

PRESBYTERY OF YELLOWSTONE

April 30, 2013 Leadership Cabinet Meeting First Presbyterian Church, Bozeman, MT  
Committee on Ministry Report Submitted by Rev. Neva Rathbun, Moderator

The Committee on Ministry held a "face-to face" meeting on Friday, March 17, 2013, at Bozeman First and a "Conference Call Meeting" on Wednesday, April 10, 2013. Our next meeting, "face-to-face", is scheduled for Friday, May 17, 2013, at First Presbyterian Church, Billings, MT.

Decisions we made:

Rev. Susan submitted her annual Validated Ministry Request form. She serves as the Coordinator for Pastoral Care at the Billings Clinic in Billings.

**P** CoM voted to approve Susan's ministry as a Validated Ministry.

CoM reviewed CRE Editha McKay's contract and evaluations.

**P** CoM voted to approve CRE McKay's contract with the Stanford and Geyser churches and re-commission her for another three year term to those churches.

TE Kristin Willet requested permission to labor outside the bounds of Yellowstone Presbytery on 05-24-13 in Scottsdale, Arizona and TE Willett and TE Brandon Willett requested permission to labor outside the bounds of Yellowstone Presbytery on 10-26-13.

**P** CoM voted to approve both requests.

TE Leon Rathbun is requesting retirement on 07-01-13. His last Sunday in the pulpit is scheduled for 06-16-13. A congregational meeting of the Terry Church, scheduled for 04-07-13, to act on Leon's retirement request was moderated by TE George Goodrich. The congregation voted to honor Rathbun's request.

**P** CoM voted to recommend to presbytery that they grant Honorably Retired Status to TE Leon Rathbun. Rev. Mary Davis requested dissolution of the clergy/congregation relationship with the First Presbyterian Church of Anaconda, MT as of April 30, 2013. Mary and her husband, Rev. Dick Davis, are moving to Marion, MT.

**P** CoM voted to dissolve the pastoral relationship between Rev. Mary Davis and the Anaconda Church, if the way be clear. TE Rathbun and RE John Clark will conduct an exit interview with Mary via phone.

**P** CoM voted to classify Mary as an At-Large member of Yellowstone Presbytery as of May 01, 2013. Rev. Dick Davis has accepted a position as Clinical Director of the Turning Winds facility in Yaak, MT. His last day as Stated Supply at the Church of the Big Hole is April 28, 2013. TE Rathbun and RE Linda Smith have conducted an exit interview—Smith, face to face, and Rathbun via telephone.

**P** CoM Voted to authorize Rev. Davis to Labor outside the Bounds of Yellowstone Presbytery and to classify him as an At-Large member of Yellowstone Presbytery as of 04-28-2013.

Exit Interviews have been scheduled with the sessions of Anaconda First and Church of the Big Hole for Monday, May 6, 2013. RE John Clark, RE Linda Smith, TE Neva Rathbun and TE George Goodrich will follow through.

CoM members suggested names to appoint as Moderators to churches that are vacant. TE Freeman McCall, HR., has agreed to serve Anaconda and the Church of the Big Hole. TE Lanny Rounds has agreed to serve Deer Lodge. In addition TE Jed Cauffman has agreed to serve as Liaison with the Roy congregation. See the attachment with the up-dated Liaison Assignments.

**Reminder:** The Dismissal Agreement between West Yellowstone Protestant Church and the Presbytery of Yellowstone is anticipated being finalized prior to the June 15, 2013, Presbytery meeting. Inclusion of "Dismissal of Church Liturgy" during worship service as was approved at the last LCT meeting is encouraged if the way be clear and some members are available to be present for the worship service.

**II. We request LCT's input on the following:** CRE Cathy McLean, if the way be clear, will be moved from care of the CoV to care of CoM upon her graduation. A Special Called Presbytery Meeting prior to the Stated Meeting in Dillon on 06-14-13 may be needed for her to preach and be examined for membership as a TE, pending her call to Forsyth since time is of essence for the Re-Structuring Visionaries.

**III. We request LCT's Action on the Following:** Time on the Docket to recommend that Presbytery grant Honorably Retired Status to TE Leon Rathbun effective 07-01-13, and presentation of gift and that this time be allowed on Friday, 06-14-13. His last Sunday to preach is 06-16-13; we will be leaving for Terry early Friday A.M. I would appreciate the CoM Report be included on Friday as well.