

**Mission Funding Grant Request
Presby Cats Spring Break Mission Trip
March 9-15, 2014**

First Presbyterian Church in Bozeman is privileged to host, and I'm privileged to work directly with, the Presbytery of Yellowstone's outreach to students at Montana State University called Presby Cats. The Presby Cats ministry, which began in August 2012, has enjoyed success from the beginning. After the initial success of our first year in which 15 students participated, the ministry this year has grown to a group of 22 students on our current active list. From among this group, we have 12-14 attending each Sunday for our luncheon and Bible study after worship. In addition to our weekly Sunday gatherings, we also had a fall retreat with a winter retreat coming up at the end of January. A variety of social events are also on the calendar.

There are 9 students who have committed to participate in our spring break mission trip to Ghost Ranch in New Mexico, an education and retreat center of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Of these 9, 6 are from Montana (Anaconda, Billings, Bozeman, Harlem, and Turner), 1 is from Idaho Falls, ID, and 1 is an international student from Kyrgyzstan. I am the adult leader of the group. The total cost of this trip is \$11,400. The participants and their home churches are chipping in roughly 1/3 of this, with another 1/3 from fund raising. **With this document I am requesting that the Presbytery of Yellowstone provide a mission funding grant in the amount of \$3,650 as the final 1/3.** Appended to this grant request are the summary page regarding this mission trip along with the budget for this trip.

Because the bulk of the costs of this trip are due by 30 days before the mission trip, a decision on this request before that time would be most helpful. Any such grant made can be made payable to First Presbyterian Church in Bozeman.

Thank you for considering supporting this mission trip. Please keep our Presby Cats ministry and mission trip in your prayers.

If you need more information, please contact me at dan@fpczoeman.org or by text or phone at 406-223-2557.

Submitted by Dan Krebill, advisor to Presby Cats
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Presby Cats Spring Break Mission Trip to Ghost Ranch
First Presbyterian Church, Bozeman
March 9-15, 2014

Purpose of trip –

Enjoy an alternative Spring Break in the unique cultural environment and spectacular high desert scenery of Northern New Mexico. Included in the week are service projects on Ghost Ranch and in nearby Hispanic communities, with an exploration of cross-cultural experience and ecological themes that will raise our awareness of God as we grow in our faith as Jesus' disciples. Time will also be spent exploring this vast landscape in the form of hikes and bonding with fellow university students on the high and low ropes course.



Who is invited to participate –

- 1) MSU students and others involved in the Presby Cats ministry.
- 2) Adults who will provide a variety of leadership gifts

Hosting agency –

Ghost Ranch - an interfaith education and retreat center of the Presbyterian Church (U. S. A.), located in a northern New Mexico landscape many deem sacred.

How did we learn of this opportunity –

Co-pastors Jody McDevitt and Dan Krebill have spent part of their continuing education at Ghost Ranch in 2011 and 2013 where they learned of the opportunities for youth and young adults to learn and serve.

What is required –

- ▶ a completed application form
- ▶ your willingness to commit to expectations outlined on application form
- ▶ \$100 down payment by December 5, 2013; \$375 total (scholarships available)
- ▶ your energy and creativity for raising funds (total cost per person is approximately \$1,250)
- ▶ your willingness to learn about mission and service and prepare to be an ambassador for Christ and his church

Travel details -

We will leave Bozeman on Sunday evening, March 9, to drive to Billings where we'll spend the night in order to catch a 6:00 a.m. flight on Monday, March 10, to Albuquerque, NM, by way of Denver. We'll drive 130 miles to Ghost Ranch, arriving there early afternoon. Room and board will be at Ghost Ranch through Saturday, March 15, when we will drive back to Albuquerque for our return flight arriving in Bozeman around 9:15 p.m.

Where can I find more information -

Ghost Ranch website: www.ghostranch.org

Questions?

Contact Dan Krebill, co-pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Bozeman, Montana
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Presby Cats 2014 Spring Break Mission Trip Budget
March 9-15, 2014
Ghost Ranch, New Mexico
9 students, 1 leader

Expenses		
Airfare	\$537.10/person	\$5,371
Ghost Ranch - registration, room, board	\$350/person	3,500
Van Rental & gasoline	\$245/day	1,470
Meals en route	\$40 @10	400
donation to Ghost Ranch		500
miscellaneous expense		159
Total Cost		\$11,400
Income		
Participant contribution	\$375/person if able*	\$3,100
Participants' home churches contributions		1,000
Fund raising (First Presbyterian Church & others)		3,650
Grant request from the Presbytery of Yellowstone		3,650
Total income		\$11,400

*some participants are not able to contribute the full amount (total amount shown of \$3,100 is actual amount committed)