

Presbytery of Yellowstone - Stated Meeting

June 12-13, 2026

Bozeman 1st Presbyterian Church and via Zoom

Friday June 12, 2026

26-026. Optional Workshop with Rev. Dr. Stan Ott

The Presbytery of Yellowstone met on June 12 and June 13, 2026, at 1st Presbyterian Church of Bozeman, MT beginning at 10:00 a.m. with an optional workshop led by Rev. Dr. Stan Ott. Kathy Goodrich offered prayer and introduced Rev. Dr. Stan Ott who led attendees in a workshop titled “Christlike Leadership that Lifts: Tips on Leading People in our Uncertain World.”

26-027. Opening Prayer and Welcome

At 12:30 p.m., Moderator Dave Thompson opened the meeting of Yellowstone Presbytery with prayer, and he and Bozeman Pastor Nicole Melara welcomed everyone. The theme for the meeting: *“Ignite! Upward, Inward, Outward.”*

26-028. Workshop with Rev. Dr. Stan Ott

Stan Ott led presbyters in a workshop using the meeting theme “Ignite: Upward, Inward, Outward.”

26-029. Business Meeting

- A. Roll Call:** The Stated Clerk conducted roll call. Attendees were asked to register by email to caroline@yellowstonepcusa.org noting their name, church, and position (minister member, member due to position, commissioner, corresponding member or guest).

Ruling Elder Commissioners, CREs, Other RE's and visitors

Anaconda	CRE Veva Larson
Billings First	RE Sandy Schoenberger, Commissioner; Cheryl Banks, PMT Co-moderator; RE Russ Kline, LC member; Janet Kline, guest; Diane Asheman, guest.
Billings St Andrew	RE Sandy Welch, Rep/Nom Moderator;
Big Hole	RE Julie Boksich, LC moderator
Bozeman	RE Ric Tieman, Treasurer; RE Debbie Ernst, PMT Co-moderator; Deb Jackson, Admin. Assistant; Susan Gibb, guest; John Sackman, guest;
Butte	Absent
Colstrip	RE Gail Beckam, Commissioner
Deer Lodge	Absent
Dillon	RE Terry Johnson, Commissioner
Ennis	Brian Conklin, LP
Forsyth	Absent
Hysham	Absent
Jordan	RE Bev Harbaugh, Commissioner, Sue Fitzgerald, guest, Brian Carlisle, guest
Lewistown	RE Melissa Bell, LC member; CRE Margee Smith
Manhattan	RE Stephanie Bergstrom, Commissioner; RE Debbie Blackburn, guest
Miles City	RE Caroline Fleming, Stated Clerk, Lisa Evans, guest; Piper Evans, YAAD to G.A.
Phillipsburg	Absent
Poplar	Absent
Stanford	Absent
Terry	RE Andy Pehl, Commissioner; RE Nancy Pehl, Camping/Youth Moderator;
White Sulphur Sp.	Absent
Wolf Point	Absent

Minister Members:

Present: J P Carlson, Warren (Rusty) Craig, Debbie Funke, George Goodrich, Kathy Goodrich, Karolee Larson, Steven A Hundley, Nicole Melara, Neva Rathbun, Jamie Schmeling, David Thompson, Laura Wood.

Excused: Jody McDevitt, Harlan (Lanny) Rounds, Susan Thomas,

Absent: David Andrew, Jim Bell, Priscilla Bell, David Bierschwale, Ashley Birk, Kimberly Briggs Dick Davis, Mary Davis, John Dyce, Wenda Fry, Doug Johnson, Dan Krebill, Brent Long, Freeman McCall, Sherwood McKay, Marcia Muir, David Murchie, Sally Ralston, Mary Grace Reynolds, Deborah Schmidt, Sarah Tunall.

