

**PROPOSED MINUTES
PRESBYTERY OF MACKINAC
Westminster Presbyterian Church of Harrisville, Michigan
Friday and Saturday, September 28 and 29, 2018**

1 The Presbytery of Mackinac held a Stated meeting Friday and Saturday, September 28 and 29, 2018. On Friday September 28, 2018, Presbytery Moderator, Ruling Elder Richard Wissell, called the meeting to order and opened with prayer at 2:00 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church of Harrisville, Michigan.

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>
VALIDATED			
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		
Porter, James	1		
Ramage, David C.	1		
Rayment, William	1		
Reed, Janice	1		
Riggins, Michael		1	
Zurakowski, Gregory	1		
Zurakowski, Karen	1		
MEMBER AT LARGE			
Duke, Cheryl			1
Jones, Terrence B.			1
Klinger, Jaime	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	
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	45	
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			John W. Beery
Big Bay		1		Daniel Maloch
Boyne City		1		Joyce Jobe
Dafter		1		Tammy Schopp
DeTour Village	1			Leslie Henderson
Donaldson	1			Joyce Henderson
East Jordan	1			Toni Jeffery

Elk Rapids	1		William Clark
	1		Connie Clark
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		Steven Kosto
Hessel	1		Michael Stoll
Houghton	1		Harold Evensen
Iron River	1		Cynthia M. Cochene
Ishpeming	1		Caron Christopherson
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	Commissioner
		1	Commissioner
Trout Creek		1	Commissioner
Total Elder Commissioners Present		19	
Total Churches Represented		18	
Total Churches Not Represented		21	

COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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

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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	
Al Beamish (Worshiping Communities)	1		
Richard Wissell (Presbytery Moderator)	1		

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

CLP/Pastor Ruth Azar, Synod of the Covenant Administrative Committee to the Presbytery of Mackinac, Presbytery of Detroit
The Rev. Christine Barnes, Chair of the Synod of the Covenant Administrative Committee to the Presbytery of Mackinac; Presbytery of Lake Michigan
The Rev. Theodore McCulloch, Secretary of the Synod of the Covenant Administrative Committee to the Presbytery of Mackinac; Presbytery of Lake Michigan
The Rev. Margie Osborn, Presbytery of Lake Michigan
The Rev. Dr. Douglas Portz, Board of Pensions, Presbytery of Pittsburgh
The Rev. Kyle Segars, Presbytery of North Carolina
Ruling Elder Andy Thorburn, Synod of the Covenant Administrative Committee to the Presbytery of Lake Michigan
The Rev. Rafaat Zaki, Synod of the Covenant Executive Presbyter; Presbytery of Lake Huron

STAFF

Ms. Raeann Dunlop, Administrative and Financial Assistant

VISITORS

Margaret Beery, Gail Chartrand, Gloria Christopherson, Liz Evensen, Christine Fines, Ted Fines, Ruth Fleck, Alice Halsey, Linda Knight, Jane Meyer, Catherine Natzke, Vi Pashley, Melanie Segars, Mary (Jill) Stoll, Rev. Karen Thompson

MEETING ATTENDANCE TOTALS

CATEGORY

Minister Members of Presbytery	17
Church Commissioners	19
Commissioned Ruling Elders	0
Certified Christian Educators	0
Certified Church Administrators	0
Elder Members	5
Corresponding Members	8
Staff	1
Visitors	<u>15</u>
Total People in Attendance (09/28/2018)	65
Churches represented	18
Churches not represented	21

- 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 approve the Proposed Docket as amended.

- 1.5 On motion duly made and seconded, Presbytery **VOTED** to give the offering received today for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner being hosted at Westminster Presbyterian Church of Harrisville.
- 1.6 The Rev. Kenneth Krause, Pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church of Harrisville, welcomed the members and visitors of the Presbytery of Mackinac to the most southern church in the Presbytery and gave a brief history of the church founded in 1875.

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

The Rev. Karen Zurakowski and the Rev. Dr. Gregory Zurakowski, pastors at Westminster Presbyterian Church of Rogers City, Michigan, presided at worship and officiated at The Lord’s Supper. The Rev. Dr. Gregory Zurakowski Proclaimed the Word of God, *Live in Peace*, with scripture readings from Proverbs 16:7, Hebrews 12:14, and John 14:27.

3 **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

On motion duly made and seconded, Presbytery **VOTED** to adopt the minutes of the May 12, 2018, meeting of the Presbytery of Mackinac as the official record.

4 **STATED CLERK** Ruling Elder Kay Morrill
Stated Clerk, Ruling Elder Kay Morrill, reported as follows:

4.1 **Report of the roster of former members of the Permanent Judicial Commission annually to the Council (D-5.0206b)**

The current roster of those members of the Permanent Judicial Commission whose terms have expired or ended:

Class of 2019—The Rev. Dr. William Myers (resigned in 2016)

Class of 2017—The Rev. Sanford K. H. Wright (resigned in 2016), Elder Kristin Benghauser, the Rev. Michael March

Class of 2015—Elder Florence Morrison, the Rev. Dr. Jennifer Saad

Class of 2013—Elder Leanne Deuman, Elder Stanley Kennedy, Elder Fred Mulhauser

Class of 2011—The Rev. Mary McClure

4.2 **Annual Gathering and Synod Review of Presbyteries**

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*.

The Presbytery of 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.

4.3 **Report of the Council's (Presbytery's) Annual Review of Session Records (G-3.0108)**

Annual Administrative Reviews for 2017 have been conducted and completed for 33 of the 39 churches in the Presbytery.

A review of the Administrative Review Forms shows the following:

Big Bay, Dafter, DeTour Village, Donaldson, Florence (WI), Gould City, and Manistique were approved without exception.

Alpena, Bellaire, Beulah, Boyne City, East Jordan, Elk Rapids, Escanaba, Gaylord, Harbor Springs, Hessel, Houghton, Iron River/Iron County, Kingsford/Iron Mountain, Marquette, Menominee, Newberry, Petoskey, Pickford, Rogers City, Rudyard, Sagola, Sault Ste. Marie, Spruce, Stalwart, Northern Lakes Traverse City, and Traverse City were approved with exceptions.

