**Northern Plains Presbytery**

**Continuing Preparation for Ministry (CPM)**

**September 6th, 2019**

**Present:** Rev. Spencer S. Homan, Rev. Marge Landwehr, Hazel Merdink, Erik Swee, and Tom Cummings, and Dixon Moorhead, and Presbytery Leader Marji Ackerman

**Absent:** None

The task group met for its regularly scheduled meeting Friday, September 6th, 2019 at First Presbyterian Church Grand Forks at 9:30 am.

The Rev. Homan opened the meeting in prayer.

* The task group looked over the roster and received updates. The group heard news that Jane Holtzclaw was ordained on July 28th, 2019. This fulfills the obligation of the CPM and the task group **moved, seconded, and approved** to remove Jane Holtzclaw from our CPM roster.
* The task group met with Jamie Nortog for his Annual Review with CPM. After giving the task group an update on his progress this year, we walked through the steps needed to prepare him to be commissioned on the floor of Presbytery. The task group agreed to allow Jamie to take his Psych Evaluation over zoom and also **moved, seconded, and approved** to pay Jamie’s 1/3 portion of the cost of the Psych Eval. We reviewed his 2019 Form CLP 3 and asked follow up questions. The task group **moved, seconded, and approved** to continue Jamie in the process for another year and have invited him back to our March 6th CPM meeting for his “Completion of the Process.” Rev. Homan (Jamie’s liaison) closed our time with Jamie in prayer.
* The task group met with Ruth Sanders. Ruth is seeking to become an Inquirer and be ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament. After hearing about her sense of call, the group reviewed her forms 1A, 1B, 1D, and 2B. The group then asked follow up questions for clarification. The task group **moved, seconded, and approved** to recommend that Presbytery enroll her as an Inquirer at the October 26th, 2019 meeting (see action item below). The group then advised Ruth on the steps needed to progress before meeting with us next year at our Sept. 4th, 2020 meeting. Rev. Landwehr volunteered to be Ruth’s liaison throughout this process. Rev. Landwehr closed our time with Ruth in prayer. Form 2B was signed and sent in to Presbytery.
* The task group met with Douglas Chimanga. Douglas is seeking to become a CLP in our Presbytery. We reviewed Douglas’ forms CLP 1a and CLP 1b and asked follow up questions. The task group **moved, seconded, and approved** to enroll Douglas as a “Learner” in our process *pending the receipt of form CLP 2 from Jamestown*. The group then advised Douglas on the steps needed to progress before meeting with us next year at our Sept. 4th, 2020 meeting. CLP Dixon Moorhead agreed to be Douglas’ liaison throughout this process and then Pastor Moorhead closed our time with Douglas in prayer.

There being no other business for this group, the meeting was closed with prayer by The Rev. Spencer Homan at 2:00 pm. The next meeting of CPM is scheduled for March 6th, 2020 at First Presbyterian Church of Grand Forks at 11:00 am

Respectfully Submitted, The Rev. Spencer S. Homan, Task Leader of CPM.

**Action Items for Presbytery:**

* Motion to enroll Ruth Sanders as an Inquirer in the ordination process.