

Our Vision

Yellowstone Presbytery – guided and sustained by Scripture, the Holy Spirit, and prayer--is a community rooted in the love of Jesus Christ.

We will . . .

Gather Together

for God's glory and spiritual synergy*.

Equip and Encourage

disciple-making congregations and leaders for living the Gospel . . . intentionally becoming more like Christ; ably sharing our faith; impacting our communities; worshipping in loving response to God; and mutually supporting and training leaders.

Go Out

to join Christ in Christ's mission in our communities, Montana, and the world . . . embodying and sharing Christ's Good News; loving and serving, as we are commanded, in our words, actions, and relationships.

* Synergy: from the Greek syn-ergos, συνεργός meaning "working together"

Presbytery of Yellowstone Leadership Cabinet
May 11, 2016
1st Presbyterian, Bozeman, MT

Gathering Together

9:30 Fellowship

10:00 Opening prayer & lighting of Christ candle
Roll call, quorum, approval of docket
Approval of minutes of April 12, 2016
Dwelling in the Word –

Equipping and Encouraging

10:30 **Spiritual and Vision Implementation**

Planning for June presbytery meeting

11:00 **Organizational Responsibilities**

Higher Education Ministries –

Review Annual Reports and Grant Requests for 2016-17

11:30 Rob Kirby, UCM at MSU-Billings

12:00 LUNCH

12:30 UPDATES

LC Goals for 2016 (see updated chart)

Communications Team (Kristin)

Child Protection Policy (Kristin)

New worshiping communities/new church dev. (Jack)

Mind and Heart Grant status (Kathy)

Covenant relationship with Whitworth (Kathy)

Refugee resettlement (G, K, & Jack)

Personnel (Susi)

Updates from ministry teams & clusters

1:30 FOR DISCUSSION & ACTION

1:40 Report of Co-General Presbyters

Report of Stated Clerk

Going Out

2:00 Closing prayer (including prayer for Pentecost Offering, First Church, Deer Lodge, and Teresa Kendall, pastor)

**Presbytery of Yellowstone
Leadership Cabinet (LC) Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2016
First Presbyterian Church, Bozeman**

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

Present were:

Jody McDevitt
Teresa Kendall
Jack Bell
Kristin Willett (by phone)
Susi Ennis (by phone)
Dan Holland (after lunch)

Absent:

Jed Cauffman
Bev Harbaugh

Also present:

George Goodrich, Co-General Presbyter
Kathy Goodrich, Co General Presbyter
Debbie Blackburn, Stated Clerk

- 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 approved with minor additions.
- 5. Minutes of February 9, 2016**
 - √ The LC voted to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2016 meeting as corrected (removing the last three words from item #14).
- 6. Dwelling in the Word** – George led this section of dwelling in John 21: 1-14. There was a time of reflecting and sharing about this passage. It was suggested that this passage be considered as a theme for the June Presbytery meeting. George closed this time with prayer.
- 7. Evaluation of the March Presbytery meeting** – There were positive comments about the faith sharing time. It was suggested that a ruling elder share at the June meeting. It was agreed that we should take a break from going out into the community. However, there should be a time for reviewing the purposes for going out into the community and reflecting on new ways to look outward. Kathy suggested that everyone on the LC view a set of eight videos on new worshipping communities by NW Coast Presbytery (www.northwestcoast.org/learning-community).
- 8. LC Goals for 2016** - The LC spent time discussing and evaluating the goals for 2016. Action items include a Book Swap at presbytery meeting, a retreat for pastors, the BOP seminars in the fall, and doing some work on procedures involving St. Timothy's Chapel. George will contact Marcia Anson to see if their cabinet has had any discussion regarding the covenant between Yellowstone and Glacier Presbyteries.
- 9. June Presbytery Meeting** – It was suggested that we might offer a book (as a gift) at the Presbytery meeting. Kristin will convene a subgroup (with George, Jack, Teresa, and Debbie) to work on specific plans for the equipping part of the meeting.
- 10. St Timothy's Chapel** – Ron Hanson sent a write up that Debbie had requested from him on St. Timothy's Chapel. This should become part of the Administrative Manual. However, it was agreed that no action would be taken at this time as the LC needs a better understanding of all procedures regarding the chapel committee. George, Dan H, Debbie, and someone from the chapel committee

should form a subgroup to work on this. What is the relationship with Yellowstone Presbytery? Are any practices contrary to Yellowstone Presbytery's policies or harmful to Yellowstone Presbytery?

11. **GA Overture regarding Synod Structure** – Kathy presented information on an overture to GA that asks for the rescinding of the 2014 decision to reduce the number of Synods. The intent was to have the Presbytery consider concurring with the overture. However, it was determined that the deadline for this is already past.
12. **Lunch** – The LC recessed for lunch and Jack gave a blessing for our meal.
13. **Financial Reports** – Dan Holland reported that the current financial status is good.
14. **Communications Team** – Kristin gave an overview of the main forms of Presbytery wide communication (Newsletter, Website, and Facebook). Kristin, Jack, George, and Teresa are administrators for the Facebook page. It was pointed out that we need guidelines regarding what items are posted to the Facebook page and also to the website. Kristin outlined a suggested schedule for regular postings on Facebook. She will start with "Pause for Prayer" items.
15. **Child Protection Policy** – Kristin reported that Brandon has been looking at sample policies. It was agreed to combine the Child Protection Policy with the existing Sexual Misconduct Policy. The first draft should be reviewed by the Pastoral Ministry Team and the Camping and Youth Ministry Team before bringing it to the LC. It was suggested that reviewing the Rockhaven Camp policy could be helpful.
16. **March and September BOP Seminars** – Those who attended the March seminar thought it was worthwhile. Dan Krebill is the Presbytery contact person for the seminars in September.
17. **New Worshiping Communities** – There was no update.
18. **Minds and Hearts Grant** – Kathy reported that TEs are required to pay \$50 of the registration cost and the grant covers the rest of the registration cost. There is some private housing available. The WIM conference will be July 18th through July 22nd.
19. **Covenant relationship with Whitworth** – Kathy will bring something on this to the May LC meeting.
20. **Refugee Resettlement**– George has made some calls and is waiting to hear back from them. Kathy may be able to get some information from the Outreach Foundation.
21. **Dakota Presbytery** – Jody reported on a conversation where she was told that some in Dakota Presbytery would like to have more of a relationship with Yellowstone Presbytery. Also one church expressed an interest in transferring to Yellowstone. FPC Bozeman will be sending a group in late May to work with some of the churches in Dakota Presbytery. The church at Lindsay has reopened.
22. **Personnel** – Susi has had some conversations with George. Anyone who is co-opted for Personnel work should have the approval of the LC (see LC minutes from September 1, 2015).
23. **Camping and Youth**– George reported that staff people have been hired. Will Johnson (husband of Katie Emery and ELCA pastor in Glendive) will join the team working with junior high students.
24. **Whitworth Summer Fellows** – Kathy reported that contacts have been made between the churches and the students. The Presbytery does need to provide some additional funding.
- √ LC voted to approve a grant not to exceed \$2,000 to be used for expenses for the Whitworth Fellows. The funds are to come from the Equip and Encourage Fund.
25. **Funds Request from Synod** – Kathy reported that we may request \$1,000 from Synod to be used for continuing education purposes. It was suggested that we ask for \$1,000 to be used first towards further assistance and costs as needed for the Minds and Hearts Set on Christ continuing education PCUSA grant. Any remaining funds would be used towards continuing education in Yellowstone for disciple making and forming in congregations and the presbytery.
- √ LC voted to approve that a letter be written requesting the \$1,000 from the Synod. Kathy will work with Debbie on this letter.

