

Pastoral Ministry Team Report May 2024

There are no action items to be considered by the Presbytery at this time from the PMT.

We open our meetings with prayer and "Dwelling in the Word." The Scripture selected often brings deepened conversation.

At this time there are three churches, Deer Lodge Presbyterian Church, Manhattan Presbyterian Church, and Miles City First Presbyterian Church that are actively engaged with the Church Leadership Connection through PC(USA) in Louisville, KY. Bozeman First Presbyterian Church and Jordan Community Presbyterian Church are diligently working on their Ministry Discernment Profile.

Christine Long spoke with us concerning the Board of Pensions changes for ministers and congregations. The Presbytery will be enlightened at the Stated Presbytery meeting on Friday, May 17, 2024 at First Presbyterian Church, Dillon, MT.

Boundary Training is required this year by both Ministers of Word and Sacrament and Commissioned Ruling Elders. Mark your calendars for August 3, 2024, or November 9, 2024, from 9:00 A.M to 1:00 P.M., whichever one is best for you to attend. More information will be coming.

The 226th General Assembly of the PC(USA) convenes on June 15 – July 4, 2024, in Salt Lake City, UT. Our Minister delegate is J.P. Carlson of Bozeman; Ruling Elder delegate is Russ Kline of Billings; and our Youth delegate is Joelle Evans of Miles City. The Olympia Overture that is of great concern by Executives and many congregations will be discussed at the up-coming Presbytery meeting. We have a subcommittee doing further study of this overture. Please pray for our delegates as they participate in the General Assembly decisions.

Debbie and I appreciate the work of our team which includes Cheryl Banks, Gail Beckham, Julie Boksich, Steve Hundley, Freeman McCall, Andy Pehl, Jim Tarr, Dan Triller, and Chuck Wright. We also appreciate the wisdom of Kathy Goodrich and Caroling Fleming.

It is with regret that we say "Farewell" to Chuck Wright who is leaving our committee as well as Montana to live in Tennessee. We thank you for your service not only to God but to Yellowstone Presbytery as well.

Respectfully submitted,

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