2025 RE Moderators, Members, and Leadership Cabinet Voting Members also listed with their churches above:

RE Melissa Bell, LC member; RE Julie Boksich, LC moderator; RE Russ Kline, LC member; RE Ric Tieman, Treasurer; RE Cheryl Banks PMT Co-Moderator; RE Debbie Ernst, PMT Co-moderator; Sandy Welch, Rep/Nom Moderator; RE Nancy Pehl Camping/Youth Moderator;

Corresponding Members: Rev. Heidi Bolt, Presbyterian Foundation; Rev. Chuck Carlson, Glacier Presbytery; Rev. Christine Long, BOP, Olympia Presbytery; Rev. Stan Ott _____

Guest with Voice: Jamie Palagi, CEO, Intermountain Children's Home and Services

Staff with Voice: RE Caroline Fleming (Stated Clerk), RE Ric Tieman, Treasurer

Quorum/Balance: 17 voting RE's and CREs, 12 voting MWS. A **quorum** was declared present.

B. Omnibus Motion and Clerk's Report (Attachment A): The Stated Clerk moved 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 all written reports posted on the website www.yellowstonepcusa.org be received.
7. That the Moderator and the Stated Clerk be empowered to suggest and adjust the agenda during the meeting, as may be necessary.
8. That the minutes of the Presbytery meeting of March 13-14, 2025 be approved as printed on the presbytery meeting website.

The motion was seconded and passed.

The Clerk reviewed the categories of attendees listed on the registration sheet and reminded people to sign the card circulating for Kathy Goodrich.

C. General Presbyter's Report: Kathy Goodrich offered her last report to Yellowstone Presbytery as the General Presbyter citing the vision she and George had when they came to Montana. The position was "out of her comfort zone," since she had never imagined herself as a church bureaucrat, yet she stayed with it for 22 years. She prays that God will continue to ignite our imaginations even as we "hit pause" when necessary to assure we are hearing and following guidance from the Holy Spirit. She gave thanks to all who have said "yes" to serving the presbytery over the years and for the grace and forgiveness we have given to her when needed. The presbytery is incredibly grateful for Kathy's service.

D. Leadership Cabinet Report (Attachment B): Moderator Julie Boksich introduced members of the Leadership Cabinet, reviewed the team’s activities, and encouraged people to consider attending the “Rocky Mountain West Relationally Wise Leaders Conference in Bozeman this October. Julie read the proposed changes to the Yellowstone Presbytery Standing Rules for a second time (the 1st reading was at the March presbytery meeting).

***Actions:** the following motions from Leadership Cabinet were acted on:

- a. **Leadership Cabinet recommends that Yellowstone Presbytery approve the proposed changes to the Standing Rules.** The motion passed.
- b. **Leadership Cabinet recommends that Presbytery elect Rev. Jamie Schmeling to serve on the Rep/Nom team in the class of 2028.** The motion passed.
- c. **Leadership Cabinet recommends Yellowstone Presbytery set aside the Standing Rules to allow Sandy Welch to serve an additional two-year term on Rep/Nom (class of 2028).** The motion passed.
- d. **Leadership Cabinet recommends that Presbytery approve the Support and Endowment Plan for Westminster Spires.** The motion passed.
- e. **Leadership Cabinet recommends Yellowstone Presbytery approve the Pastoral Covenant Agreement between Rev Kathy Goodrich and Yellowstone Presbytery proposed by the Leadership Cabinet through its Personnel subcommittee.** The motion passed.

Russ Kline spoke about the newly adopted Westminster Spires endowment Fund noting that, since the buildings are now over 50 years old and qualify as a historic site, we might be able to get funds from the Forest Service for upkeep.

***Action: Russ made a motion to establish the endowment with funds from the sale of the Harlowton and Geyser church buildings.** The motion was seconded and passed.

Presbyters discussed how to inform people of Harlowton and Geyser that funds from their building sales will be placed in an endowment fund for Westminster Spires. A letter will be sent to the appropriate people, perhaps a proclamation could be sent and shared with local media. Information should note that camp scholarships are available for young people.

