

Proposed Minutes
PRESBYTERY OF MACKINAC
First Presbyterian Church, East Jordan, Michigan
Saturday, May 20, 2017

1 The Presbytery of Mackinac held its Stated meeting Saturday, May 20, 2017, at the First Presbyterian Church in East Jordan, Michigan. Presbytery Moderator, Teaching Elder Jessica Paulsen, called the meeting to order and opened with prayer at 10:00 a.m. She reviewed the document posted reminding presbyters of the procedures that will be followed during presbytery meetings:

1.1 “All comments must be addressed to the Moderator. Please do not address the body.

1.2 “Please wait to be recognized by the Moderator before speaking. If you wish to speak, please make your way to the microphone at the center front of the room.

1.3 “We will be using a consent agenda. All items on the consent agenda are voted on at once, and there is no discussion. If there is an item on the consent agenda that you wish to discuss, you may ask that it be removed from the consent agenda. If you ask for an item to be removed, please be prepared to discuss it when it comes to the floor.

1.4 “A reminder that you may only vote if you are a voting commissioner to the May Presbytery meeting. If you are a visitor, you are not eligible to vote, nor do you have voice unless granted voice by the body.

1.5 “If you wish to make or amend a motion from the floor, the wording of your motion or amendment needs to be presented to the Stated Clerk in writing before you are able to be recognized by the Moderator.”

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

THE ROLL

NAME OF MINISTER/TEACHING ELDER

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Absent</u>
VALIDATED			
Arnold, Judith			1
Aroian, Lois	1		
Barkat, Nancy	1		
Broschart, Elizabeth	1		

Cammarata, Nicholas			1
Cook, Thomas			1
Donahoe, Ryan	1		
Gabbard, Mark	1		
Hebert, Anne		1	
Johnson, Douglas		1	
Krause, Kenneth	1		
Layraman, Sudalak		1	
Lopez, Jose	1		
Lopez, Melissa	1		
March, Michael			1
Murphy, Kenneth P.		1	
Myers, William		1	
Paulsen, Jessica	1		
Ramage, David C.	1		
Reed, Janice	1		
Riggins, Michael	1		
Zurakowski, Gregory	1		
Zurakowski, Karen	1		

MEMBER AT LARGE

Duke, Cheryl			1
Holmes, T. Ewen Holmes	1		
Jones, Terrence B.			1
Plocher, Andrew		1	
Robb, Christina			1
Valentine, Albert II			1

HONORABLY RETIRED

Bard, G. Terry		1	
Blevins, Gerald E.		1	
Bown, Ronald		1	
Brandt, Russell		1	
Broschart, Gerard J.		1	
Brown, Robert O.		1	
Christopherson, James E.		1	
Edwards, Ned W.		1	
Faulman, Robert E.		1	
Ferris, Duane E.		1	
Foster, Ross A.		1	
Fox, Margaret A.		1	
Groty, Mary V.		1	
Hall, David Q.	1		
Hall, Maxine E.	1		
Henderson, David N.	1		
Kelley, Robert H.		1	
Kinloch, Donald E.		1	
Lane, William R.		1	
Lueck, Robert		1	
McClure, Mary A.		1	
McLeod, Donald R.		1	
McQuilkin, Robert W.		1	
Megregian, Patricia	1		
Morrison, J Elliot P.	1		

Murray, Sandra A.		1
Nye, Homer		1
Parcels, Clayton R.		1
Payne, William T.		1
Raffensperger, Carolyn M.		1
Robb, James		1
Saad, Jennifer		1
Shaw, Sandy R.	1	
Stanley, Joseph D.		1
Taylor, MacKay		1
Van Dam, David J.		1
Wright, Sanford K. H.		1

Total Present	21
Total Excused	37
Total Absent	8

NAME OF CHURCH

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Elder Commissioner</u>
Alpena	1			Charlotte Keune
Bellaire	1			Thomas Juntune
Beulah			1	Steven Grace
Big Bay			1	Daniel Maloch
Boyne City	1			Julie Hasse
Dafter	1			Connie Watson
DeTour Village	1			Leslie Henderson
Donaldson	1			Joyce Henderson
East Jordan	1			Toni Jeffery
Elk Rapids	1			Connie Clark
	1			William Clark
Escanaba	1			William DeHaan
Florence WI	1			Karen Wertenan
Gaylord	1			Patricia Huffman
Gould City			1	Linda Strom
Harbor Springs	1			Scott Carbeck
Harrisville	1			Cynthia Swise
Hessel			1	Mary Sue Kee
Houghton		1		Jeanette Medlyn
Iron River	1			Cynthia M. Cochene
Ishpeming	1			Daniel Richards
Kingsford	1			Cliff Smith
Manistique	1			Sandra Uecke
Marquette			1	Carolyn McDonald
Menominee			1	Steven Engeldinger
Munising			1	Commissioner
Neebish Island	1			Dorla Parr
Newberry	1			Lynn Dake
Northern Lakes			1	Commissioner
Omena			1	Lynn Enyart
Petoskey	1			Susanne Fantini
Pickford	1			Alice Halsey
Rogers City	1			Marianne Hall
Rudyard		1		Margaret LaPonsie