- 26. Funds awaiting cabinet action** – The balance in this account is currently \$9,500. The balance consists of three items: \$3,500 from the sale of the Mildred church property, \$5,000 from the sale of the Roy church property, and a donation of \$1,000 from the buyer of the Mildred church property.
- √ The LC voted to transfer \$8,500 to the Equip and Encourage Fund.
- 27. PDA Grant** – June will be the one year anniversary of receiving these funds. Any unused funds will need to be returned to PDA at the end of one year.
- 28. Co-General Presbyters' Report** – George and Kathy handed out a written report. They highlighted the positive aspects of the cluster groups. We should be working with pastors and churches on discipleship practices. One main idea is to help sessions discern “what might effective discipleship look like in your congregation”.
- 29. Stated Clerk's Report** – Debbie had a written report. She indicated that Clerk's training in Louisville was very helpful. She also mentioned the proposed federal changes regarding exempt employees (which would increase the salary threshold from \$23,660 to \$50,440).
- 30. Next Meeting** – The next meeting of the LC will be May 10, 2016 at FPC in Billings. Jack Bell will moderate the meeting in Jody's absence.
- 31. Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned with prayer at 2:05 p.m.

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April 22, 2016

Yellowstone Presbytery
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RE: Meadow Creek Cemetery in McAllister, MT

To whom it may concern:

Madison County has been in the process of expanding the Meadow Creek Cemetery in McAllister, Montana. The Cemetery has generally been managed by the area Cemetery Board, which had assumed that its land was the property of Madison County.

Upon performing a title search, we have determined that the last owner of record was the Methodist Church of Meadow Creek, which acquired the property in 1891. That Church has since disbanded; however, no later transfers of the property are in our records. The information available to us to this point indicates that the Presbyterian Church may have obtained the Methodist Church's property.

Please let us know what your position is regarding the property. For reference, I have included a copy of the document deeding the land to the Methodist Church, as well as a recent survey of the property. If you do not believe that you have an interest in the land, please let me know and we will resolve the outstanding title issues without your involvement. If this property does belong to your organization, we would be interesting in obtaining an easement to continue managing the Cemetery or in purchasing the land outright.

My phone number, address, and email is above. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Justin R. Ekwall
Deputy County Attorney
Madison County Attorney's Office

CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY

TRACTS OF LAND IN BOOK 499, PAGE 470 AND BOOK 48, PAGE 396,
 LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 32 AND THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF
 SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, P.M.M., MADISON COUNTY, MONTANA

FOR: Clive J. Oliver and McAllister Cemetery Association
 To realign the boundaries of 2 existing tracts and show an existing tract.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF TRACT 1

A tract of land located in the Southeast 1/4 of Section 32, and the Southwest 1/4 of Section 33, Township 4 South, Range 1 West, P.M.M., Madison County, Montana, being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the NW Corner of Sections 32 & 33, Township 4 South, Range 1 West, P.M.M., Madison County, Montana, being more particularly described as follows:
 Thence continuing along said section line, South 01°27'47" West a distance of 230.10 feet to the Point of Beginning;
 Thence continuing along said section line, South 01°27'47" West a distance of 230.15 feet to the Point of Beginning;
 Thence South 89°49'22" East a distance of 265.32 feet;
 Thence South 89°49'22" East a distance of 201.79 feet to the True Point of Beginning;

Said tract contains 1.23 acres, more or less and subject to all easements of record or apparent on the ground.

CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION RELOCATION OF A COMMON BOUNDARY

I, the undersigned, Margaret J. Sticker, Registered Land Surveyor, do hereby certify that the location of this boundary is in accordance with the provisions of the Montana Subdivision and Platting Act, Sections 76-3-101 through 76-3-423; and the Madison County Subdivision Regulations.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2015

Margaret J. Sticker #16569 LS
 Skyline Surveying, Inc.

I hereby certify, pursuant to Section 76-3-61(1)(b)(i)(c), that no real property taxes or special assessments assessed and levied on the land described below and encompassed by this survey are delinquent.

See Legal Description of land.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2015

Clive J. Oliver
 McAllister Cemetery Association

Signature of mortgagor/owner

Name - typed, stamped, or printed

This (and Book) _____

My commission expires: _____

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2015

Clive J. Oliver
 McAllister Cemetery Association

Signature of adjacent owner

Name - typed, stamped, or printed

This (and Book) _____

My commission expires: _____

SURVEY NOTES

- BOOK 499, PAGE 470 DESCRIBES THE CEMETERY BOUNDARY IN SECTION 32 ONLY, THROUGH THE FENCE AROUND THE CEMETERY EXTENDING APPROXIMATELY 35 FEET EAST INTO SECTION 33, BOOK 7 OF SURVEYS, PAGE 31. THE FENCE IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 200.00 FT. STRIP OF LAND THAT IS LOCATED INSIDE THE FENCED AREA OF THE McALLISTER CEMETERY. I FIND NO REFERENCED DEEDS THAT INDICATE THE LOCATION OF BOOK 7 OF SURVEYS, PAGE 31.
- THE AREA THAT IS BEING REALIGNED FROM ONE TRACT OF RECORD TO ANOTHER TRACT OF RECORD IS NOT ITSELF A TRACT OF RECORD. SAID AREA SHALL NOT BE AVAILABLE AS A REFERENCE LEGAL DESCRIPTION IN ANY SUBSEQUENT FINAL PLAT CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY. HOWEVER SAID AREA IS DESCRIBED, UNLESS SAID AREA IS INCLUDED WITH OR EXCLUDED FROM ADJOINING TRACTS OF RECORD.
- THIS DOCUMENT IS CONSIDERED A DRAFT COPY UNLESS SIGNED, DATED AND SEALED BY THE LAND SURVEYOR.

BASIS OF BEARING OBSERVATIONS COLLECTED WITH SURVEYOR'S RECEIVERS AND REFERENCED TO THE MONTANA COORDINATE SYSTEM (MADN1989)

CONVERGENCE ANGLE = +14038"

CERTIFICATE OF SURVEYOR

I, the undersigned, Margaret J. Sticker, Registered Land Surveyor, do hereby certify that the location of this boundary is in accordance with the provisions of the Montana Subdivision and Platting Act, Sections 76-3-101 through 76-3-423; and the Madison County Subdivision Regulations.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2015

Margaret J. Sticker #16569 LS
 Skyline Surveying, Inc.

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY TREASURER

I hereby certify, pursuant to Section 76-3-61(1)(b)(i)(c), that no real property taxes or special assessments assessed and levied on the land described below and encompassed by this survey are delinquent.

See Legal Description of land.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2015

Clive J. Oliver
 McAllister Cemetery Association

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK AND RECORDER

STATE OF MONTANA

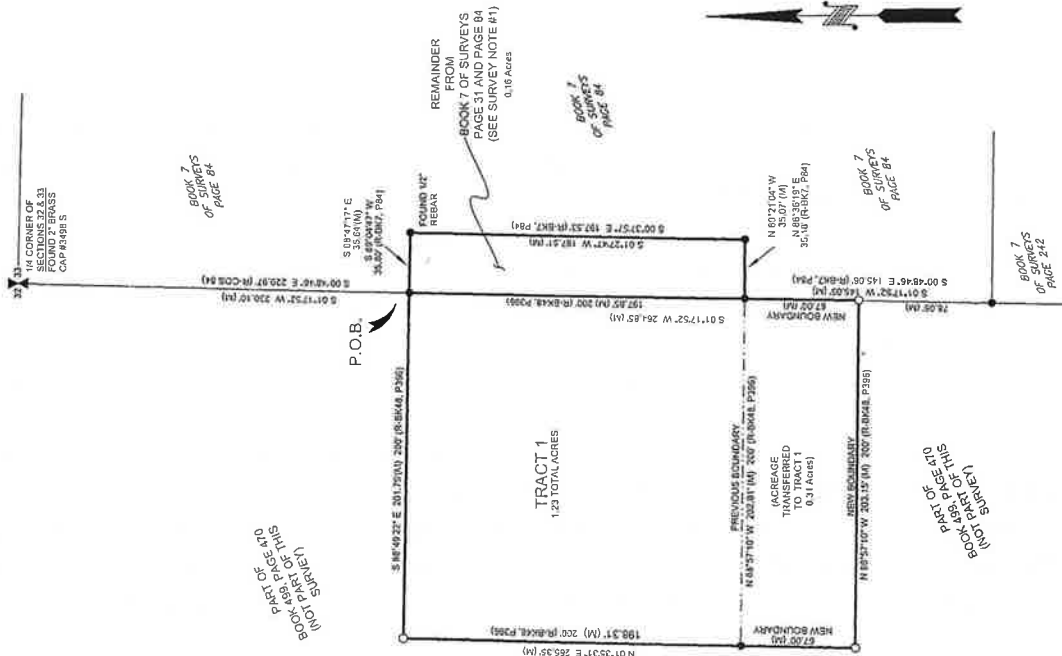
County of Madison

Filed for record this _____ day of _____, 2015, at _____ o'clock
 of _____ hour of _____ day of _____, 2015, at _____ o'clock
 Document # _____ of _____ Page _____

