

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

Sept 13, 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 May 10, 2016^v

Dwelling in the Word –

Equipping and Encouraging

10:30 **Spiritual and Vision Implementation**

LC Goals for 2016

Presbytery Sunday (Kristin)

Fall presbytery meeting in Butte, Nov 4-5

11:30 **Organizational Responsibilities**

Synod request for reduced function status

Nominations – MAC (Butte, Oct 20-21)

RMC Board

Representation/Nominating Committee

Constitutional amendments process

2017 presbytery meetings – dates, hosts

12:00 LUNCH

12:30 UPDATES

Budget/Finance (Dan)

Camping/Youth (summer camp, Triennium) (George)

Whitworth Fellows (Kathy)

Minds & Hearts (George)

Communications Team (Kristin)

Child Protection Policy (Kristin)

New worshipping communities/new church dev. (Jack)

Refugee resettlement (G, K, & Jack)

Personnel (Susi)

Updates from ministry teams & clusters

1:40 FOR DISCUSSION & ACTION

1:45 Report of Co-General Presbyters

Report of Stated Clerk

Going Out

2:00 Closing prayer (including prayer for Kim Woeste (RMC) Rob Kirby (UCM-MSU-B), Theological Education Fund

Action items

**Presbytery of Yellowstone
Leadership Cabinet (LC) Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2016
First Presbyterian Church, Billings**

Acting moderator Jack called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

Present were:

Jack Bell
Susi Ennis
Teresa Kendall (by skype)
Kristin Willett (by phone)
Jed Cauffman (by phone)
Bev Harbaugh (by phone briefly)

Absent:

Jody McDevitt
Dan Holland

Also present:

George Goodrich, Co-General Presbyter (by skype)
Kathy Goodrich, Co General Presbyter (by skype)
Debbie Blackburn, Stated Clerk (by skype).

- 1. Opening Prayer** – The opening prayer was offered by Jack.
- 2. Christ Candle** – Jack 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 as presented.
- 5. Minutes of April 12, 2016**
 - √ The LC voted to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2016 meeting.
- 6. Dwelling in the Word** – Susi led this time of dwelling in Romans 8:12-25. There was a time of reflecting and sharing about this passage. Susi closed this section with prayer.
- 7. Planning for June Presbytery meeting** - The Terry Church will provide breakfast on Saturday. Everyone needs to be encouraged to participate in breakfast discussions as they will be part of the meeting agenda. Susi will do the recap of our experiences going out into communities. Kristin will lead the equipping times on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. It was suggested that a link to the Engage materials be included. There was a discussion regarding the Friday night offering. Kristin shared information on the ROCKS (Raising Our Community Kids Safely) Program in Miles City.
 - √ The LC voted to split (50/50) the Friday night offering at the June Presbytery meeting between the Rocks Program and Camp Scholarships for Westminster Spires.
- 8. Higher Education Ministries** – The LC reviewed the annual reports and grant requests for 2016-2017. Then Rob Kirby (from MSU Billings) joined the meeting and gave an update of various activities of the Chaplain based ministry at MSU-B. Rob also asked about any connections to campus ministry in Missoula. Rob is very involved with NCMA (National Campus Ministry Association). Kathy offered prayer for Rob before he left the meeting. The LC further discussed the grant requests. It was suggested that we might have Rob preach at the Presbytery meeting in Butte to increase his visibility.
 - √ The LC voted to approve the following grant amounts for the 2016-2017 school year:
 - MSU-Billings - \$10,500
 - Rocky Mountain College - \$1,450
 - Presby Cats - \$5,750

