Bylaws
Lake Michigan Presbyterian Women (LMPW)

Article I - Name

The name of this organization shall be Lake Michigan Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Lake Michigan.

Article II - Purpose and Mission

Section 1. Purpose:

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ
and empowered by the Holy Spirit,
we commit ourselves:
to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,
to support the mission of the church worldwide,
to work for justice and peace, and
to build an inclusive, caring community of women
that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (USA)
and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

Section 2. Mission:

Led, inspired, and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, Lake Michigan Presbyterian Women seek to:

- WORSHIP our living God through Prayer and Praise;
- STUDY the Bible and other materials to strengthen our faith and deepen our understanding;
- SUPPORT the Mission of the Church locally, regionally, and worldwide giving our time, energy, and financial support:
- ACT for peace and justice with Christian concern for those in need;
- DEVELOP and use our gifts to the Glory of God;
- COMMUNICATE with one another by listening and talking, through learning and teaching, as we enjoy working and sharing together;
- CREATE a loving Christian Community that affirms and empowers each individual within its fellowship.

Article III - Membership and Relations

Section 1. Members of Lake Michigan Presbyterian Women shall be all women within the presbytery who choose to participate in or be supportive of Lake Michigan Presbyterian Women in any way.

Section 2. This organization shall be affiliated with Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and shall be a member of the Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Covenant.

Section 3. This organization shall operate within the bounds of the Presbytery of Lake Michigan and shall be under its jurisdiction.

Article IV - Coordinating Team

Section 1. The leaders shall form a Coordinating Team for conducting the business of Lake Michigan Presbyterian Women.
The leaders shall be:

- Co-Moderator(s)
- Program Coordinator
- Secretary/Historian
- Communicator
- Celebrations Treasurer
- Coordinating Team Treasurer
- Vice-Moderator for Leadership
- Vice-Moderator for Action for Peace and Justice
- Vice-Moderator for Mission Interpretation
- Vice-Moderator for Study and Spiritual Growth
- Search Team Coordinator

Section 2. The Executive Team shall consist of the Co-Moderators, Program Coordinator, Secretary/Historian, Coordinating Team Treasurer, and Communicator.

Section 3. Each member of the Coordinating Team shall act as a liaison to the Presbyterian Women in the Congregations.

Article V - Elections

Section 1. Search Team shall consist of the Search Team Coordinator and two members at-large.

Section 2. The continuity of the Coordinating Team shall be achieved by the following election process.

Elected in:

Odd Years	**Even Years**
Co-Moderator	Co-Moderator
Communicator	Program Coordinator
Celebrations Treasurer	Secretary/Historian
Vice-Moderator for Justice and Peace	Coordinating Team Treasurer
Vice-Moderator for Studies	Vice-Moderator for Leadership
	Vice-Moderator for Mission Interpretation

All Coordinating Team positions are for a 2 year term with the exception of the Search Team Coordinator who shall serve a 1 year term

Article VI - Gatherings

Section 1. There shall be at least one annual gathering of the Lake Michigan Presbyterian Women to elect leaders, approve the annual budget, and transact other business as is deemed necessary.

Section 2. The Coordinating team shall meet at least twice a year at the discretion of the Co-Moderators. One-half of the team shall constitute a quorum.

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Article VII - Finances

Section 1. Mission giving shall be received by Celebrations Treasurer from local Presbyterian Women's organizations and forwarded to the appropriate office for proper distribution.

Section 2. An operating budget prepared by the Coordinating Team Treasurer, and approved by the LMPW Coordinating Team, shall be adopted annually.

Section 3. The books of the Treasurers shall be audited annually by an auditor or other qualified person.

Article VIII - Amendments

Section I. These bylaws may be amended at any regular Gathering by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting, provided written notice of the amendment has been presented to the Coordinating Team in a form approved by the Team and has been presented to the organization at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

Section 2. These bylaws may also be amended at a regular Gathering by a three-fourths vote of those present and voting without prior notice.

Article IX - Parliamentary Authority

In matters not covered by these bylaws. Lake Michigan Presbyterian Women shall be guided by the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order.
Note: These bylaws are to be used in conjunction with the Job Descriptions for leaders in Lake Michigan Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Lake Michigan.

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