County Clerk and Recorder, Madison County, Montana

LEGEND

- FOUND 1/4 SECTION MONUMENT AS DESCRIBED
- SET YELLOW PLASTIC CAP #16569 LS
- FOUND 1 - ALUMINUM CAP #3397 S
- POINT OF BEGINNING
- MEASURED DISTANCE
- RECORDED DISTANCE
- PREVIOUS BOUNDARY



BOUNDARY REALIGNMENT SURVEY MADISON COUNTY, MONTANA		DRAWN MJS		DATE 18/2015		REALIGNMENT SURVEY PROJECT NO. 433-007	
SCALE 1"=50'		SHEET 1 OF 1		SCALE 1"=50'		PROJECT NO. 433-007	
K		SEC		T		R	
32		4 S		1 W		1 W	
33		4 S		1 W		1 W	
0'		50'		100'			
BASIC OF BEARING OBSERVATIONS COLLECTED WITH SURVEYOR'S RECEIVERS AND REFERENCED TO THE MONTANA COORDINATE SYSTEM (MADN1989)		CONVERGENCE ANGLE = +14038"		Skyline Surveying, Inc. 376 Montana Boulevard, Suite 101, Helena, MT 59601-1001			

QUITCLAIM DEED.

This Indenture, Made the 4th day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one between John C. ... and ...

Witnesseth, That the said part 1st of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of ... DOLLARS, ...

is hereby acknowledged, do REMISE, RELEASE, and FOREVER QUITCLAIM, unto the said part 2^d of the second part, and to his heirs and assigns the following described real estate, situated in the ...

County of Madison and ... of Montana, to-wit: Commencing at a ...

Together with all the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, and the reversion and reversion, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof; and also all the estate, right, title, interest, ...

To Have and to Hold, All and singular, the said premises, with the appurtenances ...

unto the said part 2^d of the second part, their heirs and assigns; FOREVER. In Witness Whereof, The said part 1st of the first part has hereunto set his hands and seals the day and year first above written.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED IN PRESENCE OF

John C. ... Seal ... Seal

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

County of Madison of Montana, ss. On this 4th day of March A. D. 1871, before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for said ...

Robert H. ... Notary Public

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal at my office in ... the day and year first above written.

Presbytery of Yellowstone - Bozeman MT
Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2016

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

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Account #	Account Name	Beginning Balance	YTD Balance
Assets			
1.00.1010.0000	Checking Account #3133214	69,303.22	102,646.01
1.00.1020.0000	Petty Cash	22.18	22.18
1.00.1030.0000	Money Market #129013355	184,735.65	184,790.77
1.00.1031.0000	St Timothy M. M #1 #3531961	1,500.07	3,993.51
1.00.1032.0000	St. Timothy MM #2 #129013686	1,500.05	2,468.25
	Total Current Assets	\$257,061.17	\$293,920.72
1.00.1040.0000	Beartooth Electric Coop	1,337.70	1,337.70
	Total Other Assets	\$1,337.70	\$1,337.70
1.00.1065.0000	St Timothy Chapel #1 52001085	233,108.19	230,615.00
1.00.1070.0000	St Timothy Chapel #2 52006024	90,508.89	89,540.86
1.00.1075.0000	Bozeman Campus 000104537	58,136.05	58,136.05
1.00.1080.0000	Partnership Fund MM 129013793	45,257.66	45,264.41
	Total Principal Restricted	\$427,010.79	\$423,556.32
	Total Assets	\$685,409.66	\$718,814.74
Liabilities			
2.00.2120.1000	Payroll - Federal	630.26	615.80
2.00.2120.2000	Payroll State	68.00	78.00
2.00.2140.0000	G. Goodrich Flex Plan	(0.53)	(0.53)
2.00.2141.0000	S. Seibert Flex Plan	(0.37)	299.63
	Total Payroll Liabilities	\$697.36	\$992.90
2.00.2160.0000	Prepaid 2016 GP Expenses	2,573.34	2,573.34
	Total Liabilities	\$3,270.70	\$3,566.24
Fund Balance			
3.01.2700.0000	Unreserved Fund Balance	5,897.01	34,510.34
3.02.2800.0000	General - Administrative	8,255.07	8,255.07
3.03.2805.0000	General - Program	37,136.97	37,136.97
3.04.2700.0000	General - Restricted Admin.	45,587.77	45,587.77
	Total General Fund Balance	\$96,876.82	\$125,490.15
3.19.2815.0000	Camp Scholarship Camp. & Youth	968.56	1,968.56
3.27.2825.0000	Clergy Emergency Fund COM	175.00	(25.00)
3.32.2832.0000	Convocation	1,000.00	1,000.00
3.39.2840.0000	Linda Hofer Education	10,625.90	10,625.90
3.43.2845.0000	Equip and Encourage	32,330.44	32,330.44
3.47.2850.0000	Partnership- Available COM	1,726.11	1,732.86
3.49.2700.0000	Co-General Presbyters' Discretionary	1,413.90	1,413.90
3.51.2855.0000	Peace Making Offering Mission	724.23	808.23
3.56.1220.0000	Special Offering Other Fund	2,354.76	1,000.00
3.63.2870.0000	Revamp Camp -Camp. & Youth	545.95	545.95
3.65.2825.0000	Springhill Funds	13,140.24	13,140.24
3.67.2875.0000	St. Timothy's Money Market #1	1,500.07	2,195.85
3.68.2877.0000	St Timonthy Money Market #2	1,627.21	797.75
3.75.2885.0000	Social Justice	5,753.71	5,808.83
3.85.2850.0000	Westminister Spires Camp Upgrades Balance	80.27	4,080.27
	Total Designated funds	\$73,966.35	\$77,423.78
3.37.2800.0000	Funds Awaiting Cabinet Action Balance	3,500.00	9,500.00
3.69.2825.0000	Triennium Balance	7,387.07	7,387.07

Presbytery of Yellowstone - Bozeman MT
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Account #	Account Name	Beginning Balance	YTD Balance
3.86.2850.0000	Grant - Evangelism Balance	1,250.13	1,250.13
3.90.2910.0000	Higher Education Grant Fund	58,896.05	57,396.05
3.92.2920.0000	St. Timothys #1 (PC USA) Found	233,108.19	230,615.00
3.93.2921.0000	St. Timothys #2 (PC USA) Found	90,508.89	89,540.86
3.94.2930.0000	Partnership Fund Principal COM	43,999.71	43,999.71
	Total Restricted Fund Balances	\$438,650.04	\$439,688.82
3.35.2840.0000	Deer Lodge Restricted PDA Grant Balance	6,112.38	6,112.38
3.64.2825.0000	Rural Ministry Grant Balance	12,313.37	12,313.37
3.66.2850.0000	West Yellowstone Funds Balance	54,000.00	54,000.00
3.80.2850.0000	Workshop Balance	220.00	220.00
	Total Fund Balance	\$682,138.96	\$715,248.50
	Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$685,409.66	\$718,814.74

2015-2016 Campus Ministry Report Form

Based off of BHECM Report

United Campus Ministry at MSUBillings is a chaplaincy model of campus ministry that places a fully ordained clergy member into the heart of the campus to address the spiritual needs of the students, faculty and staff and to speak into the larger MSUB campus on issues of faith and spirituality. Our energies are fairly evenly split between student activities; campus, faculty, and staff activities; and community involvement.