9. **Lunch** - The LC recessed for lunch.
10. **LC Goals for 2016** – The idea of compiling a packet of Dwelling in the Word materials was discussed again. A target date of September was set for this packet. George and Kathy will share their “How to do Dwelling in the Word” sheet at the June Presbytery meeting. It was suggested that the November Presbytery meeting have an emphasis on equipping for using Dwelling in the Word at session meetings. There needs to be more awareness of the Facebook page and the website. Jack and Kristin will try to meet with Susan Seibert to go over some website issues. Some people in the Presbytery have asked what leadership training will be available to replace WNLT. We need to communicate more about the equipping opportunities at Presbytery meetings.
11. **Communications Team** - Kristin has done some posting on the YP Facebook page.
12. **Child Protection Policy** – This is still being worked on. It will be reviewed by Camping & Youth and PMT before coming to LC for comments.
13. **New Worshipping Communities** – Jack has no update at this time. Kathy reminded everyone to look at the videos through NW Coast Presbytery (www.northwestcoast.org/learning-community).
14. **Whitworth Fellows** – There will be six Whitworth students working in Yellowstone Presbytery this summer. Leaders of host churches have been skyping with the students.
15. **Covenant Relationship with Whitworth** – Kathy asked for feedback from the LC (email to her). What would YP give in a partnership relationship? What would we like to receive? One suggestion involved CRE training. Kathy will email to the LC some information on the training that the students have received (before coming to YP this summer).
16. **Refugee Resettlement** – There are no recommendations at this time. Kathy will email out the information that she has on this.
17. **Personnel** – Susi has no report. She will be working on this in the next couple of weeks.
18. **Clusters** – George reported that clusters are going well. The Prayer Cluster is having a one day retreat on May 26th in Bozeman.
19. **PMT** - Continue to pray for the Dillon congregation and for David Andrew.
20. **Report of Co-General Presbyters** – George and Kathy sent out their April report again. George noted that more campers are needed for Westminster Spires. George believes that there is a great need for spiritual direction training. Kathy has some information on spiritual gifts. She is interested in doing some training to help people utilize their gifts. It was suggested to start with the clusters. George may offer a two day retreat in the fall for pastors and elders.
21. **Report of Stated Clerk** – Debbie reported on new ways that stated clerks within the Synod of the Rocky Mountains are doing a review of session minutes. The previous way of regional gatherings involves a lot of travel expense. Debbie also reported on the correspondence regarding the cemetery in McAllister. It appears that the property may not belong to Yellowstone Presbytery. She has sent additional documents to the Madison County Attorney for review.
22. **Next Meeting** – The next meeting of the LC will be September 13, 2016 at FPC in Bozeman.
23. **Adjournment**– The meeting adjourned with prayer at 2:00 p.m.

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	Whitworth Fellows Camping/Youth ministries	November presbytery meeting planning
Focus on spiritual nurture of pastors, leaders, and potential leaders by understanding and using spiritual gifts	Clusters Dwelling in the Word -	Minds & Hearts cohort	Pastors' retreat Elders' retreat (?) Focus on potential leaders Dwelling in the Word packet
Building community in the presbytery, continuing to grow our communication	Clusters	Plans for expansion of communications strategy Recruitment for this underway	Equipping events Presbytery Sunday Oct 9
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/Minds & Hearts		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)



Synod of the Rocky Mountains

Office of the Stated Clerk

2226 Sherri Mar Street, Longmont, CO 80501

August 18, 2016

To: The Presbyteries of the Synod of the Rocky Mountains (SRM)

From: The Synod of the Rocky Mountains Assembly

The Synod of the Rocky Mountains Assembly approved the following motion on Monday, August 1, 2016 and hereby sends it to its presbyteries for action at their Fall 2016 meeting. The motion in its entirety reads:

Given that our current Mission Statement and Core Values state:

The mission of the Synod of the Rocky Mountains is to assist, affirm, and strengthen its Presbyteries, incorporating to the greatest extent possible an emphasis on shared missions and ministries where they live and serve Jesus Christ.

As A Synod of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), serving our Lord Jesus Christ, the Synod of the Rocky Mountains upholds these core values:

- 1) Participating in the mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).*
- 2) Encouraging and supporting the ministry of its Presbyteries, facilitating and celebrating connections among Presbyterian governing bodies, congregations, and individual members,*
- 3) Seeking the involvement of persons with a broad range of experiences and interests in its work.*
- 4) Creating structure to meet mission challenges so that form follows functions.*
- 5) Communicating and evaluating its service.*
- 6) Recognizing God's grace at work among us and in other faith communities.*

"Therefore, the Assembly of the Synod of the Rocky Mountains, meeting on August 1, 2016, moves to become a reduced-functioning synod, as permitted by the Book of Order at G-3.0404, that the date for this action to become effective is January 1, 2017, that the Assembly send this action to its presbyteries for consideration at their next Presbytery Assembly, and that the Stated Clerk of each presbytery forward the results of that vote to the Stated Clerk of the Synod". .

Rationale:

The Synod of the Rocky Mountains (SRM) is one of 16 regional representations of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and is the corporate expression of the eight presbyteries within its bounds: Denver, Glacier, Plains and Peaks, Utah, Western Colorado, Wyoming, and Yellowstone, which are located in the states of Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Montana, and the panhandle of Nebraska. AS of December 31, 2015 there are 30,610 members in 208 churches within its bounds. Additionally, there are ten worshipping communities.

Rev. David Ezekiel, Transitional Executive
Elder Brad Culp, Treasurer

Elder Lynn Smit, Stated Clerk
Bobbi Hoffman, Office Admin

The Synod has always sought ways to resource its presbyteries; but, covering more than 465,000 square miles, it recognizes that it is not able to be an effective programmatic entity for its presbyteries. Therefore, SRM seeks to exercise responsible stewardship and complete its downsizing of operations. This is in keeping with its core values and provides a structure that will empower the 8 presbyteries of the Synod to meet the mission challenges each faces within its own context.

