

**Presbytery of Yellowstone**  
**Special Meeting – September 18, 2013**  
**Minutes**

The Presbytery of Yellowstone met in a Special Meeting on Wednesday September 18 at 1:30 p.m.

**13-056 – Call to Order** --Moderator, Don Holland called the meeting to order. Dave Thompson offered the opening prayer.

**13-057 – Purpose of the Meeting** – Moderator Don Holland announced the purpose of the meeting as it was stated in the Call for the meeting as follows:

**Special Meeting of Yellowstone Presbytery**

**A Special Meeting of Yellowstone Presbytery has been called by Moderator Don Holland for Wednesday September 18, 2013. The meeting will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Bozeman, Montana and will convene at 1:30 p.m.**

**One purpose of the meeting is to examine Rev. Teresa Kendall for membership into Yellowstone Presbytery. Rev. Kendall is being considered for a call to the First Presbyterian Church of Deer Lodge, Montana.**

**The second purpose of the meeting is to authorize, should the way be clear, Yellowstone Presbytery's Committee on Ministry to work with Rev. Kendall and the First Presbyterian Church of Deer Lodge to set a date for the Installation Service and to establish an Administrative Commission to conduct that Installation Service. No other presbytery business shall be transacted at this meeting.**

**/s/ Ron Hanson**

**Stated Clerk**

**Presbytery of Yellowstone**

**13-058 – Roll Call** – Ron announced that attendance would be recorded based on completed Registration Slips but, for the benefit of Rev. Kendall, asked those present to state their name, whether they were a Teaching Elder or a Ruling Elder and which church they were from. The following people registered for the meeting:

<b>Church</b>	<b>Minister Member</b>	<b>Elder Commissioner</b>	<b>Others Present</b>
Anaconda		Linda Smith	
Billings, First	David Thompson`	Russ Kline	
Bozeman	Jody Mc Devitt		
	Dan Krebill		
Butte			Ron Hanson (Stated Clerk)
			John Clark
Deer Lodge			Dolores Kemmeset
			Barbara Paull
			Ardis Cotton
			Tom Cotton
Dillon			Merry Lee Hooks (PW)
Forsyth		Gayle Holland	Don Holland (Moderator)
Hysham	Paul Cannon	La Von Adair	
Manhattan	Debbie Funke	Debbie Blackburn	

**Also Present:**

Neva Rathbun  
Leon Rathbun  
Paul Krebill

**Corresponding Members Present:**

Carol Schellenberger, Presbytery of the Redwoods

**13-059 – Quorum** – Ron announced that a quorum was present.

**13-060 - Approval of the Docket** – Presbytery voted to approve the printed Docket.

**13-061 – Introduction of Rev. Teresa Kendall** – Neva introduced Rev. Kendall and provided a few background comments on her.

**13-062 – Statement of Faith** – Rev. Kendall read her Statement of Faith. Written copies were made available to those present.

**13-063 – Sermon** - Rev. Kendall presented a sermon which was based on the Psalms and involved the singing of “Praise the Lord”.

**13-064 – Examination of Rev Kendall** – Those present had copies of Rev. Kendall’s answers to the 9 questions COM asks of all prospective members of the presbytery. Members asked her a series of questions to which she responded.

Ü Presbytery voted to arrest the examination. At this point Rev. Kendall was excused.

**13-065 – Motion and Discussion** – On behalf of COM, Neva moved to grant membership to Rev. Teresa Kendall into Yellowstone Presbytery as pastor of the Deer Lodge Presbyterian

Church, if the way be clear, and to authorize the Committee on Ministry to work with Rev. Kendall and the Deer Lodge Church to arrange for an Installation Service for Rev. Kendall. A short discussion followed.

Ü Presbytery voted to approve the above motion.

At this point Rev. Kendall was invited back into the room and greeted with a standing ovation.

**13-066 – Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer offered by Rev. Kendall.