- I. Student activities have included
 - a. Bible Studies: The weekly bible study meets in the lobby next to Stingers Student Café. During the spring of 2015 we did a study on Famous Parables and in the fall we moved to Psalms Study. We have also hosted numerous individual classes and studies including Christian Ethics, MLK 101, Trans 101, Scriptures and LTBT+.
 - b. Service Projects: We plan service projects throughout the year. They have included park clean-ups, Service Saturdays, and Rainbow Coffeehouse leadership and support.
 - c. Mission Trips: We alternate spring break mission trip between US and International destination. In 2015 we went to Belize and worked with a school in NE Belize through Thirst Missions. In 2016 we went to Salt Lake and worked with Crossroads Urban Center, a food pantry, a thrift store and a homeless youth center.
 - d. Social Activities: Retreats, Hiking, Skiing, Christmas Parties and MUCH more.
 - e. International Activities: Coffee Hour, Retreats, Introduction to America and Christianity.
 - f. Student Organizations and Groups: UCM, International Coffee, Non Traditional Coffee and OUT LGBTQA
- II. Campus activities have included Phoenix Center Assault Response, Residence Assistant training on spiritual issues, Student Affairs Council, International Student Welcome, Power of One Week (MLKjr) planning, presented campus lectures or classes on "A Faithful Reading of the Bible that is Inclusive of LGBT+ Persons," "Trans 101," and "Christian Ethics."
- III. Community Activities have include: Faith Impacts Interfaith Group Addressing Poverty, Homelessness and Native American Persons, Homelessness and Mental Health Issues, 12 plus local church visits, preaching at three congregations, presenting at numerous Sunday school and women's circles, National Campus Ministry Association Coordinating Committee, lead workshop at NCMA Conference on International Ministries, Student Funerals, Student Weddings and Launching a Rainbow Coffeehouse for Billings LGBT+ Youth and Allies.

a. List your chief ministry activities with the requested numbers:

Item	Frequency	# of student participants	# Community members
1. Famous Stories/Parables Study	Weekly	3/week	5/semester
2. Wed Night UCM	Weekly	6/week	30/semester
3. International Coffee	Weekly	10/week	35/semester
4. OUT Student Group	Weekly	6/week	12/semester
5. Non Traditional Coffee	Weekly	9/week	35/Semester
6. Rainbow Coffee House	Weekly	12/week	20/Semester
7. Hiking & Rest on Rims	Weekly	2/week	
8. Salt Lake Mission Trip	Annual	5/annual	
9. International Retreat	Annual	9/annual	
10. Red Lodge Trip	Annual	25/annual	
11. OUT Blood Drive	Annual	35/annual	
12. Board Retreat	Annual		12
13. Ice Cream on the Rims	Annual	10/annual	
14. Fall BBQ	Annual	12/annual	4
15. Drum Circle	Annual	8/annual	
16. Corn Maze	Annual	3/annual	
17. Labyrinth Walk	Annual	9/annual	
18. Christmas Lights and Caroling	Annual	10/annual	
19. Christmas Party	Annual	11/annual	8
20. Winter Hiking Trips (3)	Annual	12/annual	
21. Ash Wednesday	Annual	8/annual	
22. Synagogue Visit	Annual	5/annual	
23. Homeless Native/Mental Health	Annual		95
24. RA Training	Annual	26/annual	
25. MLK 101	Annual	20/annual	4
26. Scriptures and LGBT+	Annual	22/Annual	7
27. Trans 101	Annual	32/Annual	7
28. NCMA International Workshop	Annual		8

b. What do you consider your greatest successes and challenges in 2015-2016:

The launch team for our Rainbow Coffee has been extremely energizing for OUT students at MSUB, Rocky GSA students, local churches and participating HS students. Challenges in the fall has been a deterioration with our relationship with Tumbleweed Youth Center as they have continued to go through seismic leadership change. This spring we have begun to rebuild this relationship through our Rainbow Coffeehouse and the counselors that Tumbleweed has in each of the High Schools. MSUB has been going through a significant decline in students and funding and it has impacted moral and involvement across campus. Student involvement across campus and in all student organizations has taken a dramatic plunge. Our overall numbers are still strong but our numbers at any one weekly program are certainly reflective of this campus trend.

- c. What are you planning and hoping to do for 2016-2017:
- i. Continue to build fundraising activities
 - ii. Creating an MSUB Interfaith Council
 - iii. Grow Rainbow Coffeehouse
- d. What is your average number of student participants **per week** during school term?
30 individual students each week.
35+ individual students each month (including student organizations and 1 on 1)
- e. What is the average number of community members served per month?
Hard to put a number on it. I serve on 4 MSUB university committees bringing a spiritual voice to the table. In addition I serve a number of Billings wide committees that hold events that may serve hundreds of persons.
- f. What was/is your annual budget for 2015? \$61,752 For 2016: \$63,490

Grant Application Outline – United Campus Ministry at MSUB

United Campus Ministry at MSU Billings hereby requests a grant of \$10,000 for the 2016 budget year.

Contact Person: Rev. Rob Kirby e-mail Rkirby@msubillings.edu Phone 406-657-2165 217-417-8988cell

This is a (Project) or this is a (Program):

(submit separate applications for each)

Description of Project/Program Including the Number of Student Participants:

United Campus continues to reach an average of 35 students a week. As we continue to grow as a ministry, we are hopeful to reach about 40 students a week this coming year. Full details of this past year are included in the report entitled "2015-2016 Campus Ministry Report Form."

Two new initiatives that we launched this past year have included a Non-Traditional Coffee Hour. With well over 40% of the students at MSUB being second career or other non-traditional students, we have found this demographic challenging to include in our more traditional ministry. While centered around an hour and half fellowship over coffee held right in the heart of our Liberal Arts building, it also includes a time for sharing struggles and celebrations and a prayer station. Discussions have spanned the gambit from a need for dedicated on campus nursing mom's rooms to politics. This past year we have reached over 35 students averaging over 9 students each week.

Another new initiative this year has been our Rainbow Coffee House for LGBT+ youth and allies. We had students from MSUB and Rocky partner together to address this incredibly at risk population of students. A recent study by GLESN, identified that 1/3 of Montana high school students who identify as LGBT+ skip school because they do not feel safe. 97% report hearing derogatory statements directed toward them. 90% report being physically or verbally threatened at school. According to a 2011 CDC report, LGBT+ youth are 4 times more likely to attempt suicide AND these attempts are 4 times more likely to require medical intervention. Regardless of theological positions, these statistics are sobering. We have partnered with 5 churches and over 16 volunteers to create the weekly Rainbow Coffee House that is a safe place for students to meet, support each other, talk about issues related to sexual orientation and gender identity and expression, and work to end homophobia and transphobia. In our first three months, we have reached over 20 students and averaged over 12 students each week.

Anticipated Outcomes:

We anticipate growing our total weekly student average 14% to 40 students. We anticipate building resilience in all of our students by nurturing healthy peer relations, connecting students with spiritually grounded older persons, and providing spiritual and emotional resources. We anticipate at least a 10% growth in both of our new initiatives.

Budget:

2016-2017 Budget \$63,490

Other Funding (Source and Amounts):

Support from other denominations \$30,000

Grants \$14,000

Individual and Church Donors \$10,000

Action of the Leadership Cabinet: Amount Granted \$ _____, Date _____

Comments:

Grant Request Presbytery of Yellowstone

United Campus Ministry at MSU Billings is grateful for our continued relationship with Presbytery of Yellowstone and local Presbyterian churches in the Billings area.

Enclosed you will find a 2015-2016 Campus Ministry Report Form, that hopefully gives a good flavor for the many ways we have been engaged in ministry this past year.

