurakowski, Gregory	1		
Zurakowski, Karen	1		
<b>MEMBER AT LARGE</b>			
Duke, Cheryl			1
Jones, Terrence B.			1
Plocher, Andrew	1		
Robb, Christina		1	

**HONORABLY RETIRED**

Aroian, Lois	1	
Bard, G. Terry		1
Barkat, Nancy	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
Grotty, 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	21	
Total Excused	39	
Total Absent	4	

**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			Paula Larson

Dafter	1		Tammy Schopp
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	Commissioner
Munising		1	Commissioner
Neebish Island		1	Commissioner
Newberry	1		Lynn Dake
Northern Lakes		1	Commissioner
Omena		1	Commissioner
Petoskey	1		Susanne Fantini
Pickford	1		Richard B. Smith
Rogers City		1	Commissioner
Rudyard		1	Margaret LaPonsie
Sagola		1	Suzanne Fleury
Sault Ste. Marie	1		Brenda Ransom
Spruce	1		Kristin Benghauser
Stalwart		1	Commissioner
Traverse City	1		Florence Morrison
	1		Margaret Myers
		1	Commissioner
Trout Creek		1	Commissioner
Total Elder Commissioners Present		25	
Total Churches Represented		24	
Total Churches Not Represented		15	

<b>COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS</b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Excused</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>
Julie Dowty			1
Donald Myers			1
Brenda Ransom	counted elsewhere		
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**

- The Rev. Jaime Klinger, Presbytery of Detroit
- The Rev. James Porter, Presbytery of Detroit
- The Rev. Jennifer M. Santer, Presbytery of Palo Duro
- 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**

- Susan Boback, George Carnahan, Caron Christopherson, Gloria Christopherson, Marion Coryell, Al Cross, Linda Cross, Faye Elder, Eileen J. Erfourth, Cathy Enright, Louis Fantini, Chris Fines, Ted Fines, Carolyn Fredlund, Conrad Fredlund, Jerry Gamelin, Karen Gamelin, Alice Halsey, Lynnea Hosey, Daniel Richards, Michael Robbins, Gale Rogers, James Rogers, Andrea Sarto, R. B. Smith, Lynda Snyder, Gary Stevens, Mary "Jill" Stoll, Margaret Tall, Allison Trainor.

**MEETING ATTENDANCE TOTALS**

<u>CATEGORY</u>	
Minister Members of Presbytery	21
Church Commissioners	25
Commissioned Ruling Elders	1
Certified Christian Educators	0
Certified Church Administrators	0
Elder Members	6
Corresponding Members	4
Staff	1
Visitors	<u>28</u>
<b>Total People in Attendance (05/12/2018)</b>	<b>86</b>
<b>Churches represented</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Churches not represented</b>	<b>15</b>

- 1.2 First-time Ruling Elder Commissioners, ministers new to the Presbytery, and visitors were introduced and welcomed.
- 1.3 On motion duly made and seconded, Presbytery **VOTED** to give Corresponding Members voice but not vote.
- 1.4 On motion duly made and seconded, Presbytery **VOTED** to give guest, Ruling Elder Ted Fines, Spruce, voice but not vote.
- 1.5 On motion duly made and seconded, Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the Proposed Docket as amended.
- 1.6 On motion duly made and seconded, Presbytery **VOTED** to give the offering taken today to Room at the Inn, Marquette's Emergency Homeless Shelter and Warming Center.
- 1.7 The Rev. Nicholas Cammarata, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Marquette, welcomed the members and visitors of the Presbytery of Mackinac.

**2 THE BODY OF CHRIST UNITES IN WORSHIP AND THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

The Rev. Nicholas Cammarata presided at worship and Proclaimed the Word of God, *Another Name for Faith*, with scripture from Acts 14:21-22 and officiated at The Lord's Supper.

