

**Presbytery of Detroit
Minutes of the Stated Meeting
July 13, 2021**

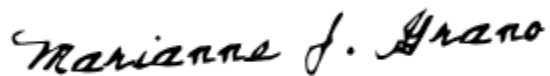
The Presbytery of Detroit convened with prayer in a stated meeting at 4:00pm at Belle Isle Park in Detroit. Rev. Jasmine Smart moderated the meeting and Rev. Marianne Grano served as clerk and secretary. A quorum was not present.

Elder Rosy Latimore moved to fix the time and place to which to adjourn to 4:30pm at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church in Detroit. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

Rev. Jim Monnett moved to adjourn to so that a quorum could be established. Motion carried by unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned at 4:02pm with prayer.

ATTEST:

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Marianne Grano, Stated Clerk

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Minutes of the Adjourned Meeting
July 13, 2021

The Presbytery of Detroit convened with prayer and a land acknowledgment in an adjourned meeting at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church in Detroit.

The Moderator declared the presence of a quorum.

Worship: The assembly celebrated worship with communion. Isaac Delezenne, Rev. Garrett Mostowski, Rev. Kevin Johnson, and Elder Charon Barconey led worship. Rev. Sarah Logemann preached on Matthew 13:31-35, challenging the Presbytery to allow God to “Rise Up!” the Presbytery, in Christ and with one another, and remember that God is at work within our midst, in a sermon entitled “The Little Red Hen and the Kingdom of God.” Rev. Opelton Parker’s Jazz Ensemble offered special music.

The Moderator appointed Rev. Judi McMillan Assistant to the Stated Clerk.

The Moderator welcomed all new ministers and commissioners.

Rev. Matthew Nickel welcomed the Presbytery on behalf of the

Upon motion of Rev. Neeta Nichols, Presbytery approved the following as Omnibus #1:

Excuse all continuing minister and elder members of Presbytery who have asked to be excused.

Seat as corresponding members all eligible persons who are presented to the Presbytery and who register as corresponding members: Rev. Chip Hardwick, _____ Presbytery.

Upon motion of Elder Kevin Smith, Presbytery approved the docket with the times amended to add forty minutes to each time.

Report from Rev. Chip Hardwick, Synod of the Covenant: Rev. Hardwick reported on behalf of the Synod that the Synod had awarded 54 scholarships for higher education, including several from Detroit Presbytery. Rev. Hardwick also reported that the Synod had offered leadership development workshops from Leaderwise and the Presbytery had taken advantage of this training for boundaries. Additionally, the Synod had offered preaching workshops which were available on the Synod’s YouTube channel.

Transitional General Presbyter’s Report: Rev. Floretta Barbee-Watkins celebrated ordination anniversaries. Rev. Barbee-Watkins reported that the Presbytery was hard at work looking at its structure and bylaws. Rev. Barbee-Watkins reported that the Committee on Nominations needed additional nominees and those willing to serve. Rev. Barbee-Watkins also shared the “Zoom at Noon” as a time for leaders to share thoughts and ideas.

Associate Executive Presbyter's Report: CRE Charon Barconey reported that the past fifteen months had not been easy for church leaders and members. CRE Barconey shared a parable: that she had learned that hairdressers turn clients away from the mirror, because sometimes the process of transformation is messy. In the same way, the Presbytery was undergoing transformation, and CRE Barconey called the Presbytery to trust God through this process. CRE Barconey shared good news that the Presbytery was moving forward with the Vital Congregations Initiative through a number of congregations. The Presbytery's start date was January 2022, so additional congregations could sign on.

The assembly recessed for dinner. Rev. Kara Hildebrandt offered a blessing, and recognized the birthday of Elder Jean Moore.

The Moderator offered a prayer for openness.

Upon motion of Rev. Jim Monnett, Presbytery postponed the recognition of staff transitions to the September meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Mike Gaubatz presented the report. The Treasurer reported that the Presbytery revenues were slightly above expected and expenses slightly below expected due to staff changes.

Trustees' Report: Rev. Kara Hildebrandt reported on behalf of the Trustees. **Appendix A.** Upon motion of Trustees, Presbytery approved the sale of the property of the former Peace Presbyterian Church, now held by New Life Presbyterian Church, and legally described as:

Parcel Number: 16-11-29-379-101 Account Number: 1560-17345-00-150-11-29-379-101 2001 SPLIT T2N R13E SEC 29 COMM AT THE S 1/4 POST SEC 29; TH S 89 DEG 40' 30" W 571.90 FT FROM THE S 1/4 COR OF SEC 29; TH S 89 DEG 40' 30" W 285.00 FT ALG THE S LN OF SEC 29; TH N 00 DEG 28' 30" W 440.00 FT; TH N 89 DEG 40' 30" E 285.00 FT; TH S 00 DEG 28' 30" E 440.00 FT TO POB. CONTAINS 2.88 ACRES OF LAND; MORE OR LESS. SUBJECT TO THE RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC IN 15 MILE RD. SPLIT ON 01/25/2001 FROM 011-029-036-00.

to Poble International, a nonprofit Christian Mission, for \$395,000.

Report of the Committee on Nominations: Elder Rosy Latimore reported on behalf of the committee that CRE Charon Barconey would receive nominations on behalf of the committee, and that her desire was that every congregation be represented in the Presbytery committees, teams, and workgroups.

Upon motion of Rev. Ruthanne Herrington, and after debate, Presbytery elected Ruling Elder Gregory Biery to serve on the Committee on Ministry for the class of 2022.

Elder Rosy Latimore continued the report, relaying that the 2022 General Assembly would take

place in a hybrid process, with its meeting July 5-9, committee meeting beforehand. The Presbytery would be taking applications for commissioners to General Assembly.

Coordinating Cabinet: Rev. Julie Delezenne reported for the Coordinating Cabinet. **Appendix B.** Rev. Delezenne's report included the following reports.

Mission Interpretation Ministry Team: Rev. Adam Delezenne and CRE Ruth Azar reported on behalf of the Second Mile Center. CRE Azar reported that the Second Mile Center had purchased its building from the Presbytery and had held Vacation Bible School, health fairs, and education in American Sign Language, among many other ministries. CRE Azar also reported that the Center had put together meals for children during COVID stay-at-home orders and brought them to children's homes. CRE Azar called for the Presbytery to pray for the Second Mile Center.

New Church Development: Rev. Judi McMillan reported that the Holy Sprockets was a new worshipping community for cyclists, part of 1001 New Worshipping Communities.

Planning and Visioning: Elder Kevin Smith reported that Planning and Visioning was working on reviewing the data received from NorthStar Strategies, in consultation with the Bylaws Committee, and that a team would be created for this review.

Bylaw Amendments: Rev. Delezenne continued the report.

Upon motion of Cabinet, Presbytery appointed a Special Committee to Review the Bylaws consisting of the following persons: RE Suzanne Lewand (Royal Oak, First); TE Garrett Mostowski; TE Thomas Oxtoby, Chair; RE Autumn Palmer (Detroit, Westminster); RE Rhonda Favors Smith (Detroit, Calvary); and the following ex officio members, with voice but not vote, not to be included in the quorum: the Stated Clerk; the Transitional General Presbyter; the Associate Executive Presbyter; the Chair of the Coordinating Cabinet; the Moderator of the Presbytery; and the Vice-Moderator of the Presbytery.

The Bylaws Committee shall develop a new set of Bylaws to help the Presbytery live out its new understanding of its identity, purpose, vision, and mission. In developing new Bylaws, the Bylaws Committee shall work closely with the Planning and Visioning Team and the Coordinating Cabinet to interpret and implement the results of the North Star Strategies planning process. The Bylaws Committee shall give particular attention to dismantling any structural racism that may be built into the current Bylaws. The Bylaws Committee shall encourage communication from all of the Presbytery's stakeholders.

The Bylaws Committee shall submit its recommendations to the Coordinating Cabinet. In accordance with the current Bylaws, the Coordinating Cabinet shall propose to the Presbytery any amendments to the Bylaws. The quorum of the Committee shall be the majority of its members.

Upon motion of Coordinating Cabinet, and following notice published ten days prior on the Presbytery's website, the Presbytery amended the Bylaws as follows: Add the following words at the end of Article III, section 5: "The Presbytery, and any of the committees or other entities that report to it, may meet by electronic means, or may permit participation by electronic means at an

otherwise in-person meeting, if notice in writing is posted not less than ten days in advance of the meeting, so long as all members shall have the ability to discuss and vote on all business items, as per the standing rules for electronic meetings voted on by the Presbytery.”