Sagola		1	Suzanne Fleury
Sault Ste. Marie	1		Brenda Ransom and Raven
Spruce	1		Kristin Benghauser
Stalwart		1	James Braeckeveldt
Traverse City		1	Commissioner
		1	Commissioner
		1	Commissioner
Trout Creek		1	Commissioner
Total Elder Commissioners Present		25	
Total Churches Represented		24	
Total Churches Not Represented		15	

COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Julie Dowty	1		
Donald Myers			1
Brenda Ransom	counted elsewhere		
Dawn Robbins		1	
Darryl Small			1

CERTIFIED CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS

None

CERTIFIED CHURCH ADMINISTRATORS

Lindy Bearss

Addie Marceau

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COORDINATING COUNCIL RULING ELDER MEMBERS

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Steven Asher (Council Chair)	1		
Caron Christopherson			
(Representation and Nominations)	1		
Beach Hall (Budget and Finance)	1		
James Halsey (Ministry)	1		
Thomas Juntune (Interim Treasurer)	1		
Margaret LaPonsie (Session Records)	counted elsewhere		
Kay Morrill (Stated Clerk)	1		
Florence Morrison (Presbyterian Women)	1		
Kenneth Visser (Worshiping Communities)	1		
Richard Wissell (Presbytery Vice Mod)	1		

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

None

STAFF

Ms. Raeann Dunlop, Administrative and Financial Assistant

VISITORS

Susan Asher, Gloria Christopherson, Karen Conaway, Thomas Edie, John Ferguson, David Ferris, Ted Fines, James Goetz, Lynn Hansen, Steven Kosto, Laurie Leamar, Joseph Leach, Judith Penney, and John Waechter.

MEETING ATTENDANCE TOTALS

CATEGORY

Minister Members of Presbytery	21
Church Commissioners	25
Commissioned Ruling Elders	1
Certified Christian Educators	0
Certified Church Administrators	0
Elder Members	9
Corresponding Members	0
Staff	1
Visitors	<u>14</u>
Total People in Attendance	71
Churches represented	24
Churches not represented	15

- 1.1 First-time Ruling Elder Commissioners and Teaching Elders new to the Presbytery were introduced and welcomed.
- 1.1.1 On motion duly made and seconded, Presbytery **VOTED** to give Ruling Elder Joseph Leach voice but no vote.
- 1.2 Teaching Elder Lois Aroian welcomed the members and visitors of the Presbytery of Mackinac to First Presbyterian Church of East Jordan, Michigan. The church was established on July 26, 1882, with members of the founding family still present and leading the congregation. The pipe organ was installed in 1908. The church ministers both here in the community and abroad, “happily always seeking new ways to serve the Lord.” The first women elder was ordained and installed in 1931
- 1.3 On motion duly made and seconded, Presbytery **VOTED** to give today’s offering to The Depot Jordan Valley Teen Center in East Jordan.
- 1.4 On motion duly made and seconded, Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the docket as amended.

2 THE BODY OF CHRIST UNITED IN WORSHIP AND THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER.

Worship included Proclamation of the Word delivered by Teaching Elder Melissa Lopez, celebration of The Lord’s Supper, and recognition for those Ruing Elders who have passed on to the Church Triumphant during 2016.

3 **CONSENT AGENDA**

On motion duly made and seconded, Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

3.1 Approved the adoption of the Annual Statistical Report for the Presbytery of Mackinac. **APPENDIX A** Presbytery Report 2016

3.2 Acknowledge and receive the Stated Clerk's report as follows:

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

3.2.2 **222nd General Assembly (2016) Voting Tallies—**

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution Update

All sixteen constitutional amendments proposed by the 222nd General Assembly (2016) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) have received the 86 affirmative votes from among the 170 presbyteries needed for ratification.

The new provisions will take effect on June 25, 2017—one year from the adjournment of the Assembly that proposed them and will be included in the *2017-2019 Book of Order* (G-6.04e).

The amendments (*descriptions provided by the Association of Stated Clerks*) and the voting tallies as of April 10, 2017, (which reflects the most recent voting report), follow:

16-A Child and Youth Protection Policy—On Amending G-3.0106 (Item 05-09): to require all councils to adopt and implement a child and youth protection policy. (107—3)

16-B Parity in Committees—On Amending G-3.0109 (Item 06-05): to create flexibility in filling the membership of committees above the session by not requiring “at least one-half being members of congregations,” instead requiring “in numbers as nearly equal as possible.” (98—11)

16-C. 1-8: Ordered Ministry Titles: to change ordered ministry titles back to their form before the *Book of Order* was amended in 2014—“teaching elder” be changed back to “minister of the Word and Sacrament”; “ruling elder” changed back to “elder”; and “commissioned ruling elder” changed back to “commissioned lay pastor.” The eight amendments change this wording in eight different places in the Constitution.