**3 COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

- 3.1 Ruling Elder William Clark introduced the Rev. Jaime Klinger and the Rev. James Porter, newly called clergy couple/copastors at First Presbyterian Church in Elk Rapids. After examination and on motion duly made and seconded, the Presbytery of Mackinac received into membership, the Rev. Jaime Klinger and the Rev. James Porter, upon their dismissal from the Presbytery of Detroit.

**APPENDIX A**, Statement of Faith for the Rev. Jaime Klinger

**APPENDIX B**, Statement of Faith for the Rev. James Porter

**4 PRESBYTERY POINT CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER**

Rev. Ryan Donahoe

- 4.1 President of the Board of Directors, the Rev. Ryan Donahoe, thanked all who brought items for the camp, citing five van loads already received at the camp, as well as five vehicles outside fully loaded with items as well.
- 4.2 The Rev. Donahoe along with those members of the Board of Directors who were present, and presbyters, recognized, honored, and thanked Camp Manager Caron Christopherson for her almost 50 years of years of service and dedication to the camp. Beginning her life-long association with the camp, first as a camper, then summer staff, and on to Camp Manager for more than nine (9) years Caron will be retiring in October of this year.

5       **RECESSED FOR LUNCH**

The Presbytery recessed for lunch with prayer by the Moderator, and reconvened with prayer at 12:45 p.m.

6       **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

6.1      On motion duly made and seconded, Presbytery **VOTED** to adopt the minutes of the February 10, 2018, Presbytery meeting as the official record of the Presbytery.

7       **MODERATOR'S REPORT**

Ruling Elder Richard Wissell

7.1      Moderator, Ruling Elder Richard Wissell, provided a revised list of guidelines to be used at Presbytery meetings, as follows:

7.1.1    Always treat each other with love and respect, even when we disagree.

7.1.2    Do not speak until recognized by the Moderator.

7.1.3    Do not refer to previous speakers by name, rather as the/a previous speaker.

7.1.4    If you want to discuss an item on the consent agenda ask that it be removed from the consent agenda and be prepared to speak on the issue when it is raised individually.

7.1.5    If you wish to amend a motion on the floor or make an original motion have it in writing and present it to the Stated Clerk.

7.1.6    This could be a long meeting, so if the Moderator places time limits on discussion abide by them.

8       **STATED CLERK**

Ruling Elder Kay Morrill

The Stated Clerk reported as follows:

8.1      **MATTERS OF INFORMATION**

8.1.1    The Presbytery annual reports required by the Office of the General Assembly (OGA) have been filed.

8.1.2    **Annual Statistic Report for the Presbytery of Mackinac**

The Report for 2017 showing the compilation of statistics for the 39 churches in our Presbytery has been completed and has been submitted. Ishpeming, Munising, Neebish Island, Traverse City Northern Lakes, and Trout Creek were non compliant.

The Presbytery showed an overall loss of 260 members in 2017 compared to a loss of 307 in 2016. Membership loss in 2017 reflects sessions of several churches having purged their rolls (while loss of membership in 2016 reflected the loss of 106 members with the Church of the Straits).

**APPENDIX C, Presbytery Membership 2017**

The Presbytery has applied for and received a reduction in per capita from OGA for the loss of 260 members, so the Presbytery will be paying \$35,867.20 to OGA for per capita during 2018 instead of \$37,877.

8.1.3 **Composition/Numerical Parity**

In accordance with G-3.0301 in the *Book of Order*, year-end 2017 shows the numerical parity of Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders as follows:

<b>Teaching Elders</b>		<b>Ruling Elders</b>	
Validated Ministry	20	Elder Commissioners	42
Members at Large	4	Elder Members Council	10
Minus non resident	<u>1</u>	Commissioned Ruling Elders	
Honorably Retired	40	(CREs/CLPs)	<u>3</u>
Minus non residents	<u>9</u>		
<b>TOTAL Teaching Elders</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>TOTAL Ruling Elders</b>	<b>55</b>

