

**Yellowstone Presbytery Stated Meeting
November 7, 2014
1st Presbyterian Church
Bozeman, Montana**

14-061 – Call to Order ó Moderator Jed Cauffman called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and offered the opening prayer.

14-062 ó 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 Docket during the meeting, as may be necessary, to provide for efficiency in reporting.
 6. That all reports received at this meeting be accepted.
- ✓ Presbytery voted to approve the above motion.

14-063 – 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	
Billings, First	Dave Thompson Jack Bell		
Billings, St. Andrew	Susan Barnes		Curt Kochner C&Y
Bozeman	Jody McDevitt Dan Krebill	Deborah Haynes Fred Dickensheets	Susan Gibb Ric Tieman Doris Krebill Dan Holland
Butte	Harlan Rounds	Unexcused	Ron Hanson Stated Clerk
Colstrip	Unexcused	Unexcused	
Deer Lodge	Teresa Kendall	Unexcused	
Dillon	David Andrew	Unexcused	
Ennis	Excused	Excused	
Forsyth	Unexcused	Unexcused	
Geyser	Unexcused	Unexcused	
Harlowton	Unexcused	Unexcused	

Hysham	Excused	Unexcused	
Jordan	vacant	Excused	
Lewistown	Jed Cauffman	Unexcused	
Manhattan	Debbie Funke	Unexcused	Debbie Blackburn Vice Mod.
Miles City	Brandon Willett	Unexcused	
Phillipsburg	Excused	Jim Christiansen	Jan Christiansen
Poplar	Susan Ennis	Unexcused	
Roy	Unexcused	Unexcused	
Stanford	Unexcused	Unexcused	
Terry	Vacant	Gary Pfiefler	Lois Pfiefler
White Sulphur Springs	James Kidd	Pam Jackson	
Wolf Point	Unexcused	Unexcused	

Also Present or Excused:

TE George Goodrich, Co-General Presbyter
 TE Kathy Goodrich, Co-General Presbyter
 TE Susan Thomas
 TE Neva Rathbun
 TE Leon Rathbun
 TE Rusty Craig
 TE Paul Cousins
 TE Paul Krebill
 TE Brent Long (Excused)
 TE Dick Davis (Excused)
 TE Mary Davis (Excused)
 TE Paul Cannon (Excused)

Corresponding Members Present:

TE David Ezekiel (Presbytery of Chicago)
 TE JP Carlson (Presbytery of Missouri River Valley)

14-064 – Introductions – Those present introduced themselves and said where they were from.

14-065 - Docket - The Docket was approved.

14-066 – Worship - Dave Thompson led the singing and offered a prayer. Preaching was from JP Carlson who was there to be examined by the Presbytery.

14-067 – Nominations from the Representation/Nominating Ministry Team ó Debbie Funke went over the ballot of nominations (1st reading) from the Rep/Nom Team (**Attachment A**).

14-068 - Leadership Cabinet Nominations - Jody McDevitt presented nominations from the Leadership Cabinet: RE Bob Culbertson to be nominated for the class of 2017 for the Representation/Nominating Ministry Team and Debbie Funke to be moderator of the Representation /Nominating Ministry Team for 2015.

14-069 - Leadership Cabinet Proposal for Stated Clerk ó The Leadership Cabinet recommends that the Presbytery set aside the standing rules (for one year) regarding term limits for the Stated Clerk to allow Ron Hanson to serve one more year. The Leadership Cabinet will appoint a search Committee to nominate someone by November of 2015 to serve as Stated Clerk beginning in January of 2016.

14-070 – Examination of JP Carlson – JP read his statement of faith and the members proceeded to examine JP through a series of questions. JP has received a call from the Anaconda Church and the Church of the Big Hole.

ç Presbytery voted to receive the Rev. Jonathan P. Carlson as a Teaching Elder within Yellowstone Presbytery and to approve the Terms of Call for the position as Teaching Elder for the Anaconda Church and the Church of the Big Hole.

ç Presbytery voted to allow the PMT to appoint two Administrative Commissions to install Rev. Jonathan P Carlson at appropriate dates and times to be determined.

14-071 – Neva Rathbun retirement – Members of the Presbytery shared their appreciation for Neva and gave thanks for the many ways she has served.

ç Presbytery voted to grant status of Honorably Retired to Neva Rathbun.

14-072 – Pastoral Ministry Team – Dave Thompson reviewed the recommended minimum salary figures for 2015 (which included a 2% increase in effective salary).

ç Presbytery voted to approve the minimum salary figures for 2015 (**Attachment B**).

14-073 – WNL T Report - George reported on a great WNL T event. Nine people from Yellowstone Presbytery attended.

14-074 – Synod Report ó David Ezekiel reviewed changes taking place at the Synod level. There will no longer be a Coordinating Council, only a Synod Assembly.

14-075 – Leadership Cabinet Report - Jody reviewed recommendations from the Leadership Cabinet.

√ Presbytery voted to approve the changes to the Synod By-Laws. (**Attachment C**).

√ Presbytery voted to approve the revised CRE in Pastoral Service Program.

Dan Holland went over the proposed Program and Administrative Budgets for 2015.

ç Presbytery voted to approve the Program and Administrative Budgets for 2015 (**Attachment D**).

