

**DRAFT OF PROPOSED MINUTES  
 PRESBYTERY OF MACKINAC  
 Meeting via ZOOM video conferencing  
 Friday, September 11, 2020**

- 1 The Presbytery of Mackinac held a Stated meeting via ZOOM video conferencing on Friday, September 11, 2020. Presbytery Moderator, Ruling Elder William Clark, called the meeting to order and opened with prayer at 10:10 a.m. Prior to calling the meeting to order, he gave a brief remembrance for the tragic events of September 11, 2011.
- 1.1 The roll was taken, and the Moderator ascertained that a quorum was present. In accordance with the *Book of Order*, G-3.0304, a quorum is defined as “no fewer than three teaching elders who are members of Presbytery and three ruling elder commissioners from three different congregations.”

**THE ROLL**

**NAME OF MINISTER/TEACHING ELDER**

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<b>VALIDATED</b>			
Broschart, Elizabeth		1	
Cammarata, Nicholas			1
Donahoe, Ryan	1		
Gabbard, Mark	1		
Hebert, Anne	1		
Jun, Sam Sung Soo	1		
Klinger Jaime	1		
Krause, Kenneth	1		
Layraman, Sudalak	1		
MacInnes-Green, D. Ian	1		
March, Michael	1		
Murphy, Kenneth P.	1		
Myers, William	1		
Norland, Peter			1
Porter, James	1		
Ramage, David C.	1		
Rayment, William	1		
Reed, Janice	1		
Ritchie, John		1	
Segars, J. Kyle		1	
Vander Sys, Melinda	1		
Zurakowski, Gregory	1		
Zurakowski, Karen	1		
<b>MEMBER AT LARGE</b>			
Jones, Terrence B.			1
Plocher, Andrew			1
Santer, Jennifer			1

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**HONORABLY RETIRED**

Aroian, Lois	1	
Bard, G. Terry		1
Barkat, Nancy	1	
Blevins, Gerald E.		1
Bown, Ronald		1
Brandt, Russell		1
Broschart, Gerard J.		1
Brown, Robert O.		1
Christopherson, James E.		1
Edwards, Ned W.		1
Faulman, Robert E.		1
Foster, Ross A.		1
Fox, Margaret A.		1
Groty, Mary V.		1
Hall, David Q.		1
Hall, Maxine E.		1
Henderson, David N.		1
Kelley, Robert H.		1
Kinloch, Donald E.	1	
Lane, William R.		1
Lueck, Robert		1
McClure, Mary A.		1
McLeod, Donald R.		1
McQuilkin, Robert W.		1
Megregian, Patricia		1
Morrison, J Elliot P.	1	
Murray, Sandra A.	1	
Nye, Homer		1
Osborn, Margie		1
Parcels, Clayton R.		1
Payne, William T.		1
Raffensperger, Carolyn M.		1
Robb, Christina		1
Robb, James		1
Saad, Jennifer		1
Shaw, Sandy R.		1
Van Dam, David J.		1
Wright, Sanford K. H.		1
Total Present	23	
Total Excused	36	
Total Absent	5	

**NAME OF CHURCH**

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Elder Commissioner</u>
Alpena	1			Scott Edgar
Bellaire	1			Cynthia Tschudy
Beulah	1			Judith Harnish
Big Bay	1			Daniel Maloch
Boyne City			1	Commissioner
Dafter	1			Connie Watson
DeTour Village	1			Leslie Henderson
Donaldson	1			Joyce Henderson
East Jordan			1	Toni Jeffery

Elk Rapids	1		Sandra Gray
Escanaba	1		John Klim
Florence WI	1		Karen Wertenan
Gaylord	1		Madeline Fritz
Gould City	1		Sharon Poole
Harbor Springs		1	Shirley Anderson
Harrisville	1		Cyndi Swise
Hessel	1		Michael Stoll
Houghton	1		J Lytle
Iron River		1	Cynthia M. Cochene
Ishpeming		1	Karen Richards
Kingsford		1	Commissioner
Manistique	1		William Spencer
Marquette	1		George Carnahan
Menominee		1	Commissioner
Munising		1	Commissioner
Neebish Island		1	Commissioner
Newberry	1		Lynn Dake
Northern Lakes	1		Patricia Thompson
Omena		1	Commissioner
Petoskey		1	Delores O'Neill
Pickford	1		James Halsey
Rogers City	1		Mary Chojnacki
Rudyard	1		Barry Davis
Sagola		1	Commissioner
Sault Ste. Marie	1		Brenda Ransom
Spruce	1		Edward Fines
Stalwart		1	Commissioner
Traverse City		1	Commissioner
		1	Commissioner
Trout Creek		1	Commissioner
Total Elder Commissioners Present		23	
Total Churches Represented		23	
Total Churches Not Represented		16	