In becoming a reduced-functioning synod, SRM will limit itself to the following regular functions:

- 1) Assembly will meet face-to-face at least once every two years.
- 2) Setting an annual budget and establishing per capita.
- 3) Provide judicial process and administrative review of its presbyteries (for example: investigative committees, administrative commissions, review of presbyteries records).
- 4) And other items of necessity that might arise (for example: presbytery mergers, redrawing presbytery boundaries).

This also means that the presbyteries shall take upon themselves the responsibilities for mission within their areas and for providing training and educational opportunities and programs. As such, SRM will no longer develop resources or provide staffing support for its presbyteries. As currently envisioned, the staffing pattern for the Synod will include a part-time Stated Clerk, a part-time treasurer, and a part-time bookkeeper. These persons will provide the administrative resourcing for SRM and the Assembly.

SRM will always encourage its presbyteries to develop leaders, provide for disciple-making opportunities, and engage in mission. The following is what SRM in its more streamlined configuration will continue to do in the immediate future to support its presbyteries:

- 1) Midwest Ministry Development Services – financial support for a clergy referral program.
- 2) Intervention (Presbytery Consultant Travel) – financial support to assist a presbytery needing conflict resolution.
- 3) New EP Training – financial support to the denomination’s training for new Executive Presbyters (by whatever title).
- 4) Staff Forum – convening and supporting the gathering of the EPs (by whatever title) in SRM. This gathering is vitally important to make and facilitate connections between presbyteries, promote program cooperation, as well as offering mutual support.
- 5) Educational Training – SRM will allocate funding to assist presbyteries as they construct training opportunities in conjunction with neighboring presbyteries.

Again, SRM has been boldly moving in this direction for the past several years and is now in the culminating stage. It does not want to continue to prop up an old methodology of operation; rather it seeks to streamline itself and repurpose its resources. The response from the presbyteries is that this path will not only economize, but will facilitate the building of relationships, partnerships, and dynamic teams to accomplish specific ministry tasks for all. The goal is to recognize and develop common strengths in order to reach people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. By undertaking this action, presbyteries recognize that ministry necessitates the reliance upon one another to work for the reign of God in our lives and in the world. It will require presbyteries to be more functional, connectional, and collaborative. And it acknowledges that ever expanding methods of communication and technology have revolutionized our ability to connect with one another.

If approved by the presbyteries, the Synod will enter this new phase on January 1, 2017. SRM will live into this new mode of being over the next three years during which time Synod Assembly will constantly monitor progress and evaluate results.

Following is the process by which the Synod of the Rocky Mountains becomes reduced-functioning:

1. The motion is passed by the Synod Assembly.
2. The motion is sent to the Stated Clerks of the presbyteries of the Synod for action.
3. The motion requires a 2/3rds approval by the presbyteries (this percentage requirement is met when passed by at least 6 of the 8 presbyteries).
4. The Stated Clerk of each presbytery forwards the result of the vote to the Stated Clerk of the Synod. The Stated Clerk of the Synod verifies the vote.
5. Synod Assembly (meeting on November 14, 2016) receives and verifies the vote totals. (This only serves to dot "i"s and cross "t"s.)
6. If approved by the presbyteries, SRM Assembly announces the result and takes all necessary action to implement the results of the vote. The Synod anticipates approval, but, if not approved the presbyteries, SRM Assembly immediately considers alternatives at its November 14, 2016 meeting.

Book of Order – G-3.0404 *Reduced Function*

A synod may decide, with the approval of a two-thirds majority of its presbyteries, to reduce its function. In no case shall synod function be less than the provision of judicial process and administrative review of the work of the presbyteries (G-3.0401c). Such a synod shall meet at least every two years for the purposes of setting budget, electing members to its permanent judicial commission, and admitting to record the actions of its permanent judicial and administrative commissions. Presbyteries of such a synod shall assume for themselves, by mutual agreement, such other synod functions as may be deemed necessary by the presbyteries and the synod.