C.1 On Amending F-3.0202 (Item 06-08, Recommendation 1) (98—12)

C.2 On Amending G-2.0102 (Item 06-08, Recommendation 2) (98—12)

- C.3 **On Amending G-2.0301** (Item 06-08, Recommendation 3) (99—11)
- C.4 **On Amending G-2.05 and G-2.0501** (Item 06-08, Recommendation 4) (98—12)
- C.5 **On Amending G-2.0701** (Item 06-08, Recommendation 5) (98—12)
- C.6 **On Amending G-3.0307** (Item 06-08, Recommendation 6) (88—22)
- C.7 **On Amending Titles in the Directory for Worship and the Rules of Discipline** (Item 06-08, Recommendation 7) (95—15)
- C.8 **On Amending W-4.4001a.** (Item 06-08, Recommendation 8) (98—12)

16-D Relationship to PC(USA) of a Person Who Has Renounced Jurisdiction of the Church

- D.1 **On Amending G-2.0509** (Item 06-10, Recommendation 1): to remove a permanent ban—the result of a 2014 amendment to G-2.0509—on teaching elders who had renounced jurisdiction while in the disciplinary process from working in or for a church under the jurisdiction of the PC(USA) in either a paid or volunteer position. The new provision removes this restriction by requiring the former teaching elder to rejoin the church and to resubmit to the original disciplinary process. (86—22)
- D.2 **On Amending D-10.0401** (Item 06-10, Recommendation 2): to remove any statute of limitations regarding the alleged prior offense cited in 16-D.1. (87—21)

16-E Certified Service Requirements—On Amending G-2.1101 (Item 06-15): to remove the requirement in G-2.1101 that all certifying bodies must have a “handbook.” (108—1)

16-F The Ministry of Members—On Amending G-1.0304 (Item 09-11): to add the phrase “caring for God’s creation” to the Ministry of members” listed in G-1.0304. (104— 5)

16-G Access to the Lord’s Table—On Amending W-2.4011a. and b. (Item 14-03): to make the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper available to developing Christians who have not yet made the baptismal declaration. (97—3)

16-H Directory for Worship—On Replacing the Current Directory for Worship (Item 14-04): to replace the current Directory for Worship with a new Directory for Worship. (94—6)

3.2.3 Composition/Numerical Parity

In accordance with G-3.0301 in the *Book of Order*, year-end 2016 shows the numerical parity of Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders as follows:

Teaching Elders		Ruling Elders	
Validated Ministry	19	Elder Commissioners	42

Members at Large	5	Elder Members Council	9
Minus non resident	<u>2</u>		3
Honorably Retired	37	Commissioned Ruling Elders (CREs)	<u>5</u>
Minus non residents	<u>5</u>		<u>32</u>
TOTAL Teaching Elders	54	TOTAL Ruling Elders	56

Attendance at Presbytery meetings during 2016—

	Teaching Elders	Ruling Elders
February 20, 2016	24	41
May 14, 2016	18	27
September 16-17, 2016	28	31

3.2.4 Necrology Roll for 2016

This report was deferred from February 2017 meeting of the Presbytery.

2016 Necrology Report

Name	Church	Year Ordained	Date of Death
Fred Hammerquist	Alpena	01/23/1977	06/11/2016
James Baker	Beulah	01/04/1998	05/14/2016
Mary Rogers Pilcher	Beulah	01/16/2005	06/15/2016
James Baltazar	Beulah	12/31/1995	06/27/2016
Richard Chappell	Boyne City	02/04/1973	08/18/2016
Robert McGarva, DVM	Boyne City	02/20/1994	12/06/2016
Mary Bohrn	Dafter	01/13/1985	12/11/2016
Evelyn Gridley	East Jordan	1965	05/05/2016
John Smith	East Jordan	1946	06/07/2016
Edward Burrows	East Jordan	1964	06/21/2016
Martha Annear	East Jordan	1998	06/22/2016
Lloyd Butler	Elk Rapids	1991	01/22/2016
Raymond Banwell	Elk Rapids	2001	03/10/2016
George Riddell	Elk Rapids	1970	04/14/2016
Michael Mildonis	Gaylord		01/04/2016
Richard Wood	Gaylord	01/11/2009	03/17/2016
Delores Radick	Gaylord	01/17/1993	09/05/2016
Verna Engel	Gould City	02/05/1984	10/06/2016
Jeff Keller	Gould City	01/19/1997	09/30/2016
Jane Lent	Harbor Springs	01/19/2003	12/04/2016
Earl Kniivilr	Iron River (Iron County)		
		01/21/1968	08/20/2016
Carol Drake	Iron River (Iron County)		
		12/16/1984	