No reports have been received for Harrisville, Ishpeming, Munising, Neebish Island, Omena, and Trout Creek.

4.4 **223rd General Assembly (2018)**

On June 16-23, 2018, commissioners and advisory delegates from all 170 PC(USA) presbyteries, and other delegates and observers from around the world, converged on the America's Convention Center in downtown St. Louis for celebrations, deliberations, and inspirations in support of the denomination's biennial gathering.

Presbyters from Mackinac, Minister Commissioner, the Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart (First, Boyne City), Ruling Elder Commissioner R. B. Smith (Pickford), and Young Adult Advisory Delegate, Allison Trainer (First, Alpena) attended the 223rd General Assembly (2018) held at America's Convention Center in downtown St. Louis.

Mackinac's Commissioners and YAAD served on the following committees:

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.

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.

4.5 **Proposed Amendments to the Constitution**

The 223rd General Assembly (2018) approved and recommended to the presbyteries for their affirmative or negative votes proposed changes in the language of the *Book of Order* that, if approved, will amend the Constitution.

18-A. Election of Ruling Elders and Deacons—On Amending G-2.0401

18-B. Renunciation of Jurisdiction

18-B.1. On Amending G-2.0509

18-B.2. On Amending D -10.0401d

18-C. Officers—On Amending G-3.0104

18-D. Membership of Presbytery—On Amending G-3.0306

18-E. Pastor, Counselor, and Advisor—On Amending G-3.0307

18-F. Welcoming to the Table—On Amending W-4.0202

18-G. Disciplinary Offense—On Amending D-2.0203b

18-H. Time Limit

18-H.1. On Amending D-10.0401b

18-H.2. On Amending D-10.0401c(1)

Deadline for Presbytery Votes

Presbyteries are required to report their votes by June 23, 2019. However, in order to make the changes and publish the 2019–2021 Book of Order in a timely manner, **the Office of the General Assembly would appreciate receiving the votes by May 10, 2019.**

The 2018 Book of Proposed Amendments was included with the documents for the 2018 September 28 and 29 Presbytery meeting.

4.6 **Mid Council Leaders Gathering (formerly the Fall Polity Conference) and Association of Stated Clerks Meeting and the Association of Mid Council Leaders Meeting**

The Stated Clerk will be attending the Mid Council Leaders Gathering October 5-7, 2018, and the Association of Stated Clerk meeting October 7-9, 2018, at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare in suburban Chicago, Illinois.

The Mid Council Leaders Gathering, co-sponsored by the Office of the General Assembly and The Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), is designed for presbytery and synod executives and stated clerks.

The Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Ellison II, associate professor at Emory University's Candler School of Theology and founder of Fearless Dialogues, will serve as the keynote speaker. Conference attendees have received the Rev. Dr. Ellison's book, *Fearless Dialogues: A New Movement for Justice*, to read before the conference.

The Mid Council Leaders Gathering is an opportunity for mid council leaders and staff of both sponsoring agencies to engage with one

another in a collaborative environment to learn about polity issues; discuss benefits issues related to polity and partnership; share common concerns; discuss the changing state of the Church; and discern common life together.

4.7 Presbyterian Association of Science, Technology, and Christian Faith (PASTCF) McCall Award

The Presbytery of Mackinac received the following information regarding the prestigious award that was presented for the first time at the General Assembly's Faith and Science Luncheon this year:

“The Presbyterian Association of Science, Technology, and Christian Faith (PASTCF) has introduced an award to honor the Rev. Dr. Kenneth E. McCall. Rev. McCall was the very first Presbytery Executive of the Presbytery of Mackinac. He served that position from 1973 to 1985. He also was the founding President of the Presbyterian Association on Science, Technology, and Christian Faith.

“A consummate church man, Ken oversaw the 1982 (PC USA) General Assembly action on an overture from Mackinac Presbytery to create a task force on Theology and Cosmology. He was the first president of the Presbyterian Association for Theology and the Christian Faith serving for four years (1982–1986).”

4.8 COMMUNICATIONS

- 4.8.1 The Presbytery has received notice of the passing of Ruling Elder Dorla Parr, long-serving Clerk of Session and Elder Commissioner to Presbytery from the Neebish Island Presbyterian Church and Ruling Elder Charles Nicklas, former Clerk of Session, and Elder Commissioner to Presbytery from First Presbyterian Church of Munising.
- 4.8.2 Portage Lake United Church of Houghton has received a \$7,500 grant from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. They have one year in which to use it.
- 4.8.3 Resignation from the Rev. Sandy Shaw from both the Coordinating Council and Co-Chair of the Committee on Education and Leadership Development due to health concerns.
- 4.8.4 The Rev. David Bartley, Stated Clerk of the Synod of the Covenant, advised that CLP Ruth Azar, Presbytery of Detroit; Rev. Christine Barnes, Presbytery of Lake Michigan; Rev. Ted McCulloch, Presbytery of Lake Huron; Rev. Andrew Pomerville, Presbytery of Lake Huron; and Ruling Elder Andy Thorburn, Presbytery of Lake Michigan, were appointed to the Synod Administrative Committee to the Presbytery of Mackinac.
- 4.8.5 The Rev. Jonathan H. Reinink Church Support Associate Special Offerings, Presbyterian Mission Agency, reported information regarding the Christmas Joy Offering along with giving statistics for the 39 churches in the Presbytery APPENDIX A. The top three congregations based on

number of members in the congregation for the period December 2017 through August 2018 follows:

First Presbyterian Church of Alpena based on 104 members, \$17.50 per member
Union Presbyterian Church of DeTour Village based on 46 members, \$13.70 per member

First Presbyterian Church of Gaylord based on 83 members, \$9.89 per member

4.8.6 Letter from the Session of Union Presbyterian Church of DeTour Village regarding per capita. APPENDIX B

4.8.7 Letter from the Stated Clerk, Rev. David Crittenden, Presbytery of Ohio Valley, requesting dismissal of the Rev. Michael Riggins from the Presbytery of Mackinac. The Rev. Riggins has been received by the Presbytery of Ohio Valley pending dismissal from Mackinac. On motion duly made and seconded, Presbytery **VOTED** to dismiss the Rev. Michael Riggins to the Presbytery of of Ohio Valley.

