

**Continuing Preparation for Ministry Pod
Northern Plains Presbytery
September 6, 2025**

Present: Rev. Dr. Spencer S. Homan [TE], Pastor Jamie Norstog [CLP], Erik Swee [RE], and Tom Cummings [RE].

Absent: None.

The committee met for its regularly scheduled meeting Saturday, September 6th, 2025 at First Presbyterian Church Grand Forks at 9:30 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 Carrie Lauber. Carrie is already enrolled as “Learner,” so this meeting was an annual review. Carrie is enrolled in the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and has begun their course work. Much time was spent preparing Carrie for their final review with us. Carrie is invited to meet with CPM at the Spring meeting on March 7th, 2026. Carrie’s liaison, Tom Cummings, closed in prayer.

TASKS FOR CARRIE TO COMPLETE:

- Carrie was advised to complete her Psych Evaluation at LeaderWise.
 - Carrie was advised to begin work on their Statement of Faith for our next meeting.
 - Carrie was advised to prepare a sermon for our next meeting.
 - Carrie was advised to prepare a written self-evaluation about their training experience.
 - Carrie was advised that they will be sent a modified “Ord Exam” to work on this spring in preparation for our next meeting.
- The Pod met with prospective Commissioned Lay Pastor Donna Preston. Donna is already enrolled as a “Learner,” so this meeting was an annual review. Donna is enrolled in the Synod’s Academy and has begun their course work. Much time was spent preparing Donna for their final review with us. Donna is invited to join us again on September 19th, 2026 for their next meeting with us. Pastor Jamie Norstog closed in prayer.

TASKS FOR DONNA TO COMPLETE:

- Donna was advised to complete her Psych Evaluation at LeaderWise.
- Donna was advised to begin work on their Statement of Faith for our next meeting.
- Donna was advised to prepare a sermon for our next meeting.
- Donna was advised to prepare a written self-evaluation about their training experience.
- Donna was advised that they will be sent a modified “Ord Exam” to work on this spring in preparation for our next meeting.

- The Pod met with prospective Commissioned Lay Pastor Corday Goddard. Corday is already enrolled as a “Learner” and came before CPM for their final evaluation. CPM began by listening to Corday preach a short 5-8 minute sermon in the sanctuary. Afterwards, CPM discussed the sermon with Corday. CPM then reviewed Corday’s self-evaluation. Next, CPM reviewed Corday’s Statement of Faith. After reviewing Corday’s Statement of Faith, CPM recommended that Corday work with Pastor Jamie Norstog to create a new draft. Finally, CPM reviewed the results of Corday’s modified “Ord Exam.” The Pod highlighted several areas of strength but also discussed areas for growth. CPM recommended that Corday work with Pastor Jamie Norstog to write a revision to Section I, Question 1. Corday is invited to join us again on March 7th, 2026 for their next meeting with us. Pastor Spencer Homan closed in prayer.

TASKS FOR CORDAY TO COMPLETE:

- Corday was advised to work on their Statement of Faith for our next meeting.
- Corday was advised to work on their response to Section I, Question 1 for our next meeting.
- Jamie Norstog will be working with Corday and mentoring Corday in preparation for our March meeting.

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

The next meeting of CPM is scheduled for March 7th, 2026 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.