**PROPOSED STATED MEETING**

**The Presbytery of Northern Waters**

**May 7, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.**

**In-Person at Glen Avon, Duluth**

**Virtual via Zoom**

**Minutes**

Call to Order and Constituting Prayer James Deters, Moderator

* Rev. Jim Deters, Moderator, granted Rev. Dorothy Duquette, Council Chair and 2021 Moderator, the honor of calling the Stated Presbytery meeting to order. Rev. Dorothy Duquette opened the meeting with reading and prayer at 9:49 a.m.

Declaration of a Quorum

* Rev. Brad Carloss, Stated Clerk, confirmed a quorum was present.
* Rev. Jim Deters, Moderator, declared a quorum.

Approval of the Docket

* A request to move Jackie Ranco’s commissioning service to the unfinished business portion of the meeting was made as she was not yet present.
* **(MSC) The Proposed Docket, as amended, was moved, seconded, and carried by the Presbytery.**

Report of the Stated Clerk Brad Carloss, Stated Clerk

* Standing Rules for this Meeting
* Rev. Brad Carloss reviewed the Standing Rules for the first in-person and virtual meeting of the Presbytery.
* Appointment of the Roll Clerk and Minutes Clerk
  + Rev. Brad Carloss, Stated Clerk, appointed Amanda Keppers as Roll and Minutes Clerk.
* Seating of Corresponding members
  + Rev. Brad Carloss, Stated Clerk, declared there were no Corresponding Members to seat.
* Special Announcements
  + Rev. Brad Carloss, Stated Clerk, moved to ratify all motions taken by the Presbytery from April 2020 to present.
    - Nini Edwardo, Executive Secretary of IEEP Portugal, the IEEP of Portugal, and Sandra send greeting.
  + **(MSC) The motion to ratify all motions taken by the Presbytery from February 6, 2020, to present was moved by the Stated Clerk, seconded, and carried by the Presbytery.**
  + Thanks for the prayers of Brad’s wife after she suffered a mild heart attack in Portugal as she is doing well.

Consent Agenda James Deters, Moderator

(Actions Taken on Behalf of Presbytery and submitted reports)

* **(MSC) A motion to approve the Consent Agenda as written was moved, seconded by, and carried by the Presbytery.**

Moderator Report James Deters, Moderator

Decision on concurrence

* Rev. Deters spoke on the decision made by the Presbytery at the Special Call Presbytery Meeting. The Presbytery moved to concur the resolution with 96 percent in favor and 4 percent against.

Commissioning of Jackie Ranco (amended to take place during unfinished business)

Council Report Dorothy Duquette, Chair

* Dorothy Duquette, Council Chair, brought two action items before the Presbytery.

1. Council recommends to Presbytery the approval of the nomination of Deb Emery, CRE, to serve on the Nominating Committee.
   1. **(MSC) The motion to approve of the nomination of Deb Emery, CRE, to serve on the Nominating Committee was moved by** **Council and carried by the Presbytery.**
2. Council recommends to Presbytery the dismissal of the administrative commission for the installation of the Rev. Jason Shiller with thanks for their work.
   1. **(MSC)** **The motion to approve the dismissal of the administrative commission for the installation of the Rev. Jason Shiller with thanks for their work was moved by Council and carried by the Presbytery.**

Committees of Council Reports

* Overtures and Bylaws Barry Boyer, Chair
  + Barry Boyer, Overtures and Bylaws Chair, recommended to the Presbytery a motion recommended by the Committee on Ministry.
    1. **(MSC) A motion to change the Presbytery’s Manual of Operations requirement for mandatory Boundary Training from every five (5) years to every three (3) years. The motion was moved by committee and carried by the Presbytery.**
       - Robyn Weaver spoke on behalf of the request of the Committee of Ministry.
* Personnel Committee Doug Workman, Chair; in absentia
  + No actions were required.
* Finance & Budget Doug Workman, Chair; in absentia
  + No actions were required.
  + The following documentation regarding the Presbytery’s financial information was provided: Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Activities, Designated Funds, and Per Capita Report.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry Lon Weaver, Chair