LIST OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

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Balance Sheet as of July 31, 2016

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Account #	Account Name	Beginning Balance	YTD Balance
Assets			
1.00.1010.0000	Checking Account #3133214	69,303.22	66,753.11
1.00.1020.0000	Petty Cash	22.18	22.18
1.00.1030.0000	Money Market #129013355	184,735.65	184,856.21
1.00.1031.0000	St Timothy M. M #1 #3531961	1,500.07	4,087.81
1.00.1032.0000	St. Timothy MM #2 #129013686	1,500.05	2,501.67
	Total Current Assets	\$257,061.17	\$258,220.98
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	235,532.49
1.00.1070.0000	St Timothy Chapel #2 52006024	90,508.89	88,152.82
1.00.1075.0000	Bozeman Campus 000104537	58,136.05	60,373.22
1.00.1080.0000	Partnership Fund MM 129013793	45,257.66	45,273.46
	Total Principal Restricted	\$427,010.79	\$429,331.99
	Total Assets	\$685,409.66	\$688,890.67
Liabilities			
2.00.2120.1000	Payroll - Federal	630.26	2,639.56
2.00.2120.2000	Payroll State	68.00	313.00
2.00.2120.2145	Employee Retirement Liability	0.00	400.00
2.00.2140.0000	G. Goodrich Flex Plan	(0.53)	(0.53)
2.00.2141.0000	S. Seibert Flex Plan	(0.37)	(545.66)
	Total Payroll Liabilities	\$697.36	\$2,806.37
2.00.2125.0000	Employee Roth Liability	0.00	460.00
2.00.2160.0000	Prepaid 2016 GP Expenses	2,573.34	2,573.34
	Total Liabilities	\$3,270.70	\$5,839.71
Fund Balance			
3.01.2700.0000	Unreserved Fund Balance	5,897.01	11,004.91
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	\$101,984.72
3.19.2815.0000	Camp Scholarship Camp. & Youth	968.56	4,703.56
3.27.2825.0000	Clergy Emergency Fund COM	175.00	975.00
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	39,830.44
3.47.2850.0000	Partnership- Available COM	1,726.11	1,741.91
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	695.95
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	4,087.81
3.68.2877.0000	St Timonthy Money Market #2	1,627.21	2,628.83
3.75.2885.0000	Social Justice	5,753.71	5,874.27
3.85.2850.0000	Westminister Spires Camp Upgrades Balance	80.27	1,278.10
	Total Designated funds	\$73,966.35	\$89,804.14

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3.37.2800.0000	Funds Awaiting Cabinet Action Balance	3,500.00	1,000.00
3.69.2825.0000	Triennium Balance	7,387.07	7,387.07
3.86.2850.0000	Grant - Evangelism Balance	1,250.13	1,250.13
3.90.2910.0000	Higher Education Grant Fund	58,896.05	41,933.22
3.92.2920.0000	St.Timothys #1 (PC USA) Found	233,108.19	235,532.49
3.93.2921.0000	St. Timothys #2 (PC USA) Found	90,508.89	88,152.82
3.94.2930.0000	Partnership Fund Principal COM	43,999.71	43,999.71
	Total Restricted Fund Balances	\$438,650.04	\$419,255.44
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	11,674.28
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	\$683,050.96
	Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$685,409.66</u>	<u>\$688,890.67</u>

**Presbytery of Yellowstone - Bozeman MT
Treasurer's Report as of July 2016 for General Fund (Program)**

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Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
Income					
4.01.1210.0000	General Mission Pledge	3,320.00	16,100.00*	22,450.00	6,350.00
		\$3,320.00	\$16,100.00*	\$22,450.00	\$6,350.00
4.01.1420.0000	Summer Camp Fees	4,595.00	5,090.00	12,000.00	6,910.00
4.01.1430.0000	Winter, Summer, Fall Events	0.00	1,558.00	4,000.00	2,442.00
4.01.1440.0000	Rental of Camp Facilities	200.00	400.00	7,000.00	6,600.00
	Camp Income	\$4,795.00	\$7,048.00	\$23,000.00	\$15,952.00
4.01.4090.0000	Transfer from Reserves	0.00	0.00	9,500.00	9,500.00
	Program Transfers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00
	Total Income	\$8,115.00	\$23,148.00	\$54,950.00	\$31,802.00
Expense					
5.01.1351.2400	Copies & Postage Exp.	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
5.01.1351.3200	Insurance	0.00	3,552.68*	4,600.00	1,047.32
5.01.1351.5700	Publicity	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
5.01.1360.1200	Camp Caretaker	291.67	2,041.69	3,500.00	1,458.31
5.01.1360.1400	Camp Staff	10,495.88	10,495.88*	10,000.00	(495.88)
5.01.1360.2900	Food	2,762.31	2,762.31*	3,250.00	487.69
5.01.1360.4000	Miscellaneous Exp.	0.00	25.00	200.00	175.00
5.01.1360.6200	Rental Equipment-Rafting	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
5.01.1360.7400	Supplies	347.70	467.22*	500.00	32.78
5.01.1360.7490	Swimming	0.00	0.00	150.00	150.00
5.01.1360.7710	Transportation-Bus	0.00	0.00	350.00	350.00
5.01.1360.8300	Utilities: Westminister Spires	316.44	1,035.64	2,750.00	1,714.36
5.01.1380.6010	Triennium	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
5.01.1390.4000	Events Miscellaneous	0.00	1,306.00	5,000.00	3,694.00
5.01.1395.4000	Admin Travel & Meals	112.50	112.50	400.00	287.50
	Camping & Youth	\$14,326.50	\$21,798.92*	\$34,500.00	\$12,701.08
5.01.2849.7700	Committee on Ministry-Training	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
5.01.2852.4000	Emergency Career Counseling Exp.	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
5.01.2853.4000	Vocations-Other	0.00	0.00	1,700.00	1,700.00
	Pastoral Ministry Team	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,700.00	\$3,700.00
5.01.3180.4000	Western Leadership	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Leadership Cabinet	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
5.01.5851.4000	MAC Membership Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00

