

Vision Statement

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, *συνεργος* meaning working together

Yellowstone Presbytery Leadership Cabinet

Tuesday, February 11, 2020 10:00am – 3:00pm
First Presbyterian Church (Library), Billings

- 10:00 Convene. Snacks - Suzanne
Christ Candle & Opening Prayer - Jamie
Roll call & Quorum (Ric:excused, SusanT:1-3pm
Phone:depends on weather)
MOTION: Approval of Docket
MOTION: Approval of 1/10/2020 minutes - Melissa
Dwelling in the Word - John 6:1-14 - Russ ?
- 10:45 REPORT: Co-Presbyter's Report - George/Kathy
DISCUSS: Bringing forward Retreat vision/priorities
REPORT/DISCUSS: March Pres Mtg - sub group
Guest: Mark Frey - BoP
Presentation from Stan Ott by phone ?
Worship Offering Recipient: _____
- 12:00 Lunch - Dave Thompson Meal Grace - Teresa
- 12:30 ELECT: Officers for MT Corporation form
REPORT: Finance - postponed until March
REPORT: Personnel Team - Susi
Consider Scenios (Ric/Susan, G&K, others)
DISCUSS: Yellowstone Currents
??REPORT: St Timothy Year End Report
REPORT: Rep/Nom Team - Caroline (written)
Nomination: Jody McDevitt
REPORT: Camping and Youth - Daniel (written)
REPORT: Geyser Property - Susi (written)
REPORT: Harlowton Adm Commissn (written/PMT)
DISCUSS: Covenant of Understanding between
Rocky Mtn College and Yellowstone Pres
DISCUSS: May Presbytery meeting
REPORT: GA in Baltimore in June 20-27th
Our overture with Glacier is OVT-027. Kathy
will work with delegates in consultation with
Stated Clerk and Assist Stated Clerk.
REPORT: New Insur Agent - Glidewell Investments
and Insurance Group, Agent Kristen Wedan
REVISE LC Meeting Dates - 2nd half of month.
Meet at Goodrich's June 2nd/9th ?
FYI - Whitworth Leadership Summit - KG
Future events - Regionals Sept 12/19?, Retreat?
Office of State Clerk - 2020 Goals
5) Meeting scheduling and 6) Mtg process
REVIEW: Action Item List - Melissa
- 3:00 Dismissal with closing prayer - Julie

**Covenant of Understanding
Between
Rocky Mountain College
And
The Presbytery of Yellowstone – Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**

To underscore the continuing relationship between Rocky Mountain College and the Presbytery of Yellowstone, to honor the ties that have nurtured the College since its beginning, and to build upon this heritage of support, trust, confidence, and achievements, Rocky Mountain College and the Presbytery of Yellowstone mutually affirm the following covenants:

The College shall:

1. Publicly celebrate its heritage and affirmation with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Presbytery of Yellowstone.
2. Offer opportunities to engage in programs and activities of the College for the Presbytery and its churches and individual members.
3. Encourage the involvement of its students, faculty, staff and trustees in the programs and activities of the Presbytery and its member churches.
4. Offer educational opportunities for current and future leaders of the Church.
5. Offer opportunities for use of College facilities by the Presbytery and its institutional and individual members.
6. Offer opportunities for the Presbytery and its member churches to participate in the life, service and ministry of the College.
7. Maintain a concern for and provide ministry to the spiritual needs of the campus community.

The Presbytery shall:

1. Publicly celebrate its heritage and affiliation with Rocky Mountain College.
2. Confirm and encourage its members as they are called to be Trustees of the College.
3. Endeavor to provide financial support to the College on an annual and predictable basis.
4. Offer opportunities for the College to encourage attendance by prospective students within the Presbytery.

5. Offer opportunities for presentation and discussion of the interests of the College at Presbytery and church meetings.
6. Offer opportunities and encouragement for students, faculty, staff and trustees to be involved in the life, service and ministry of the Presbytery and its member churches.
7. Recognize and support the College's ministry to the spiritual needs of the College community. (This will include membership in the Presbytery for the Chaplain, if eligible).