ç Presbytery voted to approve Yellowstone Presbytery Per Capita rate of \$32.18 for 2015. This means that the total per capita rate for 2015 will remain at \$45.00 (GA rate of \$7.07 and Synod rate of \$5.75)

14-076 – Camping and Youth Report – Curt Kochner had submitted a written report. He indicated that summer camp provided many multi-generational experiences.

14-077 – Hearing from Churches – Three churches (Bozeman, Manhattan, and White Sulphur Springs) reported on what the Holy Spirit is doing in their communities. Jed Cauffman offered prayer for these congregations.

14-078 – Announcements ó Everyone was reminded to turn in various items before leaving. It was announced that the Thursday night offering was \$648. This offering will be split equally between Family Promise of Gallatin Valley and the PresbyCats.

14-079 – Recess for Dinner – A blessing was given for the evening meal and the business meeting was recessed until 7:00 p.m.

14-080 – Reconvening - The business meeting reconvened at 7:45.

14-081– Election for the Representation/Nominations Ministry Team

ç Presbytery voted to elect RE Bob Culbertson (Billings First) to a three year term and to elect Debbie Funke as moderator, for 2015 of the Representation/Nominations Ministry Team.

14-082 – Election of nominees from the Representation/Nominations Team

ç Presbytery voted to elect the slate of nominees from the Representation/Nomination Ministry Team

14-082 – Proposal for the Stated Clerk -

√ Presbytery voted to set aside the standing rules (for one year) regarding term limits for the Stated Clerk to allow Ron Hanson to serve one more year. The Leadership Cabinet is to appoint a search Committee to nominate someone by November of 2015 to serve as Stated Clerk beginning in January of 2016.

ç Presbytery voted to elect Ron Hanson as Stated Clerk for 2015.

14-083 – International Peacemaker Report – Susan Barnes gave a presentation on the visit to Yellowstone Presbytery of Rev. Lala Rasendrasahina from Madagascar.

14-084 – Co-General Presbyters Report ó George and Kathy went over some of the items in their report (See Attachment E). They began working half time on October 1, 2014. George noted that the prayer days for Yellowstone Presbytery will be December 31, 2014 and January 10, 2015.

14-085 – Presbyterian Women Report ó A written report was submitted.

14-086 – St Timothy’s Chapel Report ó A written report was submitted. The 50th anniversary will be celebrated in 2015 on July 25th and July 26th. Ron noted that there was one action item regarding the long range plan.

ç Presbytery voted to concur with the updated long range plan of St Timothy’s Chapel.

14-087 – Montana Association of Christians Report ó A written report was submitted.

14-088– Stated Clerk’s Report - A written report was submitted (See Attachment F).

ç Presbytery voted to approve the minutes from the June 27-28, 2014 meeting in Butte.

14-089 – Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned, until the next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery, scheduled for March 6-7, 2015 at Billings St Andrew. Teresa Kendall offered the closing prayer.

Ron Hanson
Stated Clerk

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Attachment A

Ballot from Rep/Nom Ministry Team – November 7, 2014

Presbytery:

Debbie Blackburn ó Moderator of Presbytery 2015

Teresa Kendall ó Vice Moderator of Presbytery 2015

Leadership Cabinet:

RE Dave Kimball (Billings St Andrew) (2015)

RE Don Holland (Forsyth) (2016)

TE Susan Ennis (Poplar) (2017)

Pastoral Ministry Team:

RE Charlie Brown (Lewistown) (2016)

TE JP Carlson (Anaconda and Big Hole) (2017)

RE Debbie Blackburn (Manhattan) (2017)

RE Jim Tarr (Billings St Andrew) (2017)

RE Chris Eriksen (Billings First) (2017)

Camping and Youth Ministry Team:

Lay Cynthia Kessler (Billings St Andrew) (2017)

TE Brandon Willet (Miles City) (2017)

Permanent Judicial Commission:

RE Caroline Fleming (Miles City) (2020)

St Timothy's Chapel Committee:

TE Sally Ralston (Phillipsburg) (2016)

Synod Assembly:

TE Kathy Goodrich

RE Ron Hanson

MAC Board:

RE Susan Gibb (Bozeman)

Ministry Moderators for 2015:

Jody McDevitt (Leadership Cabinet)

Dave Thompson (Pastoral Ministry Team)

Curt Kochner (Camping and Youth)

Committee on Ministry's recommendation for 2015 Minimum Salaries

Full-Time Pastor in 1st 3 years of a Call:

Cash - \$32,303

Housing - \$9,691.

Effective Salary - \$41,994.

Pension - Family - \$15,819, Member Only - \$15,159.

Continuing Education - \$600.

Travel - Vouchered at Federal Rate.

Study Leave - 2 weeks (Cumulative to 6 weeks) including 2 Sundays.

Vacation - 4 weeks including 4 Sundays.

Family Leave - Each church shall develop a Family Leave Policy.

Full-Time Pastor after 3 years in a Call:

Cash - \$33,916.

Housing - \$10,176.

Effective Salary - \$44,092.

Pension – Family - \$16,094, Member Only \$15,432.

Continuing Education - \$600.00.

Travel - Vouchered at Federal Rate.

Study Leave - 2 weeks (Cumulative to 6 weeks) including 2 Sundays.

Vacation - 4 weeks including 4 Sundays.

Family Leave - Each church shall develop a Family Leave Policy.

Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE)

The CRE salary is 75% of the Full-Time Pastor salary, pro-rated for part-time.