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Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
5.01.5852.4000	MAC Representation Misc	0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
Mt. Association of Churches		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00
5.01.7903.4000	Convocation Exp	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
5.01.7950.4000	Presbytery Program Other	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
5.01.7960.4000	Cluster Meetings	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
5.01.7970.4000	Allocated GP Salary	625.00	4,375.00	7,500.00	3,125.00
	Presbytery Expenses	\$625.00	\$4,375.00	\$12,000.00	\$7,625.00
	Total Expense	\$14,951.50	\$26,173.92	\$54,950.00	\$28,776.08
	Difference	(\$6,836.50)	(\$3,025.92)	\$0.00	

* = Income/Expense exceeds amount budgeted to date

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Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
Income					
4.01.1000.0000	Per Capita Presbytery Inc.	0.00	64,989.20*	58,000.00	(6,989.20)
4.01.1010.0000	Per capita Synod	0.00	0.00	5,860.00	5,860.00
4.01.1020.0000	Per capita GA	0.00	15,799.80*	11,900.00	(3,899.80)
	Per Capita	\$0.00	\$80,789.00*	\$75,760.00	(\$5,029.00)
4.01.1821.0000	Block Grant - Administrative	2,287.50	16,012.50	27,450.00	11,437.50
	Synod Partnership Funds	\$2,287.50	\$16,012.50	\$27,450.00	\$11,437.50
4.01.1900.0000	Administrative Support	0.00	3,428.05	35,000.00	31,571.95
4.01.1901.0000	Unrestricted Admin Support	0.00	354.76	0.00	(354.76)
	Total Other income	\$0.00	\$3,782.81	\$35,000.00	\$31,217.19
4.01.4005.0000	Transfer-Springhill Fund	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
4.01.4010.0000	Transfer-W. Yellowstone	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
4.01.4020.0000	Transfer-Gen.Admin Fund	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
4.01.4030.0000	Transfer-Restricted Admin Fund	0.00	0.00	23,601.00	23,601.00
	Transfers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29,601.00	\$29,601.00
	Total Income	\$2,287.50	\$100,584.31*	\$167,811.00	\$67,226.69
Expense					
5.01.2840.0000	COM/Vocation Meetings	600.13	2,542.57	5,200.00	2,657.43
5.01.2845.4000	COM/Vocation Other Expenses	0.00	0.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
5.01.2846.4000	Pastoral Discernment Team	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Pastoral Ministry Team	\$600.13	\$2,542.57	\$7,300.00	\$4,757.43
5.01.3401.3500	Nomination Meetings	0.00	0.00	150.00	150.00
5.01.3401.4000	Nominations Other	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
	Committee on Nominations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
5.01.4301.3500	St. Tim's Meetings	0.00	85.00	250.00	165.00
5.01.4301.4000	St. Tim's Other	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
	Com. on St Timothy's Chapel	\$0.00	\$85.00	\$300.00	\$215.00
5.01.5201.3500	Delegate's Meetings	0.00	0.00	600.00	600.00
5.01.5201.4000	Delegates Other	0.00	22.23	50.00	27.77
	Delegates to Other Bodies	\$0.00	\$22.23	\$650.00	\$627.77
5.01.6700.3800	Medicare/Social Security	267.90	1,990.05*	3,400.00	1,409.95
5.01.6700.8100	Work Comp Insurance	0.00	(238.60)	375.00	613.60
5.01.6700.8200	Unemployment Taxes	7.44	21.30	150.00	128.70