This *Covenant of Understanding* shall be presented to the Trustees of the College and the **Council of the Presbytery** for their review and approval at least every fourth year after its initial review and approval by those bodies, in accordance with their by-laws and other rules.

By the grace of God, in recognition and appreciation of God's gifts, and in order to provide glory and honor to God, Rocky Mountain College and the Presbytery of Yellowstone hereby pledge to uphold the covenants contained therein and to be faithful stewards of their mutual interests. In witness whereof, the duly authorized officer or agent of each has executed this *Covenant of Understanding*.

Rocky Mountain College

Presbytery of Yellowstone

By: _____

By: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

Reports to Leadership Cabinet Meeting on February 11, 2020

EXAMPLE of information required for Montana Corporation Letter

2018 Meeting of the Corporation

The Yellowstone Presbytery held a duly called meeting of the Trustees of the Corporation on December 13, 2019.

The purpose of the meeting was to elect officers of the Corporation for FY 2019. A Quorum from the Board of Trustees was declared Present by the Secretary. The Stated Rules of Yellowstone Presbytery state the Leadership Cabinet is the Board of Trustees for the Corporation. As such they are to elect the Corporate officers.

The following were elected to the corporate positions indicated;

Rev. Teresa Kendall, President

Rev. Susi Ennis, Vice President

Elder Jim Tarr, Secretary

Elder Dan Holland, Treasurer

After electing these officers, a motion to adjourn the Corporate Meeting was passed unanimously.

Report from Representative/Nominating Ministry Team - Caroline Fleming

Rep Nom has no open slots that the team needs to fill. Leadership Cabinet will address the Rep/Nom team members.

Report from Camping and Youth Ministry Team - Daniel Triller

The Camping and Youth Committee recently met (January 12th) over the phone to meet and learn more about our camping ministry in general. Given that a handful of people on our committee are new and/or have never been to camp, this conversation allowed our committee to learn more and ask questions of Curt Kochner (camp director) and George Goodrich. Going forward we are trying to figure out how to best work together and support Curt as director. One of the primary ways we can do this is to simply get the word out to our youth, churches and greater communities. Westminster Spires is a special camp and with its highly relational intergenerational and Christ-centered focus, it has a lot to offer and we'd love to invite more students to be a part of it with us. Going forward, we're getting ready for our Annual Ski Retreat, February 28 - March 1. In the months to come, more planning will be done when it comes to Westminster Spires Camp itself.

As for how the larger Presbytery can help, we simply ask that you help us get the word out and promote it and share it with those in your churches.

Geyser Administrative Commission Report to Leadership Cabinet 2/11/2020

The Administrative Commission consists of Elder Charlie Brown, Elder and Stated Clerk Jim Tarr, MWS Susi Ennis, and staff representative George Goodrich.

The AC was given authorization by the Presbytery at the March 2018 meeting to work toward the sale of the church building and the land on which it sits in Geyser, MT.

In the summer of 2018 we were presented with an offer from the Geyser Education Foundation for purchase of the property, however, it was significantly below the appraised value the AC had received. A counter offer was made to the Geyser Education Foundation, however, they declined to continue in negotiations.

Early in 2019, we received an inquiry from another individual who might be interested. She indicated that she would consider making an offer. However, we did not receive such an offer.

Moving forward, Charlie Brown arranged for the AC to meet with Jayson Shobe from United Country Shobe Auction and Realty in Lewistown following the Presbytery meeting in November 2019. Jayson was highly recommended by folks in the Lewistown community.

Jayson explained that his recommendation would be to hold an on-line auction. These have been successful in a variety of situations and he believes we fit those type of situations.

The AC has asked Jayson to prepare an agreement for us to consider. Before he can do this he needs to view the property. As of this date Jayson and Fern Kaiser have not connected so that he can see the building. Once he tours the building, he will prepare a document for us.

When that document is prepared the AC will meet to determine if this is the way forward. We are hoping to get things in place to have the auction in the June time frame.

**Information regarding Harlowton Administrative Commission
(from email from Superintendent Rev Deborah Christine, Mountain Sky Conference UMC)**

Methodist conference trustees visited Harlowton and have approved its closing.

They need an official letter from us that we have also approved. Deborah's other main points:

Harlowton would like to deed the parsonage to the other three churches.

