

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATING and REPRESENTATION  
MARCH 14, 2026  
STATED MEETING of the PRESBYTERY of LAKE MICHIGAN (PLM)**

**TO REPORT RESIGNATIONS:**

- TE Rev. Dr. Rob Carlson, HR, COM-East, effective January 2025

**TO REPORT NOMINATIONS TO THE NAMED POSITIONS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES, or TEAMS**

**PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION**

TE Rev. Charlotte Ellison, HR, for 6 year term (Class of 2030)

**COMMISSION ON MINISTRY EAST**

RE Monte Shuck, Mason – First, for a 3 year term (Class of 2028)

**COMMISSION ON MINISTRY WEST**

RE Pam Zandt, Kalamazoo-First for a 3 year term (Class of 2028)

**Nominating Urgent Need: Commission on Ministry (COM) West Region.**

Are you a Ruling Elder with a willingness to serve the connectional church? Are you a Teaching Elder who knows a Ruling Elder with a willingness to serve the connectional church? The Nominating & Representation Committee is seeking applicants to serve on COM for the Western region of the Presbytery. Below is more information on the position. The majority of the meetings will be via Zoom, with occasional in person meetings. If you are interested or know a good candidate, please contact one of the members of the Nominating & Representation Committee (contact information at end of the report).

**Focus:** To develop and maintain mechanisms and processes to serve as pastor counselor to teaching elders, ruling elders commissioned to pastoral service, and certified Christian educators of the presbytery; to facilitate the relations between the presbytery and its congregations, teaching elders, ruling elders commissioned to pastoral service, and certified Christian educators; and to settle difficulties on behalf of the presbytery where possible and expedient.

**Gifts Needed:** Able to understand various policies and procedures established by the COM and the congregations within the presbytery.

**Meetings:** 4th Wednesdays at 4pm via Zoom

**REPRESENTATION**

The Nominating & Representation Committee, with additional work by the Rev. Dr. Fran Lane Lawrence, Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk, has been discussing ways to support churches who are responding to pressures related to immigrant rights, refugee resettlement, LGBTQ+ support, anti-racism initiatives and economic stresses. If you or your church needs support in these areas, please reach out to Fran or a member of the committee.

Please note that the PLM website now has a page devoted to Immigration and Refugee Resources for Churches. It can be found at

<https://lakemichiganpresbytery.org/churches/immigration-and-refugee-resources/>

It joins the Anti-Racism Resources found at this link:

<https://lakemichiganpresbytery.org/churches/antiracism-resources/>

If you have resources that have been helpful in the work of anti-racism or immigration and refugee issues, please send those along to EP Rev. Dr. Fran Lane Lawrence .

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