4.9 **PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE MANUAL OF OPERATIONS**

According to the Manual of Operations, *any change to the body of the manual, after approval by the Coordinating Council, may be voted on at any stated meeting of the Presbytery, provided the proposal is submitted to the Stated Clerk in such time and form that it can be included with the call of that meeting.*

At the August 21, 2018, meeting of the Coordinating Council of the Presbytery of Mackinac, Coordinating Council voted to recommend to the Presbytery approval of the proposed changes to section **1.05 Membership of the Presbytery** to more clearly define membership and representation. The Proposed Changes as well as the Current Wording were attached to this report as well as to the Call for the September Presbytery meeting.

On motion duly made and seconded, Presbytery **VOTED** to approve changes to the Presbytery of Mackinac Manual of Operations as follows:

1.05 MEMBERSHIP OF PRESBYTERY

The Presbytery of Mackinac is composed of all the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations and PC (USA) minister members of the Word and Sacrament within its geographic boundaries.

Each church shall be represented by one ruling elder commissioner elected by each session with the following additional provisions:

Churches with membership over 500 shall be represented as follows:

501-1000	2 elders
1001-1500	3 elders
1501-2000	4 elders

1.0501 Ministers of the Word and Sacrament

All ordained Ministers of the Word and Sacrament residing within the bounds of the Presbytery of Mackinac (as well as Honorably Retired Ministers of the Word and Sacrament living elsewhere but maintaining their membership in the Presbytery of Mackinac) who have been admitted to membership in the

Presbytery of Mackinac are entitled to voice and vote at all meetings of the Presbytery.

1.0502 Ruling Elders and Others

Current elder commissioners are members of the Presbytery and entitled to voice and vote at all meetings of the Presbytery. (G-3.0301) Ruling elder members of the Coordinating Council are members of the Presbytery, entitled to all privileges of membership. They are to be counted toward the balance between resident Ministers of the Word and Sacrament and ruling elder members of the Presbytery. The officers of the Presbytery may not serve as elder commissioners while in office.

If the Stated Clerk discovers an imbalance between resident Ministers of the Word and Sacrament and ruling elders (commissioners and Coordinating Council members) at the beginning of any year, a number of the largest single-commissioner churches equal to the number needed to redress the imbalance will be invited to send an additional commissioner during that year.

Certified Christian Educators of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) employed by a congregation are under jurisdiction of the Presbytery. During their terms of service in an educational ministry under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery, Certified Christian Educators are entitled to the privilege of the floor with voice only at presbytery meetings, and in the case of Certified Christian Educators who are ruling elders, the privilege of voice and vote at all its meetings.

Non-certified Christian Educators who are enrolled in a certification program of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and employed at least half-time by a Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregation in the Presbytery may be granted the privilege of the floor on a particular agenda item at that Presbytery meeting.

4.10 On motion duly made and seconded, Presbytery **VOTED** to receive and approve the report of the Stated Clerk.

5 **TREASURER'S REPORT** Ruling Elder Thomas Juntune
Presbytery Treasurer, Ruling Elder Thomas Juntune reported as follows:

5.1 **Operating Fund**

“As of the end of September 2018, the Operating Fund had a balance of \$113,488. Per capita revenues totaled \$137,843 of an anticipated \$167,116. \$27,403 has been paid to General Assembly and \$13,367 to Synod of the Covenant, leaving \$97,073 for the Presbytery. Eighteen (18) churches have paid in full thirteen (13) have made partial payments, and eight (8) have made no payments. Total revenues, including basic mission, were \$158,321, and total expenses were \$107,817 of a budgeted \$208,500. Revenues exceeded expenses by \$50,703. Major savings came in personnel expenses where we have spent only \$47,129 of a budgeted \$112,270.”

5.2 **Mission Fund**

“The Mission account is zeroed out each month as payments are made. Basic Mission receipts totaled \$56,285 of which \$11,251 have been remitted to General Assembly, and \$3,668 to the Synod of the Covenant,

leaving \$41,366 for the Presbytery of an anticipated \$60,000. Peacemaking revenues and expenses totaled \$911, and Special Offering revenues totaled \$57,119, of which \$20,199 was for Christmas Joy and \$26,011 for One Great Hour of Sharing. Total mission income was \$114,314.”

5.3 **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. The current balance in the Chase account is \$207,047. The endowment funds in the Presbyterian Foundation total \$152,507, with income being transferred quarterly to the Chase account, and the New Covenant Mutual Funds totaled \$90,807.”

5.4 **Financial Totals**

“Total balances in all accounts on January 1, 2018 were \$512,211, and on September 30, 2018, \$577,783. Through the first three quarters of 2018, the Presbytery is in a healthy financial position. It should be noted that this is largely the result of the vacancy in Presbytery executive: a full-time executive costs somewhat in excess of \$100,000. The Presbytery is declining in membership from 5,207 for 2017 per capita to 4,900 for 2018, and 4,640 for 2019. Assuming that all churches paid per capita in full, that would be a reduction of about \$20,000 over two years.”

6 **CELEBRATIONS OF MINISTRY**

6.1 Ruling Elder Charlotte Keune, member of the Committee on Education and Leadership Development reported the following ordination anniversaries:

6.1.1 Rev. Ronald Bown, Honorably Retired

6.1.2 Rev. Mary Groty, Honorably Retired

6.1.3 Rev. Douglas Johnson

6.1.4 Rev. Patricia Megregian, Honorably Retired

6.1.5 Rev. James Christopherson, Honorably Retired

6.1.6 Rev. Clayton Parcels, Honorably Retired

6.2 Committee on Ministry Chair, Ruling Elder James Halsey, acknowledged Rev. Karen Thompson, a deacon in the Episcopal Church, who most recently has served Westminster Presbyterian Church of Harrisville, Spruce Presbyterian Church, and First Presbyterian Church of Alpena and expressed gratitude and appreciation and thanked her for her service to the Presbytery of Mackinac.