E. Treasurer’s Report (Attachment C): The first quarter of 2026 summarizes as follows:

Administrative Income

Admin Support:	2,600.00
Per Capita	77,740.50
Interest	<u>425.74</u>
Total Admin. Income	\$80,766.24

Program Income

Camp Income	3,220.50
Mission Pledges	<u>10,268.62</u>
Total Mission Income:	\$13,489.12

Administrative Expenses

Leadership Cabinet:	2,843.75
PMT:	25.34
Personnel Expenses	30,075.52
Presbytery Expenses	19,779.88
Presbytery Office	<u>1,535.63</u>
Total Admin Expenses:	\$54,260.12

Program Expenses

Camping & Youth:	7,334.86
PMT	879.39
Personnel Expenses	<u>3,396.95</u>
Total Program Expenses	\$11,611.20

Net Admin. Income: \$22,632.86 Net Program Income: \$1,877.92

26-030. Spirit Sighting: Bev Harbaugh and Sue Fitzgerald of Jordan shared how, in spite of the church having a vacant pulpit for 20 years, Elders continued to serve to keep the church active. In their search process, they recorded a video on which some members expressed their desire and need for a pastor. They put it on the church Facebook page and advertised in venues other than the CLC. Brian Carlisle saw the video and answered the church's call. Progress is being made about bringing him to Jordan. The faithful, steadfast Elders and church members have learned that "staying the course" can yield good results.

26-031. Business Meeting cont'd.:

F. Pastoral Ministry Team Report (PMT) (Attachment D):

a. PMT recommends Yellowstone Presbytery dismiss Rev. Kimmy Briggs to John Knox Presbytery at her request, and if the way be clear. The motion passed. Kathy Goodrich explained the continuing development of the Paths and Process for calling Pastors or Lay Leaders from outside the Presbyterian Church (USA) that PMT is working on.

G. Representation/Nomination Team Report (Attachment E): Moderator Sandra Welch offered the first reading of the Rep/Nom report nominating RE Jim Tarr as Synod Commissioner, Class of 2028.

H. Board of Pensions: BOP Representative Christine Long shared that benefits and pension administered by BOP are available to CREs as well as church employees. A grant is available for assistance with childcare for children 0 to 6 years to pastors and CREs. Christine reviewed this year's changes to the plan. All are encouraged to visit the BOP website and to call Christine with questions.

I. Presbyterian Foundation: Rev. Heidi Bolt is the new Ministry Relations Officer for our region. She offers free resources for stewardship promotion and free coaching for pastors. The foundation has an online survey with which a church can access where it is and is not doing well. The foundation offers an online giving option available to all congregations and a monthly newsletter. They have a technology grant application open until July 13 that offers up to \$5,000 to help with church technology needs.

26-032: Adjournment for the Evening: Moderator Dave Thompson adjourned the meeting for the evening with prayer. Presbytery will reconvene at 8:30 a.m. June 13.

Saturday, June 13, 2026

26-033. Morning Opening: Moderator Dave Thompson reconvened the meeting with prayer at 8:30 a.m. Rev. Stan Ott gave a recap of yesterday's workshops and activities.

26-034. Spirit Sighting: Debbie Ernst and Pastor Nicole Melara shared the work of the Spirit at First Presbyterian Church of Bozeman. Bringing Nicole in as pastor, a planned mission trip to Alaska, and reception of a PILP for building renovations are highlights of the last year. Presbyters viewed the video the Jordan Community Church had made while they were searching for a pastor. The video inspired Brian Carlisle to contact the church.

26-035. Business Meeting cont'd.:

J. Rep/Nom (Attachment E): Moderator Sandra Welch read the nomination for a second time:
***Action: Rep/Nom nominates RE Jim Tarr as Synod Commissioner, Class of 2028.** The motion passed.

K. Camping & Youth Ministry Report (Attachment F): Moderator Nancy Pehl reported the need for a spiritual leader for the elementary camp. The team will seek a Board of Trustees over the

summer to oversee the new endowment fund. A celebration of 90 years of Westminster Spires Camp is planned for August 1. Please R.S.V.P. your plan to attend at westminsterspires@gmail.com

L. Commissioning of General Assembly Commissioners: Kathy Goodrich led a commissioning service at with Rev. Steve Hundley, YAAD Piper Evans, and RE Patti Johnson (in absentia) were commissioned to serve as Yellowstone Presbytery's commissioners to the 227th General Assembly of the PC (U.S.A.).

M. Intermountain Home and Services: CEO Jamie Palagi shared information about the Intermountain Home for Children and its services. Yellowstone Presbytery has been a long-time supporter and participator in Intermountain's work. The offering collected at this presbytery meeting's worship service will be sent to Intermountain.

