

Yellowstone Presbytery Meeting
June 14-15, 2013
Dillon 1st Presbyterian Church
Dillon, Montana

13-026 – Call to Order – Moderator Don Holland called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m. Don offered the opening prayer.

13-027 – Procedural Motion – The Stated Clerk moves the following Procedural Motion:

1. That the roll for this meeting be established by completed Registration Sheets.
 2. That written and oral requests for absences received by the Stated Clerk be approved.
 3. That any Corresponding members present be seated.
 4. That the Presbytery grant the Moderator the authority to give privilege of the floor to persons, other than Members or Commissioners, for the purpose of reporting to this meeting.
 5. That the Moderator and the Stated Clerk be empowered to make adjustments to the Agenda during the meeting, as may be necessary, to provide for efficiency in reporting.
 6. That all reports received at this meeting be accepted.
- ü Presbytery voted to approve the above motion.

13-028 – Docket - The Docket was approved.

13-029 – Introductions – Ron introduced Rev. David Ezekiel and noted that Rev. Adrian McMullen, Associate for Collegiate Ministry of the GA will be with us later. Diana Finch, a visitor from the Deer Lodge Church was also introduced.

13-028 – Roll Call – The following people filled out registration sheets for the meeting:

Church	Minister Member	Elder Commissioner	Others Present
Anaconda	Vacant	Linda Smith	
Big Hole	Vacant	Julie Boksich	Veva Larson
Billings, First	David Thompson`	Robert Culbertson	
Billings, St. Andrew	Aline Russell	Curt Kochner	
Bozeman	Jody Mc Devitt	Suzanne Bratsky	Dan Holland (B&F)
	Dan Krebill		Emily Keegan
Butte	Lanny Rounds	Unexcused	Ron Hanson (Stated Clerk)
Colstrip	Unexcused	David McNay	Darlene McNay
Deer Lodge	Vacant	Barbara Paul	Diana Finch
Dillon	David Andrew	Unexcused	Merry Lee Hooks (PW)
Ennis	Excused	June Haigh	Vi Haigh
Forsyth	Cathy McLean	Gayle Holland	Don Holland (Moderator)
Geyser	Editha McKay	Unexcused	
Harlowton	Unexcused	Unexcused	
Hysham	Paul Cannon	Excused	Joleanna Cannon
Jordan	Excused	Excused	
Lewistown	Excused	Unexcused	
Manhattan	Debbie Funke	Debbie Blackburn	
Miles City	Brandon Willett	Caroline Fleming	
	Kristin Willett		

Phillipsburg	Sally Ralston	Unexcused
Poplar	Excused	Excused
Roy	Unexcused	Unexcused
Stanford	Editha McKay	Jodie Licht
Terry	Leon Rathbun	Gary Pfieffe
West Yellowstone	Vacant	Unexcused
White Sulphur Springs	Jim Kidd	Excused
Wolf Point	Unexcused	Unexcused

Also Present:

TE John Dyce
 TE Freeman McCall
 TE George Goodrich, Co-General Presbyter
 TE Kathy Goodrich, Co-General Presbyter
 TE Susan Thomas
 TE Paul Cousins
 TE Neva Rathbun

Corresponding Members Present:

TE David Ezekiel, Presbytery of Chicago

13-029 – Opening Worship/Dwelling in the Word – Kathy led this section. Her scriptural selection was Mark 2:13-17, Matthew 9:9-13 and Luke 5:27-32. She posed seven questions for discussion by small groups of 2-4 people. Following the small group discussions the transition to Resourcing the Presbytery (Discipleship) was led by George.

13-030 – Resourcing the Presbytery –George led this section. The focus was discipleship. He presented a write-up of three patterns for growing disciples. One of the patterns was what he had developed which included nine steps.

13-031 – Examination of Candidate Cathy McLean for Ordination and Membership into Yellowstone Presbytery – Neva introduced Cathy. Cathy read her Faith Statement and the members proceeded to examine Cathy through a series of questions. Gayle shared the intention of the Forsyth Congregation to Call Cathy and that a Congregational meeting was scheduled for June 30, 2013.

ü Presbytery voted to arrest the examination.

ü Presbytery voted to Ordain Cathy and grant her Membership into Yellowstone Presbytery, pending a Call, and that an Administrative Commission to Ordain and Install Cathy be appointed by COM as soon as the Terms of Call are approved by COM.

13-032 – David Ezekiel – David brought greetings from the Synod. He posed three questions for the members of the presbytery. – What is going well in the presbytery?, What additional things would you like to do if you had the resources?, How Can the synod empower the presbytery. Members responded to all three questions. Ron recorded those responses and will forward them to David.

