

**THE PRESBYTERY OF LAKE HURON
SUMMARY OF THE STATED MEETING
April 1, 2008**

THE PRESBYTERY OF LAKE HURON held its February meeting at the (Roman Catholic Diocese of Saginaw's) Center For Ministry, Saginaw, Michigan.

The presbytery was led in a time of **BIBLE STUDY** by the Rev. Louise Brokaw.

The **PRESBYTERY STAFF REPORTS** were given by the Rev. Louise Brokaw, Douglas Tracy and Elders Andrea Drapp and Chris Wolf. Ms. Brokaw discussed the proposed bylaws; Mr. Tracy gave the Stated Clerk's report (which is listed below); Ms. Drapp gave a brief Treasurer's report with a full report to be made at the June meeting; Ms. Wolf discussed the relevance of the workshops she has been conducting at presbytery meetings for the past year.

THE STATED CLERK recommended and presbytery approved:

- The minutes of the February 5, 2008 presbytery meeting
- Approve the request of the congregation of Midland-Memorial under the provisions of G-7.0305 for the congregation to set the quorum for its 2008 stated annual meetings of the congregation and corporation at 110, seven less than its required quorum of 117
- Approve the request of Alma-Eastminister under the provisions of G-14.0226c, for an exception to the requirements for rotating terms of church officers to permit the congregation to reelect an elder for an additional term
- To accept the resignation of the Rev. Ken Parker from the Committee on Preparation for Ministry
- To accept the resignation of Elder Rod Bell (Caro-First) from the Committee on Ministry

The following items were reported for information:

- The Annual Statistics for 2007 are complete. All but one congregation filed their reports on time. The one missing report is from Ubyly – First
- The Rev. Dr. Valerie Fargo and Moderator CJ Merriman represented the Presbytery of Lake Huron in a commissioning service of Elder Chris Wolf as CLP of Marlette-First and Second
- The dates of the 2008 stated meetings and the need for invitations for the 2009 meetings
- The Rev. Chris Moody reported conducting communion services at Alma College as previously approved by the presbytery
- The Rev. Kate Thoresen reported conducting a communion service along with the Rev. Arthur Oberg at the Transitions Seminar as previously approved by the presbytery
- official correspondences received from:
 - Carole Tucker, Clerk of Session of the Flushing Church, an email letter reporting a Session action concerning their pastoral search process (referred to COM).
 - From Clifton Kirkpatrick, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, a letter of appreciation to the Presbytery of Lake Huron for its faithful stewardship in 2007.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM report was given by the Rev. Jim Offrink. A summary of what is currently happening with the Trinity United Presbyterian Church in Flint. All three buildings have been sold and construction on the new building is going well.

THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY report was given by the Rev. Dr. David Jackson. The ministry of the Rev. Bill Hennessy, pastor of Bay City-Westminster was celebrated. Mr. Hennessy has accepted a new call in New York. The COM Liaison to Bay City-Westminster as well as elders from the church spoke of his ministry not only to the congregation by the presbytery as well.

The committee reported that they took the following actions on behalf of the presbytery:

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- Approved the renewal of the CLP contract between Elders Julianne Princinsky and Chris Wolf and Deckerville
- Approved the renewal of the CLP contract between Elder Kay Adair and Swartz Creek-Mundy
- Approved the change in terms of call for the Rev. Dr. Rhashell Hunter who is serving the General Assembly
- Approved the funding for Linda Smith to attend training
- Presented the 2007 Necrology Report during the worship service
- Approved the termination of the service between Lay Preacher Chuck Moerdyk and Ithaca-Lafayette
- Approved, pending congregations concurrence, the request to dissolve the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Bill Hennessy and Bay City-Westminister
- Approved the request of the Rev. Chris Moody, interim chaplain at Alma College, to transfer his membership to the Presbytery of Lake Huron
- Approved two scholarship requests for continuing education from members of Presbytery
- Approved filing an application from a shared grant for \$640 (BOP would pay \$320 and Presbytery would pay \$320) to assist a member of Presbytery with certain medical expenses

THE VISIONING TEAM report was given by the Rev. Glenn Grant. The team recommended and presbytery approved:

- That the presbytery receive the proposed by-laws as presented as a “first reading.”
- That the presbytery use the following process for amending the proposed by-laws prior to taking a vote on their approval:
 - If commissioners or members of Presbytery wish to offer amendments to the by-laws as proposed, they may do so by presenting their amendments in writing to the Stated Clerk no later than May 3, 2008.
 - All amendments that are received will be included in the call for the June meeting and will be presented to the Presbytery for their discussion and vote at the June meeting.
 - Once the by-laws document is “perfected,” having addressed any amendments that are proposed, the Presbytery will be asked to vote to “adopt” or “not adopt” the by-laws as presented or amended.
- That, if the Presbytery adopts the proposed by-laws, they become effective on July 1, 2008
- That, to facilitate the transition into the new Presbytery structure, if adopted, the Visioning Team be instructed to:
 - Be prepared to nominate a slate of “at large” members for the new Coordinating Team for election at the June meeting so that the newly constituted Coordinating Team may begin its work as soon as possible;
 - Be prepared to nominate the membership for a Nominating Team for election at the June meeting; and
 - Be prepared to move to re-elect the current members of COM, CPM, COR, Personnel Team, and Trustees to terms (corresponding to their current terms) on the new standing units of Presbytery – any other positions that are not found in the new by-laws will expire on June 30, 2008.
- Elect the Rev. Dr. David Jackson as moderator of the Committee on Ministry for 2008 (at the request of the Committee on Ministry)

The **THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION FUND** report was given by the Rev. Karen Blatt. Ms. Blatt indicated that last year 11 congregations in the presbytery gave a total of \$14,000 to the TEF. She related the importance of this fund and challenged all congregations to contribute to it.

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A WORSHIP SERVICE was held with the Rev. Tom Cundiff giving the sermon.

THE MEETING CAME TO A CLOSE following worship at 12:30 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, June 3, 2008 at Alma College in Alma beginning at 9:30 a.m.