

APPROVED
Leadership Team Meeting Minutes
Presbytery of Lake Michigan via Zoom
1511 Helen Avenue, Portage, MI 49002
October 2, 2025 12:30 p.m.

Attendance Roll: Chris Dorn (TE-Ionia/DST), Jeanette Holton (RE-Benton Harbor First/AST), Gail Monsma (TE-Paw Paw/PLM Moderator), Lynette Sparks (TE-Westminster GR/M&O)

Staff: Fran Lane-Lawrence (Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk), Cal Bremer (Asst. to Exec), Kristin Stroble (COM Resource Staff)

Excused: Troy Hauser-Brydon (TE-Grand Haven/PLM Moderator), Beth Dyer (RE-Kalamazoo First/B&F Moderator), Lisa Schrott (TE-/N&R Moderator), Nick Marlatt (TE-Hastings/LT MAL)

Call to Order, Opening Prayer, and Quorum: Rev. Gail Monsma, moderator, called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. and invited Rev. Chris Dorn to open the meeting in prayer. A quorum was present.

Adoption of the Agenda:

A motion prevailed to approve the agenda

Approval of the Consent Agenda:

A motion prevailed to approve the consent agenda, including the following items:

- A. **To approve** the Leadership Team Meeting Minutes of September 4, 2025
- B. **To approve** the Report of the EP/SC of October 2, 2025

Unfinished Business:

- A. Members of the Leadership Team received updates on active Administrative Commissions for the following congregations: Allegan, Westlake, Paw Paw/Decatur, Jackson Westminster, Richland, and Marshall.
- B. Members of the Leadership Team debriefed the September Stated Meeting. The feedback was positive, especially related to the worship and the message.
- C. Members of the Leadership Team affirmed that they would recommend that the Presbytery of Lake Michigan join the Presbytery of San Jose in submitting the overture entitled, *Repudiating Christian Nationalism and Affirming Our Faith Commitments*. Rev. Lynette Sparks agreed to present this overture to the Presbytery.
- D. Members reviewed the Presbytery meeting schedule. **A motion prevailed** to approve the following presbytery schedule to begin in the Fall of 2026.

September (In Person) Second Saturday – 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 pm

- Worship
- Focus:
 - Connectional/ Mission/ Education (Bring in speakers...)

- Proposed Budget
- Nominating/COM

November (In Person) Second Tuesday

- Day meeting and in person
- Shorter meeting - business only 10:00 - 2:00
- Worship
 - Installation of Officers
 - Celebrating the Saints
- Focus: Business & Budget

February (Zoom) Second Tuesday @ 6:00 pm

- Worship
- Focus: Business

June (In Person) Second Saturday

- Worship
- Connectional/ Mission/ Education (Bring in speakers...)

- E. Reminder that the Leadership Team needs to nominate new members for the Nominating and Representation Committee
- F. For Future: Discernment toward remote office - Fran

Discussion of the Business and Worship at Stated Meetings of the Presbytery: Fran Lane-Lawrence

A. Tuesday, December 2, 2025 - Jenison Parkwood

1. Worship
 - a. Celebration of the Lord's Supper
 - b. Installation of Moderator/Vice Moderator
 - c. Offering - PLM Candidate and inquirers
 - d. Preacher - Rev. Lynette Sparks
2. Overture - Repudiating Christian Nationalism and Affirming Our Faith Commitments
Lynette Sparks (15 minutes)
3. Report of B&F - Beth Dyer
 - a. Vote on Proposed Budget
5. Synod of the Covenant Report (10 minutes)
6. Report of EP - Fran Lane-Lawrence (5 minutes)
7. Nominating Committee Report - Lisa Schrott (10 minutes)
8. Youth Strategies Committee Kirk Miller (5 minutes)

Adjournment and Closing Prayer:

Rev. Gail Monsma, moderator adjourned the meeting at 1:38 p.m. Rev. Chris Dorn closed the meeting in prayer.

Next meeting: November 6, 2025
Via Zoom

Devotion: Jeanette Holton