

Committee Report Form - -Yellowstone Presbytery

Committee Name: Committee on Representation

Committee Report for Council Meeting, scheduled for: Oct. 21, 2011

Submitted By Linda Smith, Chair, Claudia Stanton, Rusty Craig

I. For Council's Information:

- a. The Committee's Three Stated Goals for 2010
 - i. Priority 1: Review the Committee on Nominations' Report
 - ii. Priority 2: Write a report for Presbytery and Council
 - iii. Priority 3:

- b. Date of Committee Meeting: Oct. 11, 2010
Date of Next Meeting: Nov. 5th, if necessary

- c. Members Present: Linda Smith, Claudia Stanton, Rusty Craig (telephone)
 - i. Main agenda Items:
 1. Study report from Committee on Nominations in regards to gender equity, clergy, elder equity and geography.
 2. Write a report of our findings to be presented to Council Meeting in Bozeman and the Presbytery Meeting in Helena.

- e. Decisions we made: Who will follow through:
 1. Write a report of findings for Presbytery and Council, Chair: Linda Smith

Report: As of this date, Oct. 13th, Representation Committee Report

90 Positions to be filled

87 Positions are filled with 3 vacancies: Council 2 vacancies – Nominations Chair (set by Council) and Presbyterian Women's (Elect their own) and Committee on Ministry which should be a female elder.

Elders serving – 55

Clergy serving – 32

Men serving – 50

Women serving – 37

Note the discrepancy in number of men and women serving

Council – 8 elders, 5 clergy – 6 men 7 women with 2 vacancies - Nomination's Chair (Elected by Council) and Presbyterian Women (elect their own)

Committees:

Budget and Finance – 3 elders, 0 clergy -2 men, 1 woman
Geographically all from Central Montana

Camping and Youth – 6 elders, 3 clergy – 4 men, 5 women
No discrepancies noted

Higher Ed – 7 elders, 3 clergy – 8 men, 2 women
Needs better gender equity

Ministry – 5 elders, 6 clergy – 6 men, 5 women
1 vacancy should be women Elder

Mission – 8 elders, 4 clergy – 6 men, 6 women
No Discrepancies noted

Personnel – 2 elders, 2 clergy – 2 men, 2 women
Needs to be more diverse geographically

Permanent Judicial Commission -4 elders, 3 clergy – 3 men, 4 women
Our question is the book says 7 members equal numbers, How?
No discrepancies noted

Representation – 2 elders, 1 clergy – 2 men, 1 woman
No discrepancies noted

St. Timothy's – 7 elders, 2 clergy – 6 men, 3 women
Should have 6 elders and 3 clergy and better gender equality

Vocations – 1 elder, 3 clergy – 2 men, 2 women
Requirement is 2 elders 2 clergy - Need a male elder to balance

The Nominating Committee should be commended for their hard work on a difficult task. Keeping 90 positions filled is most difficult. You see the discrepancies noted and must decide whether to ignore or rectify them.

Submitted by:

Committee on Representation:

Linda Smith, Chair

Claudia Stanton

Rusty Craig