13-033 – Heidelberg Catechism – Jody provided background on the proposed changes to this document as well as the reasons for and against the proposed amendment.

ü Presbytery voted to approve this proposed amendment to the Book of Confessions.

13-034 – Leon Rathbun – Rev. Rathbun has requested Honorably Retired status as of July 1, 2013. A number of members expressed their love and appreciation for Leon as a person and for his service.

ü Presbytery voted to grant Honorably Retires status to Rev. Leon Rathbun as of July 1, 2013.

13-035 – Presby Cats – Emily Keegan, a member of the group shared some of the activities of the group and showed a video of the group’s recent mission trip to Belize and their house building project.

13-036 – Announcements – Members of the Butte Church will be leaving tomorrow on a mission trip to Minot ND to help in rebuilding flood damaged homes. The youth Triennium will be held later this summer and will have a mission component to it. Jim Kidd and some people from the White Sulphur Springs Church will be traveling to Bend, OR to present a VBS program.

13-037 – Recess for Dinner - At this point a blessing for the evening meal was given and the meeting was recessed until 8:30 a.m. tomorrow morning.

13-038 – Evening Worship – Worship opened at 7:00 p.m. Candidate Cathy delivered the message. The title of her message was “It’s Not You, It’s Me” David Andrew presided at the Communion table.

Saturday February 23, 2013

13-039 – Opening Worship - Following a continental breakfast provided by members of Dillon 1st Church, Worship/Dwelling in the Word convened at 8:30 a.m. Rev. Aline Russell chose Matthew 5:1-12 as her selection. Small groups shared their reflections on the various verses.

13-040 – Hearing what the Holy Spirit is doing in 1st Church of Dillon, Ennis and the Big Hole– David Andrew and Linda shared what is happening in these three churches. Linda closed this section with a prayer for these churches.

13-041 – Vision Structure Task Force Report – George reviewed the process that the Task Force had used to date. Dan Holland reported that under the current structure the presbytery will run out of money on October 20, 2016. Debbie presented the proposed changes to the Leadership Cabinet and noted that these had been approved by the Leadership Cabinet. George shared some additional thoughts on the rationale for change. Comments from the members were received and recorded. It was pointed out that the Nominating Committee would need assistance in finding the skills necessary for filling the Leadership Cabinet positions.

ü Presbytery voted to set aside the Standing Rules so that committee members, whose terms had been extended to June 30, 2013, could continue to serve until December 31, 2013.

13-042 – Leadership Cabinet – A written report was presented (**See Attachment A**).

13-043 – Budget and Finance – Dan Holland presented the financial report as of the end of April, 2013 (See Attachment B).

13-044 – Personnel – No Report.

13-045 - Co-General Presbyters Report – (**See Attachment C**)

13-046 – Committee on Ministry – Dave Thompson presented the committee’s written report (**See Attachment D**)

13-047 – Vocations – A written report was presented. There is a revised CRE Handbook on the presbytery web-site

13-048 – Camping and Youth – Curt presented a written report on both the actions of the committee and the Re-Vamp the Camp activities. Susan handed out prayer stones for Westminster Spire.

13-049 – Higher Education – Bob presented a written report highlighting activities at MSUB, Rocky and the parish based program at Bozeman 1st. He posed the question of how Higher Education fits into the proposed structure for the presbytery that is being developed. Adrian McMullen reported on the UKirk program and said that there would be a gathering, after the meeting was adjourned, to discuss the program further.

13-050 – Mission – No report.

13-051 – PW – Merry Lee presented a written report.

13-052 – St Timothy’s – Ron presented his written report on the activities of the Committee and the meeting of the Management Group.

13-053 – Stated Clerk – Ron presented a written report (**See Attachment E**) on his recent activities. He noted that there was an error in the posted report. The actual membership number for the presbytery as of 12-31-2012 was 2018 and 33 of those were members were from the Community Church of West

Yellowstone. He requested approval of the minutes of the February 22-23, 2013 presbytery meeting minutes.

Ü Presbytery voted to approve the presbytery meeting minutes of February 22-23, 2013 as printed.

13-054 – Announcements –

- WNLT is scheduled for October 9-11, 2013 in Jackson, WY.
- The offering at last evenings worship service was \$454. This will be split evenly between Westminster Spires and Rockhaven and used for scholarships.

13-055 – Adjournment - The Meeting was adjourned, with prayer by Rev. Freeman McCall, until the next State4d Meeting which is scheduled for November 8-9, 2013 at Great Falls 1st Church. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the Glacier/Yellowstone Convocation.

Ron Hanson, Stated Clerk