

Meeting of Mackinac Presbytery
May 18, 2019
The Presbyterian Church of Traverse City
701 Westminster Road
Traverse City

Docket

Registration 9:00 a.m.

Call to Order 10:00 a.m.

Verification of Quorum – Kay Morrill, Stated Clerk

Convening Prayer – William Myers, Moderator

Welcome of the Host Church – William Myers

Introductions

First Time Commissioners and New Pastors
Corresponding Members—with motion to give voice
Visitors

Approval of Minutes and Appendices

Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Mackinac, February 23, 2019 (Petoskey)

Approval of the Docket and Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda

Offering Recipient – *Remain In Touch* (Non-profit working with incarcerated parents to record free books for their children ages 0-12 years.)

2018 Statistical Report – Submitted by Kay Morrill, Stated Clerk

Mission Committee Report – Submitted by Sandra Murray, Mission Committee Moderator

Synod Commissioner Report – Submitted by Lois Aroian, Synod Clergy Commissioner

Coordinating Council Report – Submitted by Richard Wissell, Council Moderator

(The following items were on the Consent Agenda of the February meeting. However, a question was raised regarding the Consent Agenda's approval, so they are being included at this meeting.)

Action Item 1: Begin Presbytery of Mackinac Meetings in unison praying the following:

“Gracious God, by the prompting of the Holy Spirit and by following the way of Christ, we offer ourselves to you. In order to lead and serve our Presbytery, help us to function with energy, enthusiasm, honesty and transparency, seeking to leave our personal agendas in your hands. May we honor each person's presence and perspective, listening fervently and seeking the good of the whole. Almighty God, because you have loved us and respected us first, allow us to love and respect one another. As we nurture our individual lives, help us to pray daily for each other, honoring the life we make in you. Through Christ, we pray. Amen”

Action Item 2: Adopt the following:

Holy Manners Covenant of the Presbytery of Mackinac

“Being a member of the Presbytery of Mackinac I pledge that I will endeavor to follow the example of our Lord Jesus Christ and love the Lord God with all my heart, mind and soul and love my neighbor as Jesus loves me. Further, I will pray regularly for the Presbytery, other members of the Presbytery and Presbytery staff and leadership. During Presbytery Meetings I will treat everyone as I want to be treated, showing respect for them and their opinions. When the Presbytery has made a decision, I will abide by and support that decision whether I had previously supported it or not. Through all of my efforts on behalf of the Presbytery, my church and in my life I will seek to continue conscious contact with the Holy Spirit. I realize that we each are a part of the Body of Christ and have a part to play in our efforts to love and serve the Lord.”

Background for the Above Actions:

In the past, some members of our Presbytery believed we acted in a less than Christ like fashion at our Council and Presbytery meetings. They felt so strongly about this that they wrote letters to the Synod of the Covenant, a factor in leading to the Synod appointing the Administrative Commission in August of 2017. That Commission prepared and submitted a Report to the Synod in August of 2018. The Report as adopted includes requirements and recommendations for our Presbytery.

Knowing what the final Report of the Commission was going to include and realizing we needed to address our members’ concerns, in May of 2018 your Coordinating Council held a retreat prior to the Presbytery Meeting. As a result of that Retreat, during which we brainstormed, a committee volunteered to take all our ideas and present a Holy Manners Covenant for the Coordinating Council at the Council’s next meeting. This led to the presentation and adoption of a full page covenant. This year’s Council reviewed and adopted the Holy Manners Covenant with a one word change and determined that a condensed version should be presented for adoption by the Presbytery to meet the concerns of our members, comply with item 1a. of the Administrative Commission’s Report and follow the example of Jesus in our interactions before, during and after meetings.

The Body of Christ Unites in Worship 10:15 a.m.

Reports

Moderator 11:15 a.m.

Stated Clerk 11:20 a.m.

Action Item: Presbyterian Women requests permission to celebrate communion at the Spring Gatherings in Boyne City on May 4 and Iron River on May 11.

Treasurer – John Fought 11:25 a.m.

Commission of Budget and Finance Report – Anne Hebert 11:30 a.m.

Action Items:

2017 Audit/Financial Review

Rudyard Property

Special Accounts of Presbytery

Committee on Representation and Nominations 11:40 a.m.

Action Items:

The Rev. Ryan Donahoe – Personnel

CLP Dawn Robbins – Worshipping Communities	
The Rev. Dr. Kip Murphy – Education and Leadership	
Celebrations of Ministry - Kip Murphy, Education and Leadership	11:45 a.m.
The Rev. Elliot Morrison – 65 Years of Ordination	
The Rev. Ned Edwards – 60 Years of Ordination	
The Rev. David Hall – 50 Years of Ordination	
Prayer	11:55 a.m.
Lunch	Noon
Reconvene	12:55 p.m.
Announcements	1:00 p.m.
Presbytery Point - Jenna Thompson, Executive Director	
Campus Ministry at Northern – Thomas Ault, Director	
Reports Continued	
Commission on Ministries Report – Sue Fantini	1:05 p.m.
Items removed from the Consent Agenda	1:10 p.m.
New Business (presented to Clerk before the meeting)	1:15 p.m.
Prayer Requests and Closing Prayer	1:20 p.m.
Adjourn	1:30 p.m.

Next Meeting
September 20-21, 2019
Presbytery Point Camp
211 Brown Road
Michigan, MI 49861