N. Closing: The meeting of Yellowstone Presbytery closed with a worship service led by Rev Kathy Goodrich and Rev. Stan Ott. Communion was served and prayer and benediction closed the meeting. Presbyters and guests then enjoyed a brunch at which Kathy Goodrich and her long ministry with Yellowstone Presbytery was celebrated.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Fleming, Stated Clerk

ATTACHMENT A

Stated Clerk Report to Yellowstone Presbytery

June 12, 2026

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 responding to 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 and minimize background noise.
4. **Zoom Attendees:** Please label your Zoom participant name to include "RE" or "MWS" if applicable, your first & last name, the entity you represent, your position (i.e., member, commissioner, guest) & town. e.g.: RE Caroline Fleming, YP Stated Clerk, Miles City.

Omnibus motion.

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End of Motion.

Activities since our last stated presbytery meeting:

1. Attended all meetings of the Leadership Cabinet, the Pastoral Ministry Team and Yellowstone Presbytery special meetings and recorded meeting proceedings.
2. Followed up on requests to retired ministers and ministers-at-large as necessary and as directed by PMT to submit 2025 annual reports.
3. Updated presbytery directory with new officers, team members, and pastor positions and continue to update when informed of changes by pastors, clerks, and/or churches.
4. Talked with Associated Employers and "Holy Cow" about how they might help the presbytery during the upcoming transition time. The conversations were reported to LC.
5. Served on the team to plan the June Presbytery meeting.
6. Preached, officiated 7 Baptisms and welcomed 5 new members into Jordan Community Presbyterian Church on May 14.
7. Attended the review of presbytery minutes with Stated Clerks from other presbyteries in the Rocky Mountains Synod.

ATTACHMENT B

Leadership Cabinet Report June 12 & 13

The primary purpose of the Leadership Cabinet (LC) is to guide the implementation of the Vision Statement and the Mission of Yellowstone Presbytery. The team reads the Vision statement at the beginning of every meeting. The LC also serves as the Trustees of the Presbytery and oversees the presbytery's financial, personnel, and administrative processes.

Every meeting begins with "Dwelling in the Word" to remind us that we must be the "People of God" to do the "Work of God." Centering ourselves in God's Word provides a Holy Spirit-guided discerning process as we listen to and learn from each other in endeavoring to make decisions based on not our own will, but that God's will be done.

Vision Statement Implementation

At each meeting, we share "Holy Spirit Sightings" where we have seen the Spirit working in our personal lives, our churches, and our communities and take time to pray for one another, our leaders, our churches, and our world. We also share personal needs and concerns as well as needs for others, our churches, the Presbytery, and our communities, our nation, and our world. All of these needs are lifted in prayer.

The Leadership Cabinet has been extremely busy holding 5 meetings between April 1 and June 9:

- continued to work on tasks recommended by the Transition Team (see report)
- at each meeting, reports from the following ministry teams are received: Camping/Youth, Rep/Nom, Personnel Subgroup, and PMT updates. Feedback is given as necessary.
- presbytery planning team met together often and with Stan Ott on several occasions in preparation for the June 12 and 13 Conference and Presbytery meeting in Bozeman.
- discussed offering partial scholarships from Equipping and Encouraging funds to several people interested in attending the Rocky Mountain West Relationally Wise Leaders Conference in Bozeman on October 5-8. Please contact Caroline Fleming for more information.
- approved Stated Clerk, Caroline Fleming, use her continuing education funds to cover her attending the Rocky Mountain West Relationally Wise Leaders Conference in Bozeman on October 5-8.
- continued to explore plans with the Hope's Promise organization for a 2027 mission trip to Zimbabwe as invited by Paul and Lydia Neschwangwe. Russ Kline will serve as the contact person for this trip.

Business

- Approved the updated Treasurer Job Description which will be placed in the Presbytery's Manual of Operations.
- Approved a posting on the website a 1-page version of the Long-Term Partnership Fund more pertinent to information for churches interested in applying. (*see document*)
- On recommendation from the Personnel Sub-committee, approved hiring Debbie Ernst as the Presbytery's Treasurer with a start date of July 1.
- Elected to send the offering for the June Presbytery meeting to Kathy Goodrich's charity of choice. Kathy chose the Intermountain Children's Home and Services in Helena, MT.