I look forward to meeting with the leadership Cabinet on May 12 and addressing any questions or concerns that you may have.

Peace, Love and Joy in Christ

Pastor Rob Kirby

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2015 Campus Ministry Report Form

BHECM

1. Please attach a copy of your 2015 Annual Report that you submit to your own board, including a copy of your year-end financial reports/budget.

In my work with the Spiritual Life program at Rocky Mountain College do not submit annual or year-end financial reports to a board – but we do receive conference funds through the Per Member Asking, and these funds are critical to our mission and program. Therefore, I want to provide some information about how the PMA donations are used, request that these offerings continue, and offer any assistance toward promoting the Per Member Asking in churches.

It might be helpful to point out the following:

-My salary is paid by Rocky Mountain College through their general fund.

-I receive a small budget (around \$2000) through the Student Life Division (also general fund). This is used for administrative expenses, photocopies, postage and office supplies, phone calls, membership dues, continuing education and specific administrative program expenses.

-Any donations from churches or individuals end up in the general fund unless they are specifically designated for mission trips, the Spiritual Life program, scholarships, or another purpose.

-Most often, the money received from the Per Member Asking lands in a designated fund that I can use for special projects, programs, and volunteer opportunities. This money can accrue from year to year until the fund reaches a cap. Once the cap is reached, the PMA money goes into the general fund with the idea that it supports the Chaplain's salary and administrative budget as well as the historic connection between Rocky and the United Methodist Church.

-In 2015, Per Member Asking money was used for a variety of purposes, including weekly programs and service projects with our partner agencies. When I talk about ministry and outreach activities below, these are supported primarily through the PMA; they would not be possible without this funding. For example, we still make PBJ sandwiches for The HUB each week and offer a hot meal and social interactions at the HUB each month. At the times I don't get enough cookie donations, I use PMA money to buy cookies for Cookie Table. During weekly "Lunch Out Loud" or "Lunch and Learn" gatherings, I provide lunch for students not on the meal plan. I make sure snacks are available for students who visit my office or the chapel. I did a large mailing project with printed brochures and bulletin inserts. We also needed to update the power point projector and screen in the chapel. Since the cost of these upgrades exceeded my administrative budget, money from the PMA fund was used.

-If there's anything I didn't address here or in the questions below, please let me know and I will provide any additional information needed...

2. In addition, please answer the questions below, so that we have things in the same format from each ministry:

-During 2014, all Student Life staff at Rocky Mountain College were asked to update foundational documents – including mission, goals, objectives and learning outcomes. This task continued into 2015 when we were asked to expand our student learning outcomes and to establish evaluation methods, performance standards and assessment plans in preparation for our accreditation visit. According to this paperwork:

-The mission of the Chaplain and Office of Spiritual Life at Rocky Mountain College is to provide for the spiritual growth and well-being of the members of the RMC community. This includes addressing the diverse spiritual needs of the college community, supporting the exploration and practice of faith, and representing the college's denominational heritage.

- Offering presence and programs that address students as whole persons.

Support the integration of faith with academic pursuits.

Create opportunities to put faith into action.

Build a supportive spiritual community.

Enable students to take initiative for spiritual growth and programming.

- Serving as a spiritual resource for the College community.
Provide spiritual support for the College community.
Support collaborative institutional programming.
Provide oversight for spiritual activity on campus.
Celebrate the church-related heritage of Rocky Mountain College.
- Strengthening and maintaining denominational relationships.
Meet denominational obligations and expectations.
Inform denominational partners about the College & the ministry of the chaplain.
Enhance partnerships between the College and the Billings community.
Link local church resources to the needs of the College community.

-Student Learning Outcomes lie at the foundation of much of what I do. These include:

- *Students will articulate their spiritual beliefs and integrate those beliefs within the context of the academic community.*
- *Students will articulate how their spiritual beliefs inform social engagement.*
- *Students will identify opportunities for engagement that address social responsibility.*
- *Students will demonstrate an understanding of and respect for students of diverse spiritual identity.*
- *Students will demonstrate an understanding of Spiritual Life support services, resources and programming.*

a. Please describe your ministry activities and outreach for 2015:

-It is my goal to provide a consistent weekly presence, as well as monthly and occasional special opportunities.

-During 2015, the weekly schedule included:

- *Offering the **Cookie Table** every Monday.*
- *Making **PBJ sandwiches** for the HUB every Tuesday.*
- *Meeting with "**Lunch Out Loud**" every Wednesday. This student-led group gathers to discuss and plan service projects, in collaboration with the Office of Community Involvement. They have partnerships with the HUB and Special Olympics, and volunteer weekly and monthly with other agencies and organizations.*
- *Meeting with a small group for **Bible Study** every Thursday afternoon.*

-Additional ministry activities include:

- *Supporting the integration of faith with academic pursuits. Includes "**Coffee and Conversation**" gatherings every other Tuesday, planned in collaboration with Student Activities. We encourage conversations about issues that matter.*
- *Creating opportunities for students to put faith into action. Includes the partnerships listed above and additional projects in collaboration with the Office of Community Involvement. We volunteer regularly with Ronald McDonald House, Habitat for Humanity, Big Brothers Big Sisters (Bears and Cubs), Girl Scouts, Rose Park Elementary School, and Eagle Mount. We offer weekly small-scale service projects (like making cookies at Ronald McDonald House) or projects we can host on campus. These are things like making birthday cards for homeless youth, crafts for Independence Hall, or Hope Notes for American Cancer Society. We also host monthly "**Lunch and Learn**" opportunities so students and faculty/staff can interact with agency representatives. We then follow up the lunches with larger-scale projects with these agencies.*
- *Building a supportive spiritual community for students. Includes monthly "**Faith and Fun**" activities on the 4th Thursday of each month, usually involving discussion, games, arts and crafts and food. There are also monthly chapel services, special services such as*

Ash Wednesday and Parent's Weekend, visits to diverse churches/worshipping communities, as well as several small group gatherings and lots of informal conversations in my office and in the Coffee Shop.

- Enabling students to take initiative for spiritual growth and programming. Includes supervising work study students, encouraging student leadership at all levels of programming, and supporting student leadership development.
- Providing spiritual support for the College community. Includes meeting with faculty and staff both formally and informally.
- Supporting collaborative institutional programming. Includes work with the **"Stand Up RMC"** committee – meeting and planning, staffing the event booth, offering programming around student wellness initiatives each week, including alcohol, STI, and sexual assault education. I also teach 2 sections of the first year **Campus Compass** class each fall semester. I assist with RA training, the Student Leadership Summit, New Student Orientation and other campus programs.
- Celebrating the church-related heritage. Includes RMC signature events – Black Tie Blue Jeans, Yule Log, Lessons and Carols, Candlelight Dinner, Baccalaureate and Commencement, and invocations at other events and meetings...
- Strengthening and maintaining denominational relationships. Includes meeting with clergy, attending church gatherings, preaching and speaking, exploring additional opportunities for partnering and promoting church-related events and mission opportunities, sending newsletter/bulletin updates, inserts and mailings, planning/promoting forums and lectures for the community. I also meet with the **Church Relations Committee** of the Board of Trustees to support and celebrate denominational connections at an institutional level.

