

**Leadership Team Meeting
Minutes
Presbytery of Lake Michigan via Zoom
1511 Helen Avenue, Portage, MI 49002
June 4, 2026 12:30 p.m.**

Present: Ben Boerkoel (RE-Westminster GR/PLM Moderator), Chris Dorn (TE-Ionia/DST), 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), Lisa Schrott (TE-/N&R Moderator), Lynette Sparks (TE-Westminster GR/M&O)

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

Call to Order, Opening Prayer, and Quorum: Rev. Troy Hauser-Brydon called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. Rev. Hauser-Brydon invited Elder Ben Boerkoel to open the meeting with prayer. A quorum was present.

Adoption of the Agenda: A motion prevailed to approve the agenda.

Approval of the Minutes: A motion prevailed to approve the Leadership Team Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2026.

Unfinished Business:

A. Nominations for Nominating Committee

A motion prevailed to affirm the email vote to nominate Elder Brian Koon (Lansing First), Class of 2028, to the Nominating Committee.

B. Updates - ACs - Cal Bremer

The following Administrative Commissions (AC) have completed the tasks for which they were appointed and are providing their final reports to the Presbytery. They will ask to be dismissed: AC for Marshall, MI, Richland, MI, and Westlake, MI.

The ACs for Allegan, Decatur/Paw Paw, and Delta/Dimondale continue their work.

New Business:

A. Coordination of staff duties and responsibilities during sabbatical.

Rev. Cal Bremer, Asst to EP, and Rev. Kristin Stroble, COM Support Staff, will be covering the duties of the Executive Presbytery during the sabbatical of Rev. Fran Lane-Lawrence. Rev. Bremer will take lead in resourcing the Finance Committee/Trustees. Rev. Kristin Stroble will take the lead in resourcing the Commission on Ministry. Rev. Bremer and Rev. Stroble will share head of staff duties. If consultation with the Presbytery attorney

becomes necessary for any issue Rev. Bremer or Rev. Stroble will be able to approve the interactions. Both will continue to provide support to Administrative Commissions.

Rev. Annamarie Groenenboom will be the staff support person for the Nominating Committee.

Rev. Ted McCulloch, stated clerk for the Presbytery of Lake Huron, will be available for consultation and will serve as the stated clerk pro tem for the stated meeting in September or any specially called presbytery meetings.

A motion prevailed to compensate these individuals for time spent on work above and beyond their own position descriptions.

Discussion of the Business and Worship at Stated Meetings of the Presbytery:

A. Tuesday, June 9, 2026 - Muskegon

1. Worship
 - a. Celebration of the Lord's Supper
 - b. Offering - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance
 - c. Preacher - Matt Aragon Bruce
2. Leadership Team Nominations for Nominating Committee (5 Minutes)[**ACTION**]
3. COM Celebration of Retirement - Ben Rumbaugh (10 Minutes)
4. Report of EP - Fran Lane-Lawrence (5 minutes)
5. Report of B&F - Beth Dyer (10 Minutes)
 - MAPS and reiterate the deadline
 - Direct people to the Audit
6. Decatur - Paw Paw Merger AC - Cathy Hoop (10 minutes)
7. Richland AC - Stuart Deming (10 Minutes)
8. Keynote - Matt Aragon Bruce (30 minutes)
9. Synod Report Ruth-Aimée Belonni-Rosario, Assoc for Racial Justice (10 minutes)
10. Linda Sharp-Jayaweera, PILP Relationship Manager (10 minutes)
11. Youth Strategies Committee - Jen Blackwell (10 minutes)

Adjournment and Closing Prayer: Rev. Troy Hauser-Brydon adjourned at 1:12 p.m. and closed the meeting with prayer.

No Meeting in July
Next meeting: August 6, 2026
Via Zoom

Devotion: Nick Marlatt