Transition Report

The decisions made by the Leadership Cabinet after many discussions relating to both administrative tasks and relationships within Yellowstone Presbytery during the transition between Kathy's retirement and filling the position of the General Presbyter with either an interim/transitional or permanent position:

1. Administrative tasks of General Presbyter relating to the work of the Leadership Cabinet were assigned.
2. General Presbyter Responsibility/Tasks relating to the Pastoral Ministry Team and relationships within the Presbytery would be charged to moderators (past & present) of both the Leadership Cabinet and the Pastoral Ministry Team:
 - PMT Administrative Tasks:
 - A PMT subgroup, with input from stated clerk and LC moderator, will meet with Kathy to talk about her PMT related responsibilities/tasks with the subgroup ultimately assigning these tasks.
 - Presbytery Relationships
 - Moderators (past and present) of both the Leadership Cabinet and the Pastoral Ministry Team, along with the stated clerk, will take the lead in determining the Presbytery's root needs. This above group will meet regularly to pray, discern, and explore options for a participatory process and building relationships which include opportunities all churches/leaders/pastors/lay pastors and leaders to meet for prayer, input, reflection, conversation, exploration, dreaming...discerning together what the Holy Spirit is inviting us to.
3. Regular reports of the above actions in Item #2 will be given to the Leadership Cabinet, the Pastoral Ministry team, future Presbytery meetings and sent out in-between meetings as needed.

Recommendations to Presbytery:

1. **Leadership Cabinet recommends Yellowstone Presbytery approve the Pastoral Covenant Agreement between Rev Kathy Goodrich and Yellowstone Presbytery proposed by the Leadership Cabinet through its Personnel subcommittee. (See Attachment B)**
2. **Leadership Cabinet recommends that Presbytery elect Rev. Jamie Schmeling to serve on the Rep/Nom team in the class of 2028.**
3. **Leadership Cabinet recommends Yellowstone Presbytery set aside the Standing Rules to allow Sandy Welch to serve an additional two-year term on Rep/Nom (class of 2028).**
4. **Leadership Cabinet recommends that Presbytery approve the Support and Endowment Plan for Westminster Spire. (*document posted on website*)**
5. **Leadership Cabinet recommends that Yellowstone Presbytery approve the proposed changes to the Standing Rules found as Attachment A below:**

LC ATTACHMENT A

Proposed Changes to Standing rules of Yellowstone Presbytery (Second Reading)

S4.02 The moderator shall be elected by the presbytery at the last stated meeting of the year and shall assume office January 1 of the new year. Installation will be done at the first meeting of the new year and shall serve in that office until January 1 **the following year**. The moderator shall possess the authority and carry out the responsibilities of that office set forth in the Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

S4.03 The vice moderator shall be elected by the presbytery at the last stated meeting of the year, and shall assume office January 1 of the new year. Installation will be done at the first meeting of the new year, and shall serve in that office until January 1 **the following year**. The vice moderator shall carry out such duties as may be assigned by the moderator. In the event of the inability of the moderator to carry out required moderatorial responsibilities, the vice moderator shall act for the moderator until the presbytery is able to elect a person to exercise the duties and privileges of that office.

S6.02.02 Ministry Team Moderators, except for the Moderator of the Representation/ Nomination Team shall be nominated by the Representation/Nominating Ministry Team each year for a term of one year. The

Moderator of the Representation/ Nomination Team shall be nominated by the Leadership Cabinet each year for a term of one year.

LC ATTACHMENT B

Proposed Pastoral Covenant Agreement

The Personnel Committee, in communication with Leadership Cabinet and Executive Presbyter Rev. Kathy Goodrich, recommends the following pastoral covenantal agreement to the Presbytery of Yellowstone, to be put in place upon her retirement, effective July 1, 2026.

The Personnel Committee recognizes that the Pastoral Ministry Team (PMT) will oversee this agreement, along with all other relationships between Rev. Kathy Goodrich and the churches of Yellowstone Presbytery as befits their role and function within this presbytery.