Attendance at Presbytery meetings during 2017—

	<b>Teaching Elders</b>	<b>Ruling Elders</b>
February 18, 2017 (Stated)	27	33
May 20, 2017 (Stated)	21	35
September 15-16, 2017 (Stated)	20	24
December 5, 2017 (Called)	7	6

8.1.4 **Annual Gathering and Presbytery Minute Review**

The Stated Clerk attended the Annual Administrative Review and meeting of the Presbytery Stated Clerks at the Synod of the Covenant Office in Maumee, Ohio, on Monday, April 30, and Tuesday, May 1, 2018. Among matters discussed were the changes being proposed to the *Rules of Discipline*.

Preliminarily, Mackinac’s minutes were approved with exception. The financial review for 2016 was not completed and approved by the Presbytery in 2017 and there was no financial report for 2017. This is contingent on approval of the Synod Assembly when it meets in August 2018.

8.1.5 **223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly (2018)**

On June 16-23, Commissioners and advisory delegates from all 170 PC(USA) presbyteries, and other delegates and observers from around the world, will converge on the America’s Convention Center in downtown St. Louis for celebrations, deliberations, and inspirations in support of the denomination’s biennial gathering.

The Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy will serve as host to the 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly (2018), united under the theme “Renewing the Vision: Kindom Building for the 21st Century,” from Matthew 6:25-33, *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.

Presbyters from Mackinac elected Minister Commissioner, the **Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart** (First, Boyne City), **Ruling Elder Commissioner Richard B. Smith** (Pickford), and **Young Adult Advisory Delegate, Allison Trainer** (First, Alpena).

Fourteen (14) committees will handle the business. Committee assignments for Mackinac's commissioners and delegate are as follows:

The Reverend Dr. Broschart: **Committee [08] Environmental Issues** consider matters related to the church's response to issues and matters related to carbon fuels, food sovereignty, and the environment.

Ruling Elder Smith: **Committee [14] Theological and Church Growth Issues and Institutions** consider matters related to Amendments to the Directory for Worship and Chapter II of the Foundations of Presbyterian Polity and Book of Confessions with Advisory Committee on the Constitution advice; authority and interpretation of Scripture; recruiting, enlistment of persons to service of church; Christian educators; theological institutions; celebration of Lord's Supper requests. Report of Self Study of COTE.

Young Adult Advisory Delegate Trainer: **Committee [13] BOP, PILP, PPC, and Foundation** consider matters related to Report of Board of Pensions; business related to the church's pension, annuity, and medical plans; other forms of such programs, including government or private retirement programs; business related to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Foundation and Presbyterian Publishing Corporation.

The remaining committees are Business Referral; Bills and Overtures; General Assembly Procedures; The Way Forward; Mid Councils; Church Polity and Ordered Ministry; Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations; Peacemaking, Immigration, and International Issues; Mission Coordination; Social Justice Issues; and Middle East Issues.

The official website to see and follow the business of the General Assembly is [www.pc-biz.org](http://www.pc-biz.org). General proceedings and worship during assembly will be live-streamed.

## 8.2 COMMUNICATIONS

8.2.1 **March 21 Letter from the Harbor Springs Session** re "Kindom" versus "Kingdom" along with PC(USA) News & Announcements on the **Bible study at GA 223. APPENDIX D**

8.2.2 **March 8 Letter from Coordinating Council Chair re Coordinating Council Action on Behalf of the Presbytery. APPENDIX E**

8.2.3 **Call of a Special Meeting of the Synod Assembly for April 26, 2018. APPENDIX F**

The Coordinating Council Chair and Stated Clerk were present on this Synod Assembly telephone conference call.



- 8.2.4 **Communication from Deidra May, Mission Specialist for Special Offerings, Presbyterian Mission Agency (PMA)** reminding us that “this is the season when we promote and interpret the work of the **Pentecost Offering** which nurtures the faith of God’s children who are in the first third of life—children, youth, and young adults. This year, we celebrate that the Offering has been supporting ministry for **20 years** through giving that has totaled over \$14 million.

