

**THE PRESBYTERY OF LAKE HURON
SUMMARY OF THE STATED MEETING
December 4, 2007**

THE PRESBYTERY OF LAKE HURON held its December meeting at First Presbyterian Church, Lapeer, Michigan.

THE VISIONING TEAM recommended and presbytery approved the elections of:

THE STATED CLERK recommended and presbytery approved:

- the minutes of the October 2, 2007 presbytery meeting
- the transfer the members of the former Bay City-Covenant, Bay City-Westminster, Burton-Farnumwood, Flint-Bethany and Flint-Christ the Liberator churches to the care of the presbytery
- the transfer of several members from the former churches to other churches
- the session minutes and registers of the churches who had their records reviewed

The following items were reported for information:

- the following transfer requests are now complete:
 - Stacey Jones to the Presbytery of North Central Iowa
 - Amanda (Adams) Riley from the Presbytery of Detroit
 - Randy Cullen from the Presbytery of Detroit
 - Mary Anne Evans-Justin as the Temporary Supply of Ithaca-First
 - David Jackson as the Interim Pastor at Flint-Community
- the dates for the 2007 and 2008 stated meetings and the need for invitations to the December 2, 2008 meeting
- the minutes of the Administrative Commission to install the Rev. Thomas Brackbill were received
- the Revs. Chris Moody and Karen Blatt reported that they conducted communion services previously approved by the presbytery
- official correspondences received from:
 - the Rev. George Baird, Synod Stated Clerk, requesting Presbytery concurrence of two amendments to the Synod's by-laws
 - Keith Wulff, coordinator of Research Services for General Assembly Council, the "Presbytery Ten-Year Trend Report."
 - the Board of Pensions, three letters regarding the non-filing of salary change forms for certain pastors, late payment of pension dues and non-payment of dues
 - the clerks of Midland-Memorial and Bay City-First regarding overtures to General Assembly

THE MODERATOR'S REPORT was a State of the Presbytery report. The report included many of the good things going on in the presbytery as well as the challenges that are still ahead.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM included a report from Carol Hyble, Vice President for Advancement at Alma College regarding their Open Windows fundraising campaign. The team recommended and presbytery approved:

- to pay the per capita fro the 119 members of the former Burton-Farnumwood, Flint-Bethany and Flint-Christ the Liberator churches who did not transfer to Flint-Trinity United but will remain on the rolls of the Presbytery from the undesignated cash reserves
- the loan application for Flint-Trinity United
- the sale of the former Bay City-Covenant property
- the 2008 Unified Budget

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- the new terms of call and/or employment of the presbytery staff for 2008

THE VISIONING TEAM recommended and presbytery approved:

- to concur with the recommendations of the Synod Assembly of the Synod of the Covenant that the by-laws be amended regarding the number of participants in Synod
- the election of the following people:
 - Moderator for 2008 – Elder CJ Merriman
 - Vice Moderator for 2008 – The Rev. David Young
 - Minister Commissioners to 218th General Assembly
 - The Rev. Ken Hetzel
 - The Rev. David Young
 - Elder Commissioners to the 218th General Assembly
 - Elder Freda Lawther
 - Elder Charles Richter
 - Youth Advisory Delegate to the 218th General Assembly
 - Samantha Long
 - Alternates (in case the elected commission is unable to attend)
 - The Rev. Young Kwon (Minister Commissioner)
 - Elder Harvey Kunnen (Elder Commissioner)
 - Peter Winland (Youth Advisory Delegate)

THE PRESBYTERY STAFF report focused on the role of presbytery. The worksheets from General Assembly that members completed at the October presbytery meeting were reviewed and the top priorities that were named by members were discussed. The overall top priority named was the desire to create vibrant congregations.

The **OVERTURE** from the Session of Midland-Memorial regarding Iraqi refugee assistance to be sent to General Assembly was discussed and approved as amended and the Stated Clerk was directed to circulate the overture to the other presbyteries.

THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY reported for information that it approved:

- a shared grant for a minister member of presbytery to address a medical need
- the covenant agreement between CLP Gloria Watson and Twining-Maple ridge

A WORKSHOP, “WAITING IN ANTICIPATION” was led by Elder Chris Wolf.

A WORSHIP SERVICE was held with the Rev. Ken Hetzel giving the sermon. The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper and the installation of the presbytery Moderator and Vice Moderator was included in the service.

THE MEETING CAME TO A CLOSE following worship at 3:30 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 5, 2008 at Flushing Presbyterian Church, Flushing beginning at 9:30 a.m.