* Lon Weaver, Committee on Preparation for Ministry Chair, brought one action before the Presbytery.
  + 1. CPM recommends to Presbytery the enrollment of Jocelyn Langholtz, RE Ashland, as an inquirer.
       - Lon introduced Jocelyn Langholtz who attended virtually. (Note that the misspelling of her name in the docket packet/motion was addressed and amended.)
       - Jocelyn spoke to the Presbytery regarding what has led her to this path.
         * She is a psychotherapist who is currently in theological school at the United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, with the focus of social transformation. Picture is to challenge fellow Christians to be who we are supposed to be at this time.
       - A discussion took place where Rev. Lawrence Lee stated that he “whole heartedly supports the motion.
       - **(MSC)** **The motion to Presbytery regarding the enrollment of Jocelyn Langholtz, RE Ashland, as an inquirer, was moved by committee and carried by the Presbytery.**
         * Rev. Lon Weaver thanked Pastor Deters and the Ashland Church for endorsing Jocelyn Langholtz.
         * Rev. Dianna Bell led a prayer for Jocelyn during her discernment period.

Break

* The Presbytery took a ten-minute break.

Program Strategy Arlin Talley, Chair; in absentia 225th General Assembly Bible Study

* Rev. Richard Blood introduced the two bible study videos provided by the General Assembly. The focus of the two videos is lament and hope.
* Rev. Jason Schiller was available via zoom to supply documents if needed and help with questions.

Committee on Ministry Robyn Weaver & Lawrence Lee co-chairs

* Rev. Lawrence Lee, Committee on Ministry Co-Chair, reported the following:
  + Lawrence took a moment of personal privilege to share that he recently celebrated his 19th anniversary of being a part of the Presbytery.
  + Manitowish Waters and Lac du Flambeau are in transitional times as they are searching for new pastor(s) and could use prayers.
* Rev. Robyn Weaver, Committee on Ministry Co-Chair, reported the following topics of God’s work:
  + Virginia has an interested pastor, Rev. Wendy Christianson, who is hoping to serve.
  + Westminster-Duluth have been praying and looking towards the future for their church.
  + Park Rapids met with their Episcopal bishop regarding the size of their church. The bishop informed them that there is no reason they shouldn’t continue as a church.
  + Phillips has community groups gathering in their building.
  + The committee encourages the continued lifting up of the news that God is at work.

Report from the Ironwood Commission

* Rev. Lawrence Lee reported.
* All members of Ironwood have been put to the care of other congregations.
* The building has sold.
* All the belongings have been dispersed.
* A celebration of the church’s ministry is still needed and will be scheduled.

Report from the Duluth First Commission

* Rev. Richard Blood and Rev. Brad Carloss reported.
* The commission continues to work.
* First Presbyterian’s session continues to meet.
* A joint meeting with the Administrative Commission and their session is planned
* Rev. Joel Huenneman, First Presbyterian’s Moderator, requested an opportunity to speak on behalf of the session.
  + The church’s heating expenses are $70,000.00 per year and they have 35 members. Session knows that this is not sustainable, but the members are emotionally attached to their church.
  + Joel requested prayers for the Administrative Commission and the church.

Report on Clearwater Forest Paul Rigstad & Robyn Weaver

* Paul Rigstad and Rev. Robyn Weaver reported.
* Prayers were requested for the tremendous turnover of the Clearwater Forest staff.
* They are celebrating the use of camp this summer following the struggles of COVID-19 and the staff turnover.
* Thanks was given to the board for all of their work during the tough year.
* Helen Hall remodel was completed.
* The Osprey building was burnt down as it was in disrepair. Several community fire departments trained on the Osprey building as it was burned.
* Leaning Tree’s second floor flooded and is being repaired.
* The Gate House had a fire in the kitchen.

Nominating Committee Matthew Arneson, Chair

* No verbal report was given.

Unfinished Business

* Rev. James Deters led the Commissioning Service for the dedication to service of Jackie Ranco as Ruling Elder Commissioner to the 225th General Assembly occurred.
* **Jackie Ranco was dedicated to a commissioning service as Ruling Elder Commissioner to the 225th General Assembly by the Presbytery.**

New Business

* There was no new business.

Report of the Roll

* Rev. Brad Carloss, Stated Clerk, gave the report of roll constituted by the roll clerk, Amanda Keppers.
* The Report of Roll is as follows:

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|  | **In Person** | **Virtual** | **Total** |
| **Teaching Elders** | 14 | 6 | 20 |
| **Ruling Elders** | 7 | 3 | 10 |
| **Commissioned Ruling Elders** | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| **Inquirers/Candidates** | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| **Corresponding Members** | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Staff** | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| **Visitors/Observers** | 4 | 4 | 8 |
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| **Total** | **28** | **14** | **42** |

* See Figure1 for complete roll records.