Pat Swanson	Iron River (Iron County)	12/18/1988	09/12/2016
Edna Treado	Iron River (Iron County)	01/14/2001	04/21/2016
Wanda Swanson	Manistique	02/05/1995	09/16/2016
Patricia Dixon	Marquette		01/29/2016
Keith Owen	Newberry	02/10/1980	06/22/2016
Mary Papist	Newberry	01/16/2005	11/22/2016
Mary Ann Storey	Pickford	02/05/1989	03/06/2016
Caroline Jackson	Rogers City	03/23/1997	05/14/2016
Edgar Kreft	Rogers City	02/05/1956	12/27/2016

25 of 39 churches reporting

3.2.5 Annual Gathering and Presbytery Minute Review

The Annual Gathering of Presbytery Stated Clerks and Review of Presbytery Records in the Synod of the Covenant was held at the Synod Office in Maumee, Ohio, May 1 and 2. The minutes of the Presbytery of Mackinac were approved with exception pending approval at the next Synod Assembly. The Presbytery did not approve a minimum Terms of Call for 2017.

3.2.6 Annual Statistic Report for the Presbytery of Mackinac

The Report for 2016 showing the compilation of statistics for the 39 churches in our Presbytery has been completed and has been submitted. First Presbyterian Church of Munising, Northern Lakes Community Church of Traverse City, and First Presbyterian Church of Trout Creek were non compliant.

The Presbytery shows an overall loss of 307 members in 2016 compared to a loss of 117 in 2015. The loss for 2016 includes 102 members from the Church in the Straits of Mackinaw City, which was dismissed during 2016. **APPENDIX A** Presbytery Report 2016.

Thanks to all of the Clerks of Session and all who worked so hard on getting the Annual Statistics completed this year. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

3.3 Approved all actions taken by the Committee on Ministry between meetings noted in their report as follows:

3.3.1 Granted permission for the Transitional Designated General Presbyter, Teaching Elder T. Ewen Holmes, to serve communion at First Presbyterian Church of Ishpeming on March 12, 2017. (Approved by Committee on 2/21/2017)

- 3.3.2 Approved Gary Stevens to take the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Senior Ordination Exam. (Approved by Committee on 2/22/2017)
- 3.3.3 Granted permission for Gary Stevens to serve Communion once a month at First Presbyterian Church of Ishpeming and First Presbyterian Church of Munising. (Approved by Committee on 3/8/2017)
- 3.3.4 Granted permission for Teaching Elder David Henderson, Honorably Retired, to serve communion at First Presbyterian Church of Ishpeming on April 2, 2017. (Approved by Committee on 3/24/2017)
- 3.3.5 Granted permission for the Rev. Carolyn Raffensperger, Honorably Retired, to serve communion at First Presbyterian Church of Ishpeming April 16, 2017. (Approved by Committee on 3/24/2017)
- 3.3.6 Granted permission for the Rev. Carolyn Raffensperger, Honorably Retired, to moderate the congregational meeting at First Presbyterian Church of Ishpeming on April 30, 2017. (Approved by Committee on 3/24/2017)
- 3.3.7 Approved the Commission to install the Rev. Melissa Lopez Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Church Growth at The Presbyterian Church of Traverse City on April 30, 2017, at 4:00 p.m., as follows: Ruling Elders Steven Asher (Council Chair/Alpena), Sarah Juntune (Church in the Hills/Bellaire), Betsey Rees (Traverse City); and Teaching Elders Ryan Donahoe (First/Petoskey), Jessica Paulsen (Presbytery Moderator/Pickford), and Karen Zurakowski (Westminster/Rogers City). (Approved by Committee on 4/8/2017)
- 3.3.8 Approved Commissioned Ruling Elder Brenda Ransom to moderate a special congregational meeting at Union Presbyterian Church of DeTour Village on April 23, 2017. (Approved by Committee on 4/14/2017).
- 3.3.9 Approved the Rev. David Henderson, Honorably Retired, to moderate a special congregational meeting at First Presbyterian Church of Escanaba on May 7, 2017. (Approved by Committee on 4/14/2017)
- 3.3.10 Approved the following to serve communion at Union Presbyterian Church of DeTour Village.
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| May | Rev. James Brazell, Presbytery of Cincinnati |
| June | Rev. David Lawrence, Presbytery of Wabash Valley |
| July | Rev. Gail Monsma, Presbytery of Lake Michigan |
| August | Rev. Harvey Jenkins, Presbytery of Florida |
| September | Rev. Linda (Kitch) Shater, Presbytery of East Iowa |
| October | Rev. Michale Freely, Holston Conference |

And Granted permission for the Rev. Clara D. Thompson, Honorably Retired, from The John Knox Presbytery, to labor within the bounds of the Presbytery of Mackinac to officiate at a wedding on October 28, 2017.
(Approved by Committee on 5/5/2017)

