**Leadership Team Meeting Minutes**
**Presbytery of Lake Michigan via Zoom**
**1511 Helen Avenue, Portage, MI 49002**
**October 1, 2026 12:30 p.m.**

**Attendance Roll:** Ben Boerkoel (RE-Westminster GR/PLM Moderator), Laurie Tupper (RE-Kalamazoo, First/PLM Vice-Moderator), Beth Dyer (RE-Kalamazoo First/B&F 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:** Kristin Stroble (COM Resource Staff)

**Excused:** Fran Lane-Lawrence (Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk), Cal Bremer (Asst. to Exec)

**Absent:** Chris Dorn (TE-Ionia/DST)

**Call to Order, Opening Prayer, and Quorum:** Rev. Dr. Troy Hauser-Brydon called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m. Rev. Hauser-Brydon invited Elder Jeanette Holton to open the meeting with devotions and prayer. A quorum was present

**Approval 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 September 3, 2026.

**Unfinished Business:**

A. Updates - ACs - Kristin Stroble
Rev. Kristin Stroble provided an update about the work of the Administrative Commissions for Allegan, Decatur/Paw-Paw, Delta/Dimondale, and North Westminster.

B. The Leadership Team received the evaluations from the September 12, 2026 Stated Meeting of the presbytery.

C. The presbytery will be hosting Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka for an event on Monday, November 16, 2026 at Westminster, Grand Rapids. The gathering will start at 5:30pm, with dinner and presentation at 6pm. Rev. Stroble will be working with him on the theme and after that is finalized, the presbytery office will work on publicity.

**New Business:**

A. **Installation of Vice-Moderator**
Elder Laurie Tupper (Kalamazoo, First) was installed as Vice-Moderator of the Presbytery of Lake Michigan for 2026.
B. **Docket request from Stephanie Nawyn**

Rev. Lynette Sparks, as Mission & Outreach Coordinator, brought a docket request from Stephanie Nawyn, member of the Presbyterian Church of Okemos, to speak on the grant she received from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance called "Welcoming the New Neighbor Dialogue (WTNN)." WTNN is a six-week curriculum for Christian congregations to engage in peer or clergy facilitated dialogue about refugees and immigrants. **A motion prevailed** to grant Stephanie Nawyn five minutes on the docket.

C. **Cybersecurity Overview**
Elder Beth Dyer presented a Presbytery of Lake Michigan Cybersecurity Overview document that Emily Franson and Kirk Truesdall put together. Discussion ensued about who oversees cybersecurity for the presbytery, who reviews the cybersecurity, does the presbytery consult with a cybersecurity/tech professional and does the presbytery have any sort of cybersecurity insurance policy. It was suggested that the Leadership Team annually review the presbytery's cybersecurity. Rev. Kristin Stroble suggested that further conversation on this topic should wait until Rev. Fran Lane-Lawrence's return from sabbatical.

D. **Christians Engaged in Civic Engagement**
Rev. Kristin Stroble informed the Leadership Team that on behalf of the presbytery she is working with a small group of ecumenical Michigan faith leaders from the United Methodist Church, Episcopal Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, and United Church of Christ to encourage voting and to provide education leading up to the elections. A webinar for faith leaders is planned with the Secretary of State's Office for October 12, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. and a press conference is being planned for October 27, 2026.

**Discussion of the Business and Worship at Stated Meetings of the Presbytery:**
The following is the preliminary outline of the business to be included on the docket for the Stated Meeting on November 17, 2026 was discussed.

A. **Tuesday, November 17, 2026 - Hastings**
1. Worship
    a. Celebration of the Lord's Supper
    b. Celebration of Saints
    c. Installation of Moderator/Vice Moderator
    a. Offering - PLM Candidates and Inquirers
    b. Preacher - Rodger Nishioka
2. Synod of the Covenant Report - Chip Hardwick (5 minutes)
3. Report of B&F -
    a. Vote on Proposed Budget
4. Report of EP - Fran Lane-Lawrence (10 minutes)
5. Nominating Committee Report - (5 minutes)
6. COM - Ben Rumbaugh
    a. Welcoming New Pastors
    b. Request for AC
7. Delta/Dimondale AC Report
8. Leadership Team Report
    a. Terms of Call for Rev. Dr. Fran Lane-Lawrence

**Adjournment and Closing Prayer:**
**A motion prevailed to** adjourn the meeting at 1:00 p.m. Rev. Troy Hauser-Brydon closed the meeting with prayer.

**Next meeting:** November 5, 2026
Via Zoom

**Devotion**: Beth Dyer