

**Leadership Team Meeting Minutes
Presbytery of Lake Michigan via Zoom
1511 Helen Avenue, Portage, MI 49002
March 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), Jeanette Holton (RE-Benton Harbor First/AST), Nick Marlatt (TE-Hastings/LT MAL), 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: Chris Dorn (TE-Ionia/DST), Lisa Schrott (TE-/N&R Moderator)

Call to Order, Opening Prayer, and Quorum

Rev. Troy Hauser-Brydon called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m. and invited Rev. Lynette Sparks to open the meeting with 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 item.

- A. **To approve** the Leadership Team Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2026

Unfinished Business:

- A. Nomination of 2 male ruling elders and 1 female ruling elder to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Rick Taylor (K'zoo First), Donna Paul-Bonham (Benton Harbor), Linda Bieze (Westminster GR), Laurie Tupper (K'zoo First), Sarah Schamberger (GH), Sherriell Vore (Westminster GR), Ted Hartzell (Westminster GR), Susan Jennings (Westminster GR)

- B. The Leadership Team received updates about each of the Administrative Commissions for the following congregations: Allegan, Decatur/Paw Paw, Delta/Diamondale, Marshall, Richland, Westlake.
- C. The Leadership Team clarified that the spokesperson for the Presbytery is the Stated Clerk.
- D. Members Appointment of three volunteers toward the discernment of a remote Presbytery Office - Troy

E. Final Approval of the Docket

New Business:

A. Potential Preaching Workshop - Kristin

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

A. Saturday, March 14, 2026 - Dimondale

1. Worship
 - a. Celebration of the Lord's Supper
 - b. Commissioning of Commissioners to GA
 - c. Offering - Immigrant Ministries
 - d. Preacher - Steve Keizer
2. Nominating Committee Report - Lisa Schrott (10 Minutes) [ACTION]
3. AC for FPC - Allegan, MI - Rev. Dr. John Best (30 minutes) [ACTION]
4. COM Welcome of New Pastors - Ben Rumbaugh (10 Minutes)
5. Report of EP - Fran Lane-Lawrence (5 minutes)
 - a. Creative Ministries/Vulnerable Congregation Grant
 - b. Dissolution Discernment Grant
 - c. Mergers/Unions/Joint Ministry Grant
6. Report of B&F - Beth Dyer (10 Minutes)
7. Board of Pension - Luke Choi (10 minutes)
8. Justice Ministries Invitation - Sarah Schmidt-Lee (5 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 - Richland

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 (?)

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

Adjournment and Closing Prayer: The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m. Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon closed the meeting with prayer.

Next meeting: April 2, 2026
Via Zoom

Devotion: Chris Dorn