- 3.3.11 Dismissed the Installation Commission for the Rev. Melissa Lopez.
(Approved by Committee on 5/5/2017)
- 3.4 Authorized the Rev. Andrew Plocher (Member at Large), Rev. Karen Zurakowski and Dr. Gregory Zurakowski (Westminster, Rogers City), and Rev. Ryan Donahoe (First, Petoskey) to administer and celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper as part of worship at their summer camp sessions at Presbytery Point Camp and Conference Center.
- 3.5 Approved the minutes of the Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Mackinac held on February 18, 2017, at First Presbyterian Church of Newberry, as the official record.
- 3.6 Approved the 2017 Terms of Call for all Pastors and Commissioned Ruling Elders with churches as reported. **APPENDIX B Terms of Call for 2017**
- 3.7 Received the Rev. Thomas Cook from the Presbytery of Lake Michigan retroactively effective on February 20, 2016.
- 3.8 Received and approved all reports.
 - 3.8.1 Coordinating Council
 - 3.8.2 Treasurer
 - 3.8.3 Committee on Education and Leadership Development
 - 3.8.4 Committee on Mission
 - 3.8.5 Committee on Representation and Nominations
 - 3.8.6 Vice Moderator
 - 3.8.7 Transitional Designated General Presbyter

4 **COORDINATING COUNCIL CHAIR** Ruling Elder Steven Asher
Coordinating Council Chair, Ruling Elder Steven Asher, reported.

- 4.1 At the specially called **March 14, 2014 Coordinating Council meeting**, there were two cost savings plans presented to Council.
(Stated Clerk's Note: The call for the March 14, 2017, Coordinating Council meeting follows:
"A special meeting of the Coordinating Council is being called by Coordinating Council Chair, Ruling Elder Steven Asher, for **Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.** at First Presbyterian Church in Petoskey,

Michigan, with the purpose to present ALL financial options available that will generate additional revenue streams and what options are available to substantially reduce expenditure outflows. The Council will prioritize the results of this discussion to determine the “expected impact” on our monthly Income Statement. Rev. Dr. Holmes will be leading this financial discussion as appropriate.

“Because this is a specially called meeting, no other business may be conducted.”

4.1.1 The first plan was presented by Rev. Donahoe, a member of Rev. Dr. Holmes’ “Discernment Team”. The highlights of this Discernment Team’s plan included a full-time General Presbyter, in some manner combining the GP function with the Stated Clerk’s position, investigating a “virtual Office” concept, reducing Presbytery meetings to two a year with regional meetings in between the two regular Presbytery meetings, and in the short term, saving \$58,000 on or before 2018. This plan is later called Plan A.

4.1.2 The second plan entitled “Transformation and Redevelopment Plan” or in the shorter version, Plan B, had the following essential elements to it: Part time General Presbyter, reducing GP travel, list the Presbytery office (Condo) for sale, move the Presbytery office to a local church, and consequently, the expected saving at the end of 2017 would be \$60,100. And by the end of 2018, their expected savings would be \$79,988.

4.1.3 After Council’s normal docket items, Council went into executive session to discuss future staffing options. Two weeks later, on March 29, 2017, a summary of Council’s comments was shared with Rev. Dr. Holmes with the sincere hope that all that was mentioned would further increase his ministry’s effectiveness throughout the Presbytery.

4.2 At the **April 4, 2017, Coordinating Council meeting** there were two major tasks to undertake; first, to conduct the business of the Council through its committees and secondly, to examine how best to bring to Presbytery a stewardship rationale that will cause our finances to break even, or be close to even, by the end of the year (2017).

4.2.1 But first, as is true in all matters of faith, the Coordinating Council wished to listen for God’s voice and direction before discussing financial matters at the Council. Consequently, for the first hour of our time together, we held a church service specifically designed for the discussions before us. The first half of the service concerned “reconciliation” of our past errant behavior with ourselves, our co-members of Council, Presbytery, and

finally and most importantly, our God. The second half of the service shifted the focus to constructing a “new covenant” with the same individuals, governing bodies and God. We literally laid our past sins on the alter and wrote down our individual new covenant with God on a blank piece of paper. This service was insightfully crafted by the Rev. Ryan Donahoe and both Ryan and Rev. Dr. Bill Myers led the service.

4.2.2 Immediately after our church service, we began our discussions of Presbytery stewardship. There were two plans presented to Council at the March 14, 2017 Council meeting. Plan A was again reviewed by a member of Rev. Dr. Holmes’ “Discernment Team”. The highlights of this plan included a full-time General Presbyter, in some fashion combine the GP function with the Stated Clerk’s position, investigating a “virtual Office” concept, reducing Presbytery meetings two a year, and in the short term, saving \$58,000 by the end of year 2018.

4.2.3 The second plan entitled “Transformation and Redevelopment Plan” or in the shorter version, Plan B, was reviewed again by Rev. Dr. Broschart and had the following essential elements to it: Part time General Presbyter, reducing GP travel, list the Presbytery office (Condo) for sale, move the Presbytery office to a local church, and consequently, the expected saving at the end of 2017 would be \$60,100. And by the end of 2018, their expected savings would be \$79,988.