“One way that we are celebrating this milestone is by **recognizing the congregations who have been the long-standing supporters of the Offering**. According to our records, **First Presbyterian Church (Alpena, MI), and Redeemer Presbyterian Church (Manistique, MI) received the Pentecost Offering every single year.**”

The PMA has requested that the Presbytery recognize these churches and celebrate and share this milestone.

- 8.2.5 **Joined the Church Triumphant**

The **Rev. Dr. Phil Zebley**, former Executive Presbyter for the Presbytery of Mackinac, March 9, 2018.

The **Rev. Albert Valentine II**, former Pastor of Church of the Redeemer of Manistique and Community Presbyterian Church of Gould City, March 29, 2018.

### 8.3 **ACTION ITEMS**

- 8.3.1 On motion duly made and seconded, Presbytery **VOTED** to adopt the 2017 Statistics Presbytery Report for 2017. **APPENDIX C**
- 8.3.2 On motion duly made and seconded, Presbytery **VOTED** to accept the Financial Review for 2016. **APPENDIX G**

- 9 **COORDINATING COUNCIL CHAIR REPORT** Rev. Jessica Paulsen Coordinating Council Chair, the Rev. Jessica Paulsen, reported more friendly Coordinating Council meetings. Some members of the Coordinating Council attended the Council retreat on Thursday and Friday, May 10 and 11, in Marquette prior to today’s Presbytery meeting. The Council has been studying the book, *Pursuing God’s Will Together A Discernment Practice for Leadership Groups*, in order that we might come more fully together to discern how we are to guide the presbytery. It was not a business meeting.

- 10 **TREASURER’S REPORT** Ruling Elder Thomas Juntune Presbytery Treasurer, Ruling Elder Thomas Juntune reported as follows:

#### 10.1 **Operating Fund**

The Operating Fund had a first quarter balance of \$100,200. Per capita revenues totaled \$62,680 of a budgeted \$186,200 as membership

decreased from 5,200 to 4,900. To date, \$9,469 has been paid to General Assembly and \$5,404 to Synod of the Covenant, leaving \$48,947 for the Presbytery. Thirteen (13) churches have paid per capita in full, thirteen (13) have made partial payments and twelve (12) have made no payments. Total revenues, including basic mission, were \$68,828, and total expenses were \$35,032 of a budgeted \$207,500.

**10.2 Mission Fund**

The Mission account is zeroed out each month as payments are made. Basic Mission receipts totaled \$18,662 of which \$3,914 have been remitted to General Assembly, and \$1,115 to the Synod of the Covenant, leaving \$13,633 for the Presbytery of a budgeted \$60,000. Peacemaking revenues and expenses totaled \$911, and Special Offering revenues totaled \$28,784, of which \$16,680 was for Christmas Joy. Total mission income was \$43,357.

**10.3 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 transaction. The current balance in the Chase account is \$202,824. The endowment funds in the Presbyterian Foundation total \$154,385, with income being transferred quarterly to the Chase account, and the New Covenant Mutual Funds totaled \$86,330 as of December 31 2017.

**10.4 Financial Totals**

Total balances in all accounts on January 1, 2018 were \$512,211, and on March 31, \$557,848. It should be noted that month-end and quarter-end balances early in the year can be very deceptive with respect to financial health as payments from one-third of the churches are meant to last the entire year.

**10.5** The Treasurer gave a brief update as of the end of the first quarter through the end of April.

Total Revenue received as of April 30, 2018	\$84,000
Expenses	\$50,000
Balance as of April 30, 2018	\$34,000

Mission Fund is zeroed out each month.

Restricted (Designated) Funds in Money Market at the Chase Bank total approximately \$204,000, Presbyterian Foundation, \$151,000; and New Covenant, \$86,000.