<b>COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS</b>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Julie Dowty			1
Brenda Ransom	counted elsewhere		
Dawn Robbins		1	
James Rodgers	1		

**CERTIFIED CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS**  
None

**CERTIFIED CHURCH ADMINISTRATORS**

Lindy Bearss	1
Addie Marceau	1

**COORDINATING COUNCIL RULING ELDER MEMBERS**

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Absent</u>
William Clark (Vice Moderator)	1		
Cynthia M. Couchene	counted elsewhere		
Susanne Fantini (Ministry)	1		
Edward Fines (Budget and Financial)			

Services)	counted elsewhere	
John Fought (Treasurer)		1
Kay Morrill (Stated Clerk)		1
Florence Morrison (Presbyterian Women)		1
Sarto, Andrea (PPCCC)		1

**CORRESPONDING MEMBERS**

Rev. Dr. Charles B. Hartwick, Synod of the Covenant Interim Executive Presbyter, Miami Valley Presbytery

**STAFF**

Ms. Raeann Dunlop, Administrative and Financial Assistant

**VISITORS**

None.

**MEETING ATTENDANCE TOTALS**

<b>CATEGORY</b>		
Minister Members of Presbytery		23
Church Elder Commissioners		23
Commissioned Ruling Elders (CREs/CLPs)		1
Certified Christian Educators		0
Certified Church Administrators		0
Ruling Elder Members—Coordinating Council		6
Corresponding Members		1
Staff		1
Visitors		0
<b>Total People in Attendance</b>		<b>55</b>
<b>Churches represented</b>	<b>23</b>	
<b>Churches not represented</b>	<b>16</b>	

**1.2 Authority for the Presbytery to hold virtual meetings**

Moved by the Stated Clerk, on behalf of the Coordinating Council, to be offered as one vote at the beginning of the September 11 Stated Presbytery meeting. This motion requires a 2/3 vote of Presbytery to approve (Bylaws, Amendments):

1. That the Presbytery temporarily suspend for its September 11, 2020, stated meeting any Bylaw provision, or excuse the lack of any Bylaw provision, that would impede the holding of an electronic stated meeting on that day in compliance with the *Book of Order* and *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*; and

That the Presbytery adopt the following provisions to apply on a temporary basis to the September 11, 2020, Stated Presbytery meeting and to serve as the first reading of a permanent Bylaw and Manual of Operations Policy and Practice amendment for future presbytery meetings for adoption at the February 2021 stated meeting:

Change Section 2.08 of the Presbytery Bylaws to read as follows, renumber the current section 2.08 to 2.09, and renumber subsequent

sections accordingly:

**2.08 Electronic Meetings**

The Presbytery, as determined by the Coordinating Council, may meet by electronic means if all ministers of the Word and Sacrament members and ruling elder commissioners have reasonable notice (notice as defined for an in-person meeting) of the electronic meeting and the ability to discuss, deliberate, discern the will of God, and vote on business items. The quorum for such an electronic meeting shall be at least three ministers of the Word and Sacrament who are members of the presbytery and three ruling elder commissioners from three different congregations. Further requirements for such meetings may be prescribed in the Presbytery of Mackinac Manual of Operations Policy and Procedures.

Add a new section, "Electronic Meetings of Presbytery" of Mackinac Manual of Operations Policy and Practice to read as follows:

**Electronic Meetings of Presbytery  
Requirements for Electronic Meetings of Presbytery**

It is the policy of the Presbytery of Mackinac that stated and special meetings will normally occur in a specified physical location and that only presbyters physically present and registered at that location may vote. Information relevant to such meetings may be provided by people not physically present through written, electronic, or other formats. However, in extraordinary circumstances as determined by the Coordinating Council, the Presbytery may meet in stated or special meetings without a central physical location and instead using audio conference or video conference technology that is reasonably available to significant numbers of presbyters. Such technology shall be chosen to ensure that there are adequate methods for:

A roll to be created and the presence of a quorum to be determined and certified;

A presbyter to raise a point of order about the presence of a quorum;

Those participating to engage in simultaneous aural communication for discussion and debate;

A presbyter or a person granted voice at the meeting to be able to seek recognition to speak and obtain the floor;

Motions, amendments, dissents and protests to be offered in writing during the meeting;

Votes to be taken and verified.

