

Leadership Cabinet Report
Presbytery Meeting
March 7-8, 2025
First Presbyterian Church in Butte, Montana

The Leadership Cabinet (LC) of the Yellowstone Presbytery meets monthly to oversee, plan, and implements many facets of ministry pertaining to our Presbytery. The LC provides oversight to the Presbytery regarding its meetings, finances, staff, training, direction, and mission.

Presbytery meeting schedule for 2025:

March 7-8, 2025, at the First Presbyterian Church in Butte

May 30, 2025, at the First Presbyterian Church in Bozeman

October 3-4, 2025, at the First Presbyterian Church in Billings

Anti-Racism Policy:

The Leadership Cabinet reviewed the proposed Anti-Racism Policy for the Yellowstone Presbytery and offered a few minor adjustments and corrections from what was presented by the sub-committee. We bring this policy to the Presbytery for discussion and vote for approval.

Recommendation 1: Leadership Cabinet recommends Yellowstone Presbytery adopt the proposed Anti-Racism Policy.

General Assembly Amendments to the Book of Order:

The Leadership Cabinet discussed the proposed amendments to our Book of Order from General Assembly which the Yellowstone Presbytery will vote on at this meeting. We have the following recommendations pertaining to four of the amendments under consideration:

Recommendation 2: Leadership Cabinet recommends Yellowstone Presbytery concur with 24-H: G-3.0106, General Administration of Mission.

Recommendation 3: Leadership Cabinet recommends Yellowstone Presbytery concur with 24-J: Composition and Responsibility.

Recommendation 4: Leadership Cabinet recommends Yellowstone Presbytery concur with 24-M: Episcopalian-Presbyterian Agreement on Local Sharing of Ministries.

*Leadership Cabinet offers no recommendation to Yellowstone Presbytery concerning overture 24-I, Relationships with Synod and General Assembly about removing the need for at least one additional presbytery to concur with a proposed overture before it can be considered by the General Assembly. **Presbyters will have to discuss and decide on this overture on the floor of the presbytery meeting.***

Recommendation 5: Leadership Cabinet nominates Sandy Welch to serve as moderator of the Representation & Nomination Team.

Boundary training: Our boundary training, which is required every three years, was conducted this past year by Mark Bassingthwaite, attorney and former member of the First Presbyterian Church in Billings. Mark's presentation was recorded, and the video is available for any person or church to use. Caroline has sent the video link to all pastors and CREs who didn't participate in the 2024 training session.

Jamie Schmeling's installation: The Rev. Jamie Schmeling will be installed at First Presbyterian Church in Miles City on Saturday, April 5 at 1pm.

The Leadership Cabinet continues to discuss ways that presbytery meetings can be helpful, relevant, and useful to those we serve in the Yellowstone Presbytery. We strive to seek ways to make the meeting helpful in building up the larger body of Christ within our Presbytery. If you have feedback to help accomplish this end, please contact one of the members of the Leadership Cabinet.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev. David Thompson, Moderator
Leadership Cabinet of the Yellowstone Presbytery