**11 COMMISSIONERS TO SYNOD ASSEMBLY**

Rev. Dr. Lois Aroian and Ruling Elder Michael Stoll  
Minister Commissioner, the Rev. Dr. Lois Aroian, reported.

**11.1** Synod of the Covenant annual retreat was held March 15-16, 2018, at the Weber Center in Adrian, Michigan. Mackinac's Synod Commissioners

participated in a brief orientation on the mission of the Synod and training on boundaries. The Rev. Dr. Christian Iosso facilitated a seminar on Just-Peace and led the discussion of the book he authored: *Five Risks Presbyterians Must Take for Peace: Renewing the Commitment to Peacemaking in the PC(USA)*. Following the retreat, the Synod Assembly convened on March 17 to discern a number of actions items including finalizing the committee structure for 2018 and sending three overtures to the General Assembly.

- 11.2 Mobile Health Fairs are being scheduled for this summer, and this fall there will be mission partners from South Asia as part of the Mission to the USA program. This is the second year of a three-year focus on Muslim-Christian relations.
- 11.3 Synod Assembly also met on Thursday, April 25, 2018, by conference call for two and a half hours, to discuss and vote on a response to Item 05-03, Overture 052 On Establishing an Administrative Commission to Address Issues in the Synod of the Covenant from the Presbytery of Cincinnati to the 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly. The Synod voted to answer the overture with an overture of its own. It set up a committee and elected spokespersons to attend the General Assembly in order to advocate for its own overture.
- 11.3.1 Question was raised as to whether the Synod approved \$10,000 to send Overture Advocates to the General Assembly. It was noted that the original motion was replaced by a substitute motion which was amended numerous times before being approved. The specific dollar amount was removed from the motion, and the Assembly did approve payment of expenses for its Overture Advocates.

12 **WORSHIPING COMMUNITIES** Ruling Elder Kenneth Visser  
Committee Chair, Ruling Elder Kenneth Visser, reported.

- 12.1 The Committee reviewed the request from First Presbyterian Church of Iron County, Iron River, which seeks to employ the General Assembly program entitled “New Beginnings.” The cost to the local church is approximately \$6,000. The Committee approved up to \$1,500 toward the cost of this program if the church is able to secure the balance from other sources. Dawn Robbins, Commissioned Ruling Elder, is the pastor.
- 12.2 The Committee Chair reported that at a regular Presbytery meeting at First Presbyterian Church of Kingsford, Michigan, on September 25 and 26, 2015, the “Presbytery voted that restricted funds designated for new church development and church development growth be clarified to include church redevelopment and that criteria be established.” On recommendation of the Committee on Worshiping Communities, and on motion duly made, Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the following:
  - 1) Upon receipt of request from churches that are members of the Presbytery of Mackinac, the Presbytery Committee on Worshiping Communities will evaluate the request for evidence that it will

have a positive effect on church growth (either spiritually or numerically). If the Committee determines that the request has merit, the Committee may approve such requests for amounts within the limits of the existing budget of the Committee on Worshiping Communities. The Committee may recommend for approval to the Presbytery amounts that exceed current budget.

- 2) The Committee may also approve grants to assist churches with emergency repairs if the amounts are within the limits of the existing budget of the Committee on Worshiping Communities. The Committee may recommend for approval to the Presbytery amounts that exceed current budget.

### 13 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 13.1 Moderator, Ruling Elder Richard Wissell reported that the offering received for Room at the Inn ministry in the Marquette area totaled \$968.25.
- 13.2 The Rev. Ryan Donahoe invited the entire Presbytery to First Presbyterian Church in Petoskey on June 18, when Presbyterian missionaries in Malawi will be in Petoskey. More information will follow.
- 13.3 Ruling Elder Karen Richards, member of the Committee on Mission, reminded presbyters that mission grants are available and information can be found on the presbytery website.
- 13.4 Ruling Elder Florence Morrison reported that Presbyterian Women gathered at First Presbyterian Church of Elk Rapids on April 28, 2018. Presbyterian Women will be gathering at First Presbyterian Church of Boyne City on April 27, 2019.
- 13.5 Ruling Elder Margaret Tall announced that former Office Manager Lindy Bearss has sold her house and will be moving to Arizona soon.