The Head Start program is interested in purchasing the building.

Harlowton would like to make it available for a very small cost.

Harlowton will write a petition to close to be presented at Methodist Annual Conf in June

Do you have a similar process?

The final worship service will be June 28

Office of Stated Clerk - 2020 Goals (to help us prepare for 2021 cost reductions)

5) The Meeting Scheduling

Reduce the number of face-to-face meetings of the Presbytery to two (2) meetings a year as required of the Book of Order.

Have the number of face-to-face committee meetings reduced to no more than three (3) per year.

Have all other meetings done using ZOOM as a meeting platform.

6) The Meeting Process

All meetings should begin in worship and/or Dwelling in the Word and the selection of scriptures to be read should have some relationship to the work at hand.

Elect a secretary for each meeting and charge the person to provide a report to the stated clerk as a preliminary document and then again submit a record when the minutes are prepared [approved].

The moderators need to designate someone to develop and update the task list method of tracking committee actions, deadlines, and work to be done by individuals and task groups.

Opportunities

Identify CREs
Educating
Learning the Spiritual Gifts
Lay leadership
Hospitality
Church Collaboration
Spiritual hunger/longing

Challenges

Culture changes
Buildings
Our mission
Pastor Shortage
Pastor Compensation
Culture of Consumerism
Culture of Competition
Lack of agape

Leadership Cabinet - Long term

Raising up leadership (esp in churches without traditional pastoral leadership)
*Making disciples *Do not lose heart

Spiritual Practices

*Prayer *Word/Share/Prayer *Dwelling in the Word

Co-Executive's Role/Financing (we will no longer do more with less)

Do what God wants us to do

*What is closed to us *What new ways are opening to us

THURSDAY PM

Be intentional about presence of Holy Spirit

LC be MODELS of Spiritual Leadership

Growing more like Jesus

Share thought process and love - be transparent, authentic, honest

Show hospitality

Encourage new and emerging ministries - esp evangelism & mission

Drive Stan Ott transferable concepts at Presbytery meetings

Be transformational rather than informational

Practice our way into a life with Jesus Christ

Keep telling the stories - use target questions, shift docket to give more time to this

Creative use of technology in sharing stories and events

2 minute capture, different people with different social media, "I saw God..."

Sermons or worship online when watched with a group can be meaningful

Book - "Resilient Faith" by Jerry Sittser

Lent - pick 2 Stan Ott concepts to take on (rather than letting go)

Prayer Covenant

Presbytery Sunday - use "Live from _____" videos

Keep Zimbabwe connection/relationships - 6 people are going in 2021.

What is Jesus' invitation to LC in John 21:15-19 text?

“Putting feet down” - where do we NOT want to go, but are being led to go?

Giving resources or be present to those willing to be led where they don't want to go

“Cast your net on the other side of the boat”

What's getting in the way or prevents us from getting 153 fish?

What ways are opening up and which are closing up?

Equip new people (lambs) in their faith

find the lambs, get ready for new lambs, show the way

Each intentionally need a peer, mentor, mentoree, (micro groups)

Presbytery series on Acts (transforming churches in presbytery)

Practice agape love

There are congregations which are “hamstrung” (DanH), preventing shepherds to feed
and lambs from being fed

What does our “shepherds crook” (used to guide and rescue lambs) look like?

What “food” do we provide?

Can “the cookies” (the good food) be placed on a lower shelf?

Book - “You Are What You Love” by James Smith

FRIDAY AM

Trust God for manna - daily needs, no not store up

“Do what you have, with what you've got, where you are at.”

Prayer and fishing on the other side of the boat

Involve congregations

Small videos “Telling the Stories”

Use intern at MSU ? (Suzanne has 2 names)

3 people from each church make a video for Presbytery Sunday (Oct)

Prioritize George & Kathy's role

Exploring new cooperative models “Live from _____”

Going in twos, use various tech/social media

Relational Ministry

Connecting our church families to the bigger Church (Presbytery, Nat'l level, world)

Keep connections to mission

Zimbabwe, Paul Nashungwe

Zambia mission trip (Charles & Melissa Johnson, Mission Co-Workers)