Motion carried, 68-0.

Upon motion of Coordinating Cabinet, and following notice published ten days prior on the Presbytery’s website, the Presbytery amended the Bylaws as follows: Strike out the first three sentences of Article III section 4 and insert the following in their place: “Special meetings may be called by the Coordinating Cabinet. The Moderator may also call a special meeting with the concurrence of five teaching elders and five ruling elders, the ruling elders being from five different churches. If the Moderator is unable to act or declines to act, the Vice-Moderator may call a special meeting with the same concurrence. The Stated Clerk shall call a special meeting upon the request of fifteen teaching elders and fifteen ruling elders, the ruling elders being from fifteen different churches.”

The section would then read as follows: “(Meetings: Special Meetings) ~~The Moderator shall call a special meeting at the request, or with the concurrence, of two teaching elders and two ruling elders, the ruling elders being of different churches. Should the Moderator be unable to act, the Vice Moderator shall, under the same conditions, issue the call. If both Moderator and Vice Moderator are unable to act, any three teaching elders and three ruling elders, the ruling elders being of different churches, may call a special meeting.~~ *Special meetings may be called by the Coordinating Cabinet. The Moderator may also call a special meeting with the concurrence of five teaching elders and five ruling elders, the ruling elders being from five different churches. If the Moderator is unable to act or declines to act, the Vice-Moderator may call a special meeting with the same concurrence. The Stated Clerk shall call a special meeting upon the request of fifteen teaching elders and fifteen ruling elders, the ruling elders being from fifteen different churches.* Notice of a special meeting shall be published in writing not less than ten days in advance to each teaching elder and to the session of every church. The notice shall set out the purpose of the meeting, and no other business than that listed in the notice shall be transacted.”

Motion carried, 70-0.

Upon motion of Coordinating Cabinet, and following notice published ten days prior on the Presbytery’s website, the Presbytery amended the Bylaws as follows: Add the following words at the end of Article XI, section 5.b.vii: “The Trustees shall have the power to approve, on behalf of the Presbytery, the sale, encumbrance, or purchase of property by a congregation, including the power to review, approve, and execute any necessary contracts for said purpose, subject to the condition that the property description and amount have been approved prior to the transaction, first by the Committee on Ministry, and then by the Presbytery at a duly constituted meeting. In place of a dollar amount, the Committee on Ministry and Presbytery may at their discretion approve a transaction at fair market value, with fair market value to be finally determined by the Trustees.”

The section would then read as follows: “(Work of the Presbytery: Trustees: Responsibilities) Making recommendations to Presbytery concerning Presbytery approval of loans and property

transactions involving churches of the Presbytery. *The Trustees shall have the power to approve, on behalf of the Presbytery, the sale, encumbrance, or purchase of property by a congregation, including the power to review, approve, and execute any necessary contracts for said purpose, subject to the condition that the property description and amount have been approved prior to the transaction, first by the Committee on Ministry, and then by the Presbytery at a duly constituted meeting. In place of a dollar amount, the Committee on Ministry and Presbytery may at their discretion approve a transaction at fair market value, with fair market value to be finally determined by the Trustees.*”

Motion carried, 72-1.

Upon motion of Coordinating Cabinet, Presbytery rescinded Presbytery Policy P-24, which reads as follows: “In those cases where the Trustees determine it necessary to act for the benefit of Presbytery before the next stated meeting of Presbytery, the Trustees are authorized to approve actions on behalf of Presbytery. When they do so, they shall report the action in full to the next stated meeting of Presbytery, along with a statement of why they believed it necessary to act on it.”

Upon motion of Coordinating Cabinet, Presbytery approved the Saturday, November 20 meeting to be held at 9:00am and by electronic means.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry (“CPM”): Rev. Jim Faille reported for the Committee. **Appendix C.** Rev. Faille reported that the Presbytery had six Inquirers, three Candidates, and four in the CRE program, with additional Inquirer applications received. The Committee had received an Inquirer from the Presbytery of the Pines.

On behalf of the Committee, Rev. Faille presented Charles Sadler as a candidate for ordination. Candidate Sadler responded to questions about the theology of creation, his theology of the resurrection, his theology of the Holy Spirit, and the work of homeless ministry.

Upon motion of Rev. Paul Stunkel, Presbytery arrested the examination.

Upon motion of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Presbytery approved that the examination would be sustained and that the Presbytery ordain Charles Sadler.

Committee on Ministry: Rev. Melissa DeRosia reported for the Committee. **Appendix D.**

Upon motion from the Committee, Presbytery approved the following calls and contracts by unanimous consent:

1. **By motion, approve** the Parish Associate contract between the **Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi and Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield**, effective May 16, 2021. **Terms of Call:** \$1,000 for travel and professional expenses. If preaching during worship: \$150 for single service, \$200 for two services, \$250 for three services. Up to \$1,270 for study leave.
2. **By motion, approve** the Parish Associate contract between the **Rev. Dr. Keith Provost and Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield**, effective April 1, 2021. **Terms of Call:** \$1,000 for

travel and professional expenses. If preaching during worship: \$150 for single service, \$200 for two services, \$250 for three services. Up to \$1,270 for study leave.

3. **By motion, approve** the renewal of the Temporary Supply contract between **the Rev. Teresa Peterson and Garden City Presbyterian Church**, effective June 1, 2021. **Terms of Call:** salary, housing and deferred compensation (403b): \$50,840; Board of Pensions - \$20,231, Study allowance - \$1,000, Professional Expense - \$1,500. **Total Cost to Church: \$77,350.** Vacation-4 weeks including 4 Sundays; Study Leave-2 weeks including 2 Sundays, pro-rated over the life of the contract. Church to pay for and allow pastor to attend Transition in Ministry workshop.

Upon motion from the Committee, Presbytery approved the following call:

By motion, approve the Call between **the Rev. Jennifer Saperstein and Ann Arbor Northside**, effective July 1, 2021. Terms: Effective Salary \$36,360; Board of Pensions - \$14,960; SECA - \$3,000; Medical Deductible - \$695; Continuing Education - \$1,040; Professional Expenses - \$1,580. **Total Compensation - \$57,635;** Vacation 4 weeks including 4 Sundays; Continuing Education 2 weeks including 2 Sundays. (Requires $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of Presbytery.)

Motion carried, 70-0.

Upon motion from the Committee, Presbytery approved the following contracts by unanimous consent:

4. **By motion, approve** Temporary Supply contract between the **Charles Sadler II and Starr Presbyterian Church, Royal Oak**, effective April 11, 2021. **Total Cost to the Church \$24,000.** Vacation-2 weeks including 2 Sundays; Study Leave-1 week including 1 Sunday. Church to pay for and allow pastor to attend Transition in Ministry workshop once ordained.
5. **By motion, approve** Interim Pastor contract between the **Rev. James M. Faile and First Presbyterian Church, Dearborn**, effective May 1, 2021. Terms of Call; Cash salary and Housing Allowance - \$72,000; Board of Pension Benefits - \$21,148; Study Allowance - \$1,000; Professional Expenses - \$1,500. **Total Cost to the Church \$106,648.** Vacation-4 weeks including 4 Sundays; Study Leave-2 weeks including 2 Sundays. Church to pay for and allow pastor to attend Transition in Ministry workshop.
6. **By motion, approve** Full Time Commissioned Ruling Elder **Kathleen Mackie and Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, Royal Oak**, effective April 24, 2021. **Compensation;** Salary \$61,200; Medical costs \$744.31; Dental - \$36.95 monthly; Continuing Education - \$900. Vacation-4 weeks including 4 Sundays; Study Leave-2 weeks including 2 Sundays. Church to pay for and allow pastor to attend Transition in Ministry workshop. CRE to seek scholarship assistance from the Committee on Ministry.
7. **By motion, approve** the Assistant Pastor Contract between the **Rev. Edwin Estevez and Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield**, effective April 12, 2021. Terms: Cash salary and Housing Allowance - \$80,000; Board of Pensions and Social Security - \$35,720; Reimbursed Expenses - \$4,400; Transitional Workshop - \$200; **Total Cost to the Church - \$120,320;** Vacation 4 weeks including 4 Sundays, Continuing Education 2 Weeks including 2 Sundays, plus compliance with POD's Paternity Fund to assist with

the cost of DMin tuition, a scholarship for Kirk in the Hills Pre-School, and one time moving expenses up to \$10,000; and Pastoral Call requests Rev. Estevez be transferred from New Castle Presbytery.