In information issued prior to each electronic meeting, and at the commencement of each such meeting, the Stated Clerk shall explain the way presbyters may connect to the meeting using the approved technology, and the processes that will be used to comply with the above requirements and those of the Presbytery Bylaws. The Coordinating Council may adopt additional Practice provisions to carry out this electronic meeting Policy.

Amend by adding a new section "Coordinating Council" of the Presbytery Bylaws to read as follows:

The Coordinating Council may meet by electronic means if all members have reasonable notice of the electronic meeting and the ability to discuss, deliberate, discern the will of God, and vote on business items. The quorum for such an electronic meeting is a majority of the Coordinating Council members. Further requirements for such electronic meetings may be prescribed in the Manual of Operations Policy and Practice.

**Rationale:** The coronavirus pandemic has shown that the Presbytery needs to adopt a policy to allow electronic presbytery meetings when face-to-face meetings are not feasible or would violate government mandates.

To proceed at the September 11 stated meeting, it is helpful that the current Presbytery Bylaws offer flexibility to temporarily suspend (by a 2/3 vote) any impediments to transacting necessary business in September. The same amendments proposed above that would govern how we operate at the September 11 meeting are also a forward-looking proposal for Bylaws and Manual of Operations amendments to be considered and adopted in February 2021 for future presbytery and Coordinating Council meetings. *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* sets out parliamentary requirements for conducting electronic meetings. The rules changes proposed today largely draw on those requirements and the corresponding *Book of Order* standards (G-3.0105).

Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the above motion and hold this meeting virtually as follows: YES, 40; NO, 0.

- 1.3 First-time ruling elder commissioners and pastors new to the Presbytery were introduced and welcomed.

- 1.4 On motion duly made and seconded, Presbytery **VOTED** to give Corresponding Members voice but not vote.
- 1.5 **CONSENT AGENDA**  
Moderator, Ruling Elder William Clark, presented the Consent Agenda for approval. Upon request, Item C-15 was removed from the Consent Agenda and added to the Agenda.  
On motion duly made and seconded, Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the Consent Agenda as amended and the Docket as Amended. YES, 40; NO, 0.  
On motion duly made and seconded, Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda.
- 1.5.1 C-1: Approved the minutes of the stated presbytery meeting of February 22, 2020.
- 1.5.2 C-2: Adopted the 2019 Presbytery Statistical Report as presented.
- APPENDIX A**
- 1.5.3 C-3: Dismissed Rev. John Edwards Ritchie to Glacier Presbytery retroactive to February 22, 2020.
- 1.5.4 C-4: Approved the sale of property from Northern Lakes Community Church to Sergey P. Bakunets and Ruvim P. Bakunets in the amount of \$48,000 as set forth in the documentation presented. **APPENDIX B**
- 1.5.5 C-5: Reaffirmed actions taken by the Board of Trustees of the Presbytery of Mackinac (Committee on Budget and Financial Services) in regards to the loan from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) Investment and Loan Program to First Presbyterian Church of Petoskey, Michigan, as set forth in the Stated Clerk's report as follows:  
**MOVED** to reaffirm the action taken by the Board of Trustees of the Corporation of the Presbytery of Mackinac, a Michigan domestic nonprofit corporation, to adopt at its meeting on July 18, 2020, the following resolution:  
**RESOLVED**, The First Presbyterian Church of Petoskey, Michigan ("Church") located at 501 E. Mitchell Street, Petoskey, MI 49770 has applied for a loan as follows from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Investment and Loan Program, Inc. ("Lender") funded by Endowment Funded Loans:           Amount of Loan:       \$450,000  
**FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Presbytery of Mackinac, a Michigan domestic nonprofit corporation, ("**Presbytery**") having received and reviewed the Loan application of the Church, a member in good standing of this Presbytery, approves the Loan application, and guarantees the repayment of principal and interest on the loan to the Lender as described above. The officers of the Presbytery as listed on the attached Certificate of Incumbency marked Exhibit A are authorized to sign a guarantee and any and all documents of this loan as authorized agents of the Presbytery.
- 1.5.6 C-6: Approved the Presbytery's portion of per capita for 2021 at \$25.77. Total per capita is \$38 as follows: General Assembly, \$8.98; Synod of the Covenant, \$3.25; and Presbytery of Mackinac, \$25.77. This is an increase of three cents for General Assembly and a decrease of three cents for the

Presbytery.

