

PRESBYTERY OF YELLOWSTONE

January 31, 2014 LEADERSHIP CABINET MEETING, First Presbyterian Church, Billings, MT

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT

The first meeting of the New Year 2014, convened on Tuesday, January 14th with actions/recommendations being made by Committee members: TE David Andrew, RE Debbie Blackburn, RE John Clark, RE Gayle Holland, TE Jim Kidd, RE Russ Kline, TE Neva Rathbun, RE Linda Smith, TE David Thompson. RE Ron Hanson, Stated Clerk; TEs George and Kathy Goodrich were also present.

Action Items include the following:

A review and discussion of the Pastoral Ministry Team document brought forth suggested changes to be made at the Presbytery meeting on February 21/22, 2014, when the entire structure package is discussed and voted on. Neva will bring these changes to the floor of Presbytery.

On Item II -2—add i.e. between congregational care and liaisons,

On Item II -9—add past Pastoral Ministry Team members to the past COM/Vocations members

Stanford/Geyser: CRE Editha McKay was re-commissioned on Sunday, November 24, 2013, with services held at Community Presbytery Church in Geyser and at First Presbyterian Church in Stanford. CoM reviewed the 2014 Covenant with Commissioned Ruling Elder in Pastoral Service McKay and both churches.

PCoM voted to approve the covenant for pastoral services between CRE Editha McKay and the churches of Geyser and Stanford. (See Attachment #1)

Jack Bell – CoM has been informed by the Committee on Vocations (COV) that RE Jack Bell is ready to be commissioned to pastoral service at the West Park Village in Billings. CoM will try to schedule a meeting with Jack on Friday, February 21, 2014 at 10:30 A.M. before Presbytery meeting.

PCoM voted to move forward with the commissioning of Jack Bell (if the way be clear) to West Park Village in Billings, Montana

Terry – The first two month report submitted by Rev. Melanie Martin-Dent, Interim pastor serving Hope Lutheran Church, Fallon, MT and Community Presbyterian Church, Terry, MT. was reviewed. It was noted that Martin-Dent had not been granted membership into Yellowstone Presbytery.

PCoM voted to recommend to Presbytery to seat Rev. Melanie Martin-Dent as a corresponding member of Yellowstone Presbytery (with vote).

Anaconda and Church of the Big Hole—A suggested change from Church Leadership Connection to upgrade both churches' MIFs was presented by N. Rathbun and L Smith. Linda requested the changes for both churches.

PCoM voted to change the effective salary to \$33,500 on the MIFs of both churches with the explanation: Maximum effective salary is the combined amount of the two churches who are seeking to share a pastor.

Roy – CoM received a report on G. Goodrich's and Thompson's meeting with the members of the Roy church. All is not well.

PCoM voted to appoint a Pastoral Team, which includes Dave Thompson, Editha McKay and an Elder from First Presbyterian Church, Lewistown, MT to be named by Jed Cauffman, to work with the church at Roy. George Goodrich will serve as the staff person for this team.

Installation Services—The following offerings of (\$75) and (\$250) for the Linda Hofer Education Fund were received from the December Installation Services of Rev. Teresa Kendall at Deer Lodge, First and Rev. Susan Barnes at St. Andrew, Billings respectively.

Things are going well at each church.

Sexual Misconduct Affidavits—There are some folks who have not turned in Attachment A of the policy to Ron Hanson, Stated Clerk.

PCoM voted to require a signed copy of the Attachment A of the Sexual Misconduct Policy of Yellowstone Presbytery as a part of all the call papers for TEs and CREs coming into Yellowstone Presbytery and a copy of their Certificate from their last Boundary Training Class.

Liaison Reports—Ten reports from Liaisons connecting with clergy were shared with the CoM. Relationship building has been part of the CoM goals.

Announcements: Next scheduled Meeting is **Thursday, March 13, 2014**, Billings First Presbyterian Church

The Board of Pensions Western Region Consult is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, May 8-9, 2014 in San Diego, California.

Attachment #1

Covenant Agreement agreed to between Commissioned Ruling Elder in Pastoral Service, Editha McKay and the churches of Community Presbyterian Church, Geysers, MT and First Presbyterian Church, Stanford include:

Agreement for service from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014

Thirty (30) hour work-week.

Base Salary	\$21,500.00
Reimbursable Auto Allowance	4,000.00
Housing Allowance	5,000.00

Continuing Education	600.00 cumulative to three years
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Pension and Medical Benefits are not applicable at this time.