The Personnel Committee recommends that a two-year boundary be made to help free Rev. Kathy Goodrich from serving on any committee of the presbytery, unless an urgent need arises, at which point PMT shall bring that need to the Leadership Cabinet, who may authorize the Personnel Committee to review whether or not this boundary needs to be adjusted.

The Personnel Committee recommends that Leadership Cabinet appoint the moderators of Leadership Cabinet and PMT to serve as the only liaisons during this two-year period between the Presbytery of Yellowstone and the Rev. Kathy Goodrich in all matters relating to presbytery business until a person is hired to fill the role of presbyter, at which time the new acting presbyter will serve as the only liaison for the remainder of the two-year period.

The Personnel Committee recognizes the unique challenges that a retired Presbyter may have in finding a church home and therefore urges the churches within the Presbytery of Yellowstone to be gracious and welcoming as the Goodrich family considers where to worship.

The Personnel Committee recognizes the gifts and talents of the Rev. Kathy Goodrich and therefore encourages her to utilize those gifts in the churches of Yellowstone Presbytery through all the duties set apart by the Book of Order for the office of Minister of Word and Sacrament.

The Personnel Committee celebrates the freedom of a retired presbyter to attend presbytery meetings and, as a retired Minister of Word and Sacrament, to have a voice and vote at those meetings as a full member of presbytery. The Personnel committee, therefore, affirms the decision of Rev. Kathy Goodrich to not attend the November 2026 Presbytery meeting as a sign of her freedom as a retired Executive Presbyter.

The Personnel Committee recognizes the difficulty of transition and therefore recommends that the Presbytery of Yellowstone provide funds from the Equip and Encourage Fund in the amount of \$1200 to be used for Spiritual Direction with a licensed and out of state provider of her choice.

The Personnel Committee recognizes that Rev. Kathy Goodrich has made long and lasting friendships with people in this presbytery and therefore, as a sign of love and faithfulness, encourages the members of the Presbytery of Yellowstone to continue those friendships within the bounds of this agreement for its duration of two years.

ATTACHMENT C

TREASURER'S REPORT

With the year 2026 33% complete, our Administrative budget income is at 70% and budget expenses are at 39%.

Program budget income is at 26% and budget expenses are at 19%. Both budgets are on track.

ATTACHMENT D

PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM REPORT Yellowstone Presbytery Meeting - June 12 -13, 2026 First Presbyterian Church of Bozeman - Bozeman, Montana

The purpose of the Pastoral Ministry Team (PMT) is to come alongside churches, sessions, pastors and CREs to provide encouragement, support and training as we work together to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. The PMT has had monthly meetings since the Presbytery meeting in March 2026.

Items for Action from the Pastoral Ministry Team:

- **recommend Yellowstone Presbytery dismiss Rev. Kimmy Briggs to John Knox Presbytery at her request, and if the way be clear**

PMT acted on the following items since the March 2026 Presbytery meeting:

- welcomed new member, MWS Nicole Melara, to PMT
- approved the Jordan Community Presbyterian Church's request to allow Caroline Fleming to preside over Holy Communion and officiate Baptisms in May and June of 2026
- Approved Lewistown's MDP to be uploaded and is now posted to CLC
- Special called PMT meeting to discuss the process when non-PCUSA (or not from denominations in full communion with PCUSA) lay pastors feel called to serve a church in Yellowstone Presbytery
- Met with and interviewed a nondenominational lay pastor who feels called to a church in Yellowstone Presbytery
- Approved the Jordan church to schedule Brian Carlisle to preach in a neutral pulpit and that PMT continue to work on a process that is agreeable to Jordan and to the presbytery through PMT with the goal of Brian Carlisle becoming a Commissioned Ruling Elder.
- Approved Nicole Melara to be liaison to First Presbyterian Church Stanford

- Reviewed and approved the Liaison List for 2026 - see Attachment
- Approved Nicole Melara to be Melissa Bell's CRE seeker/learner mentor
- Approved Dave Thompson to be Caroline Fleming's CRE seeker/learner mentor

PMT met with the following for Annual Reviews or Exit Interviews since the March 2026