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5.01.7001.4000	Payroll Taxes Per Capita GA Expenses Misc	\$275.34	\$1,772.75	\$3,925.00	\$2,152.25
5.01.7002.4000	Per Capita Synod Expense Misc	0.00	14,026.40*	14,026.00	(0.40)
		0.00	6,895.00*	6,895.00	0.00
5.01.7301.1100	Admin Mgr. Benefits	\$0.00	\$20,921.40*	\$20,921.00	(\$0.40)
5.01.7301.6600	Admin Mgr Salary	0.00	1,500.00*	1,500.00	0.00
5.01.7301.7800	Admin Mgr Travel	2,008.90	14,062.30	24,107.00	10,044.70
5.01.7301.8100	Admin Mgr FLEX Plan	0.00	0.00	120.00	120.00
		0.00	0.00		
	Admin. Manager	\$2,008.90	\$15,562.30*	\$25,727.00	\$10,164.70
5.01.7302.3100	Housing	1,666.66	11,666.62	20,000.00	8,333.38
5.01.7302.3600	GP Lodging	0.00	97.30	500.00	402.70
5.01.7302.3700	GP Meals	192.50	924.98*	1,050.00	125.02
5.01.7302.4000	GP Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	700.00	700.00
5.01.7302.4001	Miscellaneous Expenses - Kathy	0.00	379.16	2,000.00	1,620.84
5.01.7302.4900	GP Pension	1,398.27	9,787.89	19,217.00	9,429.11
5.01.7302.6600	Salary Exp.	683.34	4,783.38*	8,200.00	3,416.62
5.01.7302.7300	Study Leave	0.00	0.00	700.00	700.00
5.01.7302.7500	GP Telephone & Conference Calls	101.08	710.53	1,500.00	789.47
5.01.7302.7800	GP Travel	32.99	1,565.41	7,500.00	5,934.59
5.01.7302.8100	FLEX Plan Expenses Exp.	0.00	0.00		
	General Presbyter	\$4,074.84	\$29,915.27	\$61,367.00	\$31,451.73
5.01.7304.3700	Stated Clerk Meals	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
5.01.7304.4000	Stated Clerk Miscellaneous	0.00	34.17	500.00	465.83
5.01.7304.4900	Pension Exp.	320.50	2,243.50	3,846.00	1,602.50
5.01.7304.6600	Stated Clerk Salary	990.66	6,934.62	11,888.00	4,953.38
	Stated Clerk	\$1,311.16	\$9,212.29	\$16,284.00	\$7,071.71
5.01.7306.6600	Treasurer Salary	602.26	4,215.82*	7,227.00	3,011.18
	Treasurer	\$602.26	\$4,215.82*	\$7,227.00	\$3,011.18
	Personnel	\$7,997.16	\$58,905.68	\$110,605.00	\$51,699.32
5.01.7601.3500	Council Meetings	0.00	1,194.65	2,500.00	1,305.35
5.01.7601.4000	Council Other	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
5.01.7601.8100	Legal	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
5.01.7801.3500	Task Force Meetings	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
	Leadership Cabinet	\$0.00	\$1,194.65	\$4,500.00	\$3,305.35

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5.01.7901.3500	Presbytery Meetings	0.00	3,328.15	7,600.00	4,271.85
5.01.7901.4000	Presbytery Other	0.00	129.85	700.00	570.15
	Presbytery Expenses	\$0.00	\$3,458.00	\$8,300.00	\$4,842.00
5.01.8201.2400	Office Copies & Postage	0.00	226.53	1,200.00	973.47
5.01.8201.2600	Equipment Exp.	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
5.01.8201.3200	Insurance Exp.	0.00	1,296.00*	750.00	(546.00)
5.01.8201.4000	Office Miscellaneous	(20.00)	(874.50)	460.00	1,334.50
5.01.8201.6100	Rental -Office	0.00	1,725.00	4,200.00	2,475.00
5.01.8201.7400	Office Supplies	0.00	643.37	1,800.00	1,156.63
5.01.8201.7500	Office Telephone & Conference Calls	0.00	531.81	2,500.00	1,968.19
	Presbytery Office	(\$20.00)	\$3,548.21	\$11,110.00	\$7,561.79
	Total Expense	\$8,852.63	\$92,450.49	\$167,811.00	\$75,360.51
	Difference	(\$6,565.13)	\$8,133.82	\$0.00	

* = Income/Expense exceeds amount budgeted to date

Triennium 2016 Trip Report

17 youth and adults from the Yellowstone Presbytery traveled to Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, from July 17-26 to attend the Presbyterian Youth Triennium (PYT) conference. We had youth from First Presbyterian in Billings, St. Andrew Presbyterian in Billings, and Community Presbyterian in Terry. This conference is geared for youth ages 15-19 and is held every three years. Triennium is the signature youth event of the Presbyterian Church (USA). We joined about 5,500 other Presbyterian youth from around the world. Most of the youth are from the United States, but some are international. We had a group of guys on our dorm floor from Puerto Rico and it was fun to interact with them during the week. We joined in large worship experiences, small group times, recreational events, and designated times with each other from our own Presbytery.

