

Synod Assembly Commissioner Report
Meeting September 24, 2018, in Denver, Colorado

Meeting opened with Prayer by the moderator and closed with a worship service with communion led by outgoing moderator Scott Wimperman, Glacier. Questions and commissioning was administered for the next moderator, Nancy Holve, Utah, affirming vows of the call and office.

Besides our times of sharing in worship, some of the regular meeting items were taken. A treasurer's report was received, budget approved and the per capita for 2019 was set at the same as the last 2 years, \$3.50 per member. This will raise a little over \$100,000 to support the cost of staff, committee functions, and assembly expenses. Since each meeting of the assembly sees new people being commissioned to serve, time is spent getting acquainted and learning about the process and actions to be taken.

Reports were received from the Presbyterian Women, Personnel Work Group (Kathy chairs), the Committee on Representation which pretty much shows the entire synod is very white, the Nominating Committee filed a report to fill all open positions in the synod and all the nominees were elected without any changes. Caroline Fleming RE from the Miles City church was elected to a term on the synod PJC, Caroline has served this presbytery on its PJC .

The Stated Clerk of the Synod will continue to schedule to meet each presbytery and hopefully at time of one of their stated meetings. She stated she will be doing this again next year and it has been helpful to both the Clerk and the Presbyteries who find the connections and input of the Stated Clerk helpful.

Most of the benefit of these Synod Assemblies is the networking that takes place between the commissioners and synod staff. We share and hear valuable highlights, practices, suggestions, mission, challenges of other presbyteries and can share and explore opportunities for partnership and ministry and mission collaboration with one another.

Since the synod no longer supports the finances of the presbyteries except through grants for education and training, it becomes more important for the presbytery to seek special funding from grants for 2 or more presbyteries partnering which may be available if the activity meets the criteria of these grants.

Minutes of the meeting will be made available to anyone who wishes to read them at the office of the stated clerk after they are supplied by the Stated Clerk of the Synod.

Dates for the next meeting were not set but goal will be to keep it earlier than November so presbyteries can set their budgets for the following year, perhaps adjacent to the Synod Staff forum to maximize networking, sharing ministry and mission, exploring possibilities for partnering in ministry or mission with other presbyteries.

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Thanks to Jim Tarr for drafting most of this report!