6.3 COM Chair acknowledged Ruling Elder Lynn Dake for her service on the Committee on Ministry. She completed her second three-year term.

7 **SYNOD ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE**

The Rev. Christine Barnes, a member of the Presbytery of Lake Michigan and Chair of the newly-formed Synod Administrative Committee to the

Presbytery of Mackinac reported the completion of the work of the Synod Administrative Commission and the Commission's subsequent report. The Synod Administrative Commission to the Presbytery of Mackinac was dismissed following the August 21, 2018, meeting of the Coordinating Council of the Presbytery of Mackinac.

- 7.1 She introduced the Synod Administrative Committee members as follows:
 - 7.1.1 Rev. Christine Barnes, Chair of the Synod Administrative Committee, member of Presbytery of Lake Michigan. She is currently serving two churches in the Grand Rapids area.
 - 7.1.2 CLP/Pastor Ruth Azar, member of the Presbytery of Detroit, Executive Director and Pastor of Second Mile Center of Detroit.
 - 7.1.3 Ruling Elder Andy Thorborn, member of the Presbytery of Lake Michigan.
 - 7.1.4 Rev. Theodore McCulloch, Secretary of the Synod Administrative Committee, member of the Presbytery of Lake Huron, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Saginaw and Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Lake Huron.
 - 7.1.5 Rev. Andrew Pomerville, member of the Presbytery of Lake Huron, was unable to be present due to his installation as chaplain at Alma College this weekend.
- 7.2 She emphasized that this is an Administrative Committee and not an Administrative Commission.
- 7.3 On August 3, 2018, Synod Assembly received and adopted the report of the Administrative Commission and commended its findings, recommendations directives, and timeline to the Presbytery of Mackinac, as follows:
 - 7.3.1 E-2, Page 27 of the Synod Administrative Commission Report: "That the Synod Assembly adopt a process for continued oversight and evaluation of implementation of the recommendations and directives of the Administrative Commission by having the Synod Moderator appoint a committee of up to five members with at least two of those members being members of the present Administrative Commission. The Committee shall be authorized to seek specialized assistance if needed. The Committee shall be appointed prior to the September 29, 2018, meeting of the Presbytery of Mackinac. The role of the Committee shall be to conduct the process for continued oversight and evaluation of the implementation of the recommendations and directives contained in the Report of the Administrative Commission. The Committee shall report back to the Synod Assembly as needed. The hope is that the work of the Committee will be completed by the November 1-2, 2019 Synod Assembly." APPENDIX C
 - 7.3.2 F-3, Page 27 of the Synod Administrative Commission Report: "That the Synod Assembly dissolve the current Administrative Commission for the Presbytery of Mackinac with our thanks on August 21, 2018 following a joint meeting with the Coordinating Council of the Presbytery of Mackinac at which both the current Administrative Commission and the

new Committee will be in attendance. At that point the new Committee will be in place and will take over.” APPENDIX C

8 **SYNOD ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION REPORT**

8.1 Synod Administrative Committee Chair, Rev. Christine Barnes, highlighted the Synod Administrative Commission report. APPENDIX C

9 Following a ten minute recess, the Presbytery reconvened at 4:00 p.m.

10 **BOARD OF PENSIONS**

10.1 The Rev. Dr. Douglas Portz, Senior Consultant for Synods of the Covenant and the Trinity (except Presbytery of Philadelphia) for the Board of Pensions, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and introduced *A Ministry of Wholeness Benefits Plan 2018-2019*. He addressed Creative New Ways to Support Pastors and Congregation; Pathways to Renewal; Healthy Pastors, Healthy Congregations; Ministerial Debt Assistance; and New Health Coverage options.

11 **RECESS**

At 5:05 p.m., Presbytery recessed for dinner with prayer by Presbytery Moderator, Ruling Elder Richard Wissell, to reconvene Saturday, September 29, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.

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PRESBYTERY OF MACKINAC
Spruce Presbyterian Church of Spruce, Michigan
Friday and Saturday, September 28 and 29, 2018**

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- 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.”

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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		
Porter, James	1		
Ramage, David C.	1		
Rayment, William	1		
Reed, Janice	1		
Riggins, Michael		1	
Zurakowski, Gregory	1		
Zurakowski, Karen	1		
MEMBER AT LARGE			
Duke, Cheryl			1
Jones, Terrence B.			1

Klinger, Jaime	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	
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	45
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		John Beery
Big Bay		1	Daniel Maloch
Boyne City		1	Joyce Jobe
Dafter	1		Tammy Schopp
DeTour Village	1		Leslie Henderson
Donaldson	1		Joyce Henderson
East Jordan	1		Toni Jeffery
Elk Rapids	1		William Clark
	1		Connie Clark
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		Steven Kosto
Hessel	1		Michael Stoll
Houghton	1		Harold A. Evensen
Iron River	1		Cynthia M. Cochene
Ishpeming	1		Caron Christopherson
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		22	
Total Churches Represented		21	
Total Churches Not Represented		18	

COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Absent</u>
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	
Al Beamish (Worshiping Communities)		1	
Richard Wissell (Presbytery Moderator)	1		

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

CLP/Pastor Ruth Azar, Synod of the Covenant Administrative Committee to the Presbytery of Mackinac, Presbytery of Detroit

The Rev. Christine Barnes, Chair of the Synod of the Covenant Administrative Committee to the Presbytery of Mackinac; Presbytery of Lake Michigan

The Rev. Theodore McCulloch, Secretary of the Synod of the Covenant Administrative Committee to the Presbytery of Mackinac; Presbytery of Lake Michigan

The Rev. Margie Osborn, Presbytery of Lake Michigan

The Rev. Dr. Doug Portz, Board of Pensions, Presbytery of Pittsburgh

The Rev. Kyle Segars, Presbytery of North Carolina

Ruling Elder Andy Thorburn, Synod of the Covenant Administrative Committee to the Presbytery of Michigan Presbytery of Lake Michigan

The Rev. Rafaat Zaki, Synod of the Covenant Executive Presbyter; Presbytery of Lake Huron

STAFF

Ms. Raeann Dunlop, Administrative and Financial Assistant

VISITORS

Margaret Beery, Gloria Christopherson, Liz Evensen, Christine Fines, Ruth Fleck, Alice Halsey, Catherine Natzke, Vi Pashley, Melanie Segars, Mary (Jill) Stoll.

