

**Leadership Team Meeting
Minutes
Presbytery of Lake Michigan via Zoom
1511 Helen Avenue, Portage, MI 49002
February 5, 2026 12:30 p.m.**

Present: Ben Boerkoel (RE-Westminster GR/PLM Moderator), Beth Dyer (RE-Kalamazoo First/B&F Moderator), Linda Hardenbergh (RE-Eastminster EL/PLM Vice-Moderator), Troy Hauser-Brydon (TE-Grand Haven/LT Moderator), Nick Marlatt (TE-Hastings/LT MAL),

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

Excused: Lisa Schrott (TE-/N&R Moderator), Chris Dorn (TE-Ionia/DST), Jeanette Holton (RE-Benton Harbor First/AST), Lynette Sparks (TE-Westminster GR/M&O)

Call to Order:

Rev. Troy Hauser-Brydon called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. and opened the meeting with prayer. A quorum was present.

Adoption of the Agenda:

The agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.

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 December 4, 2025
- B. **To affirm** the Celebration of the Lord's Supper at each presbytery meeting per the Presbytery bylaws
- C. **To designate** offerings received to support immigrant ministries in Michigan.
- D. **To receive** a reminder that the Leadership Team needs to nominate individuals to the Nominating and Representation Committee.

Orientation:

Members reviewed the Leadership Team Committee Description to ensure their actions and discussion are aligned with their assigned duties.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Updates on Administrative Commissions
The Leadership Team received updates on the work and progress of Administrative Commissions within the Presbytery.
- B. Discernment toward remote office
The Leadership Team heard a report of initial items of importance that would need to be addressed in considering whether or not the Presbytery should shift to remote offices

for staff. The next step toward discernment will be to appoint three or four members of the Leadership Team to research options, and make recommendations including a timeline.

- C. Consultant to refocus Leadership Team on mission, vision, and goals.
Rev. Fran Lane-Lawrence is in discussion with several consultants to recommend.
- D. Spiritual Director for Staff During the Sabbatical
PLM staff members are in discussion about who to recommend to serve this role.

New Business:

- A. Preparation and organizing in the event of an ICE surge in Michigan. - Fran
A motion prevailed to request the Stated Clerk send a pastoral letter to congregations and members of the presbytery regarding our commitment as a Sanctuary and Accompaniment Presbyter; and to endorse the work of the Presbytery staff in providing resources to protect the immigrants in our churches and communities.
- B. The following meeting schedule for the Leadership Team in 2026 was confirmed:
February 5, March 5, April 2 (Maundy Thursday), May 7, June 4, No meeting in July, August 6, September 3, October 1, November 5. A meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 3, 2026, if it is needed.
- C. Report of EP/SC - Fran
- D. December Meeting Debrief
The comments received on the meeting survey were overwhelmingly positive.

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

The following

- A. **Saturday, March 14, 2026 - Dimondale**
 - 1. Worship
 - a. Celebration of the Lord's Supper
 - b. Offering - Support of immigrant ministries in Michigan.
 - c. Preacher - Steve Keizer, PCUSA Foundation
 - 2. Keynote - Steve Keizer (30 minutes)
 - 3. Synod of the Covenant Report (10 minutes)
 - 4. Report of B&F - Beth Dyer (10 minutes)
 - 5. Report of EP - Fran Lane-Lawrence (10 minutes)
 - a. Creative Ministries/Vulnerable Congregation Grant
 - b. Dissolution Discernment Grant
 - c. Mergers/Unions/Joint Ministry Grant
 - 5. Nominating Committee Report - Lisa Schrott (10 minutes)
 - 6. COM - Ben Rumbaugh (10 minutes)
 - 7. Luke Choi , PCUSA Board of Pensions (10 minutes)
- B. **Tuesday, June 9, 2026 - Muskegon**

1. Worship
 - a. Celebration of the Lord's Supper
 - b. Offering -
 - c. Preacher -
2. Synod of the Covenant Report (10 minutes)
3. Report of B&F
4. Report of EP - Fran Lane-Lawrence (5 minutes)
5. Nominating Committee Report -
6. COM - Ben Rumbaugh

C. Saturday, September 12, 2026 -

1. Worship
 - a. Celebration of the Lord's Supper
 - b. Offering -
 - c. Preacher -
2. Synod of the Covenant Report (10 minutes)
3. Report of B&F
 - a. First Read of the Proposed Budget for 2027
4. Report of EP - Fran Lane-Lawrence (5 minutes)
5. Nominating Committee Report -
6. COM - Ben Rumbaugh

D. Tuesday, November 17, 2026 - Hastings - maybe?

1. Worship
 - d. Celebration of the Lord's Supper
 - e. Celebration of Saints
 - f. Installation of Moderator/Vice Moderator
 - g. Offering - PLM Candidates and Inquirers
 - h. Preacher - Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka
2. Keynote - Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka
3. Synod of the Covenant Report (10 minutes)
4. Report of B&F -
 - a. Vote on Proposed Budget
5. Report of EP - Fran Lane-Lawrence (5 minutes)
6. Nominating Committee Report - (10 minutes)
7. COM - Ben Rumbaugh

Adjournment and Closing Prayer:

Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon adjourned the meeting at 1:34 p.m. and closed the meeting with prayer.

Next meeting: March 5, 2026
Via Zoom

Devotion: Lynette Sparks