I have attended the last five Trienniums and am proud of the way this group conducted themselves. We traveled 2,942 miles, traveling from Billings through North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Indiana. On our trip to Purdue we stayed at the United Presbyterian Church in Jamestown (ND) and the First Presbyterian Church in Janesville (WI). On our return home we stayed at the First Presbyterian Church in Wisconsin Dells (WI), Oak Grove Presbyterian in Minneapolis (MN), and once again at the United Presbyterian Church in Jamestown (ND). We enjoyed some play time at Noah's Ark Waterpark in Wisconsin Dells and packaged food with the Feed My Starving Children organization in Minneapolis on our way back.

We would like to thank the Presbytery for financially and prayerfully supporting this great trip. We will organize another trip to Triennium in 2019 and would love to take a larger group with more churches from our Presbytery represented. Special thanks to the chaperones who assisted me on this trip: Pastor Katie Emery (Terry) and Heather McLean (1st Billings).

Thanks,

Dave Thompson, Pastor
First Presbyterian- Billings

Moderator of the 221 General Assembly, Heath Rada, gave his report on the state of the PCUSA to the 222 General Assembly in Portland, OR in June... His emphasis (please see his excerpted remarks included in packet): Across the church, **"Presbyterians are hungry for the renewal of faith formation and proclamation...."** **And** **"Congregational vitality is essential."**

While his words may be understood differently by people across the church, these priorities have been on our screen in Yellowstone Presbytery now and over past years. Seemingly, the Holy Spirit has us on the right track with our priorities as an LC, the resourcing and equipping – at presbytery meetings, through grant opportunities, the emphasis on Dwelling in the Word, the activities in our pastor clusters... BUT, please let's keep prayerfully exploring how to enrich the lives, faith, and mission of pastors/CLP's, congregations, leaders God has called us to lead and serve, and to explore NEW ways and worshipping communities to BETTER embody the gospel.

In January and February the Cabinet outlined **Four Goals for 2016**. These frame our report:

- I. **Emphasize Disciple-making in our congregations and in our presbytery**
 - a. **Camping / Youth:** George trained staff and lead bible studies for Sr and Elem camps.
 - i. The summer camping season at WSS Camp was successful. **See Curt's report.**
 1. Rockhaven Camp had a successful season. **Info: Jody**
 - ii. Exploring Plans: a week of wilderness camp in for 2017. **Info: George/Curt**
 - iii. Jr-Sr High Presbytery Fall Retreat will be at Rockhaven, October 20-22, 2016.
 - b. **College-age ministry:**
 - i. PresbyCats at FPC-Bozeman is off to a great start for 2016-2017. **Info: Dan K.**
 - ii. Congregations, youth & Whitworth Fellows, Year 2... (see Yellowstone Currents)
 1. Six Fellows served in six Churches (Anaconda/Big Hole, Manhattan, Lewistown) and at Westminster Spires Camp. Recommendation: Plan to participate in Fellows program with Whitworth for next summer. **More \$, DREAM grant? Info: Kathy**
 - c. **Pastors and Leaders:**
 - i. Whitworth Institute for Ministry, July, 2016; Ten Yellowstone Clergy and a CRE attended. Ten have covenanted to meet regularly in the year ahead for collegial discipleship, spiritual formation and to grow in our preaching. First meeting was September 7. **For info: George**
 - ii. The Four Pastor Clusters are tuning up again now that Fall is here. **Info: George**
 - iii. Resourcing of March and June Presbytery Meetings was "Telling our Stories..." Share how you are practicing this in your life, congregation. Positive feedback received from congregations, Whitworth Fellows...
 - iv. Resourcing for November Presbytery mtg. on this theme? **Info: Planning Team**
 - v. Training GA commissioners, YAAD, ahead and on the job! Kathy, assisted by Debbie B.
- II. **Clarify the Covenant with Glacier and explore other partnerships for future collaboration.**
 - a. **Major Development:** The Synod is becoming a 'reduced functioning' synod as of Dec. 31. No more Synod Executive. Presbyteries and staff are already working informally together to create new patterns of communication and partnerships in ministry. **Info: Kathy**
 - i. **No WNLT this year.**
 - b. **Glacier?** We are working collegially with Marsha Anson, EP- Stated Clerk. But where do we stand here? *Suggest we draft a document proposing redefinition of this relationship*
 - c. **Active partnerships:**
 - i. *Whitworth University, Office of Church Engagement (2 grants)*

- i. *Within Synod (most active) Wyoming Presbytery, Pueblo Presbytery*
- ii. *Board of Pensions – Seminars, call to health, etc.*
- iii. *PDA – new grant for St. Andrew for hail damage to church & garden.*
- iv. *United Methodists / Lutherans –on providing pastoral leadership*
- v. *Suggestions?*

III. *Build community in the presbytery, continuing to grow our communication.*

- a. Communications Team – **Info: Kristin Willett**
- b. Yellowstone Currents – **Info: Susan Thomas**
- c. Facebook – **Kristin, Jack Bell, George**
- d. Presbytery Sunday, October 9...
- e. ****Dwellings in the Word for Session resourcing/devotions are now posted on the presbytery website. **Info: George**
- f. Pastor Clusters build community in regions.
- g. Please pray for the pastoral search in Jordan and pastoral needs in Anaconda/Big Hole churches as JP leaves to take a position in Bozeman (family needs) @ Christ the King ELCA.
- h. Suggestions?

