

Stated Clerk Report to Yellowstone Presbytery

November 6, 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 to speak. This helps eliminate feedback and minimize background noise.*
4. **Zoom Attendees:** *Please label your Zoom participant name to include “RE” or “MWS” as 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.

The Stated Clerk moves the following:

1. That the agenda for this meeting be approved as posted on www.yellowstonepcusa.org.
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 June 13-14, 2026 be approved as printed on the presbytery meeting website.

End of Motion.

Report on Activities since our last stated presbytery meeting:

1. Received a report that the 2024 and 2025 minutes of Yellowstone Presbytery meetings were approved by the Synod of the Rocky Mountains with no exceptions. (Attachment A)
2. Attended all meetings of the Leadership Cabinet, the Pastoral Ministry Team and recorded meeting proceedings.
3. Sent requests for annual reports to all At-Large Ministers and Retired Ministers in Yellowstone Presbytery. I asked people to send their reports in by October 31.
4. Updated presbytery directory with new officers, team members, and pastor positions. I emailed it to everyone for correction. I added PMT church liaisons to each church listing and will email the directory out again following November elections.
5. Participated in a presbytery moderator’s forum to discuss transition.
6. Served on and met via Zoom with the team planning the November Presbytery meeting and created docket with the team.
7. Attended a congregational meeting in Colstrip August 30 and preached and attended a Session meeting there September 20.
8. Composed and emailed a letter from the Moderator’s team to all churches, pastors, clerks of Session and others on my email address list concerning Cluster gatherings to be held in October.

9. Composed and sent a letter to all pastors in the presbytery stating availability of 4 experienced people willing to talk with them about issues they might have talked about with Kathy. The letter was approved by the moderators' group and PMT members.
10. Participated in two Presbytery Prayer Team meetings.
11. Preached, officiated 3 Baptisms, welcomed new member Brian Carlisle, and celebrated Holy Communion with Jordan Community Presbyterian Church on June 14.
12. Attended the Eastern Cluster Gathering October 3 in Miles City.
13. Conducted an e-vote for the Pastoral Ministry Team.
14. Attended the Rocky Mountain West Relationally Wise Leaders Conference in Bozeman, October 5-8.
15. Sent information to all about a Leadership Formation webinar, "Coffee and Spirituality," October 29. I attended the webinar myself.
16. Posted information and reports for this meeting on the website as they were received.
17. Presbyterian Outlook, October 16, 2026 printed 2 articles that might be of interest: a) a statement from the PC (USA) stated Clerk and 2026 G.A. Moderators concerning public executions; and b) a church that agreed to serve as the host site in case of emergency during the school year. (Sadly, they had to follow through with their commitment.) Might your church consider offering yourself for such a purpose? See me for a copy of either article.

ATTACHMENT A



Synod of the Rocky Mountains

June 22, 2026

Stated Clerk
Presbytery of Yellowstone

The 2024-2025 minutes of the Presbytery of Yellowstone were approved by the Synod of the Rocky Mountains with no exception and with comments listed below.

Yellowstone Presbytery
2024-2025

Exceptions: None

Comments:

The minutes meet the requirements for presbytery minutes.

Sincerely,

Janet E Ballantyne
Stated Clerk, Synod of the Rocky Mountains