-Some additional things worth noting:

- Working on plans for a **Service Trip** to Salt Lake City May 9-15, 2016
Working with the UMCOR Depot and the Salt Lake Valley Habitat for Humanity

ReStore

- Held a **Special Olympics "Respect Rally"** in March, 2015 and planning another for March 2016
- Began a project to update and re-dedicate the Peace Pole
- Special Events:

We support community events such as Out of the Darkness Walk, Family Promise Cardboard Box City, Halloween for Hunger Food Drive

b. List your chief ministry activities with the requested numbers:

Item	Frequency	# of student participants	# Community members served
Cookie Table	weekly	100's	
Peanut Butter Jelly	weekly	25-50	we donate 70 sandwiches/week
Lunch Out Loud	weekly	12-15	they plan community service
Bible Study	weekly	5	
Stand Up RMC	weekly	100's	
Coffee/Conversation	2/month	30-40	
Faith and Fun	monthly	12-15	
Lunch and Learn	monthly	10-12	agency representatives
Chapel	monthly	10-12	
Service Projects	weekly	25-50	lots, depending on the project
Service Projects	monthly	12-15	lots, depending on the project
Community Forum	2/year	15-20	40-50

c. What do you consider your greatest successes and challenges in 2015:

The greatest successes in 2015 were with collaborative efforts. By working together – the Office of Spiritual Life, the Office of Community Involvement, the student-led “Lunch Out Loud” group and our community partners – we have been able to do at least one small or campus-hosted service project each week and at least one larger service project each month. We often do many more. And this is only because of collaboration. Coffee and Conversation is a collaborative effort between my office and the Office of Student Activities. I work directly with four Student Activities employees and we share responsibility for picking themes, inviting faculty, promoting the program, and moderating the conversations. I enjoy supporting and supervising the student’s efforts. The Community Forums are planned in collaboration with the Debate Team. Stand Up RMC is also a collaborative effort between 5 departments at Rocky Mountain College. I convene and lead the group but we work together to provide student wellness programming each week and to train and supervise the students who assist as Peer Educators. I love being a team player and having colleagues with similar goals.

The greatest challenges are the other side of the coin... it can be hard to stake out what is uniquely my programming or to pursue just my goals when I spend so much time working with others or supporting joint efforts. The other offices don’t share responsibility for Chapel or Bible Study or Faith and Fun or the spiritual reflection behind putting faith into action. And at times they are happy to plan programs that compete or conflict with what I am trying to do. Sometimes it’s tough to be a team player when it feels as if others are not as respectful of me or my goals and outcomes as I try to be of them and theirs...

d. What are you planning and hoping to do for 2015-2016:

At a basic level, I hope to continue successful programming, to identify areas where student learning outcomes can be improved, and to expand efforts into areas that have not received as much attention – such as offering programming for staff and faculty or improving communication or increasing church visits beyond the Billings area.

I am beginning now to plan the 2017 mission trip.

There’s a proposal to reintroduce the Wheatley Lecture Series at Rocky Mountain College. Once changes are approved, this will involve convening committee meetings and assisting the RMC and UM committee members in choosing lecturer and planning events, beginning 2016-17.

e. What is your average number of student participants per week during school term?

When I assess my student learning outcomes, I am measuring whether students can “articulate” “identify” or “demonstrate” and because of this, I’m pretty sure that my most successful programs are those with the fewest participants. I value one-on-one conversations and opportunities to supervise or mentor a few students at a time. When only 4 people show up to Bible Study, our discussion is often deeper and more focused. Many students seem to prefer smaller group sizes for that reason and won’t show up to larger events if they are seeking more personalized attention. Educational programs always attract fewer students. I’m okay with that. However, with that said...

I am involved with programs and around students every day. It would be typical for 75 students to stop by Cookie Table on Monday to grab something, and another 25 stop to help make sandwiches on Tuesday, and 30 loyal students show up at Coffee and Conversation, and 10 students join us for Lunch Out Loud on Wednesday, and 50 people stop by the Stand Up event booth on Thursday and another 3 or 4 come to Bible Study and 10 show up to make crafts at Faith and Fun, and 4 or 5 different students stop to chat in the hallway – then I guess I am well integrated into the life of the campus and I don’t really care what the average numbers are.

f. What is the average number of community members served per month?

This varies so much. When there are community service projects or educational forums open to the community, then it is 50-100 or more depending on the project or the topic of the forum... Otherwise, that's not currently a main goal/objective/outcome of my efforts.

g. What was/is your annual budget for 2015? _____ For 2016: _____

Source of funds:

BHECM:

Fundraising:

Other:

2016 Budget Request For Budget Building

What is your budget request from BHECM for 2016: (Please provide a brief rationale):

Please continue supporting the Per Member Asking. This is the only financial connection between the Yellowstone Conference of the United Methodist Church and Rocky Mountain College and it is critical for maintaining mission, ministry and student programming efforts! I have been sending thank you notes to churches that contribute the PMA and am happy to assist with any efforts to promote this offering within the conference.

Grant Application Outline

Rocky Mountain College Chaplain/Office of Spiritual Life hereby requests a total grant of \$1200 for the 2016-2017 academic year.

Contact Person: Kim Woeste **e-mail:** kim.woeste@rocky.edu **Phone:** 657-1098 or 671-1813

This is a (Project) or this is a (Program):

The request is for support for a twice monthly “*Coffee and Conversations*” program.

Description of Project/Program Including the Number of Student Participants:

We started this program during the 2015-16 school year and it has been a great success. We partnered with the Student Activities Office to sponsor conversations between students and faculty members about issues that matter. We mapped out a schedule of specific topics and presenters and then met every other Tuesday evening in the coffee shop inside the Student Center. Students could order a free coffee drink and then engage in conversation around the specific topic with the faculty resource person. During the 2015-16 school year we discussed immigration and Syrian refugees, gun control, LGBTQ and non-discrimination ordinances, feminism, being Muslim in Montana, racial profiling, presidential politics, environmental issues and other hot topics suggested by students.

We went into it with no idea what student participation would be and we were very pleased. At every gathering, we had 15-20 students, with up to 30-40 for the most controversial topics. We were also pleased with behavior of the students who participated. With very little direction, they engaged in civil dialogue, were polite and respectful, listened carefully and protected the safety of the environment. Students who participated felt some ownership for the success of the program and are invested in repeating this success another year. Interestingly, most students who participated have been identified for various campus leadership roles in the upcoming year.

As we look ahead to the 2016-17 school year, the planning committee has already met to schedule dates and topics. We hope to explore mental health, religious diversity, the election, racism and Native American mascots, and more. We also intend to continue meeting every other Tuesday evening at 6pm.

And of course, offering free coffee drinks is key to the success of the program!

Anticipated Outcome:

My learning outcomes include helping students articulate their spiritual beliefs within the context of the academic community and helping students demonstrate an understanding of persons of diverse spiritual identity – so if students continue to have opportunities to ask questions and to learn, to put faith in conversation with social issues, to interact respectfully with peers and with faculty, to discuss issues that matter, and to explore new ideas and beliefs – then there will have been a positive outcome for another year. Our goal is to increase attendance and leadership.

Budget:

-I will be receiving assistance for planning and promoting the conversations from the Student Activities Office, but they do not have any funds for the coffee.

If we estimate 20 students x \$4 per coffee drink, that would be approximately \$80 per meeting. And we estimate 8 meetings per semester for a total of \$640 per semester or \$1280 per year.

We are asking for **\$1200** for the school year. (If we have smaller attendance or do not require the full amount requested, the remainder could be returned, used for another approved project or would remain in the account for the following year....).

Other Funding (Source and Amounts):

The Chaplain's salary is paid from the Rocky Mountain College general fund.

The Office of Spiritual Life has several funding streams, including a small administrative budget and a fund designated specifically for mission trips. Additional designated gifts help with other program expenses like Bible Study curriculum or worship supplies, or pizza, or cookies for the Cookie Table, or supplies for the other projects we do – like retreats, weekly “Fun and Faith” gatherings, or special events. It may also be helpful to note that we do intend to continue supporting our partnership with the HUB, a drop-in center for persons facing chronic mental illness and homelessness. In the past we have asked for Presbytery grant money for making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches each week and providing a hot meal and workshops each month, but we are seeking other funding to support these projects in the upcoming year.

A grant for “Coffee and Conversation would mean that the other designated gifts could support other projects. Additionally, a grant would provide a connection between our activities and the mission gifts of the Presbytery. It's great to be able to say to a local church: “when you pay your Mission Pledge, you help Rocky students think about their faith. You help provide education and information about important subjects, or you help students understand diversity and social responsibility.”