4.2.4 After each Plan was reviewed, Council was given the following options to proceed with their analysis; discuss in detail Plan A (the Discernment Team’s thoughts) or discuss in detail Plan B (Transformation and Redevelopment) or lastly, discuss in detail a new Plan C, which was any combination of the two plans, thereby picking the “best” of each separate Plan. Council voted for Plan C. After much discussion, the Council agreed to a list of options totaling \$49,100 savings in 2017. Thereafter, the Rev. Jessica Paulsen sent out a Presbytery-wide update explaining each line item of the agreed upon \$49,100 savings. **APPENDIX C Letter to Members of Presbytery**

4.2.5 Council Chair advised that the Presbytery would vote on the recommendations to save \$49,100 for the 2017 Budget during the report of the Committee on Budget and Financial Services.

4.3 Update on “sell the Presbytery office.” A motion was made at Council to draft a plan including the process to be used to sell the Presbytery

office/condo pending approval of the Committee on Budget and Financial Services and the Presbytery.

- 4.4 Moreover, Council discussed Rev. Dr. Holmes's contract and after lengthy discussion, the Council decided to not extend Rev Dr. Holmes' contract as Transitional Designated General Presbyter past his end date in February 2018 and waive the thirty-day notice clause.
- 4.5 Under the New Business section of the docket, a motion failed to pass which would have added the Treasurer's position to the Leadership Team. After the motion, the Treasurer as mentioned in the minutes of the Council, reads "...gave his key to the Transitional Designated General Presbyter, said he was done, and left the meeting. On motion duly made and seconded, Coordinating Council voted that the Council Chair be authorized to appoint an Interim Treasurer until an election can be held."
- 4.6 Since having written the report for Presbytery, the Coordinating Council Chair, Ruling Elder Steven Asher, announced that Ruling Elder Thomas Juntune has agreed to be our Interim Treasurer until the September Presbytery meeting. As a reminder, Council Chair cited an excerpt from the Draft Minutes from the April 4, 2017, meeting, Page 10, last paragraph in Section 13.1, "On motion duly made and seconded, Coordinating Council VOTED that the Council Chair be authorized to appoint an Interim Treasurer until an election can be held." The Chair presented Ruling Elder Juntune's qualifications, as follows:
 - 4.6.1 Currently serving as a member of the Presbytery's Committee on Budget and Financial Services.
 - 4.6.2 Presently a member of the Church in the Hills at Bellaire.
 - 4.6.3 Presently the Bellaire Church Elder Commissioner to the Presbytery.
 - 4.6.4 Currently as well as previously provides tax preparation services.
 - 4.6.5 Previously served as Church Treasurer at the Church of the Hills of Bellaire for five years which included a time of restructuring.
 - 4.6.6 Past Financial Secretary for the Presbyterian Church of Okemos, Michigan.
 - 4.6.7 Extensive experience on church finance boards.
 - 4.6.8 Taught at Michigan State University and demonstrated leadership and administrative skills as a Department Chair.
- 4.7 Some concern was expressed over the Treasurer's resignation and the subsequent appointment of an Interim Treasurer. The Coordinating Council Chair responded that he needed to do the will of the Coordinating

Council who authorized him to obtain an interim replacement in accordance with the Manual of Operations.

- 4.8 Council Chair advised that the Coordinating Council will be meeting again on June 20, 2017, for Strategic Planning for the years 2018 through 2021.
- 4.9 There being no further discussion and on motion duly made and seconded, Presbytery **VOTED** to receive and approve the Council Chair's report.

5 **CELEBRATION OF MINISTRIES** CRE Julie Dowty
Commissioned Ruling Elder, member of the Committee on Education and Leadership Development, gave recognition and announced the celebrations of ministry and milestone events in the Presbytery.

5.1 Celebrating milestone anniversaries of their ordinations as Teaching Elder /Minister of the Word and Sacrament were the following:

	Years of Service	Ordained
The Rev. Dr. Duane Ferris, Honorably Retired	65 years	June 1952
The Rev. David Van Dam, Honorably Retired	50 years	July 1967

On behalf of his father, the Rev. Dr. Duane Ferris, his son was present to accept his father's Certificate of Recognition and Thanks for his faithful service and many years of ministry.

The Rev. Van Dam was in Germany on the Luther trail and unable to be present to receive his certificate.

5.2 First Presbyterian Church of Newberry was recognized for its ministry and outreach mission in the community with its community garden and free meals.

6 The Moderator announced that \$591 was received for the offering and will be given to The Depot Jordan Valley Teen Center.

7 **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA**

Two items removed from the Consent Agenda were a request from Northern Lakes Community Church of Traverse City to begin the process of selling land, and a request from Union Presbyterian Church of DeTour Village to transfer land to a non profit. Following discussion, Presbytery **VOTED** that when the way be clear, permission to begin the process of the transfer of property from Union Presbyterian Church of DeTour

Village to a non profit organization and the possible sale of parcels of property by Northern Lakes Community Church of Traverse City. The Moderator stated that this is the beginning of the process of transferring property recognizing that both Union Presbyterian Church and Northern Lakes Community Church will be returning to the Presbytery for the final approval of the transfers when the conditions and details of the gift/transfer/sale including legal property descriptions are provided.