8. **By motion, approve** the quarter time Stated Supply contract between **the Rev. William Davis and Lakeshore Presbyterian Church, Ft. Gratiot**, effective April 1, 2021. Terms of Call: Housing Allowance - \$12,350; Flexible Spending Account - \$2,550; Professional Expense - \$400; **Total Cost to the Church - \$15,300**. Vacation-6 weeks including 6 Sundays; Study Leave-2 weeks including 2 Sundays.

Upon motion from the Committee, and by common consent, Presbytery approved the following actions related to the Administrative Commissions for St. John's Presbyterian, Detroit:

1. **By motion, COM recommends** that **St. John's Presbyterian, Detroit**, Administrative Commission remain in place with the original jurisdiction. Members: Rev. Lindsey Anderson, Rev. Paul Stunkel, Rev. Laura Kelsey. Ruling Elders – Rosy Latimore, Tim Ngare, Josh Archey, CRE.

Upon motion from the Committee, and by common consent, Presbytery approved the following actions related to Administrative Commissions:

2. **By motion, approve** recommending to the presbytery that **Ruling Elder Diane Agnew, Grosse Pointe Woods, Ruling Elder Pamela Dawson, Detroit Calvary**; and **Rev. Eddie Jusino, Farmington First**, be elected to serve on the administrative committee for **Trumbull Ave. Presbyterian Church**, as they close.

Upon motion from the Committee, Presbytery approved the following dissolution by unanimous consent:

1. **By motion, COM recommends** dissolving the Interim Pastor Contract between **Orchard Lake Community Church, Presbyterian**, and the **Rev. Judith McMillian**, and concur with signed Financial Settlement.

Upon motion from the Committee, Presbytery approved the following commissions by unanimous consent:

1. The Installation Commission of **Rev. Anders Edstrom and Greenfield Presbyterian Church**; Dave Bunch, PoD Moderator, Rev. Garrett Mostowski, Rev. Neeta Nichols, Teaching Elders; Terry Barash, Stefanie Lewis, Ruling Elders; for Sunday, July 25, 2021.
2. The Ordination and Installation Commission of **Rev. Charles Sadler II and Starr Presbyterian Church including the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**, Dave Bunch, PoD Moderator, Rev. Angela Ryo, Rev. Ron Gilmer, Rev. Adam Grosch, Teaching Elders; Rick Smith, Mike Brewer, Kelsey Waugh, Ruling Elders; on Sunday August 1, 2021.
3. The Installation Commission of **Rev. Nathan Achterhof and St. Paul's Presbyterian, Livonia**; Dave Bunch, PoD Moderator, Rev. Isaac Chung, Rev. Jasmine Smart, Rev.

Mark Phillips, Teaching Elders; Jan LaPinta, Adam Delezene and Stefanie Lewis, Ruling Elders, for Sunday June 6, 2021.

4. The Installation commission approved for **Rev. Sarah Logemann** and the **Rev. Garrett Mostowski**, on October 3, 2021 at **Ft. Street Presbyterian Church**, including the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, members of the commission are: Dave Bunch, Moderator, Teaching Elders the Rev. Dr. Flo Barbee-Watkins, the Rev. Anders Edstrom; the Rev. Kelsey Sorge; RE Debbie Lennis, (White Lake), RE Chris Bloodworth, (Ft. Street, Detroit), RE Rhonda Favors (Calvary, Detroit)

Upon motion from the Committee, Presbytery approved the following transfers by unanimous consent:

1. **By motion, approved** the transfer of **Rev. Joanna Dunn** to the Presbytery of the Cascades, effective March 18, 2021
2. **By motion, approved** the transfer of **Rev. Khayla Johnson** to the Holston Presbytery, effective June 1, 2021
3. **By motion, approved** the transfer of **Rev. Kelly Pittman** to the Presbytery of Northern Kansas as of May 17, 2021.
4. **By motion, approved** the transfer of **Rev. Ashley Margaret Ashley** from the Pittsburg Presbytery as of May 23, 2021.
5. **By motion, approved** the transfer of **Rev. Edwin Rolando Estevez** from the New Castle Presbytery, effective April 11, 2021.
6. **By motion, approved** the transfer of **Rev. Fernando Rodriquez** to the Denver Presbytery, and Dissolve the Pastoral Relationship with **Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield**, effective August 31, 2020.
7. **By motion, approved** the transfer of **Rev. Blair Buckley** to the Denver Presbytery, effective August 31, 2020.
8. **By motion, approved** the transfer of the **Rev. Rob Allen** to the Ohio Valley Presbytery.

Upon motion from the Committee, Presbytery approved the following moves to at-large by unanimous consent:

1. **Rev. Chris Thomas** to At-Large with the Presbytery of Detroit.

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1. **By motion, COM approved** request from **Rev. Ruthanne Herrington** to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery of Detroit as Interim Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson.
2. **By motion, COM approved** the **Saline First Church** request for a Designated Pastor for a 5 year term to address the issues around which there is conflict and employing best practices in reconciliation, health, and wholeness in the life of the congregation.
3. **By motion, COM approved** the **Lakeshore Presbyterian, St. Clair Shores**, request to open an Associate Pastor position and begin an open search for a Designated Associate Pastor (or an Associate Stated Supply), requesting a full financial report prior to approval of the MIF.

4. **By motion, COM approved the First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham** request to begin a Non-Traditional Search Process for a Head of Staff Pastor while Rev. John Judson continues in that capacity until his retirement in Spring 2023.
5. **By motion, COM approved** the COM Cabinet to take necessary action on behalf of the Committee on Ministry in July, 2021.
6. **By motion, COM approved** Proposal Requirements for Congregations requesting a Non-Traditional Pastoral Transition document.
7. **By motion, COM approved** the Designated Pastor Policy as a COM Policy.
8. **By motion COM concurs** with the recommendations regarding the **Orchard Lake Community Church, Presbyterian** and **the Rev. Judi McMillian**.
9. **By motion, COM approved** amending the Standards of Ethical Conduct document to read: Upon leaving ministry or office I will... “Refrain from inappropriately discussing or referring to the congregation, parishioners, colleagues or other stakeholders (even anonymously) on any public digital or social medial platforms including chat rooms or through blogs and podcasts.”
10. **By motion, COM approved** appointing the **Rev. Patricia Jacobs**, Moderator at **New Life Presbyterian Church**.
11. **By motion, COM approved** the payment of \$350 honorarium to Beth Wagner for leading a seminar for Transitional Pastors in May, 2021.
12. **By motion, COM approved** removing the **Rev. Diane Oswald** from the pulpit supply list as her request.
13. **By motion, COM approved** changing Presbytery Policy defining full-time ministry to 40 hours a week for full-time; 30 hours a week for three-quarter time; 20 hours a week for half-time; 10 hours a week for quarter-time, effective January 1, 2022.
14. **By motion, COM approved** appointing the **Rev. Julie Delezene**, Moderator at **Starr Presbyterian Church**.
15. **By motion, COM approved** appointing the **Rev. Matt Nickel**, Moderator at **Trumbull Ave. Presbyterian Church**.
16. **By motion, COM approved** appointing the **Rev. Neeta Nichols**, Moderator at **Covenant Presbyterian Church**.
17. **By motion, COM approved** appointing the **Rev. Bob Agnew**, Moderator at **Calvary Presbyterian Church**.
18. **By motion, COM approved** position description for **First Presbyterian Church, Dearborn**.
19. **By motion, COM approved** appointing the **Rev. Jay Sanderford**, Moderator at **Ann Arbor First Presbyterian**.
20. **By motion, COM approved** receiving into the Presbytery of Detroit, the **Rev. Nathan Achterhof**, from the **Lakawana Presbytery**.
21. **By motion, COM approved** adding the **Rev. Jim Monnett** to the pulpit supply list.
22. **By motion, COM approved** requiring that all Clergy (Teaching Elders and CRE’s) engaged in active and validated ministry to the Presbytery of Detroit, attend one of three boundary trainings offered by the Synod of the Covenant in 2021.