- 1.5.7 C-7: Approved the recommendations set forth in the Preliminary Report of the Administrative Commission for Grace Presbyterian Church of Sagola. **APPENDIX C**
- 1.5.8 C-8: Upon receipt of all exit forms required by the Presbytery of Mackinac, the Committee on Ministry recommended approving the dissolution of the call for Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart
- 1.5.9 C-9: Approved the 2020 Terms of Call as presented, retroactive to January 1, 2020. **APPENDIX D**
- 1.5.10 C-10: Approved the recommendation of the Committee on Ministry to set the minimum salary which includes cash salary and housing allowances and/or housing for full-time, installed pastors of the Presbytery of Mackinac at \$46,827 for 2021. (Note: Same as 2020.)
- 1.5.11 C-11: Approved the Terms of Call Agreement between Designated Pastor Jaime Klinger and First Presbyterian Church of East Jordan, Michigan, as set forth in "Designated Pastor Call Agreement for 2020-2021."  
**APPENDIX E**
- 1.5.12 C-12: Approved all actions taken by the Committee on Ministry between meetings as noted in their report. **APPENDIX F**
- 1.5.13 C-13: Approved the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel to increase the allotment made to pay for health insurance for the Office Manager from 75% to 100%.
- 1.5.14 C-14: Approved the recommendation of the Committee on Personnel that the Stated Clerk receive a cost of living increase in salary of 1.6% beginning the next fiscal year.
- 1.5.15 C-15: **Removed from the Consent Agenda** and Placed on the Docket.
- 1.5.16 C-16: Approved Presbytery meetings for these dates in 2021, at these locations, if the way be clear:
  - February 19 Westminster, Rogers City
  - May 15 St. Andrews, Beulah
  - September (date to be determined) First, Kingsford/Iron Mountain
- 1.5.17 C-17: Received all reports.

## 2 **SYNOD OF THE COVENANT INTERIM EXECUTIVE, REV. DR. CHARLES B. HARDWICK**

Presbytery Moderator, Ruling Elder William Clark, introduced and welcomed the new Interim Executive Presbyter for the Synod of the Covenant, the Rev. Dr. Charles B. Hardwick. The Rev. Dr. Hardwick reviewed the history of his coming to be the Synod Executive for the Synod of the Covenant. Presbytery of Cincinnati submitted a proposed Overture to the 218<sup>th</sup> General Assembly citing disorder in the Synod of the Covenant. General Assembly met and decided to appoint an Administrative Commission for the Synod of the Covenant. Following policy and procedure, the General Assembly Administrative Commission assumed original jurisdiction of the Synod of the Covenant.

- 2.1 Interim Synod Executive announced that grants and scholarships to help support ministries of education, social justice, and transformation



throughout our eleven presbyteries, were now available. More information was available on the Synod website, [www.synod.covenant.org](http://www.synod.covenant.org).

- 2.2 The Synod is posting a weekly video featuring each of the eleven presbyteries. The videos hosted by the Interim Executive Presbyter give a glimpse of just some of what God is doing throughout churches and members. He showed the video for the Presbytery of Mackinac, which was the first to be featured and available on the Synod website.

3 **MODERATOR'S REPORT**

Presbytery Moderator, Ruling Elder William Clark, outlined his term as Moderator. In February 2020 he hosted the first Presbytery meeting of the year at his home church, First Presbyterian of Elk Rapids. He was looking forward to the May meeting at First Presbyterian Church at Sault Ste. Marie when the pandemic hit in March and made the May in-person meeting impossible. Hoping we would be allowed to meet in person by our September meeting, we find ourselves meeting virtually via video conferencing on ZOOM. He observed that this pandemic has required new ways to do just about everything associated with the Presbytery and our individual churches. Ruling Elder Clark reported that Coordinating Council Chair, Rev. Dr. William C. Myers, has passed to him as the incoming Coordinating Council Chair, the Cross of Reconciliation.

4 **STATED CLERK REPORT**

**Items of Information**

4.1 **Investigating Committee**

In accordance with the *Book of Order*, D-10.0103, the Stated Clerk reported verbally that an offense had been alleged and referred to an Investigating Committee.

4.2 **Communication**

Stated Clerk of the Synod of the Covenant, the Rev. Richard Henry Rojas-Banuchi, has advised that the Presbytery's per capita for 2021 will be a total of \$14,157 (\$3.25 x 4,356 members on December 31, 2019.)

