

**Presbytery of Yellowstone**  
**Special Meeting – December 14, 2015**  
**Minutes**

The Presbytery of Yellowstone met in a Special Meeting, via conference call, on Monday December 14, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

**15-705 – Call to Order** — Moderator, Debbie Blackburn called the meeting to order and offered the opening prayer.

**15-706 ó Purpose of the Meeting** –Moderator Debbie 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 the Moderator Debbie Blackburn for Monday, December 14, 2015. The meeting will be held via conference call and will convene at 5:00 p.m. The Call-in Number is 888-387-8686 and the Room Number is 406-586-7706 followed by the # sign**

**The purpose of the meeting is to:**

- **Elect a Moderator of Yellowstone Presbytery for 2016. Teresa Kendall has been nominated.**
- **Elect Moderators for the Camping and Youth Ministry Team, The Pastoral Ministry Team, the Representation/Nominating Ministry Team and the Leadership Cabinet. The current Moderators (Curt Kochner, Dave Thompson, Debbie Funke and Jody McDevitt, respectively) have been nominated.**
- **Set a recommended distribution for Churches Mission Pledge. The recommendation of the Leadership Cabinet is 20% to General Assembly and 80% to Yellowstone Presbytery.**
- **Elect an Alternate TE Commissioner to the 2016 General Assembly. Rev. Dick Davis is to be nominated.**
- **Take action on a proposal by 1<sup>st</sup> Church of Bozeman to sell a portion of the property they hold across the street (north) from the church.**

- **Take action on a proposal from the Pastoral Ministry Team to place a deadline on the Roy Church to respond to the elements of their Dismissal Agreement with Yellowstone Presbytery.**

**No other presbytery business shall be transacted at this meeting.**

**/s/ Ron Hanson**

**Stated Clerk**

**Presbytery of Yellowstone**

**15-707 – Roll Call** – Ron asked those on the call to e-mail him to confirm attendance. The following people responded.

<b>Church</b>	<b>TE's</b>	<b>RE's</b>
Billings 1st	Dave Thompson	Ken Eichenberger Chris Eriksen
Bozeman 1st	Dan Krebill Jody McDevitt	Donna Beck Charles Poremba Ric Tieman Susan Gibb
Butte 1st	Lanny Rounds	Ron Hanson (SC)
Ennis		Merry Lee Hooks
Forsyth	Cathy McLean	Unexcused
Geyser	Vacant	Unexcused
Lewistown 1st	Jed Cauffman	
Manhattan		Debbie Blackburn (YP Mod.)
Poplar	Susi Ennis	Robert Kelsey

**Others Present**

TE Leon Rathbun  
TE Neva Rathbun  
TE Freeman McCall

**15-708 – Quorum** - Ron announced that a quorum was present

**15-709 – Elections** – The following people have been nominated to the following positions in Yellowstone Presbytery for 2016:

- TE Teresa Kendal óPresbytery Moderator.
- Curt Kochner ó Camping and Youth Ministry Team Moderator.
- Dave Thompson ó Pastoral Ministry Team Moderator.
- Debbie Funke ó Representation/Nominating Ministry Team.
- Jody McDevitt ó Leadership Cabinet Moderator.

✓ Following calls for other nominations the Presbytery voted to close nominations and elect those who were nominated.

**15-710 – Default Mission Pledge Distribution** – The Leadership Cabinet recommended that undesignated mission pledges from the presbyteries churches be distributed as follows: 20% to GA and 80% to Yellowstone Presbytery.

✓ Presbytery voted to approve the recommendation of the Leadership Cabinet.

**15-711 – Alternate TE GA Commissioner** – The Representation/Nominating Ministry Team nominated TE Dick Davis. No other nominations were received.

✓ Presbytery voted to elect TE Dick Davis as its Alternate GA Commissioner.

**15-712 – 1<sup>st</sup> Church Bozeman Property Sale** – Dan Krebill made the following motion  
 öMadam Moderator, I move that the Presbytery of Yellowstone approve the sale of the property located at Parcel 1A of the Amended Plat of Storyø Addition to Bozeman, Plat No. C-22-D, Gallatin County, MT, Pending the approval by the congregation of First Presbyterian Church in Bozeman which holds title to this propertyö. Ric Tieman provided some background on the potential sale and noted that a congregational meeting is scheduled for December 20, 2015 and the church plans to close the sale this year.

✓ Presbytery voted to approve the above motion.

**15-713 – Roy Church** – Dave Thompson presented the following recommendation From the Pastoral Ministry Team. öIf the sale of the Roy property (including deed transfer) is not finalized by March 31, 2016, then the closure of the Roy church is cancelledö.

✓ Presbytery voted to approve the above recommendation.

**15-714 – Adjournment** – Following a prayer by Susie the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

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Ron Hanson  
 Stated Clerk