MEETING ATTENDANCE TOTALS

CATEGORY	
Minister Members of Presbytery	17
Church Commissioners	22
Commissioned Ruling Elders	0
Certified Christian Educators	0
Certified Church Administrators	0
Elder Members	5
Corresponding Members	8
Staff	1
Visitors	<u>10</u>
Total People in Attendance (09/28/2018)	63

Churches represented 21
Churches not represented 18

1.2 On motion duly made and seconded, Presbytery **VOTED** to give visitor, Ruling Elder Ted Fines, Spruce, voice but not vote.

1.3 The Rev. Kenneth Krause, Pastor of Spruce Presbyterian Church of Spruce, Michigan, welcomed the members and visitors of the Presbytery of Mackinac and introduced the office dog, Elsa. He gave a brief history of the church founded in 1889.

1.4 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1.4.1 **Revitalization Initiative**

Presbytery Moderator advised that the Presbytery applied to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) for a revitalization grant to be a part of the first ten presbyteries in this initiative. Presbytery had to reapply and resubmit the application because of an additional question. It is expected those chosen for the program will be announced in November.

1.4.2 **Stated Clerk Election at February meeting**

Presbytery Moderator announced that the Committee on Personnel is required to inform the Presbytery when there is to be an election for the office of Stated Clerk. The Stated Clerk's term will expire at the first Presbytery meeting of 2019 and an election will be held at that time. The Personnel Committee invites anyone who is interested in standing for election for the office of Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Mackinac to contact the Rev. Melissa Lopez, chair of the Committee on Personnel for more information. The Presbytery Moderator further advised the Presbytery that the current Stated Clerk plans to stand for reelection.

1.4.3 **Presbyterian Women**

Ruling Elder Florence Morrison encouraged the women to be a part of a bigger group when Presbyterian Women will gather on May 4, 2019, at First Presbyterian Church in Boyne City. The theme is *Bind Us Together*. More details will be forthcoming.

Three women from First Presbyterian Church of Iron County, Iron River, attended the National Presbyterian Women's Gathering in Louisville this summer and plan to host a gathering on May 11, 2019.

1.4.4 **Board of Pensions**

The Rev. Dr. Douglas Portz reported the Board of Pensions is one of five fully-vested pension plans in the United States. The Plan was 134% vested at the end of August 2018. Pension payments to retirees will go up 3.9%. He reminded presbyters that the Employee Agreement needs to be completed and returned before October 12.

2 **CONSENT AGENDA**

2.1 **FEBRUARY 2019 PRESBYTERY MEETING**

February 23, 2019 Presbytery meeting will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Petoskey.

2.2 **MINISTRY**

Committee Chair, Ruling Elder James Halsey, reported the actions taken by the Committee on Ministry since the May 12, 2018, meeting of the Presbytery, as follows:

2.2.1 Approved (June 18, 2018) the Transitional Minister Agreement among the Rev. Peter Norland, Portage Lake United Church of Houghton, the United Church of Christ, and the Presbytery of Mackinac, effective June 1, 2018.

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2.2.2 Approved (July 9, 2018) the Terms of Call between the Rev. J. Kyle Segars and First Presbyterian Church of Escanaba, for Designated Pastor, full time, effective September 4, 2018. APPENDIX E

2.2.3 Approved (July 30, 2018) the Terms of Call between the Rev. Jamie Klinger, Designated Pastor, part-time, and First Presbyterian Church of East Jordan beginning August 19, 2018. APPENDIX F

2.2.4 Approved (July 9, 2018) Ruling Elder James Halsey to moderate congregational meeting on July 15, 2018, to elect designated pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Escanaba.

2.2.5 Approved (July 24, 2018) Rev. George McConnel, Honorably Retired, Miami Valley Presbytery, to serve communion September 2, 2018, at Union Presbyterian Church of DeTour Village.

2.2.6 Approved (July 30, 2018) the Rev. Jaime Klinger, Designated Pastor, part time, at First Presbyterian Church of East Jordan.

2.2.7 Approved (August 1 2018) the dismissal of the Rev. Thomas Cook from the Presbytery of Mackinac upon his acceptance by the Presbytery of Peace River to serve as Interim at Siesta Key Chapel.

2.2.8 Approved (August 17, 2018) the Rev. David Henderson, Honorably Retired, to moderate the Session of Pickford Presbyterian Church.

2.2.9 Concurred with (August 30 2018) Pickford Presbyterian Church to dissolve the pastoral relationship with the Rev. Jessica Paulsen. The Reverend Paulsen has accepted a call in Corning, Iowa.

2.2.10 Concurred with (August 30, 2018) Northern Lakes Community Church of Traverse City to dissolve the pastoral relationship with the Rev. Michael Riggins. The Reverend Riggins has accepted a call in Terre Haute, Indiana.

2.2.11 Approved (August 30, 2018) the Rev. David Henderson, Honorably Retired, to moderate Pickford Presbyterian Church Session.

2.2.12 Approved (August 30, 2018) the Installation Committee for the Rev. James Porter as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Elk Rapids Presbyterian Church on September 16, 2018, as follows: Commission

Moderator, the Rev. Dr. William Myers (Vice Moderator of the Presbytery of Mackinac); Rev. Jaime Klinger (Presbytery of Mackinac); Rev. Donald Kinloch, Honorable Retired (Presbytery of Mackinac); Ruling Elder James Notoff (Elk Rapids, First); Ruling Elder Toni Jeffrey (East Jordan, First).

- 2.2.13 Approved (September 5, 2018) the appointment of the Rev. Jose Lopez moderator of Northern Lakes Community Church of Traverse City.
- 2.2.14 Approved (September 5, 2018) the appointment of Ruling Elder George Carnahan moderator of United Presbyterian Church of Ishpeming.
- 2.2.15 Approved (September 7, 2018) the Rev. Jessica Paulsen to moderate Hessel Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Rudyard congregational meetings to dissolve the pastoral relationship with the Rev. Judith Arnold on Sunday, September 23, 2018. The Reverend Arnold has accepted a call in Pratt, Kansas.
- 2.2.16 Recommended a two and one-half percent (2 ½ %) raise to the minimum wage salary for full-time installed pastors for 2019.