Action of the Leadership Cabinet: Amount Granted \$ _____ Date _____

Comments:

2015-16 Campus Ministry Report to the Leadership Cabinet of the Presbytery of Yellowstone
Presby Cats Collegiate Ministry at First Presbyterian Church, Bozeman, Montana
 Prepared by Dan Krebill, co-pastor
 April 28, 2016

a. Ministry activities and outreach for 2015-16

The Presby Cats collegiate Christian ministry is an official Montana State University student organization based at First Presbyterian Church in Bozeman. It's completing its fourth year in May. The centerpiece of this program is weekly gatherings each Sunday during the academic year. Beginning after worship, at 11:45 a.m. with lunch prepared by a church member, the group builds community around the meal followed most often by a fellowship activity led by a peer leader scholar, and ending with a Bible study also led by a peer leader scholar. The weekly gatherings usually wind up around 1:00 p.m. Throughout the semester numerous social activities are planned and led by members of the group. The fall semester includes one and the spring semester includes two overnight weekend retreats at our Rockhaven Camp which provides further fellowship and study opportunities. The highlight of the year is a spring break mission/study trip that provides opportunities for Christian community and growth in faith while interacting and supporting Christian ministry in a context very different from Montana.



The spring break mission/study trip, March 12-20, 2016, was at the Corrymeela Community in Ballycastle, Northern Ireland. Our group had 15 students and 2 adult advisors. We spent time studying the long history of conflict and strife in Ireland and the role that Corrymeela has had in fostering reconciliation from a Christian perspective. We also reflected on how such work needs to be done in our own U.S. context. Our service work included cleaning the harbor beach on Rathlin Island that receives huge amounts of plastic

trash that washes in from the ocean. We also worked at the Corrymeela Centre preparing the gardens and greenhouse for spring planting. We had several opportunities to interact with Corrymeela Community members who shared their stories of living through the Troubles in Northern Ireland.

b. Chief ministry activities with participant numbers

Item	Frequency	# of students	# of community
Sunday gatherings	weekly	14 average	1
Social activities	every month	10 average	1
Overnight retreats	3 per year	11 average	1
Lead Sunday worship	2 per year	17 average	entire congregation
Mission/Study trip	1 per year	15 students, 2 adults	
Fund raising events	3 per year	17 average	entire congregation
Rent-a-Cat service	on call	18 students participate	entire congregation

c. Greatest success and challenges in 2015-16

An ongoing challenge of collegiate ministry is to integrate new members into the fellowship to maintain a robust group as others graduate out. After the graduation of 5 of our active members in May 2015, we were fortunate that 3 of them continued as active participants as graduate students and MSU employee. We also successfully brought in 7 new regular active participants this year. This bodes well for the upcoming 2016-17 year since we have no one graduating this spring. We do anticipate 2 to graduate at the end of the fall and 3 next spring. So the ongoing active recruitment efforts continue.

With our ambitious international spring break mission/study trip to Northern Ireland, fund raising was a monumental undertaking this year. And because more students signed up for the trip than anticipated, the resulting needed subsidy also increased. As a result of students actively involved in raising money, coupled with a very generous congregation, we were able to raise sufficient funds for the success of this trip. The financial details are at the end of this report. Many thanks to the presbytery for its grant of \$3,500 in support of this trip.

As we complete our 4th year I'm delighted that the work of the leadership team of 5 student peer leader scholars working with me has been a huge success. We began a new routine this year of gathering at my home for dinner and planning on a monthly basis. This made for a very smoothly operating ministry with good planning and preparation for each of the various events. This leadership team also stayed on top of the fund raising challenge that was before us. I'm delighted that the same 5 students will be able to continue in their roles as peer leader scholars for next academic year (each receiving a \$400 scholarship per semester). Three of them are seniors, and 2 are juniors. This will ensure that we have a smoother transition in the coming years.

d. Plans and hopes for 2016-17

At our planning retreat in April, a full calendar of activities was developed for the coming year. We will continue our weekly gatherings and social events with the plan to add at least one more event per semester that will be held mid-week. There is a strong desire to provide more frequent opportunities for social interaction with the understanding that not everyone can attend every event. We hope that 5 or 6 new students will become a regular part of our events. We plan to be at the information events of all 3 summer freshman orientation sessions as well as at the Catapalooza promotional event immediately prior to the fall semester. Our spring break mission/study trip in March 2017 is to Chicago where we will have the experience of working in the inner city. This trip will be about 1/3 to 1/2 as expensive as this year's trip. So while fund raising will still be necessary, it will not be nearly as intensive.

e. What is your average number of participants per week during school term?

As is reported in the response to section b, the weekly average participation this year was 14. This year we had an active group of 26 students who participated in more than one event.

f. What is your average number of community members serve per month?

Being a parish-based ministry, this is a hard number to gauge. The community served is largely the congregation of First Presbyterian Church in Bozeman which hosts this ministry. Each week a different church member provides the lunch for our Sunday gatherings. Each semester the

worshipping congregation is engaged when our Presby Cats members lead the services. Our Rent-a-Cat service serves the congregation as well by providing odd jobs and transportation in exchange for a donation to our mission trip fund. This year we did successfully expand the Rent-a-Cat program to include a couple of other churches as well as the community itself.

g, What was your annual budget for 2015-16?

As reported in the financials. Our regular program budget was \$6,000 and our mission/study trip budget was \$41,000, for a total of \$47,000. Please see the financial report below for more details.

Presby Cats Financial Report July 1, 2015 - April 27, 2016

2015-16 General Program		
Income		
	Presbytery general grant	5,000
	FPC budget	1,000
	Total income	6,000
Expense		
	Peer leader scholarships	4,000
	Program expenses	1,961
	Total expense	5,961
	difference	39

2016 Spring Break Mission/Study Trip (17 participants)		
Income		
	Presbytery mission trip grant	3,500
	FPC support	6,760
	Participants' contribution	8,902
	Fund raising	20,899
	Total Income	40,061
Expense		
	Mission Trip Expenses	40,061
	Total Expense	40,061
	mission trip fund balance	0

Higher Education Grant Request Presbytery of Yellowstone

First Presbyterian Church in Bozeman hereby requests a grant of \$5,500 to support the 2016-17 Presby Cats collegiate ministry carried out at Montana State University on behalf of the presbytery.

Contact person: Dan Krebill dan@fpchozeman.org 406-586-9194 x204

Program Description

Presby Cats college student fellowship and Bible study meets each Sunday during the academic year at 11:45 a.m., following the 10:30 service. Lunch, prepared by church members, is provided along with fun games and Bible study all fostering the growth of Christian faith and community. The group is led by MSU student collegiate peer scholars who are provided a \$400-500/semester scholarship with the ongoing presence and support of co-pastor Dan Krebill. Each semester also has a full calendar of social and fellowship activities including fall, winter and spring retreats held at Rockhaven Camp and Conference Center. Members of the group participate in other activities at First Presbyterian Church serving as liturgists and musicians in worship as well as helping in the Sunday School. The group will be planning and leading a Sunday worship service in November 2016 and April 2017. A mission trip takes place each March during spring break.

The Presby Cats ministry is closely aligned to and consistent with the Presbytery of Yellowstone's vision statement. We **Gather Together** regularly with weekly Sunday fellowship and study, as well as during numerous other events. In all of them we gather as a Christian community working together giving glory to God. We **Equip and Encourage** as we engage in weekly Bible study, where the insights of individuals are pooled together, and out of which we sense the leading of the Holy Spirit as our faith is nurtured and strengthened. Prayer and worship are central to our retreats and mission trips. We **Go Out** to join in the work of Christ as we reach out to other MSU students throughout the year, and when we work directly in mission during our spring break mission trips as well as in local mission service. The joy we share as young disciples of Christ is evident in all that we do.

Presby Cats is an affiliate of UKirk, the network of collegiate ministries supported by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and charged with reaching, loving, and teaching college students so that they may be lifelong followers of Jesus Christ.