Presbytery Meeting:

- Julie Boksich and Neva Rathbun conducted Exit Interview with Rev. Kimmy Briggs
- Approved Andy Pehl and Cheryl Banks to schedule and conduct Exit Interview with Rev. Mary Grace Reynolds - she declined the interview request

Respectfully submitted,
Co-Moderator Cheryl Banks Co-Moderator Debbie Ernst

CHURCH	MODERATOR	LIAISON	LOCAL CONTACT/ CLERK
Anaconda	CRE Veva Larson	Julie Boksich	Sean Larson
Billings First	TE Dave Thompson	Steve Hundley	Carla Bracken
Billings St Andrew	HR Susan Thomas	Cheryl Banks	Ben Larson
Bozeman	TE Nicole Melara	Debbie Blackburn	Donna Beck
Butte	TE Karolee Larson	George Goodrich	Gary Helming
Colstrip	Gail Beckham	Neva Rathbun	
Deer Lodge	TE Laura Wood	Debbie Ernst	Susie Johnson
Dillon	HR Steve Hundley	Julie Boksich	Tara Jones
Ennis	HR Steve Hundley	Julie Boksich	Roberta McKay
Forsyth	TE Dave Thompson	Cheryl Banks	Gayle Holland
Hysham	Gail Beckham	Gail Beckham	Dana Cunningham
Jordan	Andy Pehl	Andy Pehl	Bev Harbaugh
Lewistown	CRE Margee Smith	Debbie Blackburn	Lisa Sanders
Manhattan	TE Laura Wood & Debbie E	Debbie Ernst	Debbie Blackburn
Miles City	TE Jamie Schmeling	Neva Rathbun	Caroline Fleeming
Philipsburg	Debra Schmidt (UMC)	Steve Hundley	TJ Vietor
Poplar	Jeff Harada	Andy Pehl	Wanda Kirn
Stanford	Melissa Bell	Nicole Melara	Amanda Kelly
Terry	TE Neva Rathbun	Neva Rathbun	Andy Pehl
White Sulfur Springs	TE JP Carlson	George Goodrich	Pam Jackson
Wise River (Big Hole)	TE JP Carlson	TE JP Carlson	Julie Boksich
Wolf Point	Jeff Harada	Andy Pehl	Mary Boysun

REP/NOM REPORT

June 2026

Members: JP Carlson, Terry Johnson, Sandy Welch and Kathy Goodrich.

REP/NOM has met semi-monthly to discuss the vacancies in several ministry teams.

REPNOM nominates Jim Tarr for the Class of 2028 for Synod. (This will be his second term.)

The Yellow highlights are currently vacant positions which REP/NOM is actively trying to fill. All other positions have been elected and approved.

1. Presbytery

Moderator: Dave Thompson

Vice Moderator: _____

2. Leadership Cabinet:

Moderator: Julie Boksich (2026)

Class of 2026: Melissa Bell, Julie Boksich, David Thompson, Jamie Schmeling

Class of 2027: Karolee Larson & Danny Pratt

Class of 2028: Russ Kline & [REDACTED]

3) Pastoral Ministry team

Moderators: Cheryl Banks and Debbie Ernst CO-Moderators (2026)

Class of 2026: Julie Boksich, Cheryl Banks, George Goodrich and Steven Hundley

Class of 2027: Debbie Blackburn, Debbie Ernst, Freeman McCall, and Andy Pehl

Class of 2028: Laura Wood, Neva Rathbun, Nichol Merlara, _____

4) Camping and Youth

Moderator: Nancy Pehl (2026)

Class of 2026: Nichole Bodalski, Russ Kline

Class of 2027: , Curt Kochner, Patti Johnson

Class of 2028: Nancy Pehl &

5) Synod

Class of 2026: RE Jim Tarr

Class of 2027: Karolee Larson.

(Note: RE Margee Smith serves on the Synod Nominating committee for a 2-year term in the class of 2026.)

6) Delegates to 227th General Assembly

MWS Commissioner: Steve Hundley

MWS Alternate Commissioner: Dave Thompson

Elder Commissioner: Patti Johnson

Young Adult Advisory Delegate: Piper Evans