Worship Rev. Brett Foote, Superior United

* Rev. Brett Foote of Superior United Presbyterian Church led the Presbytery in worship.
* Music was provided by Jane Wester of Superior United Presbyterian Church.
* Rev. Brett Foote led the Presbytery in an immersive worship activity.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

* **(MSC**) **A motion to adjourn the meeting with prayer was moved, seconded, and carried.**
* Rev. James Deters, Moderator, closed the meeting with prayer at 12:40 pm.

Upcoming Meetings of the Presbytery of Northern Waters:

October 2022

February 2023

May 2023

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Amanda Keppers,

Presbytery of Northern Waters

Minutes Clerk, Roll Clerk, Co-Host of Zoom

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| Figure 1 | | |
| Registration  May 7, 2022  Presbytery of Northern Waters  Stated Presbytery Meeting | | |
| Church | Commissioners (Ruling Elders) | Visitors/Observers |
| Ashland  United Presbyterian-Congregational Church |  | Jackie Ranco- In Person |
| Babbit  Woodland Presbyterian Church |  |  |
| Bayfield  Bayfield Presbyterian Church | Phil Peterson, Vice Mod – In Person |  |
| Bemidji  First Presbyterian Church |  | Rev. Ruth Andersen - Virtual |
| Bigfork-Bowstring  Bowstring Chapel Presbyterian Church |  |  |
| Blackduck  First Presbyterian Church |  |  |
| Bovey  Lawron Presbyterian Church |  |  |
| Brule  Brule Presbyterian Church |  |  |
| Calumet  Calumet Community Church |  |  |
| Carlton  River’s Edge Church |  |  |
| Chippewa Falls  First Presbyterian Church |  |  |
| Cloquet  Presbyterian Church of Cloquet |  |  |
| Coleraine  First United Church - Coleraine & Bovey | Candy Deal – In Person |  |
| Cornell  First Presbyterian Church |  |  |
| Duluth  First Presbyterian Church |  |  |
| Duluth  Glen Avon Presbyterian Church | Claudia Welty – In Person | Peter Duvall – Tech |
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| Duluth  Lakeside Presbyterian Church | Betty Opland – In Person | Cindy Martinson – In Person |
| Duluth  Pike Lake Presbyterian Church |  |  |
| Duluth  Westminster Presbyterian Church | Paul Rigstad – In Person |  |
| Eau Claire  First Presbyterian Church |  |  |
| Eau Claire  North Presbyterian Church |  |  |
| Ely  First Presbyterian Church | Jean Gendreau - Virtual |  |
| Gordon  St. Croix Presbyterian Church |  |  |
| Grand Rapids  Community Presbyterian Church | Barb Meyer - Virtual |  |
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| Hannibal  New Hope Presbyterian Church |  |  |
| Hibbing  First Presbyterian Church |  |  |
| Hurley  First Presbyterian Church |  |  |
| Keewatin  Congregation of the Good Shepherd |  |  |
| Lac du Flambeau  Community Presbyterian Church |  |  |
| Lake Nebagamon  First Presbyterian Church |  |  |
| Manitowish Waters  Manitowish Waters Community Presbyterian Church |  | Hope Dougherty - Virtual |
| McGrath  Calvary Presbyterian Church |  |  |
| McGregor  Round Lake Presbyterian Church |  |  |
| Park Rapids  Trinity Episcopal/ Presbyterian Church |  |  |
| Phillips  First Presbyterian Church | Angela Michler – In Person |  |
| Rice Lake  United Presbyterian Church |  |  |
| Silver Bay  United Protestant Church |  |  |
| Superior  Country Peace Presbyterian Church | Sue Hendrickson - Virtual |  |
| Superior  United Presbyterian Church | Cameron Campbell – In Person | Jane Wester- Music – In Person  Laura Foote – In Person  Janice Letsos- Virtual |
| Tamarack  First Presbyterian Church |  |  |
| Tower  St James Presbyterian Church |  |  |
| Two Harbors  United Church of Two Harbors |  |  |
| Virginia  Hope Community Presbyterian Church |  |  |
| Wahkon  Wahkon Presbyterian Church |  |  |
| Willow River  First United Presbyterian Church |  |  |
| Winter  First Presbyterian Church |  |  |

