

**Presbytery of Great Rivers
Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report
November 11, 2023**

Motion:

1. The Committee on Preparation for Ministry moves that the Assembly elect the following as the Presbytery of Great Rivers Ordination Exam Readers for 2024:
 - TE Reader – Richard Tindall
 - TE alternate reader– Cheyanna Losey
 - RE Reader – Vicky Carlson
 - RE alternate reader – Sue Sawers

Background/Rationale:

The Presbytery of Great Rivers is requested by the Office of the General Assembly to provide a Teaching Elder and a Ruling Elder as readers for the February reading of ordination exams. We have nominated both readers and alternates. Alternates would serve if the reader finds they are not available for the dates we are assigned – February 5–9, 2024.

The Committee has set the following meeting dates for 2024:

- Wednesday, January 17th @ 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, April 17th @ 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, June 19th @ 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, August 7th (if needed) @ 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, October 16, 2023 @ 9:30 a.m.

Committee Updates:

- ❖ **Mackenzie Jager** – Ordained and Installed at the First Presbyterian Church of Muskegon, Michigan on 10/08/2023 with eight persons from Great Rivers Presbytery in attendance. It was a joyous celebration!
- ❖ **Lorna Blackford** – passed all four exams taken 9/21-9/23 [Bible Exegesis, Church Polity, Theology, and Worship & Sacraments]; She is on track to be examined for readiness to receive a call; graduation expected in the spring of 2024
- ❖ **Julio Garcia** – at our October 18th meeting the Committee on Preparation for Ministry has voted to admit Julio Garcia into the Ministry Formation Program of Great Rivers Presbytery. He has received the endorsement of his session and has been admitted into the Commissioned Pastor Training Program of Wabash Valley Presbytery.
- ❖ **Other Individuals** – The committee is currently in conversation with others who are discerning their call to ministry.