### 14 SYNOD ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

The Rev. Dr. Daniel Saperstein

- 14.1 The Rev. Dr. Daniel Saperstein, moderator of the Synod Administrative Commission for the Presbytery of Mackinac, reported that the commission has been working for about nine months. They have conducted their business in four steps—listening and discovery, discernment, consultation, and collaboration and are currently at the consultation and collaboration phases. The Administrative Commission have developed a draft report that has been the basis of conversation with the Coordinating Council when the commission met with the Council in April. A draft of the final report will be shared with the Coordinating Council on June 26 with the final report made at the August 2018 Synod Assembly.

- 15 **COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FINANCE** Rev. Dr. Anne Hebert  
Committee Chair, the Rev. Dr. Anne Hebert, reported the Committee has a

very preliminary draft of the budget for 2019. They will be putting together the final budget for presentation and approval at the September Presbytery meeting.

16 **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:

16.1 Approved (March 3 2018) the Rev. Dr. Donald Kinloch, Honorably Retired, to work outside the bounds of the Presbytery of Mackinac to perform his son’s wedding in Florida.

16.2 **Approved the Terms of Call between Candidate William Joesph Rayment, solo pastor, and First Presbyterian Church of Alpena,** beginning April 4, 2018, part time as follows:

**Effective Salary**

Cash Salary	\$ 30,000
Fair rental value of manse	\$ 11,000
Utilities Allowance	7,860
Total	\$ 48,860

**Reimbursable Expenses (by voucher)**

Automobile Expense (\$ .54 per mile)	\$ 1,000
Continuing Education	200
Moving Costs (up to)	\$ 1,200

Full medical, pension, disability and death benefit coverage under the Board of Pensions.

Paid Vacation	Four (4) weeks
Paid Continuing Education	Two (2) weeks

The church will annually review the adequacy of this compensation.

16.3 **Approved the Terms of Call between the Rev James R. Porter, Pastor, and First Presbyterian Church of Elk Rapids,** effective June 11, 2018, full time, as follows:

**Annual Compensation**

Annual Cash Salary	\$ 46,000
Housing Allowance	\$ 24,000
Total Effective Salary (TES)	\$ 70,000

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**Reimbursable Expenses (by voucher)**

Automobile Expense (\$.545/per mile) up to	\$ 2,500
Business/Professional	\$ 1,200
SECA Supplement (7.65% of TES)	\$ 5,355
Continuing Education Expenses	\$ 3,000
Other Allowances—Dental	\$ 1,630
Other Allowances—Medical	\$ 1,200
Total Reimbursable Expenses	\$ 14,885

Board of Pensions (BOP) Benefits \$25,900 (Full medical, pension, disability and death benefit coverage under the Board of Pensions plan at 37% of Total Effective Salary (TES))

Sub Total TES & BOP	\$ 95,900
Reimbursable Expenses	\$ 14,885
Total Terms of Call	\$110,785

Paid Vacation—4 Sundays 4 Weeks

Paid Continuing Education—2 Sundays 3 Weeks

Sabbatical leave is not available without a Session-approved Policy to enable this benefit. The PNC has recommended that the FPC Session develop such a policy. The called Pastor is encouraged to use it for the benefit of the congregation.

Moving Cost Allowance—one-time expense up to \$10,000

The church will annually review the adequacy of this compensation.