2.3 **PERSONNEL**

2.4 The Rev. Melissa Lopez, chair of the Committee on Personnel reported.

- 2.4.1 Per the Presbytery's Manual of Operations, annual performance evaluations for the Treasurer and Stated Clerk were satisfactorily completed in June.
- 2.4.2 Per the Presbytery's Manual of Operations, the annual performance evaluation for Administrative and Financial Assistant was satisfactorily completed in September.
- 2.4.3 An election for Stated Clerk will be held in February 2019. Anyone interested in standing for election for the office of Stated Clerk of Mackinac Presbytery should contact Rev. Melissa Lopez, chair of the committee.

2.5 **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN**

- 2.5.1 *Bind Us Together* is the theme for the Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering on May 4, 2019, which will be hosted by Presbyterian Women at First Presbyterian Church of Boyne City.

2.6 **PORTAGE LAKE UNITED CHURCH OF HOUGHTON**

A letter from the Rev. Peter Norland updating the Presbytery on the Father's Day Flood of 2018 that devastated communities in Houghton County was received. APPENDIX G

3 **MISSION**

- 4 The Rev. Dr. Anne Hebert, pastor at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church of Beulah introduced the video of a mission project—STAMP, St. Andrew's Mission Project—initiated ten years ago to make homes in the area warmer, safer, and drier. They have touched over 100 homes in ten years.

People in the community and the surrounding area come together to participate every year. The mission was started with the help of mission grant from the Presbytery.

5 **WORSHIPING COMMUNITIES**

Ruling Elder Al Beamish, member of the Committee on Worshiping Communities, reported that Ruling Elder Faye Elder is stepping down from the Campus Ministry in Marquette. She has done an outstanding job. Thomas and Christine Ault have been hired to direct the Campus Ministry in Marquette. APPENDIX H

6 **223rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Reports were received from Mackinac's elected commissioners and Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD) to the 223rd General Assembly in St. Louis, Missouri, from June 18–28, 2016, in Portland, Oregon.

6.1 Minister Commissioner, the Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart, was unable to be present. She submitted a written report. APPENDIX I

6.2 Ruling Elder Commissioner, Richard B. Smith, reported that he was on Committee 14, Theological and Church Growth Issues and Institutions.

6.3 Young Adult Advisory Delegate, Allison Trainer, was unable to be present and did not submit a report.

7 **MINISTRY**

7.1 After examination and on approval and recommendation of the Committee on Ministry, Presbytery **VOTED** to receive the Rev. Margie Osborn, Honorably Retired, into membership of the Presbytery of Mackinac upon her dismissal from the Presbytery of Lake Michigan. APPENDIX J

7.2 After examination and on approval and recommendation of the Committee on Ministry, Presbytery **VOTED** to receive the Rev. J. Kyle Segars, into membership of the Presbytery of Mackinac upon his dismissal from the Presbytery of North Carolina. APPENDIX K

7.3 Incoming Chair of the Committee on Ministry called upon the Chair of the Committee on Ministry, Ruling Elder James Halsey, and recognized his dedication and service to the Presbytery, its sessions and congregations.

8 **RECESS FOR LUNCH**

The Presbytery recessed for lunch with prayer by the Moderator at 12:15 p.m. and reconvened with prayer at 1:15 p.m.

9 **REPRESENTATION AND NOMINATIONS**

9.1 Presbytery Moderator, Ruling Elder Richard Wissell, advised that the Committee Chair, Presbytery Moderator and Stated Clerk met the night before to review the proposed slate and advised presbyters to make certain they had the most recent slate available.

- 9.2 The Rev. David Henderson, chair of the Committee on Representation and Nominations, reported that the people he has contacted have agreed to serve, and they are listed in bold print.
- 9.2.1 The Presbytery Moderator gave opportunity for nominations from the floor. Mary “Jill” Hill-Stoll was nominated to the Committee on Mission, Class of 2021.
- 9.2.2 On motion duly made and seconded, Presbytery **VOTED** to pull the election of Presbytery Treasurer from the slate.
- 9.2.3 On motion duly made and seconded, Presbytery **VOTED** to elect those people in bold as listed below. The committees are listed in their entirety. Names in **bold** print were **elected** by the Presbytery. Numbers following names denote second term.

Presbytery Coordinating Council Chair
Ruling Elder Richard Wissell, Iron River

Presbytery Moderator
The Rev. Dr. William Myers, Traverse City

Presbytery Vice Moderator
Ruling Elder William Clark, Elk Rapids

Committee on Budget and Financial Services (6)

Rev. Anne Hebert, chair

Class of 2019

Rev. Anne Hebert, Beulah

Ruling Elder Ted Fines, Spruce

Class of 2020

Ruling Elder William DeHaan, Escanaba

Vacant

Class of 2021

Ruling Elder Thomas Juntune, Bellaire

Ruling Elder Michael Stoll, Hessel

Education and Leadership Development (9)

Chair—Vacancy

Class of 2019

Ruling Elder Leslie Henderson, DeTour Village (2nd term)

Ruling Elder Charlotte Keune, Alpena

Ruling Elder Carolyn McDonald, Marquette

Class of 2020

Rev. Kenneth Krause, Harrisville/Spruce

Vacancy

Vacancy

Class of 2021

Ruling Elder Al Beamish, Dafter

Rev. Kenneth P. Murphy, Harbor Springs (2nd term)

Cheryl Tholm, Kingsford/Iron Mountain (2nd term)

Committee on Ministry (15) (includes Preparation for Ministry)

Ruling Elder Susanne Fantini, Petoskey, chair

Rev. Janice Reed, Gould City/Manistique, vice chair

Class of 2019

Rev. Gerald Blevins, Honorably Retired (16, 2nd term)

Ruling Elder William Mordecai, DeTour Village (16, 2nd term)

