DOCKET of the STATED MEETING
Presbytery of Lake Michigan
November 17, 2026 9:30 a.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Hastings
405 M-37
Hastings, MI 49058

The Presbytery of Lake Michigan forms and partners with faith communities to challenge, encourage, equip, and hold one another accountable as Christ's disciples.

8:30 a.m. Registration opens: Please sign the Roll of the Presbytery

Orientation for first-time Elder Commissioners and new pastors took place via Zoom on November 12 and was led by Rev. Annamarie Groenenboom.

9:30 a.m. **LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE** – Elder Ben Boerkoel

OPENING OF THE STATED MEETING
Call to Order and Opening Prayer
Declaration of Quorum

9:35 a.m. **BUSINESS PLENARY I**

Appointment of Temporary Clerks	**[ACTION]**
Seating of Corresponding Members	**[ACTION]**
Statement of Quorum	
Approval of the Docket	**[ACTION]**
Welcome	
First-Time Elders and Christian Educators	
Guests and Visitors	
Greetings from the Host Church - Rev. Nick Marlatt	
Approval of the Consent Agenda	**[ACTION]**

10:00 a.m. WORSHIP – (See insert)

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka
Sermon Title: A Lesson from Eutychus
Scripture: Acts 20:7-12

Today's offerings are designated for PLM Inquirers and Candidates

11:00 a.m. BREAK (15 minutes)

11:15 a.m. KEYNOTE - Rev. Dr. Rodger Nishioka (30 minutes)
Good news for presbyters: Predestined, Called, Justified, Glorified!
As we explore who we are called by God to be, the Apostle Paul offers four characteristics of followers of Jesus. We will explore each of these and the implications for how we lead Christ's body today.

11:45 a.m. **BUSINESS PLENARY II**

Report of the Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk - Rev. Dr. Fran Lane (10 minutes)

Report of the N &R Committee - Rev. James Ayers (5 minutes) **[ACTION]**

Report of the Budget and Finance Committee – Elder Beth Dyer (20 minutes) **[ACTION]**
Proposed Budget for 2027

Report of the Synod of the Covenant - Rev. Chip Hardwick (5 minutes)

Report of the AC for Delta Presbyterian and FPC-Dimondale - Rev. Bill Pinches (20 minutes)
Request for Consolidation **[ACTION]**

Report of the Leadership Team - Rev. Troy Hauser-Brydon (5 minutes)
Terms of Call - Rev. Dr. Fran Lane-Lawrence (EP/SC) **[ACTION]**
Nomination to Nominating and Representation Committee **[ACTION]**

Commission on Ministry - Rev. Ben Rumbaugh (15 minutes)
Welcoming New Pastors
Request for Administrative Commission for Westlake Battle Creek [**ACTION]**

Report of the AC for North Westminster Presbyterian Church - Rev. Nick Marlatt (20 minutes)
Request for Dissolution **[ACTION]**

Invitation "Welcoming the New Neighbor" Dialogue - Stephanie Nawyn (5 minutes)

1:30 p.m. ADJOURNMENT/EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLE – Elder Ben Boerkoel

1:30 p.m. LUNCH

The next Presbytery meeting is scheduled
for Tuesday, February 9, 2027
Via Zoom