Stated Clerk’s Report: The Stated Clerk’s report was presented. **Appendix E.**

Upon motion of Rev. Grosch, Presbytery approved the following as part of omnibus motion #2:

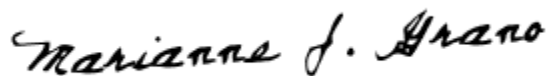
1. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONS: Approve the reports of the following Administrative Commissions (**Appendix F**):
 - Installation of Benjamin Larson-Wolbrink
 - Installation of Nathan Achterhof
 - Interim Report of the Administrative Commission for Covenant Church Southfield
 - Interim Report of the Administrative Commission for St. John's Detroit

2. Approve the time and location of the Presbytery meeting September 28, 2021, at 4:00pm, at Westminster Presbyterian Church of Detroit.

Upon motion, Presbytery adjourned with prayer at 8:09PM.

The next meeting of the Presbytery will be September 28, 2021, at 4:00pm, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Detroit.

ATTEST:



Marianne Grano, Stated Clerk

ATTACHMENT ONE: THE ROLL

APPENDICES:

- Appendix A, Trustees' Report
- Appendix B, Coordinating Cabinet Report
- Appendix C, Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report
- Appendix D, Committee on Ministry Report
- Appendix E, Stated Clerk's Report
- Appendix F, Report of the Administrative Commissions

July 13 Presbytery Meeting Attendees		
First Name	Last Name	Congregation & City (if applicable)
PAST POD MODERATOR		
Dianne Bostic	Robinson	Detroit
POD CABINET / COMMITTEE MEMBER		
Martha		
Adam	Delezenne	MIMT
Rosy	Latimore	
Chuck	Sadler	St Thomas Community Presbyterian Church
Jasmine	Smart	Waterford, MI
Kevin	Smith	First of Warren
Chip	Tallinger	Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills
POD STAFF		
Sarah	Leight	
RULING ELDER		
Diane	Agnew	Grosse Pointe Woods
Dyche	Anderson	Rosedale Gardens, Livonia
Sharon	Backues	Calvary Presbyterian Church, Ann Arbor
Beth	Brabbs	Greenfield
MaryAnn	Brantley	Gratiot Avenue/Detroit
Lynn	Burdell	
Ethel	Carver	Grosse Ile Presbyterian in Grosse Ile, MI
Antoinette	Cunningham	Calvary Presbyterian of Detroit
Gary	Cynowa	Mount Clemens
Barry	Davis	Allen Park
Gloria	Dukes	Detroit Hope Presbyterian
Sarah	Foster	Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church Lincoln Park
Douglas	Fryer	University Presbyterian, Rochester Hills
Kari	Gorman	Covenant, Southfield
Lynda	Heaton	First Presbyterian Church of Northville
Michele	Hintz	Southminster - Taylor
Walter	Hutchins	Gratiot Avenue/Detroit
Robert	Jackson	Fort Street Presbyterian Detroit
Doug	Kee	First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth
Dave	Keener	Drayton Presbyterian Church, Berkley
Suzanne	Lewand	First Royal Oak
Stefanie	Lewis	Hope of Detroit
Mary	Lloyd	Grosse Pointe Memorial Church
Joe	Masinick	GPMC
Gregory	McCarthy	St. Thomas, Shelby
Katy	McGuire	St. Thomas, Shelby Township
Douglas	Mobley	JAPC DETROIT
Jeanne	Moore	St. John's Detroit
Robert	Nowaczewski	1st Presbyterian of Warren
Jim	Peggs	First Presbyterian Ann Arbor
Joan	Penner-Hahn	Northside, Ann Arbor
Lori	Sadler	St Thomas Community Presbyterian Church
Richard	Smith	Starr Presbyterian Church, Royal Oak
Elizabeth	Tidd	Westminster Ann Arbor
Mark	Turner	Faith community Presbyterian church
Steven	Voorhees	Grosse Pointe Memorial Church - G P Farms
Pamela	Walker Dawson	Calvary Presbyrerian, Detroit
RULING ELDER / TREASURER		
Michael	Gaubatz	Canton
SYNOD OF THE COVENANT COMMISIONER		
Adrienne	Adams	
TEACHING ELDER / CRE		
Robert	Agnew	Grosse Pointe Farms
Joshua	Archey	Crossroads Presbyterian, Walled Lake
Ashley	Ashley	First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth (Plymouth, MI)

Ruth	Azar	Second Mile Center, Detroit, MI
Floretta	Barbee-Watkins	Detroit
Charon	Barconey	POD
Isaac	Chung	
Kent	Clise	HR
Keith	Cornfield	Calvary Ann Arbor
Beth	Delaney	Southminster - Taylor
Julie	Delezenne	First Warren
James	Faile	First Dearborn
Ron	Gilmer	St. Thomas Community, Shelby Township
Sarah	Godbehere	Grosse Pointe Memorial Church, Grosse Pointe Farms
Marianne	Grano	Stated Clerk
Adam	Grosch	Lakeshore, SCS
Alexander	Haines	FPC, Howell
Chris	Hallam	Northminster Presbyterian Troy
Chip	Hardwick	Synod NO VOTE
Frances	Hayes	Dearborn
Ruthanne	Herrington	Celtic Cross
Kara	Hildebrandt	Lincoln Park
Tricia	Jacobs	Rochester Hills
Michelle	James	Faith Community, Novi
Kevin	Johnson	
Rev. Eddie	Jusino	Farmington Hills
Kenneth	Kaibel	Belleville
Edward	Koster	
Debbie	Lennis	White Lake CRE
Sarah	Logemann	Detroit
Tim	Marvil	Allen Park
Catharine	Mccloskey-turner	Presbytery
Judi	McMillan	
Scott	Miller	Drayton Presbyterian, Berkley
Jim	Monnett	Ann Arbor at Large
Garrett	Mostowski	Fort Street Detroit
Neeta	Nichols	
Matthew	Nickel	Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church - Detroit
Emma	Nickel	First Royal Oak
John	Pavelko	Retired
Teresa	Peterson	Garden City
Kevin	Piecuch	
Angela	Ryo	Kirk in the Hills in Bloomfield Hills
Jay	Sanderford	First Ann Arbor
Jenny	Saperstein	Northside PC Ann Arbor
Jacqueline	Spycher	First, Northville
Paul	Stunkel	Detroit
Karen	Stunkel	Westminster Church of Detroit
TEMPORARY SUPPLY PASTOR		
Gregory	Bryant	Calvary Presbyterian Detroit
ATTENDEE		
Kristian	Wright	Fort Street
CANDIDATE FOR ORDINATION		
Charles	Sadler	Starr Presbyterian Church, Royal Oak
CHAIRPERSON OF RESOURCES WORK GROUP		
Laura	Price	
FORMER MODERATOR		
Harold	Ellis	Detroit
CONGREGATION MEMBER		
Dawn	Baumgart	St. Thomas Community Presbyterian Church, Shelby Twp.
Devyn	Baumgart	St Thomas Presbyterian Church, Shelby Twp
Gregory	Berry	Broadstreet Detroit Michigan
Brooke	Brantley	Detroit/Gratiot Avenue

GUEST / OBSERVER		
Warfield	Moore	St. John's Detroit
Warfield	Moore, iii	St. John's Detroit
Dani	Sadler	Starr Presbyterian Church
Patrick	Saperstein	Northside Ann Arbor
Liz	Saperstein	

**Presbytery of Detroit
Report of the Trustees
July 13, 2021**

The Trustees recommend that Presbytery approve the sale of the property of the former Peace Presbyterian Church, now held by New Life Presbyterian Church, and legally described as:

Parcel Number: 16-11-29-379-101 Account Number: 1560-17345-00-150-11-29-379-101 2001 SPLIT T2N R13E SEC 29 COMM AT THE S 1/4 POST SEC 29; TH S 89 DEG 40' 30" W 571.90 FT FROM THE S 1/4 COR OF SEC 29; TH S 89 DEG 40' 30" W 285.00 FT ALG THE S LN OF SEC 29; TH N 00 DEG 28' 30" W 440.00 FT; TH N 89 DEG 40' 30" E 285.00 FT; TH S 00 DEG 28' 30" E 440.00 FT TO POB. CONTAINS 2.88 ACRES OF LAND; MORE OR LESS. SUBJECT TO THE RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC IN 15 MILE RD. SPLIT ON 01/25/2001 FROM 011-029-036-00.

to Poble International, a nonprofit Christian Mission, for \$395,000.

