Our Vision

Yellowstone Presbytery

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

We will

Gather Together

for God's glory and spiritual synergy*,

Equip and Encourage

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

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

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

Presbytery of Yellowstone Leadership Cabinet Sept 9, 2014

Bozeman 1st, Bozeman, MT

Gathering Together

Fellowship

10:00 Opening prayer & lighting of Christ candle Approval of minutes of March 14, 2014 Roll call, quorum, approval of docket Owelling in the Word – (Debbie)

Equipping and Encouraging

10:30 Spiritual and Vision Implementation

- Review Team Debbie (status report)
 - 2. 2014 Goals how are we doing?
- 3. Implementation of new grant process prep for meeting with Higher Education ministers 11:30
- 12:00 LUNCH- Higher Ed ministers join us Organizational Responsibilities

1. Higher Ed ministries grant reviews Budget & finance report

1:00

- 2014 status
- 2015 heads up
- Co-general presbyters report Personnel report

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- Transition support
- International Peacemaker plan 4.
- Convocation/presbytery meeting 11/6-8, Bozeman plans
- Stated Clerk's report

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- Insurance coverage question
- Mildred Church issue
- Assignment of amendments for review

Going Out

Closing prayer and adjournment 2:00

Action agenda items

Presbytery of Yellowstone Leadership Cabinet Meeting Minutes May 6, 2014 1st Church, Billings, Montana

Moderator Jody called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Present were:

Jody McDevitt
Debbie Blackburn
Jed Cauffman
Susan Thomas
Don Holland
Lanny Rounds (by phone)

Absent: Dan Holland

Also Present:

George Goodrich, Co-General Presbyter Kathy Goodrich, Co-General Presbyter Ron Hanson, Stated Clerk Dave Thompson (Moderator – PMT)

- 1. Opening Prayer The opening prayer was offered by Jody.
- 2. Christ Candle Jody read the Litany of the Christ Candle and lit the Christ Candle.
- 3. Quorum The Clerk declared that a Quorum was present.
- 4. Docket The docket was approved.
- 5. Minutes of March 14, 2014.
- ✓ The LC voted to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2014 meeting.
- 6. Correspondence A thank you note for financial support was received from Presby Cats.
- 7. Dwelling in the Word –Susan led the time spent dwelling in Hebrews 12:1-3. There was a time of sharing what this Scripture was saying to individuals and to us as Leadership Cabinet.
- 8. Spiritual and Vision Implementation Debbie reported that three other people have agreed to be part of the Review Team. These people are David Andrew, Jim Tarr, and Gayle Holland. The Leadership Cabinet then spent time identifying goals for 2014. Jody led us through a process to highlight the top four goals. The consensus of the group resulted in these areas of priority:

Spiritual nurture and formation for pastors and leaders

Improve Communications

Plan meaningful Presbytery meetings

Decisions about staff transitions

Each goal has several subtopics of emphasis. The flip chart material will be typed up and distributed to the LC members

- 9. Lunch The Leadership Cabinet recessed for lunch after Jed gave a blessing for the meal.
 Organizational Responsibilities After lunch the Cabinet spent time looking at different areas of organizational responsibility.
- **10.** Pastoral Ministry Team Dave Thompson (moderator of Pastoral Ministry Team) reported on the work of the PMT including the status of churches in transition. Dave has divided the PMT into three groups (Policies and Procedures, Parishes, and Pastors) in order to better spread out the work to be done.
- 11. June Presbytery Meeting in Butte It was determined that it would not make sense to hold part of the meeting at St Timothy's Chapel. However, it would be good to have St Timothy's information available for hand out and display. The emphasis for the meeting will be on ministries with young people (including camping, youth groups, higher education, and vacation bible school). A subgroup of Jody, Jed, Kathy, Curt, Traci, and Debbie will work on specific details for the meeting which will have a theme of Making Young Disciples. Jody will convene this group. The churches that will give congregational reports will be Deer Lodge, Butte, Anaconda, and Phillipsburg. It was decided that the deadline for Presbytery reports will be June 19th. Susan will prepare one packet instead of posting individual reports. Lanny is going to proceed with getting the Host Church letter to Susan for posting.

- **12. Convocation in November** George is part of the planning team and reported that plans are progressing. The brochure should be available in August. Joan Gray will be the keynote speaker.
- 13. Budget and Finance Report It was decided that the Leadership Cabinet needs the full financial report in the future. It was also noted that Ministry Team moderators need a copy of the detailed financial report in order to oversee their budgets. The summary report should be fine for Presbytery. However, the balance sheet will also need to be included in the report for Presbytery. Ron handed out a draft of the Higher Ed grant application that he and Dan Holland have been working on. It was felt that an academic year grant proposal would make more sense. A onetime process for the first half of 2015 may be needed since the 2014 budget is already in place. Ron and Dan will continue to work on this and report back to the Leadership Cabinet.
- 14. International Peacemaker Proposal A proposal was received from Susan Barnes.
- √ The LC voted to approve the proposal from Susan Barnes for Yellowstone Presbytery to host an International Peacemaker for a week between September 19 and October 12, 2014. The \$450 cost will come from the Peace Making Offering fund. Susan Barnes will work with a team to coordinate all the details for this. It was requested that host churches be encouraged to have special offerings to replenish the Peace Making Fund in order to have monies available in the future.
- 15. Personnel Report Susan Thomas updated the Leadership Cabinet on the work of a subgroup on personnel issues. Susan, Ron, Dan Holland, George and Kathy have met in order to look at the possibility of George and Kathy going to half time beginning in August. There is still work to be done, especially on job descriptions and the financial impact of this change. This group will be meeting again in a couple of weeks and will then report to the Leadership Cabinet.
- 16. Extending the Docket
- √ The LC voted to extend the docket until 2:30 p.m.
- 17. Co-General Presbyters Report George and Kathy reviewed their report. George is very encouraged by the meetings of the cluster groups. There is a possibility that some members of the UCC and Disciples of Christ would like to attend the convocation. Changes in the office location and/or size will need to be made by November 1, 2014 as J & H needs the space currently being used by YP.
- 18. Stated Clerk Report Ron reported on his discussion with our insurance agent.
- √ The LC voted to increase the sexual misconduct coverage to \$500,000 per occurrence and \$1,000,000 Aggregate. The cost for this is \$928 (some of which will be allocated to St Timothy's Chapel).
- 19. Administrative Manual Ron has prepared a Table of Contents for the administrative manual of YP.