Rev. Andrew Plocher, Marquette

Rev. Gregory Zurakowski, Rogers City

Vacancy

Class of 2020

Rev. Robert Brown, Honorably Retired

Ruling Elder William Clark, Elk Rapids (2nd term)

Ruling Elder Susanne Fantini, Petoskey (2nd term)

Rev. Michael March, Kingsford/Iron Mountain (2nd term)

Vacancy

Class of 2021

Ruling Elder George Carnahan, Marquette

Rev. Donald Kinloch, Honorably Retired (2nd term)

Ruling Elder Jan Mooradian, Alpena (2nd term)

Rev. Janice Reed, Gould City/Manistique (2nd term)

CLP Dawn Robbins, Iron River (2nd term)

Committee on Mission (9)

Rev. Sandra Murray, chair

Class of 2019

Ruling Elder Joseph Leach, Petoskey

Rev. James Robb, Honorably Retired

Vacancy

Class of 2020

Rev. Nancy Barkat, Newberry

Ruling Elder Ted Fines, Spruce

Vacancy

Class of 2021

Ruling Elder Mary “Jill” Hill-Stoll, Hessel

Rev. Sandra Murray, Honorably Retired (2nd term)

Ruling Elder Karen Richards, Ishpeming (2nd term)

Personnel: (6)

Rev. Melissa Lopez, chair

Class of 2019

Ruling Elder, Jodi Cronwell, Rudyard

Rev. Melissa Lopez, Traverse City

Class of 2020

Ruling Elder, Ted Fines, Spruce

Rev. William Rayment, Alpena

Class of 2018

Rev. Ryan Donahoe, Petoskey

Rev. David Ramage, Bellaire

Committee on Representation and Nominations (6)

Rev. David Henderson, chair

(Nominations to this committee are made by the Coordinating Council.)

Class of 2019

Rev. David Henderson, Honorably Retired

Rev. Sanford K. H. Wright, Honorably Retired

Class of 2020

Ruling Elder Margaret Tall, Escanaba

Rev. Karen Zuraskowski, Rogers City

Class of 2021

Rev. William Payne, Honorably Retired

Vacancy

Committee on Session Records: (6)

Chair—Vacancy

Class of 2019

Ruling Elder Cyndi Couchene, Iron River

Ruling Elder David Ferris, Traverse City

Class of 2020

Susanne Fantini, Petoskey

Vacancy

Class of 2021

Ruling Elder Steven Kosto, Spruce (2nd term)

Dorothy Lotterman, Big Bay

Committee on Worshiping Communities (9)

(includes Campus Ministry, Church Development, Stewardship, and Theological Education)

Ruling Elder Kenneth Visser, chair

Class of 2019

Ruling Elder Faye Elder, Marquette

Ruling Elder Kenneth Visser, Boyne City (2nd term)

Rev. Karen Zurakowski, Rogers City

Class of 2020

Rev. Jose Lopez, Traverse City (2nd term)

CLP Dawn Robbins, Iron County

Vacancy

Class of 2021

Ruling Elder Margaret Tall, Escanaba

Vacancy

Vacancy

Permanent Judicial Commission: (9)

six year term

Class of 2019

Ruling Elder Donald McLennan, Rogers City

Ruling Elder Joel Secrist, Traverse City

Vacancy

Class of 2021

Rev. William Payne, Honorably Retired
Ruling Elder Janet Rathka, DeTour Village
Vacancy

Class of 2023

Ruling Elder Scott Edgar, Alpena
Rev. Mark Gabbard, Sault Ste. Marie
Vacancy

Commissioners to Synod: 3-year term

Class of 2020

Minister Rev. Lois Aroian, Honorably Retired
Elder Ruling Elder Michael Stoll, Hessel
Young Adult Bradley Premo, Iron County

GA Commissioners 2020

Clergy: Rev. Dr. Anne Hebert, Beulah
Alternate:
Elder: Ruling Elder Cindy Couchene, Iron River
Alternate:
Young Adult Advisory Delegate: Vacancy
Alternate:

Readers for Ordination Exams – 2019

Rev. Dr. Lois Aroian, Honorably Retired
Ruling Elder Sarah Juntune, Bellaire
Alternate CLP Dawn Robbins, Iron River

Presbytery Point Board: (7 to 11 members)

(Nominees for PPCCC Board are recommended by the current PPCCC board and nomination committee.)

Rev. Ryan Donahoe, President

Class of 2019

Rev. Ryan Donahoe, Petoskey
Lynnea Hosey, Marquette (2nd term)
Marti Meyer, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Class of 2020

Susan Hornbogen, Superior String Alliance, Marquette
CLP Dawn Robbins, Iron River
Toni Terzaghi, North Iron Church, Ishpeming

Class of 2021

Susan Boback, Ishpeming
Peter Kenn
Katie Richard
Andrea Sarto, Mackinaw City

- 9.3 Following debate, on motion duly made and seconded Presbytery **VOTED** to elect Ruling Elder John Fought, Presbytery Treasurer, for one year.
YES—16, NO—14

9.4 Presbytery directed the Stated Clerk to send letters to those newly elected.

10 PRESBYTERY COMMISSIONERS TO SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Presbytery Commissioners to Synod Assembly, Rev. Dr. Lois Aroian and Ruling Elder Michael Stoll, reported that Synod Assembly convened on August 3, 2018, at First Presbyterian Church in Maumee, Ohio. Synod Assembly is scheduled to convene November 2-3, 2018, at Christ Presbyterian Church of Toledo, Ohio. APPENDIX L

11 PRESBYTERY POINT CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER

11.1 Presbytery Point Camp and Conference Center Manager, Ruling Elder Caron Christopherson, submitted a written report. APPENDIX M

11.2 Ms. Jenna Thompson will begin as the new Executive Director of Presbytery Point Camp and Conference Center in January 2019.

12 COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FINANCE

12.1 Committee Chair, the Rev. Dr. Anne Hebert, reported the first reading of the Proposed Budget for 2019 was at the May meeting and recommended approval of the 2019 Budget. Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the Proposed Budget for 2019. APPENDIX N

12.2 The Committee is vetting a CPA firm for an audit of the 2017 Financial Accounts. On motion duly made and seconded, Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the choice of the Committee on Budget and Finance if the way be clear.