8 Ruling Elder Kenneth Visser, moderator of the Committee on Worshiping Communities, reported.

8.1.1 There was some concern about Campus Ministries and the New Beginnings Angel Mission Free Store. The Chair assured them that they will continue to be funded.

8.1.2 Committee Chair reminded Presbyters that one of the purposes of the Committee on Worshiping Communities is church redevelopment and new church development and needs to hear from churches if there are ways the Committee can help.

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

9 **NEW BUSINESS**

9.1 On recommendation of the Committee on Ministry, Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the request of the Session and Personnel Committee of First Presbyterian Church of Alpena to contract with the Rev. Sanford K. H. Wright for pastoral services from June 1, 2017 through October 1, 2017 (World Communion Sunday), as follows:

9.1.1 Worship leadership and preaching

9.1.2 Moderate session and congregational meetings

9.1.3 Emergency pastoral calls

9.1.4 Funeral services

9.1.5 Schedule pulpit supply for Sundays when he will be absent. (The congregation will be responsible for guest preachers' expenses.)

9.1.6 Consult with the Session, committees, and deacons as needed, not necessarily attending committee or deacon meetings.

9.1.7 Officiate at any weddings.

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- 9.2 He does not wish to receive any financial compensation (except for travel expenses in the event of a need for pastoral emergencies outside of the Alpena area).
- 9.3 This agreement may be terminated upon the calling of a new pastor or upon any request made by the session.

10 RECESSED FOR LUNCH

Presbytery recessed at 11:45 a.m. for lunch and reconvened with song, *When We All Live as One*, by Mark Burrows, and prayer at 1:00 p.m. to continue the business of the Presbytery. Presbytery Moderator, Teaching Elder Jessica Paulsen, called the meeting to order.

11 ANNOUNCEMENTS

11.1 Clerk of Session Training

The Presbytery Moderator reminded presbyters that the scheduled Clerk of Session training by Ruling Elder Karen Wertanen and arranged by the Committee on Education and Leadership Development was taking place in the Fireside Room.

11.2 Presbyterian Women

11.2.1 Ruling Elder Florence Morrison, on behalf of Presbyterian Women, reported having gathered at the Presbyterian Church in Traverse City on May 6, with 37 women representing six churches in the Presbytery. Patricia McBride, Synod of the Covenant's representative to Mission to the USA experience in San Francisco, addressed human trafficking. Presbyterian Women has agreed to continue in the Presbytery with a Communicator and a Treasurer. The women were invited to meet at First Presbyterian Church in Elk Rapids on Saturday, April 28, 2018. Global Exchange from the Synod of the Covenant who is going to Indonesia will be the featured speaker. The host group will plan the entire program for the day.

11.2.2 Presbyterian Women for the Synod of the Covenant will be hosting a Presbyterian Disaster Assistance training prior to the PW Synod Gathering in Battle Creek, Michigan, on June 23 and 24, 2017.

11.2.3 Health Kits for the Synod-sponsored Mobile Health Fair were collected at the May 5 PW meeting in Traverse City, as well as at today's Presbytery meeting and will be delivered at the PW Synod Gathering in Battle Creek on June 23 and 24, 2017.

12 **MISSION TRIP TO WEST VIRGINIA**

Karen Conaway and Lynn Hansen

12.1 Karen Conaway and Lynn Hansen presented photos and commentary on the mission trip of a group of people from the Presbyterian Church of Traverse City who went to the Greensboro County, West Virginia area on October 23-29, 2016. The group had selected this place before the flooding, and it was the place hardest hit. They also met up with members from Knox Presbyterian Church (some were summer residents in the Traverse City area) who had picked the exact same mission the exact same week—making it possible to get more done. They reported having felt divine intervention. “Sometimes God makes it impossible not to believe.”

12.2 The \$1,000 from the Presbytery of Mackinac was utilized at the Ronceverte Presbyterian Church in the Greenbriar Region.

12.3 Presbyterian Disaster Assistance theme: Out of Chaos: Hope. The mission trip in 2017 will be working with Habitat for Humanity of Hiawatha Land in the Manistique area. In 2018 they plan on returning to West Virginia for their annual mission trip. It is possible for anyone interested in mission work to participate as there are tasks for everyone.

13 **PROPOSED AMENDED BUDGET FOR 2017** Ruling Elder Beach Hall

13.1 The Moderator recognized Ruling Elder Beach Hall, Chair of the Committee on Budget and Financial Services, to introduce recommended revisions to the 2017 Budget.

13.2 A substitute motion was duly made and seconded to leave in place the 2017 Budget approved at the February 2017 Presbytery meeting and refer the proposed revisions to the 2017 Budget to the Committee on Budget and Financial Services for consideration before going to Council and Presbytery for consideration. Following discussion and following a voice vote, the Moderator called for a division of the house. The Moderator appointed Teaching Elders Melissa Lopez and Gregory Zurakowski, Tellers. Presbytery defeated the substitute motion, 20–17.