The Trustees support the recommendation of Coordinating Cabinet for the following change to Presbytery bylaws:

Add the following words at the end of Article XI, section 5.b.vii: “The Trustees shall have the power to approve, on behalf of the Presbytery, the sale, encumbrance, or purchase of property by a congregation, including the power to review, approve, and execute any necessary contracts for said purpose, subject to the condition that the property description and amount have been approved prior to the transaction, first by the Committee on Ministry, and then by the Presbytery at a duly constituted meeting. In place of a dollar amount, the Committee on Ministry and Presbytery may at their discretion approve a transaction at fair market value, with fair market value to be finally determined by the Trustees.”

The Trustees report the following for the information of Presbytery:

1. The Trustees ratified the copier lease as entered into by the Transitional General Presbyter on February 17, 2021.
2. The Trustees approved disbursement of the Ranney-Balch funds as approved by Presbytery.
3. Trustees authorized transferring the funds from the sale of the property of Covenant-Southfield to be held in the Mission Market investment fund at PILP.
4. The Trustees authorized Rhonda Barley, Presbytery bookkeeper, to hold a Presbytery credit card with a limit of \$10,000.
5. The Trustees authorized disbursement of \$500 to each of the YMCA and YWCA pursuant to a condition of the McKay fund.

6. The Trustees authorized that the combined asset allocation range of equities and REITs in Presbytery investments be changed from 40%-60% to 40%-65% and that the range of allocation of fixed income be changed from 40%-60% to 30%-60%, with Beta not to exceed 1.2.
7. Trustees approved \$2000 from the Covenant-Southfield escrow account to pay a consultant for Covenant-Southfield and \$500 for professional expenses from the escrow account. Trustees then approved \$30,600 from the escrow account to enable Covenant-Southfield to continue to operate.

Presbytery of Detroit
Report of the Coordinating Cabinet
March 20, 2021

The Coordinating Cabinet recommends that Presbytery:

1. Appoint a Special Committee to Review the Bylaws consisting of the following persons: RE Suzanne Lewand (Royal Oak, First); TE Garrett Mostowski; TE Thomas Oxtoby, Chair; RE Autumn Palmer (Detroit, Westminster); RE Rhonda Favors Smith (Detroit, Calvary); and the following ex officio members, with voice but not vote, not to be included in the quorum: the Stated Clerk; the Transitional General Presbyter; the Associate Executive Presbyter; the Chair of the Coordinating Cabinet; the Moderator of the Presbytery; and the Vice-Moderator of the Presbytery.

The Bylaws Committee shall develop a new set of Bylaws to help the Presbytery live out its new understanding of its identity, purpose, vision, and mission.

In developing new Bylaws, the Bylaws Committee shall work closely with the Planning and Visioning Team and the Coordinating Cabinet to interpret and implement the results of the North Star Strategies planning process. The Bylaws Committee shall give particular attention to dismantling any structural racism that may be built into the current Bylaws. The Bylaws Committee shall encourage communication from all of the Presbytery's stakeholders.

The Bylaws Committee shall submit its recommendations to the Coordinating Cabinet. In accordance with the current Bylaws, the Coordinating Cabinet shall propose to the Presbytery any amendments to the Bylaws. The quorum of the Committee shall be the majority of its members.

2. Amend the Bylaws as follows: Add the following words at the end of Article III, section 5: "The Presbytery, and any of the committees or other entities that report to it, may meet by electronic means, or may permit participation by electronic means at an otherwise in-person meeting, if notice in writing is posted not less than ten days in advance of the meeting, so long as all members shall have the ability to discuss and vote on all business items, as per the standing rules for electronic meetings voted on by the Presbytery."
3. Amend the Bylaws as follows: Strike out the first three sentences of Article III section 4 and insert the following in their place: "Special meetings may be called by the Coordinating Cabinet. The Moderator may also call a special meeting with the concurrence of five teaching elders and five ruling elders, the ruling elders being from five different churches. If the Moderator is unable to act or declines to act, the Vice-Moderator may call a special meeting with the same concurrence. The Stated Clerk shall call a special meeting upon the request of fifteen teaching elders and fifteen ruling elders, the ruling elders being from fifteen different churches."

The section would then read as follows: "(Meetings: Special Meetings) ~~The Moderator shall call a special meeting at the request, or with the concurrence, of two teaching elders and two ruling elders, the ruling elders being of different churches. Should the Moderator be unable to act, the Vice Moderator shall, under the same conditions, issue the call. If both Moderator and Vice Moderator are unable to act, any three teaching elders and three ruling elders, the ruling elders being of different churches, may call a special meeting.~~ *Special meetings may be called by the Coordinating Cabinet. The Moderator may also call a special meeting with the concurrence of five teaching elders and five ruling elders, the ruling elders being*

from five different churches. If the Moderator is unable to act or declines to act, the Vice-Moderator may call a special meeting with the same concurrence. The Stated Clerk shall call a special meeting upon the request of fifteen teaching elders and fifteen ruling elders, the ruling elders being from fifteen different churches. Notice of a special meeting shall be published in writing not less than ten days in advance to each teaching elder and to the session of every church. The notice shall set out the purpose of the meeting, and no other business than that listed in the notice shall be transacted.”

4. Amend the Bylaws as follows: Add the following words at the end of Article XI, section 5.b.vii: “The Trustees shall have the power to approve, on behalf of the Presbytery, the sale, encumbrance, or purchase of property by a congregation, including the power to review, approve, and execute any necessary contracts for said purpose, subject to the condition that the property description and amount have been approved prior to the transaction, first by the Committee on Ministry, and then by the Presbytery at a duly constituted meeting. In place of a dollar amount, the Committee on Ministry and Presbytery may at their discretion approve a transaction at fair market value, with fair market value to be finally determined by the Trustees.”

The section would then read as follows: “(Work of the Presbytery: Trustees: Responsibilities) Making recommendations to Presbytery concerning Presbytery approval of loans and property transactions involving churches of the Presbytery. *The Trustees shall have the power to approve, on behalf of the Presbytery, the sale, encumbrance, or purchase of property by a congregation, including the power to review, approve, and execute any necessary contracts for said purpose, subject to the condition that the property description and amount have been approved prior to the transaction, first by the Committee on Ministry, and then by the Presbytery at a duly constituted meeting. In place of a dollar amount, the Committee on Ministry and Presbytery may at their discretion approve a transaction at fair market value, with fair market value to be finally determined by the Trustees.*”

5. Rescind Presbytery Policy P-24, which reads as follows: “In those cases where the Trustees determine it necessary to act for the benefit of Presbytery before the next stated meeting of Presbytery, the Trustees are authorized to approve actions on behalf of Presbytery. When they do so, they shall report the action in full to the next stated meeting of Presbytery, along with a statement of why they believed it necessary to act on it.”
6. Hold the Saturday, November 20 meeting at 9:00am and by electronic means.

The Coordinating Cabinet reports the following for the information of Presbytery:

1. Cabinet referred the approval of the job description and associated hiring of the Office Administrator/Executive Assistant to Presbytery Operations.
2. Cabinet referred the approval of the job description and associated hiring of the Business Manager to Presbytery Operations.
3. Cabinet authorized the serving of communion at the Pastors About Companionship retreat June 15-16.
4. Cabinet approved requiring masks to be worn at all Presbytery gatherings until further notice for groups over 20 individuals.
5. Cabinet approved the minutes of the March 20, 2021 Presbytery meeting as presented.
6. Cabinet approved the serving of communion at the upcoming Presbyterian Women’s retreat.

7. Cabinet approved the service of communion at the July 13, 2021 Presbytery meeting.
8. Cabinet authorized Robert Lee, Sarah Leight, Marianne Grano, and three persons to be appointed by the Transitional General Presbyter to report to Coordinating Cabinet and Trustees and present a plan for a new Presbytery website.