4.3 **Matthew 25 Congregations**

The Presbyterian Mission Agency has advised that the Presbytery of Mackinac has three Matthew 25 congregations, as follows:

First, Petoskey	August 21, 2019
First, Marquette	November 21, 2019
The Presbyterian Church, Traverse City	December 2, 2019

In their commitment to become a Matthew 25 church, "we are called to act boldly and compassionately to serve people who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned and poor. By joining on this journey, these churches have united in common mission with Presbyterians to become a more relevant presence in the world."

4.4 **2019 Presbytery Statistical Report**

The **2019 Presbytery Statistical Report** is a compilation of statistics reported to the Office of the General Assembly from the 39 churches in the Presbytery of Mackinac. **APPENDIX A**

The Presbytery showed an overall loss of 182 members in 2019 compared to a loss of 217 in 2018.

4.5 **Composition/Numerical Parity**

In accordance with G-3.0301 in the *Book of Order*, year-end 2019 shows the numerical parity of Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders as follows:

<b>Teaching Elders</b>		<b>Ruling Elders</b>	
Validated Ministry	18	Elder Commissioners	40
Members at Large	3	Elder Members Council	10
Honorably Retired	40	Commissioned Ruling Elders	
Minus non residents	<u>8</u> <u>32</u>	(CREs/CLPs)	<u>3</u>
<b>TOTAL Teaching Elders</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>TOTAL Ruling Elders</b>	<b>53</b>

Attendance at Presbytery meetings during 2019—

	<b>Teaching Elders</b>	<b>Ruling Elders</b>
February 23, 2019 (Stated)	19	23
May 18, 2019 (Stated)	22	19
September 20-21, 2019 (Stated)	14	14

4.6 **Report of the roster of former members of the Permanent Judicial Commission annually to the Council (Presbytery) (D-5.0206b)**

The current roster of former members of the Permanent Judicial Commission whose terms have expired or ended:

**Class of 2019:** Ruling Elder Donald McLennan, Ruling Elder Joel Secrist, and Rev. Dr. William Myers (resigned in 2016);

**Class of 2017:** Rev. Sanford K. H. Wright (resigned in 2016), Elder Kristin Benghauser, Rev. Michael March;

**Class of 2015:** Elder Florence Morrison, Rev. Dr. Jennifer Saad.

4.7 **Annual Gathering and Synod Review of Presbyteries**

Because the General Assembly Administrative Committee for the Synod of the Covenant has assumed original jurisdiction of the Synod, and the coronavirus pandemic Covid-19, the review of Presbytery minutes for 2019 has been delayed. Synod Stated Clerk, Rev. Richard Henry Rojas-Banuchi, met with Presbytery Stated Clerks via Zoom video conferencing on Tuesday, August 18, 2020. More information will follow when Synod Assembly approves the review report.

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4.8 **Report of the Council's (Presbytery's) Annual Review of Session Records (G-3.0108)**

Annual Administrative Reviews for 2019 for the 39 churches in Mackinac have been delayed due to the coronavirus pandemic, Covid-19 Pandemic. The reviews have begun recently and are ongoing. A more complete report will be available at the February 2021 meeting of the Presbytery.

4.9 **224<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2020)**

4.9.1 Presbyters from Mackinac elected Minister Commissioner, the **Rev. Dr. Anne Hebert** (St. Andrews, Beulah), **Ruling Elder Commissioner Cyndi Couchene** (First of Iron County, Iron River), and **Young Adult Advisory Delegate, Henry Sale** (First, Marquette).

4.9.2 The Committee on the Office of the General Assembly (COGA) canceled plans to hold the in-person Assembly in Baltimore June 20-27 and to conduct the Assembly virtually on June 19, 26, and 27. It was deemed a technological success. *From Laments to Hope* based on Lamentations 5:20-21 was the theme for this year's Assembly.

4.9.3 Ruling Elder Elona Street-Stewart, executive of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies, and the Rev. Gregory Bentley, pastor of Fellowship Presbyterian Church in Huntsville, Alabama, were overwhelmingly elected to be co-moderators of the 224th General Assembly on the first ballot. The Reverend Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II, was elected for a second 4-year term as the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). All actions taken by the 224<sup>th</sup> Assembly will be reaffirmed by the 225<sup>th</sup> Assembly in 2022.