- 16.4 Approved (March 23, 2018) the Church Information Form for First Presbyterian Church of East Jordan.
- 16.5 Approved (April 17, 2018) the Rev. Dr. Donald Kinloch, Honorably Retired, to moderate the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Elk Rapids.
- 16.6 On Committee on Ministry approval and recommendation, Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the Commissioning of Ruling Elder Dawn Robbins to be commissioned to First Presbyterian Church of Iron County, Iron River, the terms set forth in the Terms of Call 2018 document, Appendix I.
- 16.7 The Rev. Andrew Plocher introduced the Rev. Jennifer Santer, Director of Teaching Children Homes—five (5) group homes, four (4) in the Marquette area and one (1) in Newberry. After examination and on Committee on Ministry approval and recommendation, Presbytery **VOTED** to receive the Rev. Jennifer Santer as a member of the Presbytery of Mackinac upon her dismissal from the Presbytery of Palo Duro.

**APPENDIX H, Statement of Faith**

- 16.8 Approved the following to serve communion at Union Presbyterian Church of DeTour Village.
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| June    | Rev. James Brazell, Presbytery of Cincinnati     |
| July    | Rev. David Lawrence, Presbytery of Wabash Valley |
| August  | Rev. Daniel Heaton, Presbytery of Detroit        |
| October | Rev. Michale Freely, Holston Conference, UMC     |
- All invited pastors have been requested to seek permission of their respective presbyteries to labor outside their bounds to serve communion at Union Presbyterian Church of DeTour Village.
- 16.9 On motion duly made and seconded, Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the Terms of Call retroactive to January 1, 2018, for the Rev. David Ramage (Bellaire), the Rev. Dr. Anne Hebert (Beulah), the Rev. Sudilak Layraman (Big Bay), the Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart (Boyne City), the Rev. Douglas Johnson (Florence, WI), the Rev. Dr. Kenneth Murphy (Harbor Springs), the Rev. Kenneth Krause (Harrisville and Spruce), the Rev. Judith Arnold (Hessel and Rudyard), the Rev. Melinda Quivik (Houghton), CLP Dawn Robbins (Iron River), the Rev. Gary Stevens (Ishpeming), the Rev. Michael March (Kingsford/Iron Mountain), the Rev. Janice Reed (Gould City and Manistique), the Rev. Nicholas Cammarata (Marquette), Rev. Jon Nelson (Manistique), the Rev. Ryan Donahue (Petoskey), the Rev. Jessica Paulsen (Pickford), the Rev. Karen Zurakowski (Rogers City), the Rev. Dr. Gregory Zurakowski (Rogers City), the Rev. Ryan Flunker (Sagola), the Rev. Mark Gabbard (Sault Ste. Marie), the Rev. Dr. William Myers (Traverse City), the Rev. Jose Lopez (Traverse City), the Rev. Melissa Lopez (Traverse City), and the Rev. Michael Riggins (Traverse City Northern Lakes). **APPENDIX I, Terms of Call 2018**
- 16.10 After examination and on Committee on Ministry approval and recommendation, Presbytery **VOTED** to receive the Rev. William Rayment into membership of the Presbytery of Mackinac upon his Ordination by the Presbytery of Lake Huron on April 22, 2018.
- APPENDIX J, Statement of Faith**
- 16.11 On Committee on Ministry approval and recommendation, Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the commissioning of Ruling Elder James Rogers to First Presbyterian Church of Munising, part time at a cash salary of \$23,000 annually starting May 1, 2018.
- 16.12 On Committee on Ministry approval and recommendation, Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the commissioning of Ruling Elder Brenda Ransom to the Presbytery of Mackinac.
- 16.13 Presbytery Moderator, Ruling Elder Richard Wissell, commissioned the following:
- 16.13.1 Ruling Elder James Rogers to First Presbyterian Church of Munising

- 16.13.2 Ruling Elder Brenda Ransom to the Presbytery of Mackinac
- 16.13.3 Ruling Elder Dawn Robbins to First Presbyterian Church of Iron County, Iron River

17 On motion duly made and seconded, Presbytery **VOTED** to receive all reports.

18 **NEW BUSINESS**

18.1 Moderator, Ruling Elder Richard Wissell, relinquished the chair to Vice Moderator, the Rev. Dr. William Myers. The Chair recognized Ruling Elder Richard Wissell who presented the Presbyterian Church (USA) Revitalization Initiative, as follows:

The Presbyterian Church (USA) is inviting all Presbyteries to join other Presbyteries throughout the country in joining together in a two-year Revitalization Initiative—a covenant relationship between presbyteries and the PC(USA), to prayerfully walk with pastors and existing congregations in intentional efforts of revitalization.

