

Pastoral Ministry Team's Report March 2024

The purpose of the Pastoral Ministry Team is to come alongside of churches, sessions, pastors and CREs to provide encouragement, support, and training as we work together to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Information Items

- PMT welcomed new members Cheryl Banks, Billings 1st Presbyterian Church and Julie Boksich, Melrose, Church of the Big Hole – Wise River.
- PMT reviewed the proposed contract between Mary Davis and the Church of the Big Hole and returned it with suggested changes.
- PMT has been notified that the Manhattan Church has voted to rescind the call to Rev. Charles Walden
- PMT approved Debbie Blackburn and Linda Smith as a subgroup of the PMT to receive and approve applications for scholarships from participants in the Dubuque/ Synod of the Rocky Mountains CRE Program
- PMT reviewed the Liaison List and made some new assignments for 2024. (See Attachment A.)
- PMT is *strongly* recommending that non-Presbyterian pastors serving in Presbyterian churches attend at least two Presbytery meetings per year.
- PMT members were invited along with others to participate in Small Church Week January 29 – February 2, 2024. Sharon Kiser's presentation will be used for equipping and brainstorming Friday afternoon March 1, 2024.
- PMT was informed that two ministers-at-large have not turned in annual reports. When annual reports are not received for three years, Presbytery may delete that person's name from the roll of membership.

Item for Action From Pastoral Ministry Team

The Pastoral Ministry Team recommends Yellowstone Presbytery approve the up-dated Linda Hofer Education Grant Application form. (See Attachment B.)

<u>Church</u>	<u>Moderator(s)</u>	<u>Liaison(s)</u>	<u>Local Contact/Clerk</u>
Anaconda	CRE Veva Larson	Julie Boksich	
Billings First	TE Dave Thompson	Kimmy Briggs	
Billings St Andrew	TE Susan Thomas	Cheryl Banks	
Bozeman	TE Ashley Birk	Debbie Blackburn	
Butte	TE Karolee Larson	Daniel Triller	
Colstrip	Dave Brabec (UCC)	Neva Rathbun	
Deer Lodge	Debbie Ernst & TE Freeman McCall	Debbie Ernst	
Dillon	TE Daniel Triller	Julie Boksich	
Ennis	TE Mary Grace Reynolds	Chuck Wright	
Forsyth	TE Dave Thompson	Cheryl Banks	Gayle Holland
Hysham	Gail Beckham	Gail Beckham	
Jordan	Clerk Bev Harbaugh cc George Goodrich	Andy Pehl	Bev Harbaugh
Lewistown	TE Kimmy Briggs	Debbie Blackburn	
Manhattan	Chuck Wright	Debbie Ernst	
Miles City	Gail Beckham	Neva Rathbun	Caroline Fleming
Philipsburg	Debra Schmidt (UMC)	Steve Hundley	
Poplar	Jeff Harada	Andy Pehl	
Stanford	Jim Tarr & Melissa Bell	Jim Tarr & Melissa Bell	Amanda Kelly
Terry	TE Jamie Schmeling	Neva Rathbun	
White Sulphur Springs	Wenda Fry (ELCA)	Chuck Wright	
Wise River (Big Hole)	TE Mary Davis	Daniel Triller	
Wolf Point	Jeff Harada	Andy Pehl	

Linda Hofer Education Fund Grant Request
Presbytery of Yellowstone

Instructions - Submit this form to the Moderator of the Pastoral Ministry Team (PMT) of Yellowstone Presbytery. PMT will review your request at its next scheduled meeting and inform you of its decision.

See reverse side for qualifying criteria.

The offering taken at joyous occasions of ordinations, installations and commissioning of Pastors and CREs in Yellowstone Presbytery is accepted for the Linda Hofer Fund. Linda served as Co-Pastor at St. John's Presbyterian Church in Philipsburg, MT and was serving as Moderator of Yellowstone Presbytery when, on July 12, 1984 at 38 years old, she died tragically in a horseback riding accident. Linda left behind her husband and Co-Pastor Bruce Cameron, three grade school children, and a grieving Presbytery. In memory of Linda and in celebration of her enthusiasm for Christian education, the Presbytery of Yellowstone voted in September 1984 to establish the Linda Hofer fund and designated the fund to assist with scholarships for campers. As needs within the Presbytery changed, the fund changed, too. On November 3, 2012, Presbytery voted to combine the Continuing Education Fund with the Linda Hofer Memorial Fund and use proceeds to assist with continuing education costs for pastors, CREs and churches whose funds often do not cover the costs of today's continuing education courses.

Amount of Request: \$ _____

Requestor's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Specific purpose - (Include a date when funds are needed.)

Need - (What other options have been pursued?)

Benefits - (Individual/congregation/community)

Criteria

Pastors, CREs, and churches are eligible to receive a grant once (one time) in a three-year period. Applications are responded to in the order they are received.

Grants are limited to \$1000.00 for a one-time program or \$2000.00 for a multi-year program.

Applications for the following general purposes will have first priority:

- Theological Education of Teaching Elders (TEs) or Commissioned Ruling Elders (CREs).
- Church Program Education for Ordained Pastors or Lay Persons.
- Music Education.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Discussion Points and Action of the Pastoral Ministry Team:

Date of PMT Action: _____

Grant Awarded: Yes _____ No _____

Award Amount: \$ _____

Signature of PMT Moderator _____

Date: _____