4.10 **Synod of the Covenant**

4.10.1 The Interim Synod Executive, the Rev. Dr. Charles "Chip" B. Hardwick, has been meeting with and familiarizing himself with the Synod's eleven presbyteries. On May 5, Mackinac's elected officers and office staff person met with him via Zoom to give him an overview of the Presbytery of Mackinac, the highlights and lowlights of the presbytery's ministry and mission, and how he and the Synod can serve Mackinac Presbytery.

4.10.2 The Synod is in the process of moving its office from Maumee, Ohio, to Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

4.10.3 Information regarding Grants and Scholarships was available on the Synod website: <https://synodofthecovenant.org/synod-ministries>.

4.10.4 *Assembly Highlights 7/24/20* are included with this report.

**APPENDIX G**

4.11 Also included is the "Meditation, *Promise of Community*" by Ruling Elder Elona Street-Stewart, member of the General Assembly Administrative Commission acting as the Synod of the Covenant and Co-Moderator of the 224<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. **APPENDIX H**

5 **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer, Ruling Elder John Fought, submitted a written report as of August 31, 2020, and for the eight months then ended. **APPENDIX I**, and Financial Reports from January 1 through August 31, 2020, for the General Operating Fund, **APPENDIX J**, Mission Fund, **APPENDIX K**, and Restricted Fund, **APPENDIX L**. Summary for General Operating Fund as of August 31, 2020, and for the eight months then ended follows:

Revenues	\$ 93,515
Expenses	<u>99,755</u>
Expenses over revenues	\$ ( 6,240)

6 **COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FINANCIAL SERVICES**

Committee Chair, Ruling Elder Edward Fines, reported verbally.

- 6.1 He reported the Financial Review for 2019 will be done by a Petoskey-based CPA firm, Klepadlo, Winnell, Nuorala, P.C. CPA for approximately \$4,500.
- 6.2 He presented the Proposed Operating Budget for 2021 (**APPENDIX M**) and Proposed Mission Budget for 2021 (**APPENDIX N**) for Presbytery approval. He advised that the Presbytery is looking at a deficit Operating Budget for 2021, and the Committee struggled with this recognizing that each church has been struggling with its own budget during the coronavirus pandemic. He thanked Committee Members Ruling Elders William DeHaan, Thomas Juntune, Michael Stoll, and Treasurer John Fought, ex officio; and Office Manager Raeann Dunlopp. On Committee recommendation, Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the Proposed Operating Budget for 2021 and the Proposed Mission Budget for 2021.
- 6.3 He noted that while per capita for 2021 remains at \$38, the General Assembly portion is \$8.98 (up \$0.03), Synod of the Covenant remains the same at \$3.25, and the Presbytery's portion will be \$25.77, which is \$0.03 lower than 2020. The Presbytery approved \$25.77, its portion of per capita for 2021 on the consent agenda.

7 **COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION AND NOMINATIONS**

- 7.1 Committee Co-chair, Rev. Karen Zurakowski, asked presbyters to continue to hold Co-chair, Rev. David Henderson, and his wife Leslie in prayer in the recent loss of their son. She reported the Committee worked in July, August, and September, and she encouraged the Presbytery to continue to examine as a Presbytery the current committee structure. She thanked all the people who prayerfully agreed to be nominated. She stated that the Committee made a great effort to balance committees. She reported the need for a Chair for the Committee on Ministry. The Moderator asked if there were nominations from the floor. On motion made and seconded, Rev. Janice Reed was nominated Chair of the Committee

on Ministry and added to the slate of nominees to be elected. There being no other nominations from the floor, the Moderator declared nominations closed. Presbytery **VOTED** to elect those people in **bold** as listed below. The Committees are listed in their entirety. YES 41; No 0

**Presbytery Coordinating Council Chair** (1-year term)  
**Ruling Elder William Clark, Elk Rapids**

**Presbytery Moderator** (1-year term)  
**Rev. Dr. Anne Hebert, Beulah**

**Presbytery Vice Moderator** (1-year term)  
**Ruling Elder Susanne Fantini, Petoskey**

**Presbytery Treasurer** (1-year term)  
**Ruling Elder John Fought, Petoskey**

**Committee on Budget and Financial Services (6 members)**  
**Ruling Elder Edward Fines, chair**

**Class of 2021**

Ruling Elder Thomas Juntune, Bellaire

Ruling Elder Michael Stoll, Hessel

**Class of 2022**

**Ruling Elder Leanne Deuman, Sault Ste. Marie (1<sup>st</sup> term)**

**Ruling Elder Daniel Richards, Ishpeming (1<sup>st</sup> term)**

**Class of 2023**

**Ruling Elder Edward Fines, Spruce, Chair (2<sup>nd</sup> term)**

Vacancy

**Committee on Education and Leadership Development (9 members)**

Rev. Dr. Kenneth Murphy, chair

**Class of 2021**

Ruling Elder Al Beamish, Dafter (1<sup>st</sup> term)