Applicants chosen may apply for a Transformation Grant in an amount up to \$25,000 if they have not been a recipient of this grant in the past, to cover costs associated with the initiative.

18.1.1 On motion duly made and seconded, Presbytery **VOTED** that the Presbytery of Mackinac direct its Coordinating Council to complete the required Letter of Interest and Application for the Presbyterian Church (USA) Office of Vital Congregations Revitalization Initiative by the August 20, 2018 deadline. Further, if chosen as one of the original ten presbyteries, the Coordinating Council is directed to develop a plan to implement the Initiative in January 2019, and apply for a Transformation Grant in the amount of \$25,000. Moderator Richard Wissell resumed the Chair.

19 **CELEBRATIONS OF MINISTRY**

19.1 **Congregation Celebrations**

Participating in Pentecost Offering every year of Offering's 20 year existence

First Presbyterian Church of Alpena

Church of the Redeemer of Manistique

Ninety (90) years of serving the Lord

Grace Presbyterian Church of Sagola

19.2 **Joining the Church Triumphant**

Rev. Dr. Phillip Zebley, former Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Mackinac

Rev. Albert Valentine II, former pastor, Church of the Redeemer of Manistique, and Community Presbyterian Church of Gould City



### 19.3 **Wedding Anniversary Celebrations**

65 years of marriage—Rev. Elliot and Florence Morrison, May 16

55 years of marriage—Ruling Elder Richard and Joan Wissell, May 25

50 years of marriage—Ruling Elders Thomas and Sarah Juntune, August 10

50 years of marriage—Rev. Sandy and Carol Shaw—June

50 years of marriage—Ruling Elder Richard B. and Betty Smith

### **Other Celebrations**

Ruling Elder Jeanette Medlyn presented, in absentia, a Certificate of Appreciation to the Rev. Melinda Quivick for having served the Houghton Church for more than three years.

Rev. Jessica Paulsen having completing five (5) years of ministry serving as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Pickford this very weekend.

### 20 **PRAYER REQUESTS, CLOSING PRAYER, AND ADJOURNMENT**

20.1 Coordinating Council Chair, Rev. Jessica Paulsen, requested presbyters to keep Presbytery Moderator Richard Wissell and his wife Joan in our prayers asking for strength and comfort and prayers for Presbytery Moderator and his leadership, and prayers for the denomination of the United Methodist Church who is facing a schism.

20.2 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 additional prayer requests, Presbytery Moderator, Ruling Elder Richard Wissell, closed the meeting with prayer at 2:25 p.m. The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Mackinac will be Friday and Saturday, September 28 and 29, 2018, at Westminster Presbyterian Church of Harrisville and the Spruce Presbyterian Church.

Kay Morrill  
Stated Clerk

### **APPENDICES**

**Appendix A** Statement of Faith, Rev. Jaime Klinger

**Appendix B** Statement of Faith, Rev. James Porter

**Appendix C** Presbytery Membership 2017

**Appendix D** March 21 Letter from the Harbor Springs Session along with PC(USA) News & Announcements on the Bible study at GA 223.

**Appendix E** March 8 Letter from Coordinating Council Chair re CC Action on Behalf of the Presbytery.

**Appendix F** Call of a Special Meeting of the Synod Assembly for April 26, 2018.

- Appendix G** Financial Review for 2016
- Appendix H** Statement of Faith, Rev. Jennifer Santer
- Appendix I** Terms of Call for 2018
- Appendix J** Statement of Faith, Rev. William Rayment

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