

**Presbytery of Yellowstone  
Leadership Cabinet (LC) Meeting Minutes  
April 14 2015  
First Presbyterian Church, Bozeman**

Moderator Jody called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Present were:**

Jody McDevitt  
Debbie Blackburn  
Susi Ennis  
Teresa Kendall  
Dave Kimball  
Jed Cauffman  
Dan Holland (part of the meeting)

**Also present:**

George Goodrich, Co-General Presbyter  
Kathy Goodrich, Co-General Presbyter  
Ron Hanson, Stated Clerk  
Jack Bell (by phone for part of the meeting)

1. **Opening Prayer** – The opening prayer was offered by Jody.
2. **Christ Candle** – Jody lit the Christ Candle and read the litany of the Christ Candle.
3. **Quorum** – A quorum was declared present.
4. **Docket** – The docket was revised and adopted.
5. **Minutes of February 10, 2015**
  - ✓ The LC voted to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2015 meeting.
6. **Dwelling in the Word** – Jed led Dwelling in the Word focusing on John 20:10-18. There was a time of sharing what this Scripture is saying to each of us individually and as Presbytery. Jed closed this time with prayer.
7. **LC Goals for 2015** – The LC spent time reviewing goals for 2015. Areas that are going well and action items were noted. One item discussed was the need to identify people who might feel called as CREs. Teresa will contact Susan Thomas about E-link (Shenango Presbytery). Permission for photo releases for kids needs to be added to camp registration forms. (Curt Kochner needs to be notified). PMT needs to be asked about planning a pastor retreat.
8. **New Worshipping Community Task Force** – The LC authorized Jack Bell to convene the group. Other members are Jed Cauffman, Dan Krebill, Mary Davis, George and Kathy. A report will be given at the May meeting of the LC.
9. **Phone conference with Glacier Presbytery Council** – There was a time of discussion regarding a new covenant between Glacier and Yellowstone Presbyteries. The new covenant does not include a convocation for 2015. Each Presbytery has to take action on the covenant.
  - ✓ The LC voted to approve the covenant as amended (Attachment A).
  - ✓ The LC voted to elect the following people to the YP-Glacier Ministry Team: Jody McDevitt, Debbie Blackburn, Teresa Kendall, and George Goodrich.
10. **St Timothy's Chapel Report** – Ron reviewed the St Timothy's Chapel report that was available at the March Presbytery meeting. The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration will be on July 26, 2015. The St Timothy's Management Group needs to review the current budget (2015 projections).

- 11. Lunch** – The LC took a short break for lunch. Jody offered prayer for the meal.
- 12. Correspondence** – The Presby Cats sent a thank you card for granting funds for their mission trip.
- 13. Co-General Presbyters Report** – George and Kathy reviewed their report for the LC. They will be meeting tomorrow with the two summer interns from Whitworth. It was noted that the Program Budget needs more emphasis. This could be done at Presbytery meetings as well as on Presbytery Sunday.
- 14. Stated Clerk's Report** – Ron reported on some issues with the property deeds for Roy. Ron will be sending out a letter to all churches in order to gather information on property deeds. Ron is continuing to work with Mark Parker regarding the Mildred Church property. Based on a motion passed at the March Presbytery meeting, Anaconda and Billings churches are eligible to have an additional RE representative for the next year. Ron will send a letter to these two churches to let them know.
- 14. Financial Reports** – Financial Reports as of February 28, 2015 were received.
- 15. Stated Clerk Search Report** – Neva Rathbun sent a report on the work of the task force.
- 16. Peacemaking Survey** – Teresa will give the survey information to Freeman McCall.
- 17. Higher Ed Grant Process** – It was noted that an annual report from each Higher Ed entity is more realistic than quarterly reports. Higher Ed representatives will meet with the LC at the May meeting.
- 18. Representation/Nominating Ministry Team** – Debbie and Jed will bring names for consideration to the May meeting of the LC to fill a vacancy on this Ministry Team. The Ministry Team is asking for suggestions for the General Assembly application process.
- 19. Vanuatu Cyclone Response Grant Request** – Jody presented a grant request.
  - ✓ The LC voted to approve \$5,000 for this grant (Money is to come from Social Justice Fund. Jody and Dave will work on getting information out to the congregations on the need. It was suggested that this need might be a consideration for the June Presbytery meeting offering.
- 20. June Presbytery Meeting Mission Theme** – Susi will talk with Jack Bell and convene a conference call to discuss the theme. Kathy suggested Vera White as a speaker. The idea of experiential training received positive comments.
- 21. Presbytery Sunday on October 11<sup>th</sup>** – Teresa will convene a group to work on this. Dan Holland will work with her to include ideas about mission pledging. Teresa will contact other people suggested as members for the group.
- 22. Synod Update** – There is ongoing discussion regarding the merging of some synods. Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly will next meet on July 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 22. Next Meeting** – The next regularly scheduled meeting of the LC is May 12, 2015 in Billings.
- 23. Adjournment** – Jody gave the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm.

**COVENANT  
Between  
PRESBYTERY OF GLACIER AND PRESBYTERY OF YELLOWSTONE**

**PREAMBLE**

In conformity with the principles found in the Reformed faith such as “being open to and responsive to the leading of the Holy Spirit,” and in order to respond to God’s call in this time and this place, we hereby enter into a covenant relationship between Glacier and Yellowstone Presbyteries to further the ministry that each of us has been called to in the State of Montana.

**COVENANT**

- To explore together new ways of resourcing congregations and individuals in ministry, sharing ideas by means of new technologies
- To communicate opportunities for ministry development and invite one another to events
- To identify opportunities for relationship-building and statewide fellowship

**PROCESS**

- Develop a shared website for the sharing of resources
  - Convocation account funds may be used to finance this
- The cabinets will elect and empower a joint ministry team to meet quarterly to implement progress on this covenant
- The cabinets will review and update this covenant annually

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Marsha Anson, Stated Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ministry Cabinet, Presbytery of Glacier

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Ron Hanson, Stated Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Leadership Cabinet