Rev. Kenneth P. Murphy, Harbor Springs (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

Cheryl Thom, Kingsford/Iron Mountain (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

**Class of 2022**

**Sharon Rocker, Rogers City (1<sup>st</sup> term)**

Vacancy

Vacancy

**Class of 2023**

**CLP/CRE James Rodgers, Munising (1<sup>st</sup> term)**

Vacancy

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**Committee on Ministry (15)** (includes Preparation for Ministry)

**Rev. Janice Reed, Gould City/Manistique, chair**

**Class of 2021**

Ruling Elder George Carnahan, Marquette (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

Rev. Donald Kinloch, Honorably Retired (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

Rev. Janice Reed, Gould City/Manistique, Chair (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

CLP Dawn Robbins, Iron River/Iron County (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

Vacancy

**Class of 2022**

Rev. Andrew Plocher, Marquette (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

Rev. Dr. Gregory Zurakowski, Rogers City (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

Vacancy

Vacancy

Vacancy

**Class of 2023**

**Rev. Dr. Robert Brown, HR, Harbor Springs** (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

**Rev. Jaime Klinger, East Jordan** (1<sup>st</sup> term)

**Ruling Elder Joseph Leach, Petoskey** (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

**Ruling Elder Richard Wissell, Iron River/County** (1<sup>st</sup> term)

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**Committee on Mission (9 members)**

Rev. Sandra Murray, chair

**Class of 2021**

Ruling Elder Mary "Jill" Hill-Stoll, Hessel (1<sup>st</sup> term)

Rev. Sandra Murray, HR, Traverse City, chair (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

Ruling Elder Karen Richards, Ishpeming (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

**Class of 2022**

Ruling Elder Cyndi Couchene, Iron River/County

Ruling Elder Joseph Leach, Petoskey (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

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**Class of 2023**

**Rev. Nancy Barkat, HR, Newberry** (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

**Ruling Elder Thomas Juntune, Bellaire** (1<sup>st</sup> term)

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**Personnel: (6 members)**

**Rev. William Rayment, chair**

**Class of 2021**

Rev. Ryan Donahoe, Petoskey (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

Rev. David Ramage, Bellaire (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

**Class of 2022**

**CLP/CRE Brenda Ransom, Sault Ste. Marie** (1<sup>st</sup> term)

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**Class of 2023**

**Rev. William Rayment, Alpena, chair** (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

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**Committee on Session Records (6 members)**

**Ruling Elder Cyndi Couchene, chair**

**Class of 2021**

Ruling Elder Dorothy Lotterman, Big Bay (1<sup>st</sup> term)

Ruling Elder Steven Kosto, Spruce (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

**Class of 2022**

Ruling Elder Cyndi Couchene, Iron River, chair (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

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**Class of 2023**

**Ruling Elder Joyce Henderson, Donaldson** (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

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**Committee on Worshiping Communities (9 members)**

**CLP/CRE Dawn Robbins, chair**

**Class of 2021**

Ruling Elder Margaret Tall, Escanaba (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

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**Class of 2022**

Rev. Karen Zurakowski, Rogers City (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

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**Class of 2023**

**CLP/CRE Dawn Robbins, Iron County, chair** (2<sup>nd</sup> term)

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**Permanent Judicial Commission: (9 members)**

**six year term**

**Class of 2021**

**Ruling Elder Leanne Deuman, Sault Ste. Marie**

Rev. William Payne, Honorably Retired, Marquette

Ruling Elder Janet Rathka, DeTour Village

**Class of 2023**

Ruling Elder Scott Edgar, Alpena

Rev. Mark Gabbard, Sault Ste. Marie

**Rev. Ian MacInnes-Green, Gaylord**

**Class of 2025**

**Rev. Dr. Robert O. Brown, HR, Harbor Springs**

**Ruling Elder James Halsey, Pickford**

**Rev. Dr. William Myers, Traverse City**

**Ordination Exam Readers for 2021**

**Teaching Elder: Rev. Dr. Lois Aroian**

**Ruling Elder: Sarah Juntune**

**Alternate: CLP/CRE Dawn Robbins**

**Presbytery Commissioners to Synod Assembly: 3-year term**

**Class of 2023**

**Minister Rev. Michael March, Kingsford/Iron Mountain**

**Elder Ruling Elder Laura Asiala, Elk Rapids**

Nominations to the Committee on Representation and Nominations are made by the Coordinating Council of the Presbytery of Mackinac.