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| Roll  May 7, 2022  Presbytery of Northern Waters  Stated Presbytery Meeting | | |
| **Minister of Word and Sacrament** | | |
| **Name** | **Status** | **Present/Absent/Excused** |
| Arneson, Matthew | Phillips, WI | Present – In Person |
| Aslyn, H. Duane | HR | Absent |
| Bell, Dianna | HR | Present – In Person |
| Biddle, Lindsay | Chaplain-Ecumen | Absent |
| Blood, Richard | HR, Staff | Present – In Person |
| Boyer, Barry | HR | Present - Virtual |
| Bump, Don | HR | Absent |
| Calbreath, C. Bruce | HR | Absent |
| Carloss, E. Bradley | HR, Staff | Present – In Person - Staff |
| Coltvet, Martha | HR | Absent |
| Cooper, Peggy | HR | Absent |
| Davis, Frank | HR | Absent |
| Deever, Nancy | HR | Absent |
| Deters, James | Ashland, WI - Moderator | Present – In Person |
| Duquette, Dorothy | Bovey, Calumet, Coleraine, MN | Present – In Person |
| Foote, Brett | UPC Superior, WI | Present – In Person |
| Gibbs, John D. | HR | Absent |
| Gibbs, John G. | HR | Absent |
| Goodin, Robert | HR | Present - Virtual |
| Goodin, Susan | HR | Present - Virtual |
| Guthrie, David | HR | Absent |
| Harrison, Janelle | HR | Absent |
| Henely, Ron | HR | Excused |
| Hickman, Robert | HR | Absent |
| House, Charles | HR | Absent |
| Huenemann, Joel | HR | Present – In Person |
| Johnson, Sharon | HR | Absent |
| Jutila, Kari | Lakeside – Duluth, MN | Present – In Person |
| Kolmodin, Kate | Chaplain | Absent |
| Larsen, Corey | Ely, MN | Absent |
| Lee, Lawrence | Bayfield, WI | Present – In Person |
| Liebenstein, Elizabeth | Chaplain | Absent |
| Light, Robert | HR | Absent |
| Mann, John | HR | Present – In Person |
| Nielsen, Eric | HR | Absent |
| Paulson, Chips | HR | Absent |
| Ribe, Ken | HR, Staff | Excused |
| Robertson, Darrel | HR | Absent |
| **Name** | **Status** | **Present/Absent/Excused** |
| Talley, C. Arlin | HR | Excused |
| Schiller, Jason | Grand Rapids, MN | Present - Virtual |
| Schuder, Karen | Member-At-Large | Excused |
| Smith, Kathryn C. | HR, Rice Lake, WI | Absent |
| Stangl, Kate | HR | Present - Virtual |
| Waid, Roger | HR | Present – In Person |
| Walker, Kathryn Reid | Eau Claire, WI | Present - Virtual |
| Weaver, Lon | Glen Avon- Duluth, MN | Present – In Person |
| Weaver, Robyn | Glen Avon- Duluth, MN | Present – In Person |
| Workman, Douglas | Tower, MN | Excused |
| Yingling, John | Blackduck, MN | Absent |
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| **Ministers of Word and Sacrament Temporary Relationships** | | |
| **Name** | **Status** | **Present** |
| Cole, Ray | First- Bigfork, MN | Absent |
| Gaboury, Paula | Two Harbors, MN | Absent |
| Lofgren, Aaron | Keewatin, MN | Absent |
| Mann, Rick | Tamarack, MN | Absent |
| Mowchan, Carolyn | Westminster- Duluth, MN | Absent |
| Nickolson, Don UMC SS | Hurley, WI | Absent |
| Scaringi, Paul | Silver Bay, MN | Absent |
| Fleckenstein, Cheryl | Willow River, MN | Absent |
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| **Commissioned Ruling Elders** | | |
| **Name** | **Status** | **Present** |
| Anderson, Leslie | Pioneer Parish | Present – In Person |
| Emery, Deb | Pike Lake- Duluth, MN | Absent |
| Fashbaugh, Jack | Lac du Flambeau, WI | Absent |
| Holt, Chip | Bemidji, MN | Present – In Person |
| Larson, Katie | Hibbing, MN | Absent |
| Lewis, Sharron (ELCA) | Bigfork-Bowstring, MN | Absent |
| Shideler, Mary | Grand Rapids, MN | Absent |
| Thompson, Bev | Maplewood Parish | Absent |