

Stated Clerk Report to Yellowstone Presbytery

May 30, 2025

Protocol Review for all attending the Presbytery meeting by Zoom or in person:

1. **All attendees:** *Please say your name and the entity you represent when you speak.*
2. **All attendees:** *If not using a voice vote of “Yes” or “No,,” please use either the “raise hand” feature on your Zoom screen or raise your hand.*
3. **Zoom attendees:** *Please keep your computer microphone muted until called upon or recognized to speak. This helps eliminate feedback, minimize background noise, and helps us to move through our time together more smoothly.*
4. **Zoom Attendees:** *Please rename your Zoom participant identification to include “RE” or “MWS” if applicable, your first and last name, the entity you represent, your position (i.e., member, commissioner, guest) and town. For example: RE Caroline Fleming, YP Stated Clerk, Miles City.*

Omnibus motion.

The Stated Clerk moves the following:

1. That the agenda for this meeting posted on www.yellowstonepcusa.org be approved.
2. That the roll for this meeting be established in two ways:
 - a. By email to caroline@yellowstonepcusa.org if you are attending via Zoom or
 - b. By registration form provided at the meeting if you are attending in person.
3. That all requests for excused absences received by the Stated Clerk be approved.
4. That any Corresponding members at the meeting be seated and given voice.
5. That Presbytery grant the Moderator authority to give privilege of the floor to persons, other than Members or Commissioners, for the purpose of reporting to this meeting.
6. That the Moderator and the Stated Clerk be empowered to suggest and adjust the agenda during the meeting, as may be necessary.
7. That the minutes of the Presbytery meeting of March 7-8, 2025 be approved as printed on the presbytery meeting website.
8. That the minutes of the Administrative Commission for Jamie Schmeling’s installation be approved as printed on the presbytery meeting website and the Administrative Commission be dismissed.
9. That the following former members of the Permanent Judicial Commission are still eligible to serve if needed:
Class of 2020: RE Sharla Helland, RE Gary Slagel
Class of 2022: MWS Jody McDevitt and MWS Lanny Rounds
Class of 2024: MWS Neva Rathbun and RE John Patterson

End of Motion.

Information received since our last stated presbytery meeting:

With the final vote reported on May 13, 2025, needed to pass amendment 24-C, all proposed overtures from the 225 General Assembly have passed and will be included in our Book of Order. We discussed and voted on these overtures at our March meeting.

Activities since our last stated presbytery meeting:

1. Attended all meetings of the Leadership Cabinet, the Pastoral Ministry Team and Yellowstone Presbytery and recorded meeting proceedings.
2. Sent a letter to all clerks and Sessions about required policies and included sample harassment and antiracism policies in the mailing.
3. Kept records of all who submitted reports, whether from individuals or from churches.
4. Attended and participated in the installation of Rev. Jamie Schmeling as pastor of 1st Presbyterian Church of Miles City.
5. Filed paperwork with the MT Secretary of State's office to change our corporate name from The Presbytery of Yellowstone of the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America to Presbytery of Yellowstone of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
6. Served on the team to plan the May Presbytery meeting.
7. Continued research into ridding presbytery of the small plot of land in Vally County and am currently working on a Quit Claim deed to be filed with Valley County.
8. Attended Rocky Mountain Synod/Dubuque Seminary Foundation of Christian Education class.
9. Conducted an e-vote for PMT concerning a church mission statement.
10. Conducted an e-vote for PMT concerning the dissolution of a pastoral relationship.
11. Updated presbytery directory as needed.