**Committee on Representation and Nominations (6 members)**

**Rev. Karen Zurakowski, chair**

**Class of 2021**

**Rev. William Payne, HR, Marquette (2<sup>nd</sup> term)**

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**Class of 2022**

**Rev. David Henderson, HR, DeTour Village (2<sup>nd</sup> term)**

**Ruling Elder Florence Morrison, Traverse City**

**Class of 2023**

**Ruling Elder Margaret Tall, Escanaba (2<sup>nd</sup> term)**

**Rev. Karen Zurakowski, Rogers City, chair (2<sup>nd</sup> term)**

**8 PRESBYTERY COMMISSIONERS TO 224<sup>th</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

- 8.1 Presbytery of Mackinac Minister Commissioner to General Assembly, Rev. Dr. Anne Hebert, after having consulted with Elder Commissioner Cyndi Couchene, made a verbal report on behalf of both of them. Rev. Dr. Hebert thanked the Presbytery for the opportunity to have served the presbytery. She stated that this year's Assembly was extraordinarily different. Stated Clerk J. Herbert Nelson II and Staff did a wonderful job. She reported that most of this Assembly's business has been deferred to the 225<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in 2022. New Co-Moderators, Ruling Elder Elona Street-Stewart, the first Native American moderator of the PC(USA), and Rcv. Gregory Bentley were elected on the first ballot. The tenor of this GA had a focus on racism.
- 8.2 Young Adult Advisory Delegate Henry Sales was not available to report at this time.
- 8.3 Presbytery Moderator William Clark thanked the Commissioners and YAAD for their time and service.

**9 CELEBRATION OF MINISTRIES**

None

**10 PRAYER AND PRAISE**

Vice Moderator, Rev. Dr. Anne Hebert, led the Presbytery in prayer and praise.

**11 ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

- 11.1 This item was removed from the Consent Agenda:  
C-15: Approve the proposed changes recommended by the Committee on Personnel to the Personnel Manual as set forth in the document titled "Personnel Manual Changes."

**APPENDIX O**



In question was "Personnel Manual Changes" Number 4—  
"Page 7. Treasurer Position Description: A minister of the word and sacrament or ruling elder, elected by Presbytery for a term of ~~one (1) year~~ *two (2) years*; may be re-elected at Presbytery's discretion, and is accountable to the Coordinating Council.

- 11.2 Motion was made and seconded that the item in question be amended to read "may be re-elected for an indefinite number of terms, at Presbytery's discretion . . . ." Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the amendment as follows:  
**Treasurer Position Description:** A minister of the word and sacrament or ruling elder, elected by Presbytery for a term of ~~one (1) year~~ *two (2) years; may be re-elected for an indefinite number of terms, at Presbytery's discretion*, and is accountable to the Coordinating Council. YES 35; No 0.
- 11.3 On motion duly made and seconded, Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the document as amended. YES 40; No 0. **APPENDIX O**
- 12 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**  
None.
- 13 **NEW BUSINESS**  
None.
- 14 **INSTALLATION OF MODERATOR AND VICE MODERATOR**  
Retiring Presbytery Moderator, Ruling Elder William Clark, presided over the Installation of newly-elected Presbytery Moderator, Rev. Dr. Anne Hebert, and Vice Moderator, Ruling Elder Susanne Fantini. Ruling Elder William Clark bestowed upon the Presbytery Moderator the Moderator's stole along with the gavel.
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- 15 **JOYS AND CONCERNS** were shared.
- 16 **CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT**  
Following an opportunity for prayer requests, there being no other business to come before the body at this time, on motion duly made and seconded, Presbytery **VOTED** to adjourn. At 11:35 a.m., newly-installed Presbytery Moderator led the Presbytery in a unison prayer and offered a closing prayer. If the way be clear, the next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Mackinac will be Saturday, February 20, 2021, tentatively at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 125 West Ontario, Rogers City, Michigan.

Kay Morrill  
Stated Clerk

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