Autobiography of Charles Sadler II

I grew up in the suburbs of Warren and Macomb. When my family moved from Warren to Macomb in 1997 (I was six years old), we found St. Thomas Community Presbyterian Church. That church became a home for us. It was a place where each of us was transformed by God and renewed in the Holy Spirit. As I aged, I felt a call to be more engaged in my church's youth program, so I took on a youth leadership position in service and faith nurturing for three years. I became more serious about my faith. I listened to sermons, I read my Bible, and I felt God's presence in my life. I felt some direction. I felt love and grace from God. I graduated from high school with some confidence in my faith and with feelings of a call. I enjoyed the ministry at my church and felt it was an important part of my life.

I went to Alma College to continue my pursuit of God. To learn more about God, I majored in Religious Studies and Philosophy. Spiritual and religious matters of life were my passion. I explored my relationship with God intellectually. I still had ideas of ministry as an end goal of my education; I had no idea what ministry was. I applied to seminary as a logical next step in the road to ministry. Seminary was an incredible and stressful experience for me. With moving to New Jersey, leaving behind my family, my girlfriend Dani Swanson, my friends, and my loving church, I felt tired and exhausted from class and distance between those important to me. My education at Princeton Theological Seminary was a continuation of my studies in college, but it was also a new beginning to my long-neglected spiritual formation. I found community outside of class through field education at Cedar Park Presbyterian Church. A challenging seminary experience was realizing how I ceased any spiritual formation after it was not being led for me while in church. I was religious, but I did not feel spiritual. I was not feeling connected to God. God was there, but I did not know where I was. I graduated from PTS with a plan to move back to Michigan and marry my Youth Group Sweetheart, Dani.

Marrying Dani has been one of the happiest and best decisions of my life. Our marriage was crucial to my survival and growth after seminary. Her love was a sustaining force for me when I did not know what to do next. The pathway to Ordination was Clinical Pastoral Education. I hesitated and floundered to start it. That time felt directionless for me. I moved from job to job until finally in the fall of 2018, I started as a CPE intern at Beaumont Health in Royal Oak, Michigan. As a chaplain, I wrestled with who I was and who I was called to be in God's ministry. In CPE, I reflected my relationship with God. From that CPE experience, I felt transformed once again by God's patience, love, and peace that I was called by a God who loved me abundantly. My transformation continued from an internship to a residency program to full-time position in chaplaincy. Everything I learned in my head finally connected with my heart. My spiritual life is awake and listening to God. I continue to learn more about God everyday through ministry, education, and experience. I feel, seek, and know God's presence in my life. I know I am called to be engaged in ministry for the sake of Jesus Christ and I let his love for me sustain that call. In Christ, I am beloved, desired, and wanted, just as all are.

Ordination is no longer a culmination of the CPM process or a product of going through CPE. Now, ordination is a piece of my journey with God and a journey that I am thankful to be on. As I continue striving to live with Christ in my heart and to share Christ with those around me, I am excited to have been called to Starr Presbyterian Church as a Temporary Supply Pastor. I hope to live into that call by the grace of God as that church embarks on its own transformation.

Dani and I welcomed our beautiful son Charlie in January 2020 and we are expecting another child in December 2021.

Statement of Faith

I believe and trust in the Holy God Almighty who was, is, and will be forever. I believe in a trinitarian God, a God of three distinct persons united and in relationship with one another. God is one. God is three. These three persons are God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

I believe God the Father is the creator of all. God spoke into being all that is around us. God the Father is the parent to all creation and has ordained the laws of the universe for Humankind and Humankind was created in the image of God as male and female. God's creation is sacred. The Creator, God the Father, resides in Heaven, a Holy realm of God's own. In our creation, we are good. Even as we are good, we sin. We sin as individuals, as institutions, and as a world. Sin influences us. Though we sin and fall short of our desired perfection, we are loved and forgiven. The Father sent to us the Son.

I believe God the Son is the redeemer of humanity. I believe God the Son came to us in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. This special and unique event in history is the incarnation of Jesus the Christ in which Son of God took on flesh and became human. God and human as one. Jesus taught and healed. He called twelve disciples to follow him. Jesus shared about the Kingdom of God. Jesus cast out demons. He rebuked those who were not living as God calls us to live. He challenged religious and political regimes that used violence and cruelty to attempt domination. Jesus was condemned to die on a cross. Jesus was innocent and blameless; he never sinned. Jesus suffered and died on the cross for our sins and to reveal God's unending love for all of creation. A God who suffers and dies for creation loves that creation so deeply. Jesus died on the cross, and then he was buried. After three days, he rose from the dead; it was a full resurrection of his body. I know God's forgiveness and love by the suffering and death of Jesus. God's love is over death. I know hope and I have life abundant by his resurrection. After Jesus rose from the dead, he met with his disciples. He gave them the gift of the Holy Spirit. He then departed earth and joined God the Father in Heaven.

I believe God the Holy Spirit is the sustainer of life. God the Father and God the Son gave us God the Holy Spirit. Though given by God the Father and God the Son, God the Holy Spirit is an equal in the relationship of the Trinity. Since the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit has been with us. It is a gift from God and being one with God since the beginning of time. Through the Spirit, God interacts with us to intercede on our behalf. Through the Spirit we receive callings. The Spirit of God is there when needed and wanted. The Holy Spirit shares God's love with all of creation. It is through the Holy Spirit that we meet Jesus. The Holy Spirit connects God's people together into the Body of Christ. It is in this way churches of God's people are formed to reflect the eternal Church of Jesus Christ. It is this Church that awaits the return of Jesus Christ to shepherd all of God's people at the end of time. As we wait, we continue to serve creation and call all people into communion with the Body of Christ.

The disciples of Jesus, by the Holy Spirit, were the first Church of Jesus Christ. Jesus is the head of that Church. It is universal and eternal. It is through the Holy Spirit that we minister two Holy Sacraments: Communion and Baptism. In Communion, we are united with Christ in Spirit, so that we may receive grace, know God's love, enjoy the presence of God, and be connected as a community of faith, hope, and love. Baptism is an act of God's grace in which we are claimed by the Holy Spirit and prepared to join the Body of Christ. There is only one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. The Sacraments are performed by those ordained by the Church and instructed in the faith. The Holy Spirit leads us in the sacraments; through the sacraments, we are strengthened and prepared to participate and witness the Mission of God. God's mission is to connect and bring all creation into union, love, and forgiveness.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PRESBYTERY

THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY RECOMMENDS THAT PRESBYTERY:

Calls/Contracts

1. **By motion, approve** the Parish Associate contract between the **Rev. Marjorie Wilhelmi** and **Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield**, effective May 16, 2021. **Terms of Call:** \$1,000 for travel and professional expenses. If preaching during worship: \$150 for single service, \$200 for two services, \$250 for three services. Up to \$1,270 for study leave.
2. **By motion, approve** the Parish Associate contract between the **Rev. Dr. Keith Provost** and **Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield**, effective April 1, 2021. **Terms of Call:** \$1,000 for travel and professional expenses. If preaching during worship: \$150 for single service, \$200 for two services, \$250 for three services. Up to \$1,270 for study leave.
3. **By motion, approve** the renewal of the Temporary Supply contract between **the Rev. Teresa Peterson** and **Garden City Presbyterian Church**, effective June 1, 2021. **Terms of Call:** salary, housing and deferred compensation (403b): \$50,840; Board of Pensions - \$20,231, Study allowance - \$1,000, Professional Expense - \$1,500. **Total Cost to Church: \$77,350.** Vacation-4 weeks including 4 Sundays; Study Leave-2 weeks including 2 Sundays, pro-rated over the life of the contract. Church to pay for and allow pastor to attend Transition in Ministry workshop
4. **By motion, approve** the Call between **the Rev. Jennifer Saperstein** and **Ann Arbor Northside**, effective July 1, 2021. Terms: Effective Salary \$36,360; Board of Pensions - \$14,960; SECA - \$3,000; Medical Deductible - \$695; Continuing Education - \$1,040; Professional Expenses - \$1,580. **Total Compensation - \$57,635;** Vacation 4 weeks including 4 Sundays; Continuing Education 2 weeks including 2 Sundays. (Requires $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of Presbytery.)
5. **By motion, approve** Temporary Supply contract between the **Charles Sadler II** and **Starr Presbyterian Church, Royal Oak**, effective April 11, 2021. **Total Cost to the Church \$24,000.** Vacation-2 weeks including 2 Sundays; Study Leave-1 week including 1 Sunday. Church to pay for and allow pastor to attend Transition in Ministry workshop once ordained.
6. **By motion, approve** Interim Pastor contract between the **Rev. James M. Faile** and **First Presbyterian Church, Dearborn**, effective May 1, 2021. Terms of Call; Cash salary and Housing Allowance - \$72,000; Board of Pension Benefits - \$21,148; Study Allowance - \$1,000; Professional Expenses - \$1,500. **Total Cost to the Church \$106,648.** Vacation-4 weeks including 4