13.3 Committee Chair, Ruling Elder Beach Hall, enumerated the proposed revisions to the 2017 Budget recommended by the Coordinating Council.

13.3.1 Reduce Campus Ministry (line item 5504) by \$23,100. This would leave \$0 in the operating budget for campus ministry. However, there are restricted funds that are available to sustain this ministry through 2017.

The council is recommending we use those restricted funds less the amount of money the presbytery receives from the synod for campus ministry. The amount available will sustain campus ministry through 2017 and possibly 2018.

- 13.3.2 Reduce Education and Leadership Committee Expenses (line item 5301) by \$1,500. This would leave \$500 dollars available in that line item for 2017. This is an action that was recommended to the Council by the Education and Leadership Development Committee.
- 13.3.3 Reduce Recognition and Celebration (line item 5314) by \$500. This would leave \$0 available for 2017. Again, this is an action recommended by the Education and Leadership Development Committee.
- 13.3.4 Reduce Presbytery Point Camp (line item 5103) by \$10,000. This \$10,000 would then come from a restricted fund that is designated for mission. Therefore, Presbytery Point Camp's funding from the presbytery would remain unchanged for 2017.
- 13.3.5 Reduce Congregational Ministry Grants (line item 5106) by \$10,000. This would leave \$2,000 available for grants in the 2017 budget. Also, there are restricted funds that may be used to award grants depending on the purpose of the grant, as well as funds still in the operating budget under Church Support and Emergency Grants (line item 5505).
- 13.3.6 Reduce Presbytery Meeting Expenses (line item 6301) by \$3,000. This would leave \$6,500 available in the 2017 budget. This brings the line item closer to actual expenses of 2016 although the council also recognizes that depending on the locations of the meetings, the expenses can fluctuate quite significantly. One way to ease some of this fluctuation and expense is for churches who are financially able to reimburse their commissioner(s) for expenses incurred, rather than the funds coming from the presbytery.
- 13.3.7 Reduce Office Manager Travel and Expenses (line item 6107) by \$1,000. This would leave \$1,500 available for 2017.
- 13.3.8 Committee Chair noted that if Presbytery approves each of these recommendations, we would cut our 2017 budget by \$49,100.
- 13.4 Chair of the Committee on Budget and Financial Services, Ruling Elder Beach Hall, recommended and moved approval of all of the proposed revisions to the 2017 Budget. Presbyter **VOTED** to approve the proposed revisions. **APPENDIX D Revised Budget for 2017**

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14 **PRESBYTERY INPUT**

Presbytery Moderator, Teaching Elder Jessica Paulsen, introduced “Presbytery Input, a new item on the docket. She advised that this is not a finger pointing/blaming session, but rather a way in which to hear from people in the Presbytery. She advised that she has allowed a maximum of 20 minutes for this on the docket.

Lift up the youth from the Marquette, Petoskey, and Traverse City churches who are planning a mission trip to New Jersey, Presbytery Point Camp and Conference Center on its 80th Anniversary, Campus Ministry and the New Beginnings Angel Mission Free Store, ministries in the Presbytery, the work and challenges of the Committee on Representation and Nominations, the Lent study at the Traverse City church when the group examined racism and white privilege, and Theological Education funding.

15 Teaching Elder Jessica Paulsen addressed the Presbytery from the Moderator’s perspective. She acknowledged that there are some people who are very upset, that is part of what happens when we function as Presbyterians. She believes that to heal we need to set aside what may have or was perceived to have happened 50 years ago, 40 years ago. “I am sorry each of you has been hurt in the past—sorry that you have been hurt by leadership of this body. I hope you will receive my apology on behalf of this Presbytery and offer forgiveness so that we can keep moving forward as the church.”

16 **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF ONGOING MINISTRIES**

16.1 Presbyters were given an opportunity to highlight ongoing ministries in their churches as follows:

16.2 The Rogers City church received a class of eight new members, a first in several years; a group from the Petoskey church who are traveling to Cuba with medical supplies, provided/made possible in part from a grant from Presbyterian Women; the Installation of Pastors at the Harrisville and Spruce and the Traverse City churches, the Neebish Island church opening for its summer season ministry.

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17 **PRAYER REQUESTS, CLOSING, AND ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to come before the body at this time, on motion duly made and seconded, Presbytery **VOTED** to adjourn. Following the opportunity for prayer requests, at 2:35 p.m., Presbytery Moderator, Teaching Elder Jessica Paulsen, closed the meeting with prayer. The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Mackinac will be Friday and Saturday, September 15 and 16, 2017, at Presbytery Point Camp and Conference Center.

Kay Morrill
Stated Clerk

- APPENDIX A Presbytery Report 2016
- APPENDIX B Terms of Call for 2017
- APPENDIX C Letter to Members of Presbytery
- APPENDIX D Revised Budget for 2017

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