

(CPM) - Continuing Preparation for Ministry Pod Report - Northern Plains Presbytery
March 7, 2026

Present: the Rev. Dr. Spencer S. Homan [MoWS], the Rev. Ruth Sanders [MoWS], Pastor Jamie Norstog [CLP], Tom Cummings [RE]

Absent: Erik Swee [RE]

The Pod met for its regularly scheduled meeting on Saturday, March 7th, 2026, via Zoom, starting at 9:00 am.

The Rev. Homan opened the meeting in prayer.

- The Pod met with “Prospective Commissioned Lay Pastor” Carie Lauber.
 - The Pod opened our time with Carie, learning about what she has been working on this previous year.
 - The Pod then listened to Carie preach and gave feedback.
 - The Pod then turned its attention to the “Alternate Ordination Exams in Polity, Worship, and Reformed Theology” that Carie completed online for our review. After much discussion and follow-up questions, the Pod declared that Carie had passed her examination.
 - The Pod went over Carie’s Statement of Faith and asked some exploratory questions in order to ascertain Carie’s understanding of Reformed theology.
 - The Pod excused Carie from the room, and the Pod **moved, seconded, and voted to approve** Carie to be “Certified Ready to Receive Commissioning,” and presented to C.O.M. for placement.
 - The Pod invited Carie back into the room to inform her of our decision and invited Carie’s liaison, Rev. Sanders, to close our time in prayer.
- The Pod met with “Prospective Commissioned Lay Pastor” Scott Halstead
 - Scott is still missing two classes to receive his certification; however, we are moving forward with his readiness to be commissioned pending reception of his certification.
 - The Pod opened our time with Scott, learning about what he has been working on this previous year.
 - The Pod then listened to Scott preach and gave feedback.
 - The Pod then turned its attention to the “Alternate Ordination Exams in Polity, Worship, and Reformed Theology” that Scott completed online for our review. After much discussion and follow-up questions, the Pod declared that Scott had passed his examination.
 - The Pod went over Scott’s Statement of Faith and asked some exploratory questions in order to ascertain Scott’s understanding of Reformed theology.
 - The Pod excused Scott from the room, and the Pod **moved, seconded, and voted to approve** Scott to be “Certified Ready to Receive Commissioning, *pending completion of his certification*” and presented to C.O.M. for placement.
 - The Pod invited Scott back into the room to inform him of our decision and invited his liaison, Rev. Homan, to close our time in prayer.
- The Pod met with “Prospective Commissioned Lay Pastor” Corday Goddard.
 - Corday presented his revised answer to Exam 1 Question 1 of the “Alternate Ordination Exam in Polity.” After much discussion and follow-up questions, the Pod declared that Corday had passed his examination.

- The Pod went over Corday’s Statement of Faith and asked some exploratory questions in order to ascertain Corday’s understanding of Reformed theology.
 - The Pod excused Corday from the room, and the Pod **moved, seconded, and voted to approve** Corday to be “Certified Ready to Receive Commissioning,” and presented to C.O.M. for placement.
 - The Pod invited Corday back into the room to inform him of our decision and invited his liaison, Pastor Jamie, to close our time in prayer.
- The meeting was then adjourned with a prayer from the Rev. Spencer Homan at 12:04 pm.

When these “Prospective Commissioned Lay Pastors” find placement, they will return to the floor of Presbytery to be commissioned as a lay pastor following the guidelines in the Book of Order:

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The ruling elder shall be examined by the presbytery as to personal faith, motives for seeking the commission, and the areas of instruction determined by presbytery.

The next meeting of CPM is scheduled for September 19th, 2020, at First Presbyterian Church of Grand Forks at 9:00 am

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

Action Items for Presbytery:
None at this time.