

Vision Statement

Yellowstone Presbytery--
guided and sustained by
Scripture, the Holy Spirit,
and prayer---is a
community rooted in the
love of Jesus Christ.

We will . . . **Gather
Together** for God's
glory and spiritual
synergy*

Equip and Encourage
disciple- making
congregations and
leaders for living the
Gospel...intentionally
becoming more like
Christ; ably sharing our
faith; impacting our
communities;
worshipping in loving
response to God; and
mutually supporting and
training leaders.

Go Out to join Christ in
Christ's mission in our
communities, Montana,
and the world...
embodying and sharing
Christ's Good News;
loving and serving, as
we are commanded, in
our words, actions, and
relationships.

*Synergy: from the
Greek syn-ergos,
συνεργος meaning
working together

Yellowstone Presbytery Leadership Cabinet

Tuesday, September 12, 2017 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
First Presbyterian Billings

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, . . . – Ephesians 4:11-12

- 10:00 Convene
Christ candle, roll call & quorum, approval of
docket, approval of minutes from June 6, 2017

Word-Share-Prayer
- 10:30 Stated Clerk Search Committee
and Personnel Committee
- 11:00 November Presbytery Meeting
- 12:00 Lunch
- 12:30 Presbytery Sunday preparations
2018 Presbytery meeting dates
Rep/Nom Report/nominee from LC
Day of Prayer and Fasting - Kathy
2018 Budget – Dan H.
Co-Presbyter Report – George & Kathy
Camping & Youth Report - attached
Pastor Possibilities/Search Updates – George
ELCA LPA Program – George & Kathy
Whitworth Fellows – Kathy
Growing Young Grant – Kathy
Preaching & Spiritual Formation cohort - George
Insurance – Jack
St. Timothy's – George/Debbie
Report on Clusters
Higher Ed Grant Forms - Susi
Child Protection Policy
Facebook Page Administrators
- 3:00 Dismissal

**Presbytery of Yellowstone
Leadership Cabinet (LC) Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2017
Goodrich Home, Bozeman, MT**

Moderator Susi called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Present were:

Susi Ennis
Jack Bell
Suzanne Bratsky
Steve Weber
Teresa Kendall
Paul Helland
Dan Holland

Absent:

Jed Cauffman

Also present:

George Goodrich, Co-General Presbyter
Kathy Goodrich, Co General Presbyter
Debbie Blackburn, Stated Clerk
Kristin Elliot (Whitworth Fellow)
Luke Ekstrom (Whitworth Fellow)
Sharla Helland

1. **Opening Prayer** – The opening prayer was offered by Susi.
2. **Quorum** – A quorum was declared present.
3. **Docket** – The docket was approved
4. **Minutes of May 2, 2017**
√ The LC voted to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2017.
5. **Word –Share- Prayer** – Susi led the time of dwelling in Acts 10: 34-43. There was a time of silent reflection on this passage. Then the group divided into pairs to share their thoughts and to pray for one another.
6. **Goals for 2017** – The group spent time considering how we are doing on goals for 2017. It was suggested that Susan Seibert send out reminders each month for submitting information for Currents. Also it would be good to have a deadline each month from Susan Thomas for the information to be included in the Currents. It was suggested that we post Currents as well as video clips on Facebook. Kathy and Jack will discuss this. Also Kathy will check with Kaycee Cronk to see if she might be able to do some filming this summer. We need to identify people who could be writers or reporters to share stories. It would be good to share videos of the Whitworth Fellows. And we should include information about Presbytery meetings in the Currents.
7. **Presbytery Meetings** –The responses about the May Presbytery meeting were very positive. Hearing good news from churches was especially helpful. Ideas for the November meeting were discussed. We have not done a worksheet for sessions to guide them with using the Stan Ott materials. One idea for November is to have John Patterson present what he presented to the Bozeman session. Kathy also suggested having Chris How (chaplain at Intermountain) do a workshop. We could consider having a workshop around 10:30 Friday morning for those who wanted to come early. Suzanne Bratsky will convene the planning team of Suzanne, Kathy, Dan H, and Debbie B (and possibly John Patterson). Suzanne is to convene one meeting prior to the end of June. Dan would

like to be involved in planning worship for the November meeting. There is a woman in the Bozeman congregation who has resources for music. At some future date we may have a skype meeting with Stan Ott.