- Sundays; Study Leave-2 weeks including 2 Sundays. Church to pay for and allow pastor to attend Transition in Ministry workshop.
7. **By motion, approve** Full Time Commissioned Ruling Elder **Kathleen Mackie and Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, Royal Oak**, effective April 24, 2021. **Compensation;** Salary \$61,200; Medical costs \$744.31; Dental - \$36.95 monthly; Continuing Education - \$900. Vacation-4 weeks including 4 Sundays; Study Leave-2 weeks including 2 Sundays. Church to pay for and allow pastor to attend Transition in Ministry workshop. CRE to seek scholarship assistance from the Committee on Ministry.
 8. **By motion, approve** the Assistant Pastor Contract between the **Rev. Edwin Estevez and Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield**, effective April 12, 2021. Terms: Cash salary and Housing Allowance - \$80,000; Board of Pensions and Social Security - \$35,720; Reimbursed Expenses - \$4,400; Transitional Workshop - \$200; **Total Cost to the Church - \$120,320**; Vacation 4 weeks including 4 Sundays, Continuing Education 2 Weeks including 2 Sundays, plus compliance with POD's Paternity Fund to assist with the cost of DMin tuition, a scholarship for Kirk in the Hills Pre-School, and one time moving expenses up to \$10,000; and Pastoral Call requests Rev. Estevez be transferred from New Castle Presbytery.
 9. **By motion, approve** the quarter time Stated Supply contract between the **Rev. William Davis and Lakeshore Presbyterian Church, Ft. Gratiot**, effective April 1, 2021. Terms of Call: Housing Allowance - \$12,350; Flexible Spending Account - \$2,550; Professional Expense - \$400; **Total Cost to the Church - \$15,300**. Vacation-6 weeks including 6 Sundays; Study Leave-2 weeks including 2 Sundays.

Administrative Commission

1. **By motion, COM recommends** that **St. John's Presbyterian, Detroit**, Administrative Commission remain in place with the original jurisdiction. Members: Rev. Lindsey Anderson, Rev. Paul Stunkel, Rev. Laura Kelsey. Ruling Elders – Rosy Latimore, Tim Ngare, Josh Archey, CRE.
2. **By motion, approve** recommending to the presbytery that **Ruling Elder Diane Agnew, Grosse Pointe Woods, Ruling Elder Pamela Dawson, Detroit Calvary;** and **Rev. Eddie Jusino, Farmington First**, be elected to serve on the administrative committee for **Trumbull Ave. Presbyterian Church**, as they close.

Dissolutions

1. **By motion, COM recommends** dissolving the Interim Pastor Contract between **Orchard Lake Community Church, Presbyterian**, and the **Rev. Judith McMillian**, and concur with signed Financial Settlement.

Commissions

1. **By motion, COM approved** the Installation Commission of **Rev. Anders Edstrom and Greenfield Presbyterian Church;** Dave Bunch, PoD

- Moderator, Rev. Garrett Mostowski, Rev. Neeta Nichols, Teaching Elders; Terry Barash, Stefanie Lewis, Ruling Elders; for Sunday, July 25, 2021.
2. **By motion, COM approved** the Ordination and Installation Commission of **Rev. Charles Sadler II** and **Starr Presbyterian Church including the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**, Dave Bunch, PoD Moderator, Rev. Angela Ryo, Rev. Ron Gilmer, Rev. Adam Grosch, Teaching Elders; Rick Smith, Mike Brewer, Kelsey Waugh, Ruling Elders; on Sunday August 1, 2021.
 3. **By motion, COM approved** the Installation Commission of **Rev. Nathan Achterhof** and **St. Paul's Presbyterian, Livonia**; Dave Bunch, PoD Moderator, Rev. Isaac Chung, Rev. Jasmine Smart, Rev. Mark Phillips, Teaching Elders; Jan LaPinta, Adam Delezene and Stefanie Lewis, Ruling Elders, for Sunday June 6, 2021.
 4. **By motion, COM approved** the Installation commission approved for **Rev. Sarah Logemann** and the **Rev. Garrett Mostowski**, on October 3, 2021 at **Ft. Street Presbyterian Church**, including the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, members of the commission are: Dave Bunch, Moderator, Teaching Elders the Rev. Dr. Flo Barbee-Watkins, the Rev. Anders Edstrom; the Rev. Kelsey Sorge; RE Debbie Lennis, (White Lake), RE Chris Bloodworth, (Ft. Street, Detroit), RE Rhonda Favors (Calvary, Detroit)

Transfers

1. **By motion, approved** the transfer of **Rev. Joanna Dunn** to the Presbytery of the Cascades, effective March 18, 2021
2. **By motion, approved** the transfer of **Rev. Khayla Johnson** to the Holston Presbytery, effective June 1, 2021
3. **By motion, approved** the transfer of **Rev. Kelly Pittman** to the Presbytery of Northern Kansas as of May 17, 2021.
4. **By motion, approved** the transfer of **Rev. Ashley Margaret Ashley** from the Pittsburg Presbytery as of May 23, 2021.
5. **By motion, approved** the transfer of **Rev. Edwin Rolando Estevez** from the New Castle Presbytery, effective April 11, 2021.
6. **By motion, approved** the transfer of **Rev. Fernando Rodriquez** to the Denver Presbytery, and Dissolve the Pastoral Relationship with **Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield**, effective August 31, 2020.
7. **By motion, approved** the transfer of **Rev. Blair Buckley** to the Denver Presbytery, effective August 31, 2020.
8. **By motion, approved** the transfer of the **Rev. Rob Allen** to the Ohio Valley Presbytery.

At-Large

1. **By motion, COM approved** moving the **Rev. James Faile** to At-Large with the Presbytery of Detroit.
2. **By motion, COM approved** moving the **Rev. Chris Thomas** to At-Large with the Presbytery of Detroit.

Information

1. **By motion, COM approved** request from **Rev. Ruthanne Herrington** to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery of Detroit as Interim Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Jackson.
2. **By motion, COM approved** the **Saline First Church** request for a Designated Pastor for a 5 year term to address the issues around which there is conflict and employing best practices in reconciliation, health, and wholeness in the life of the congregation.
3. **By motion, COM approved** the **Lakeshore Presbyterian, St. Clair Shores**, request to open an Associate Pastor position and begin an open search for a Designated Associate Pastor (or an Associate Stated Supply), requesting a full financial report prior to approval of the MIF.
4. **By motion, COM approved** the **First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham** request to begin a Non-Traditional Search Process for a Head of Staff Pastor while Rev. John Judson continues in that capacity until his retirement in Spring 2023.
5. **By motion, COM approved** the COM Cabinet to take necessary action on behalf of the Committee on Ministry in July, 2021.
6. **By motion, COM approved** Proposal Requirements for Congregations requesting a Non-Traditional Pastoral Transition document.
7. **By motion, COM approved** the Designated Pastor Policy as a COM Policy.
8. **By motion COM concurs** with the recommendations regarding the **Orchard Lake Community Church, Presbyterian** and the **Rev. Judi McMillian**.
9. **By motion, COM approved** amending the Standards of Ethical Conduct document to read: Upon leaving ministry or office I will... "Refrain from inappropriately discussing or referring to the congregation, parishioners, colleagues or other stakeholders (even anonymously) on any public digital or social medial platforms including chat rooms or through blogs and podcasts."
10. **By motion, COM approved** appointing the **Rev. Patricia Jacobs**, Moderator at **New Life Presbyterian Church**.
11. **By motion, COM approved** the payment of \$350 honorarium to Beth Wagner for leading a seminar for Transitional Pastors in May, 2021.
12. **By motion, COM approved** removing the **Rev. Diane Oswald** from the pulpit supply list as her request.
13. **By motion, COM approved** changing Presbytery Policy defining full-time ministry to 40 hours a week for full-time; 30 hours a week for three-quarter time; 20 hours a week for half-time; 10 hours a week for quarter-time, effective January 1, 2022.
14. **By motion, COM approved** appointing the **Rev. Julie Delezene**, Moderator at **Starr Presbyterian Church**.
15. **By motion, COM approved** appointing the **Rev. Matt Nickel**, Moderator at **Trumbull Ave. Presbyterian Church**.
16. **By motion, COM approved** appointing the **Rev. Neeta Nichols**, Moderator at **Covenant Presbyterian Church**.

