

**Continuing Preparation for Ministry Pod  
Northern Plains Presbytery  
September 14, 2024**

**Present:** Rev. Dr. Spencer S. Homan [TE], Rev. Marge Landwehr [TE], Erik Swee [RE], and Tom Cummings [RE].

**Absent:** None.

The committee met for its regularly scheduled meeting Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at First Presbyterian Church Grand Forks at 8:30 am. The Rev. Dr. Homan opened the meeting in prayer.

- The Pod reviewed the CPM Roster and heard updates about all those under our care.
- The Pod met with prospective Commissioned Lay Pastor Donna Preston. Donna is a Ruling Elder in good standing and meets the 6 month requirement. Donna has completed the CLP Application and we have received one letter of reference, two more letters are on the way. We have received their CLP form 2 from Grandin. Donna is enrolled in the Synod's Academy and has begun their course work. The task group **moved, seconded, and approved** to receive Donna as a "Learner" in the CLP process. Donna is invited to join us again on September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 for their next meeting with us. Donna's liaison Marge Landwehr closed in prayer.

**TASKS FOR DONNA TO COMPLETE:**

- Donna was instructed that the next step is to participate in the Psych Evaluation process through the North Central Career Development Center.
- Donna will be working with the committee to find a Mentor to oversee their CLP process.
- The Pod met with prospective Commissioned Lay Pastor Corday Goddard. Corday is a Ruling Elder in good standing and meets the 6 month requirement. Corday has completed the CLP Application and we have received all three letters of reference. Corday will be meeting with Fargo next Monday to obtain form CLP 2 from the Fargo Church. Corday has already completed their Psych Evaluation. Corday is enrolled in the University of Dubuque CLP program and has begun their course work. The task group **moved, seconded, and approved** to receive Corday as a "Learner" in the CLP process, pending receipt of form CLP 2 from Fargo. Corday is invited to join us again on September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 for their next meeting with us. Corday's liaison Erik Swee closed in prayer.

**TASKS FOR CORDAY TO COMPLETE:**

- Corday was advised to meet with their Session to fulfill form CLP 2.
- Corday will be asking a Minister of Word and Sacrament to be his mentor.
- Corday was advised to begin work on their Statement of Faith for our next meeting.
- Corday was advised to prepare a sermon for our next meeting.
- Corday was advised that they will be sent a modified "Ord Exam" to work on this summer in preparation for our next meeting.

- The Pod met with prospective Commissioned Lay Pastor Carrie Lauber. Carrie is a Ruling Elder in good standing and meets the 6 month requirement. Carrie has completed the CLP Application and we have received all three letters of reference as well as form CLP 2. Carrie is enrolled in the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and has begun their course work. The task group **moved, seconded, and approved** to receive Corday as a “Learner” in the CLP process. Carrie is invited to join us again on September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 for their next meeting with us. Carrie’s liaison Tom Cummings closed in prayer.

**TASKS FOR CARRIE TO COMPLETE:**

- Carrie was instructed that the next step is to participate in the Psych Evaluation process through the North Central Career Development Center.
- Rev. Sarah Bigwood has volunteered to be Carrie’s Mentor, Carrie has been instructed to meet with her at least twice a year.

**LEADERSHIP POD:** Several candidates commented that they feel it would be beneficial to have a meeting of ALL CLP’s so that they can form a cohort to support and uplift one another.

The meeting was closed with prayer by The Rev. Dr. Spencer Homan.

The next meeting of CPM is scheduled for March 1st, 2025 at First Presbyterian Church of Grand Forks at 9:00 am

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

**Action Items for Presbytery:**

- None at this time.