- 8. Break** - The LC took a short break.
- 9. Presbytery Sunday** – Jack will write a call to worship and prayer of confession to be used. The theme will be Ephesians 4:11-12. (Equipping and Sending the gifted into ministry). A video of several people around the Presbytery was suggested. George and Kathy could do an introduction on the video. Jack Bell and possibly Kaycee Cronk would work on this video. It was suggested that the Fellows take some video clips while visiting churches in the Presbytery. Susi will send out an email to the Presbytery encouraging pulpit swapping on Presbytery Sunday.
- 10. Pastoring possibilities** – George and Steve presented some ideas for ways to meet the challenges of vacant pulpits within the Presbytery. We need to think creatively and move forward with equipping the laity (Stan Ott materials). Steve talked about an idea of working on a pitch to present to new seminary graduates (focusing on ministry in a rural setting as well as the benefits of living in Montana). We need to help churches understand their options and also continue to identify CRE candidates. Also we should try to think of others who could work with a Rural Ministry Team. For now suggested names are Kathy, George, Jim Tarr, Steve Weber, and Jack Bell.
- 11. Whitworth Fellows** – Luke and Kristin have taken the spiritual gifts inventory. There is a Growing Young Ministry Team in Lewistown. Kathy has not prepared a fundraising letter yet but indicated that we still need to raise around \$2,000 more for this summer.
- 12. Grant – The Third Way** - Kathy will send out by email information that she has on this. Kathy is also looking at another possible grant for the growing young purposes through the Omaha Foundation.
- 13. Mission Co-Workers** – Charles and Melissa Johnson will be in Montana in August. They will be visiting churches in Dillon, Billings, Butte, Stanford, and Great Falls.
- 14. Co General Presbyters' Report** - There was a written report with information in addition to what was discussed at the meeting.
- 15. Preaching Cohort** – see report from George and Kathy.
- 16. Insurance** - No report at this time. Jack is still working on this.
- 17. Oswego Properties** – George has had a discussion with Lloyd Mandeville. Paul Helland is going to do some work on options for selling these two properties.
- 18. St Timothy's** – The relationship with the Presbytery needs to be studied.
- 19. Personnel Functions of the LC** - It was agreed that the LC needs to co-opt some people to help with the personnel functions of the LC. Jack Bell offered to be the point person for the LC and Paul Helland said he would help also. Jack will contact the suggested names to see if they are willing to be on this team.
- 20. Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 12th in Billings.
- 21. Adjournment**– The meeting adjourned with prayer at 1:30 p.m.

Presbytery Report November 2017

Westminster Spires Schedule for 2017

Revamp the Camp	June 2-4
Kotar Wedding	June 10-11
Bridger Ski Foundation	June 20-26
Tadon Family Reunion	June 30-July 5
Staff Training	July 6-8
Elementary Camp	July 9-13
Junior High Camp	July 16-21
Senior High Camp	July 23-28
Nathan Family Reunion	August 6-10
Eisen Wedding	August 25-27
Murphy-Prouty Reunion	August 30- September 2
Highland Holy Days	September 8-10

Schedule for 2018

Winter Youth Retreat	February 23-25, 2018
-Bozeman First Presbytery Church	
-Ski at Bridger Bowl on February 24	
Westminster Spires Summer 2018	
-Staff Training	July 5-7
-Elementary Camp	July 8-12
-Junior High Camp	July 15-20
-Senior High Camp	July 22-27

This was the busiest summer we have had in many years. The setting of Westminster Spires works very well for weddings and family reunions. Several of the families that gathered this summer have been with us in the past. The Murphy- Prouty family reunion over Labor Day weekend included relatives of the Prouty family for whom Prouty Hall is named. Our deepest thanks to the vision of the Prouty family that had the vision to begin a camp at the Westminster Spires site 80 years ago. Our most recent renewal of the Special Use Permit with the Forest Service will expire in 20 years at the centennial year of the camp!

Summer Camp Program

George Goodrich provided leadership for Staff Training, Elementary Camp and Junior High Camp and stayed as a guest for Senior High Camp. Katie Emery and Will Johnson led Senior High Camp. The four interns from Whitworth participated in Staff Training; two interns joined the staff for Junior High Camp and all four helped out with Senior High Camp. We had nine campers for Elementary Camp, seventeen for Junior High Camp and thirteen for Senior High Camp. Campers joined us from Alexandria, Virginia, Lynwood, Washington, Butte, Manhattan, Billings, Hysham, Dillon and Bozeman.

Multi-generational camp experience

I have noted this many times in the past, but it is worth a reminder. We provide a unique camp experience at Westminster Spires. We are able to bring together a wonderful blend of campers with a relatively large staff of high school and college age counselors, other adult staff and guests along with "wannabe" campers (younger than camping age children with their families), and for the past two years we had the Whitworth interns with us.

Presbytery and Church Scholarships and Other Support

We are grateful for the generous gifts that provided \$2,421 in scholarships from churches and \$2,090 in scholarships from Yellowstone Presbytery enabling many youth to participate in camp. Special thanks to Billings First Presbyterian Church for letting us use their two 15 passenger vans for camp! This is a huge help with our budget and enables us to provide transportation for swimming, hiking, trips to the Beartooth Pass, rafting, mission activities in Red Lodge and getting campers home at the end of camp.

Revamp the Camp and Facilities

Our four year project of replacing the shingles on all buildings at camp has been completed! Two of the smaller cabins and one outhouse were covered this summer. Many thanks to Lori Schweigert from Advanced Employment Services in Billings for once again providing a crew of roofers to help complete this project! A new laminate floor was installed in the kitchen and it looks great! Thanks to Don and Loren Johnson and Jeff Kessler for their work in upgrading the kitchen. Our 1950's era refrigerator needed to have the compressor replaced. We are so glad we can keep this antique running since the kitchen was built around the refrigerator. We could not move the existing unit out of the kitchen without a significant model! The annual St. Andrew Highland Holy Days will focus on mission work at Westminster Spires to include painting of several of the buildings. Thanks once again to Sandy Welch and Jim Tarr from St. Andrew for their leadership in organizing work on the camp facilities!

THANKS!

Deepest thanks to everyone for your prayers and support for this outdoor ministry at Westminster Spires. The opportunity to live together in God's Presence in this beautiful place is truly a blessing, now and forever more....