17. **By motion, COM approved** appointing the **Rev. Bob Agnew**, Moderator at **Calvary Presbyterian Church**.
18. **By motion, COM approved** position description for **First Presbyterian Church, Dearborn**.
19. **By motion, COM approved** appointing the **Rev. Jay Sanderford**, Moderator at **Ann Arbor First Presbyterian**.
20. **By motion, COM approved** receiving into the Presbytery of Detroit, the **Rev. Nathan Achterhof**, from the **Lakawana Presbytery**.
21. **By motion, COM approved** adding the **Rev. Jim Monnett** to the pulpit supply list.
22. **By motion, COM approved** requiring that all Clergy (Teaching Elders and CRE's) engaged in active and validated ministry to the Presbytery of Detroit, attend one of three boundary trainings offered by the Synod of the Covenant in 2021.

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF STATED CLERK MARIANNE GRANO
TO THE PRESBYTERY OF DETROIT
JULY 13, 2021**

RECOMMENDATIONS UNDER BUSINESS

FOR ACTION AS OMNIBUS MOTION (2):

1. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONS: Approve the reports of the following Administrative Commissions:

Installation of Benjamin Larson-Wolbrink

Installation of Nathan Achterhof

Interim Report of the Administrative Commission for Covenant Church Southfield

Interim Report of the Administrative Commission for St. John's Detroit

2. Approve the time and location of the Presbytery meeting September 28, 2021, at 4:00pm, at Westminster Presbyterian Church of Detroit.

FOR INFORMATION

1. TRANSFERS COMPLETED: None at this time.
2. RECORDS REVIEW: The review of Session and congregational records is postponed to the fall due to staffing changes within the Presbytery.
3. MINUTES: Pursuant to the action taken at the March 20 meeting, the minutes of the March 20 meeting were reviewed by the Coordinating Cabinet and approved as presented. **Appendix A.**

COMMISSION REPORT
INSTALLATION OF BEN LARSON-WOLBRINK
PRESBYTERY OF DETROIT
FEBRUARY 14, 2021

The Commission to install the **Rev. Ben Larson-Wolbrink as pastor of Northbrook Presbyterian Church**, in Beverly Hills, was convened with prayer by the moderator, Elder Dave Bunch, at 10:05 a.m. on February 14, 2021, at Northbrook Church. The Commission members present were:

Elder Dave Bunch, Moderator, Presbytery of Detroit (Moderator)

Elder Sharon Moore of St. John's Presbyterian Church, Detroit

Elder Michelle Bueltel of University Presbyterian Church, Rochester Hills

The Rev. Dr. Nate Phillips of Kirk in the Hills Church, Bloomfield Hills

The Rev. Gretchen Larson-Wolbrink, At-Large, Presbytery of Detroit

The Commission approved the seating of the following members as corresponding members:

(None)

The Commission invited the following persons to participate in the worship service:

Elder Matt Broadwell, PNC Member, Northbrook Church

Kae'Yanna King, A/V Intern, Northbrook Church

Elder Penny Willey, PNC Moderator, Northbrook Church

Sherrill Heinrichs, Coordinator of Congregational Care, Northbrook Church

After approving the order of worship, the Commission proceeded to worship, where it installed the Rev. Ben Larson-Wolbrink as pastor of Northbrook Presbyterian Church. In the course of the ordination service, Rev. Larson-Wolbrink gave affirmation to the obligations undertaken in the ordination questions found in W-4.4003. Upon conclusion of the worship service, the commission and congregation were dismissed with prayer and benediction by the Rev. Ben Larson-Wolbrink.

/s David C. Bunch
Moderator

Date: February 14, 2021

COMMISSION REPORT
INSTALLATION OF NATHAN ACHTERHOF
PRESBYTERY OF DETROIT
JUNE 6, 2021

The Commission to install the **Rev. Nathan (Nate) Achterhof as pastor of St. Paul Presbyterian Church**, in Livonia, was convened with prayer by the moderator, Elder Dave Bunch, at 2:35 p.m. on June 6, 2021, at St. Paul Church. The Commission members present were:

Elder Dave Bunch, Moderator, Presbytery of Detroit

Elder Adam Delezene of First Presbyterian Church, Wren

Elder Jan Lapenta of St. Paul Presbyterian Church, Livonia

The Rev. Jasmine Smart of Community Presbyterian Church, Waterford

The Rev. Isaac Chung, At-Large, Presbytery of Detroit

The Rev. Mark Phillips of Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church, Dearborn

The Commission approved the seating of the following members as corresponding members:

(None)

The Commission invited the following persons to participate in the worship service:

(None)

After approving the order of worship, the Commission proceeded to worship, where it installed the Rev. Nate Achterhof as pastor of St. Paul Presbyterian Church. In the course of the ordination service, Rev. Achterhof gave affirmation to the obligations undertaken in the ordination questions found in W-4.4003. Upon conclusion of the worship service, the commission and congregation were dismissed with prayer and benediction by the Rev. Nate Achterhof.



David C. Bunch
Moderator

Date: June 23, 2021

Presbytery of Detroit
Interim Report by the
Administrative Commission for Covenant Church Southfield (AC)
July 13, 2021

Update:

The AC's research into Covenant's roots from Southfield and Redford churches is leading the AC into an exploration of each church's history up through the selling of the Covenant church building. The AC also researched the history of the merged church. This research includes the relationship between each church and the Presbytery of Detroit.

The Covenant Session has cooperated with the requests of the AC. We have developed a relationship that is collegial and collaborative.

Actions taken by the AC:

The AC has proposed a process to the Session of Covenant Church for development of a plan of ministry that will determine if Covenant Church is being called by God to merge, to nest, to yoke, or to dissolve. Our AC expects a unified outcome as a result of this process. The Covenant Session has unanimously accepted this process.

The AC has established a six-step timeline to complete this process in a timely and unifying manner. The process includes discernment of God's direction for Covenant Church and the establishment of actions to fulfill that discernment.

The AC has advocated for Covenant Church in its interactions with the Presbytery's Board of Trustees.

Stefanie W. Lewis, Clerk
The AC for Covenant Church of Southfield

Members of the Covenant Church Administrative Commission

Greg Sykes, Ruling Elder
Karen Stunkel, Teaching Elder

Stefanie Lewis, Ruling Elder
Kent Clise, Teaching Elder, Moderator

St. John's AC Report for the Presbytery of Detroit (July 2021)

AC Members are: Rev. Lindsey Anderson, Co-Chair; CRE Josh Archey; Rev. Laura Kelsey, Co-Chair; Elder Rosie Latimore; Elder Timothy Ngare, Rev. Paul Stunkel.

Since our last Presbytery meeting, and in coordination with the Committee on Ministry and our TGP Flo Barbee-Watkins, the AC has done a "soft reset". This has included Rev. Anderson and Rev. Kelsey **Chairing the AC as a team** and taking turns leading our "Session" meetings.

We have made some decisions to assist in communication and equity, allowing more voices to be heard in a respectful manner. To do so we have consistently used the "**Respectful Communication Guidelines**" in our all of our meetings as an AC and in joint meetings with the leadership of St. John's.

The **meeting schedule** has been amended to include two regular meetings each month. The AC meeting on the Third Wednesday each month at 4:00-5:30 p.m. in a closed AC Meeting. The AC also meets in an open meeting with the leadership of St. John's in a standard Session meeting format. This meeting takes place on the Second Thursday of each month at 6:00-7:00 p.m.

The AC in coordination with the St. John's leadership have **elected treasurer** Elder David Harmon who will begin following the necessary bylaw change which will take place in a **Special Congregational Meeting on July 11, 2021**.

Guest Preachers have been scheduled through September 5, 2021.

Members of the AC and St. John's Administration and Personnel Committee are working on a **job description for the Temporary Stated Supply position** and reviewing the other job descriptions. The TSS job description will be forwarded to COM following its approval.

Respectfully Submitted by the St John's AC