Past Participation & Anticipated Outcome

Presby Cats is beginning its fifth year in the fall of 2016. Participation has grown each year from a weekly attendance of 8 or 9 in the first year (2012-13) to the average attendance of 14 last year (2015-16). Our participation contact list has also grown from 15 in 2012-13 to 26 in the last year. With the promotion we have done at Freshman orientation last summer we signed up 50 new students to be on our initial email list. I believe that we'll be able to build yet a bit again from this list in the coming year with perhaps as many as 15-18 attending each week. Nine students participated in each of the mission trips that we had in Belize in 2013 and at

Ghost Ranch in New Mexico in 2014. Eleven took part in the trip in 2015 to Mississippi. This year we had 15 students and 2 adults participate in our spring break mission/study trip to the Corrymeela Community in Northern Ireland. Our spring break mission trip in 2017 will be to inner city Chicago.

Program budget

10 \$400 scholarships for up to 5 MSU students over the 2 academic semesters:	\$4,000
Program costs to support the weekly and special events:	1,000
Support of the 2017 spring break mission trip	500
Total program grant request:	\$5,500

Other ongoing support

For the last 2 years, First Presbyterian Church in Bozeman has added financial support to the basic Presby Cats program ministry in the amount of \$1,000 per year. In addition, funds designated for support of mission trips in the amount of \$6,760 was provided for the spring break mission/study trip to Northern Ireland in 2016. The church also supports the Presby Cats ministry through the provision of weekly lunches as well as the secretarial and pastoral time that is devoted to the support of this ministry. Rockhaven Camp and Retreat Center makes its facilities available to Presby Cats at no charge. Church members have been very generous in supporting the fund-raising efforts that Presby Cats have undertaken in support of the annual spring break mission trips.

Mission trip budget

The upcoming 2017 spring break Chicago mission trip costs are divided roughly 30% by participant contribution, 50% fund raising, and 20% from church grants. The cost of the trip is estimated to be about \$1,200 per person. With 15-20 participants the total cost will be between \$18,000 and \$24,000.

Our 2016 international mission/study trip to Northern Ireland cost \$40,000 for the 17 participants. We are very grateful to the presbytery for the \$3,500 grant. First Presbyterian Church granted \$6,760, participants paid \$8,900, with the balance coming from very robust fund raising.

Please note that with the substantially higher cost of an international trip, our intention is to plan these no more than once in 4 years, thereby allowing a 4-year college student to participate in one such international trip during his/her college career.

-Submitted by Dan Krebill, April 28, 2016

Leadership Cabinet Goal for 2016	What do we see that is going well?	Anything new? Recent progress (or regress?)	Action items for near term
Emphasize disciple-making and forming in congregations and in the presbytery	faith sharing at Presbytery meeting Dwelling in the Word		June presbytery meeting planning
Focus on spiritual nurture of pastors, leaders, and potential leaders by understanding and using spiritual gifts	Clusters Dwelling in the Word	book swap at May meeting?	Book swap promotion Pastors' retreat Elders' retreat (?) Focus on potential leaders
Building community in the presbytery, continuing to grow our communication	Clusters	Plans for expansion of communications strategy Recruitment for this underway	Equipping events
Clarify the covenant with Glacier and explore other partnerships for future collaboration	Board of Pensions seminars coming up in fall, already shared with surrounding presbyteries Whitworth Fellows		Board of Pensions event - an opportunity to connect with others George will have conversation w/Marsha Anson St. Timothy's –exploration of this partnership (George, Dan H, Debbie B)

FROM PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE:

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

How can my church help with a refugee that has been approved for resettlement?

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance participates in the ministry of refugee resettlement in cooperation with Church World Service (CWS), one of the nine voluntary agencies approved by the U.S. State Department to aid in resettlement and integration of refugees legally admitted in this country. This is done through a network of CWS Affiliate offices located throughout the United States.

The U.S. State Department generally requests that churches working with refugees be located within 50 miles of a refugee resettlement office. A list of CWS Affiliate offices is online.

What is expected of a congregation in refugee resettlement?

Refugee resettlement or sponsorship is an act of faith in which churches can share God's gifts with those seeking new life and renewed hope. It is helping refugees become self-sufficient; contributing members of their new communities by providing initial resources they need while rebuilding their lives in freedom and safety. Congregations are asked to:

- Be a Friend, providing the crucial emotional support and guidance needed by the refugee to meet the challenges of overcoming great personal losses and making the major adjustments to the new society.
- Be an Enabler, assisting the refugee with initial material needs and helping the refugee achieve economic self-sufficiency.
- Be an Advocate, insuring just and decent treatment for the newcomers and promoting respect for the cultural heritage and identity of the refugee.
- Use the flyer "Pick 3" to see specific ways your congregation can be involved.

From the Missoula Independent:

Updated: Refugee resettlement office to open in Missoula

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The International Rescue Committee on Friday announced plans to start a refugee program in Missoula later this year, several months after a group of local residents began advocating for it. An IRC spokesperson confirms that its recent application to open a resettlement office has been approved by the U.S. Department of State.

The international nonprofit says it plans to resettle around 100 refugees, or roughly 25 families, in the first year. An opening date was not announced, but IRC's Bob Johnson, a senior adviser to the project, says setting up the office will take a couple months. The first refugees would arrive shortly after, likely later in 2016.

In an interview, Johnson says the support of local officials and advocates with the group Soft Landing Missoula was "a huge factor" in the IRC's decision to restart a program.

Soft Landing was created last fall as an informal group of residents looking to aid in the Syrian refugee crisis. They approached the IRC and other voluntary agencies about restarting a resettlement program, which had operated in Missoula in various forms from 1979 through 2008. The IRC operated the Missoula office through 1991, providing support to Hmong refugees who resettled in the area. Johnson, who will oversee the office's reopening, was part of the IRC team that created the first Missoula program in 1979.

The resettlement office will provide initial financial assistance and support to refugees placed in Missoula as well as ongoing case management, Johnson says.

Mary Poole, Soft Landing's founder, says she "couldn't be happier" to learn of IRC's return. "The promise of America is one of freedom, opportunity, and second chances. Many of our ancestors came here as refugees," she said in a statement. "Missoula successfully settled refugees for decades, and we're glad to see that once again our community will be able to join many other cities nationwide to participate in providing a safe-haven for war torn families." Mary Poole led an upstart effort known as Soft Landing to bring refugees to Missoula. On March 18, the International Rescue Committee announced that its application to open a resettlement program was approved by the U.S. Department of State.

Soft Landing advocates will now look for ways to support the IRC's work, particularly with community outreach and education, Poole says.

The prospect of Missoula again playing host to refugees set off a flurry of counter protests once local city and county officials endorsed the concept in January. Many of the protesters particularly feared the introduction of Muslim refugees to western Montana. County commissions in Ravalli and Flathead counties sent letters to the State Department opposing a refugee program. In response, supporters staged a statewide rally earlier this month that drew around 1,500 people across several Montana cities. In response to a swell of anti-refugee activity, supporters staged a statewide rally March 1 that drew hundreds to Missoula's Caras Park.

There's no telling which international conflicts the refugees placed in Missoula will be fleeing, Johnson says. Federal admissions data for 2016 shows the top five countries of origin include Burma, Iraq, Democratic Republic of Congo, Somalia and Bhutan. Syrians have accounted for 4 percent of U.S. admissions since Oct. 2015.

Refugees often undergo more than two years of vetting and processing by U.S. and international agencies before arriving on American soil.

Montana's Republican leaders have opposed refugee resettlement on grounds of national security. In response to the IRC's announcement, Rep. Ryan Zinke spokesperson Heather Swift said: "Rep. Zinke is opposed to refugee resettlement in Montana and has expressed this to Governor Bullock in no uncertain terms. Zinke spent his career in the SEALs assessing threats and non-threats and believes that until the refugees can be properly vetted and followed up with once they get to the U.S. the program should be stopped."

Bullock's office said it could not comment Friday.

Montana is currently one of two states without an active refugee resettlement program.

The *Indy* explored the shortcomings of Montana's system, as well as Soft Landing's early efforts, in this October cover story.

