

**Pastoral Ministry Team Report
Yellowstone Presbytery Meeting – May 30, 2025
First Presbyterian Church in Bozeman, Montana**

The Pastoral Ministry Team had three (long) meetings since the Presbytery meeting in March. Your continued prayers are appreciated.

Item for Action from the Pastoral Ministry Team:

PMT recommends that MWS John Dyce be placed on the rolls of retired pastors for Yellowstone Presbytery (retirement date August 25, 2017).

PMT acted on the following items since the March Presbytery meeting:

Approved the contract between CRE Margee Smith and the First Presbyterian Church of Lewiston to be extended until December 31, 2025 (see attached).

Added RE Karen Morales to the Administrative Commission installing Jamie Schmeling at First Presbyterian Church in Miles City on April 5th.

Voted to receive Lisa Evans (Miles City) as a Seeker in the CRE program of Yellowstone Presbytery.

Appointed the following people as mentors for Seekers in the CRE program:

MWS Kimmy Briggs (Caroline Fleming), MWS Dave Thompson (Danny Pratt), MWS George Goodrich (Traci Ruschetti) and MWS Neva Rathbun (Lisa Evans).

Gave approval to permit Jessica Crane Munoz to labor within the bounds to conduct a wedding in Grass Range on August 22.

Approved the Mission Study submitted by the Dillon church and approved the formation of a Pastor Nominating Committee by the Dillon church.

Appointed MWS Steve Hundley as moderator of the session at Madison Valley Presbyterian Church as of June 1, 2025.

Voted to concur with the Madison Valley Presbyterian Church congregation's affirmative vote to dissolve the pastoral relationship between Mary Grace Reynolds and MVPC effective June 30, 2025.

Submitted by Debbie Blackburn and Neva Rathbun (Co-Moderators of PMT)

**Terms for Commissioned Ruling Elder
Home Visitation and Pulpit Supply
Margee Smith
First Presbyterian Church and Yellowstone Presbytery**

Commission Description

Margee will be a Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) relationship with First Presbyterian Church of Lewistown, MT and Yellowstone Presbytery. The commission will be primarily for outreach and care to those unable to attend in-person worship at FPC. In coordination with our Deacons, Margee will provide visits to these individuals which will include conversation, prayer, and spiritual support as needed. Margee will be allowed to serve communion during these visits. At this time, there are no time expectations or minimums that Margee must adhere to, but visits will be coordinated with the Reverend Kimmy Briggs and the Deacons of FPC.

In addition, Margee will be allowed to provide pulpit supply and pastoral coverage to churches in Yellowstone Presbytery, with the authority to serve communion and perform baptisms (with the prior approval of the church session) and moderate session meetings (as affirmed by the Pastoral Ministry Team). Margee will also be permitted to officiate weddings and funerals when asked.

Compensation

At this time, Margee's time doing visitation is on a volunteer basis. However, for services offered to the presbytery, including if those services are provided to First Presbyterian Church, Lewistown, compensation for pulpit supply, pastoral coverage, moderating session, and funerals will be paid by the respective churches or individuals making the request in line with suggested minimums provided by the Pastoral Ministry Team (PMT), including mileage (at the rate determined by the IRS for employees), lodging and meal expenses.

Terms of Service

This commission is for one year from July 1, 2024, through December 31, 2025, and can be renewed annually under the authority of PMT. Should the situation change, or a need arise in the presbytery, PMT has authority to change the details of this commission.

Supervision/Oversight

Margee will serve under the direction of the pastor and session of First Presbyterian Church in Lewistown, MT, with support and oversight from the Pastoral Ministry Team of Yellowstone Presbytery. Reverend Kimmy Briggs (Lewistown) will continue to serve as her mentor. Margee will comply with the polity of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and Yellowstone Presbytery, including completing the required boundaries training and abiding by the sexual misconduct policy.