IV. *Focus on spiritual nurture of pastors, leaders and potential leaders by understanding and using spiritual gifts.*

- a. In the Sp. Formation-Predaching Cohort, JP Carlson is leading a process by which we learn our own spiritual gifts and those of the others in the cohort.
- b. George continues to offer spiritual direction to four of the presbytery pastors.
- c. Research several inventories, processes which could be considered and used by leaders and congregations. **Info: Kathy** completing research on this. More info to follow.
- d. **BUT** we have not done much with this goal as relates to spiritual gifts across the presbytery.

Other Items to Report:

- A. We continue to be involved with supporting the work of the PMT in many areas: individuals, BoP related matters, churches in transition Dillon, Geyser, Jordan, Anaconda and Big Hole & other needs.
- B. Our 2016 Year-end campaign to help fund our position is starting. Your generous giving, *after* gifts to your congregation, have made all the difference.
- C. Kathy continues to serve: Board of Trustees of Whitworth University; one of the Yellowstone Presbytery commissioners to Synod. She trained attended the General Assembly in June.
- D. George serves on the Board of Rocky Mountain College, member of two Board Committees.
- E. Both of us meet quarterly with the other Synod Execs, a gathering which must assume significantly more leadership and importance as the Synod has voted to move to reduced function.

Personal Items to Report:

- A. Requesting a conversation with the personnel team from Leadership Cabinet regarding our job performance and possible future projections of our work, impacted by Synod change and more.
- B. Daughter Gillian and husband Peter have returned to Bozeman. She is now a fulltime Spanish Instructor at MSU; he continues his work remotely for Chipotle.
- C. Chip and Staci and boys are well in Spokane.

Moderator Heath Rada's Report to General Assembly – Excerpts

From: Presbyterian Outlook magazine – Leslie Scanlon, June 17, 2016

Denominational support. “Our church is hungry for renewal, faith formation and proclamation,” Rada said, especially in churches in need of support. For example, Rada lifted up smaller churches, many of which are rural, that comprise 80 percent of PC(USA) congregations. Similarly, racial-ethnic congregations are facing “inequity, threats and challenges” and are “asking to join together with one voice.”

What has Rada learned?

Rada gave the committee a preview of remarks he will make to the whole assembly June 18, describing some of what he's learned through the listening conversations he organized around the country this spring. Among his points:



Heath Rada addresses The Way Forward committee

- 1) Presbyterians are hungry for the renewal of faith formation and proclamation.** Increasing numbers of Americans describe themselves as “nones” (not affiliated with any religion) or “dones” (“those who’ve had it with organized religion and don’t want to be part of it any more,” as Rada described it). Yet Presbyterians have a renewed sense of urgency about the importance of proclaiming God’s word and helping form and grow people’s faith. The religiously disenchanted also are watching the PC(USA) “to see if we are genuinely looking to be different,” Rada said.
- 2) Congregational vitality is essential.** However, about 80 percent of PC(USA) churches are small and many are rural, “and they’re saying they don’t feel supported adequately.” It’s not just a matter of giving money, Rada said, but also sharing resources and ideas to help small churches transform their ministry.

Stated Clerk's Report for Leadership Cabinet – Sept. 2016 Debbie Blackburn

Since the May Leadership Cabinet meeting I have:

Attended the June Presbytery meeting and prepared minutes

Participated in YP training sessions for General Assembly delegates

Attended four days of General Assembly (starting with opening worship)

Participated in various meetings with Presbytery staff

Attended Pastoral Ministry Team Meeting in July and prepared minutes

Worked with Board of Pensions and churches on Employer Agreements for BOP

Worked with the Dillon church in transition

Checked on mail and phone messages at Presbytery office (Susan on vacation)

Participated in retreat of Prayer Cluster and a phone meeting

Upcoming Items:

I am registered for three days of BOP Seminars in Billings in September

I am registered for the Stated Clerk's Conference and the Polity Conference in Louisville, Ky. in late October.

Item for LC and Presbytery Minutes (from the Synod for 2015 Minutes Review):

The Synod of the Rocky Mountains approved the following Record Review Report on August 1, 2016:

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One exception - No record of review and approval of records of sessions