13 COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

The following information was made available and recommended to presbyters on Saturday, September 29, 2018, as an Addendum and approved by the Committee on Ministry as follows:

13.1 Approved (September 7, 2018) Ruling Elder George Carnahan moderator of United Presbyterian Church of Ishpeming.

13.2 Approved (September 21, 2018) Rev. Jennifer Santer to serve the sacraments at United Presbyterian Church of Ishpeming.

13.3 Concurred (September 25, 2018) with Hessel Presbyterian Church to dissolve pastoral relationship with the Rev. Judith Arnold.

13.4 Concurred (September 25, 2018) with First Presbyterian Church of Rudyard to dissolve the pastoral relationship with the Rev. Judith Arnold.

13.5 Approved (September 25, 2018) the Rev. Mary Groty, Honorably Retired, to moderate the session and serve Communion at Hessel Presbyterian Church.

13.6 Approved (September 25, 2018) the appointment of CRE Brenda Ransom to moderate session and serve Communion at First Presbyterian Church of Dafter.

13.7 Approved (September 27, 2018) Erin Angeli to be enrolled as inquirer.

14 **COORDINATING COUNCIL CHAIR REPORT**

Coordinating Council Chair, the Rev. Jessica Paulsen, reported.

14.1 The Coordinating Council made two recommendations requiring Presbytery action.

14.1.1 The Presbytery has acted on the recommendation of the Coordinating Council, to approve the changes to the **Presbytery's Manual of Operations, 1.05 Membership of the Presbytery**. These changes were posted as a meeting document and appear in these minutes on Page 10.

14.1.2 On recommendation of the Coordinating Council, Presbytery **VOTED** approval of First Presbyterian Church of Boyne City to encumber property up to \$30,000, if needed.

14.2 Coordinating Council Chair continued her report, as follows:

“Over the past year, the Coordinating Council worked through a book by Ruth Haley Barton titled *Pursuing God's Will Together: A Discernment Practice for Leadership Groups*. This book helped us begin building a foundation for our discussions and decisions—a foundation that is centered on God's will and not on our own. The book also aided us in discussing how we might function in a healthier way.

“This discussion led to a Coordinating Council retreat that was held last May. The result of that retreat is a document titled *The Holy Manners of the Coordinating Council of the Presbytery of Mackinac*. This is a covenantal document adopted by the coordinating council that guides how we function together. Each member of the coordinating council has affirmed and agreed to this covenant and it is the expectation that any incoming members to the council do the same. It is a living document and so is intended to be examined, discussed, and recommitted to, each and every year. *The Holy Manners* is posted as a meeting document so the presbytery sees the commitment the coordinating council members are making to each other.

“The Coordinating Council has also been diligently working with the Synod Administrative Commission. They led us in discussions and discernment about their preliminary report and then came to the August coordinating council meeting to discuss and answer any questions about the adopted report. The Commission that we worked with has now been officially disbanded by the Synod of the Covenant. However, an Administrative Committee has been formed to walk with the coordinating council and presbytery as we work at implementing the directives and recommendations included in the report. When the report was presented to the synod on August 3, 2018, I, as coordinating council chair, was able to offer a response to the report on behalf of the coordinating council, and I want to share some of what I said:

“I, and the entire coordinating council, wish to express our deepest thanks to the members of the Administrative Commission. With grace and thoughtfulness they came into a presbytery in which fear, anxiety, and tension were high. We are grateful for the way they

handled the beginning of our relationship together, as they made a vital commitment to communication and openness. They earned our trust. The entirety of the council voted to officially express our support for the process the AC has taken and order the minutes of that meeting reflect that this action was approved without dissent.

“The Coordinating Council stands with and supports the work of the Administrative Commission. While individuals may disagree with specific points in the report, the council has found the report to be fair and accurate. It is the council’s hope the presbytery will also support the work and findings of the AC so that we all may work together in seeking the way forward.

“Finally, on a more personal note, I want to express my deepest thanks to all the members of the Coordinating Council for their commitment and work over the past year. Making adjustments, discerning what is next, and seeking the way forward, are not easy things to do, and I appreciate all the time, energy, and effort that have been dedicated to those tasks. I also want to say a word of thanks to the presbytery. I continue to be honored and humbled that you elected me to these positions of leadership in the presbytery. It has been a joy to serve with so many of you through these challenging situations and discernment discussions. I will miss seeing where this period of discernment leads you. If you have not yet heard, I have accepted a call to pastor First Presbyterian Church in Corning, Iowa, which means I will be leaving the presbytery. I will continue to hold all of you in prayer. Thank you again for your support and encouragement of my leadership.”

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jessica Paulsen

14.3 Presbytery Moderator, Ruling Elder Richard Wissell, thanked Rev. Jessica Paulsen for all she has done for the Presbytery.

15 On motion duly made and seconded, Presbytery **VOTED** to approve all the reports including the Addendum to the Committee on Ministry report.

16 **MODERATOR’S REPORT**

Presbytery Moderator, Ruling Elder Richard Wissell, thanked the Presbytery for the privilege of serving as Moderator for the past year.
APPENDIX O

17 **INSTALLATION OF PRESBYTERY MODERATOR AND VICE MODERATOR**

Retiring Presbytery Moderator, Ruling Elder Richard Wissell, presided over the Installation of newly-elected Presbytery Moderator, Rev. Dr.

William Myers, and Presbytery Vice Moderator, Ruling Elder William Clark. Ruling Elder Richard Wissell bestowed upon the Presbytery Moderator the moderator's stole along with the gavel.

- 18 Newly-installed Presbytery Moderator, Rev. Dr. William Myers, acknowledged that today has been a day of transitions, celebrations, joys, and sadness. After some personal observations, he announced that we were ready to adjourn.

19 **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. The Moderator reminded Coordinating Council members of the brief meeting following adjournment. At 2:30 p.m., Presbytery Moderator, Rev. Dr. William Myers, closed the meeting with prayer. The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Mackinac will be Saturday, February 23, 2019, at First Presbyterian Church of Petoskey, Michigan.

Kay Morrill
Stated Clerk

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