



Presbytery of Lake Michigan

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

April 6, 2022

To: Presbytery of Lake Michigan Members
From: Rev. Fran Lane-Lawrence, Transitional Co-Leader/ Stated Clerk
Rev. Cal Bremer, Transitional Co-Leader

Below are highlights of actions taken during the March 12, 2022 Stated Meeting.

- The Presbytery elected the Rev. Fran Lane-Lawrence to serve as its Executive Presbytery/Stated Clerk. She led worship during the stated meeting and then engaged in dialogue with the commissioners. She was excused as the Search Committee presented its recommendations to call Fran as EP/SC and the Terms of Call. Following discussion of each recommendation, each recommendation was overwhelmingly approved. The Presbytery's Moderator led in singing the doxology. Fran, who has served as Transitional Co-Leader/ Stated Clerk since September 2018, is scheduled to be installed on Sunday, May 15, 2022. The service time and location will be announced.
- The Search Committee will proceed with seeking an Associate Presbyter to work alongside the Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk.
- The body approved the Stated Clerk's Report and the Consent Agenda with various reports, including those from the Greenwood, North Kent, Grand Rapids – Eastminster, and Lansing – Mt. Hope Administrative Commissions. Also included were reports about actions taken by the Commission on Ministry and the Commission on the Preparation for Ministry.
- The Presbytery welcomed the Rev. Hailey Malcolm who began her work as a pediatric chaplain at the Helen DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids.
- The Presbytery voted to concur with the "Earth Care Overture" being presented to the 225th General Assembly.
- Judi Harris, Director of Refugee Services at St. Vincent Catholic Charities in Lansing, provided perspective on the needs and opportunities of refugee resettlement.
- Information presented by the Rev. Ben Rumbaugh, associate pastor at First Presbyterian Church of Holt, and Ruling Elder Mary Lee Hultin provided perspective about how that congregation is fulfilling the gospel call of the Matthew 25 initiative.
- The Presbytery elected the Rev. Mark Pawlowski, honorably retired, to the Commission on Ministry, Southwest Region, Class of 2024, and the Rev. Paul Van Kempen, associate pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of Holland, to the Commission on the Preparation for Ministry, Class of 2024.
- The Presbytery approved appointment of an Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church of Paw Paw to address reports of disorder within the congregation.
- The Presbytery ended its meeting as it began, namely in worship. The body celebrated the Lord's Supper led by the Rev. Stan Jenkins, Gwen Botting and Megan Higle from First Presbyterian Church in Lansing. Thanks be to God!