



**Ignite! Upward, Inward, Outward \*\***  
**Christlike Leadership that Lifts & Christlike Lifestyle that Gifts**

Yellowstone Presbytery Conference, Meeting, and Celebration Brunch—  
 June 12 & 13, 2026 Bozeman

Dear Yellowstone Presbytery members and friends,

We are excited about our upcoming time together June 12 & 13. Please encourage not only session, but all members/attenders to join us. Dr. Stan Ott is nationally known for empowering churches to become alive, more vital through his practical tips, memorable stories, and videos.

Stan will also lead worship with Kathy on Saturday morning before we begin our celebration for her many years of service as Co-General & General Presbyter of Yellowstone Presbytery.

Attached you will find the Docket and the Flyer for Kathy's retirement celebration (RSVP) to be held on Saturday, June 13. Below is a list of reminders and deadlines as you prepare for this meeting.

**Reminders & Deadlines**

- **RSVP BY Friday May 29** Meal Reservations must be made by Friday May 29---Make Reservations for Friday's lunch and dinner, and Saturday's brunch with Debra @fpcbozeman.org or 406-586-9194
- **Stan Ott Workshop Materials**---Conference & materials to be posted on website; download & print
- **Wear red or yellow symbolizing the Holy Spirit moving in us, through us, & among us!**
- **Housing**---If you would prefer to stay in a private home, please call Debra at 406-586-9154
- **Bring Your Display** (previously prepared for March in-person meeting) **of Your Church Mission Work**
- **Christine Long, Board of Pensions Representative** Will be with us! (see posted materials; contact her to make an appointment after the meeting)

**\*Meeting materials are available at [www.yellowstonepcusa.org](http://www.yellowstonepcusa.org) under "Presbytery Meeting"**

**IGNITE\*\***

"God makes God's servants a flame of fire," was the reflection Jim Elliot wrote in his diary upon reading Hebrews 1:7. "Am I ignitable?"

The answer is YES! "*He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire!*" (Acts 1& 2)

Join us as we trust God's Spirit to spark a fresh fire of God's own heart within us and our churches.

Samuel Johnson said we need to be reminded more than we need to be instructed! We know that such "reminding" can refresh our spirits, renew our vision and reignite us.

Stan will lead us in a time of *re*-minding – a time of *re*flexion and *re*freshment.

He will share practical tips with engaging stories in the three movements of our life as followers/disciples and as churches:

- UPward: Our love for the Lord who loves us
- INward: Our love for the body of Christ & the people God gives us
- OUTward: Our love for the world God loves

Christlike Leadership that Lifts and the Christlike Lifestyle that Gifts – including:

- Soul Care - Learning to live with the load of the unfinished & the uncertain
- The Double Focus of Ministry
- Leading people without losing them

- Pizzazz and Commitment – going wide and growing deep
- Love the Many and Focus on a Few  
Cultivating Jesus’ Eyes for People/’People eyes’
- Instilling grace within the life of a group (small group, church, presbytery)
- Growing a heart to impart
- The joy of *hineni* – “Here I am – my answer was yes, before you even asked!
- And much more!

We look forward to welcoming **Rev. Dr. Stan Ott**, back to Yellowstone Presbytery. Stan, (M.Div., PhD.), is an author, trainer, and PCUSA pastor, having pastored 3 churches & serves as President of The Vital Churches Institute, working with 50 presbyteries & hundreds of congregations in North America on transformation & congregational vitality, & hosts Building One Another Podcast. (M.Div. McCormick Sem., Ph.D, Training, Purdue)

His FREE Resource websites include: latest, CenteredandSoaring.com which offers short courses with video and handouts for groups/churches, vitalchurchesinstitute.com and podcast website BuildingOneAnother.com. His publications include Twelve Dynamic Shifts for Transforming Your Church, Transform Your Church with Ministry Teams and The Joy of Discipling.

Stan is married to Dr. Anne Marie Ott. They have 5 children and 4 grandchildren. He loves Jesus, fishing with his grandson, learning piano, cheering for Purdue and still chuckles that he won the hula hoop contest in elementary school!