 The Leadership Cabinet endorses the work that Ron has done on revising this manual and encourages him to continue his work on this
- 20. Next Meeting The next meeting will be a conference call meeting at 9:30 am on May 27, 2014.
- 21. Adjournment Kathy gave the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm.

Presbytery of Yellowstone Leadership Cabinet Meeting Minutes May 27, 2014 Phone Conference Call

Moderator Jody called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Present were:

Jody McDevitt
Debbie Blackburn
Jed Cauffman
Susan Thomas
Dan Holland
Don Holland

Absent/Excused Lanny Rounds

Also Present:

George Goodrich, Co-General Presbyter Kathy Goodrich, Co-General Presbyter Ron Hanson, Stated Clerk

- 1. Opening Prayer The opening prayer was offered by Jody.
- 2. Higher Ed Grant Application There was a period of discussion regarding the revised Grant Application process. It was stated that we need to formally acknowledge this change to the entities involved. Also it was suggested that we need to have conversations with applicants and provide supporting documents (Assessing Questions, Criteria Questions) to them as they work to complete their applications. Jody will work with Susan S. to have the document included in the packet for the June Presbytery meeting.
- √ The LC voted to add the following wording to the document after the definition of Synergy: This is a change in
 the method that has been used in the past. We encourage the participants to inquire as to the definition of
 specificity.
- ✓ The LC voted to adopt the document as amended.
- 3. Staff Transitions The Personnel subgroup reported on their recent meeting concerning the transitioning of George and Kathy to ½ time beginning October 1, 2014.
- 4. Position Description (Co-General Presbyters) It was suggested than an item 8 be added to the proposed document. This item would state: To serve as the chief administrative officer of the Presbytery with the authority to delegate certain administrative functions in consultation with members of the Leadership Cabinet.
- $\sqrt{\ }$ The LC voted to approve the position description with final adjustments to be made by Susan Thomas.
- 5. Terms of Call There was discussion of the proposal, which calls for George and Kathy working from the first of the month to the 15th of the month. Mondays would be their designated day off. They would be available for emergencies and unexpected but significant opportunities for ministry that might arise during their nonworking weeks.
- √ The LC voted to approve the financial portion of the terms of call which are as follows: Salary of \$14,332, Housing Allowance of \$20,000 and Pension/Medical of \$14,728. (It was understood that the Pension/Medical amount might be slightly different.) Study Leave allowance of \$700 and one week paid Study Leave are included.
- **6.** Paid Vacation— There is still work to be done to clarify this portion of the terms of call. There will be an email vote on this once more information is available.
- 7. F.A.Q. Handout for Presbytery Susan Thomas will work on a document that includes both a narrative and potential questions/answers about the change for George and Kathy. The goal is to have this available for the June Presbytery meeting.
- 8. Office space Possibilities for new office space are being considered.
- 9. Adjournment Jody gave the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

Grant Application Outline

<u>Rocky Mountain College Chaplain/Office of Spiritual Life</u> hereby requests a grant of \$2000 for the 2015 budget 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):

Here's a little background explaining our upcoming projects...

During the past year, students connected with the Spiritual Life program and/or with the Community Involvement Office at Rocky have been engaged with hunger and homelessness in the Billings area. In addition to volunteering at various agencies, we also tried to develop some "big-picture" programs that encouraged education and advocacy with issues related to homelessness and food security. We developed an ongoing relationship with the HUB, an agency in Billings that provides services for persons facing chronic mental illness and homelessness. We worked with the Montana Rescue Mission, the Department of Veteran Affairs, and Tumbleweed. Students worked with Sodexo (campus dining) to discuss donating leftover food. They served meals, provided educational programs at the agencies, and even hosted a community forum on veteran homelessness. This year, we hope to build and expand on the momentum from last year. We've already renewed conversations with Sodexo about distributing potential food donations and with the Montana Rescue Mission about volunteering, serving food, perhaps planning chapel. Using curriculum from the Northwest Earth Institute, we are also planning a group study on global sustainability to complement a mission trip to Nogales...

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

And we hope to continue two of the successful programs from last year...

-Once each week, we made and delivered peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to various agencies. It's a project I've sponsored for years and will continue to do so. It's an easy way to engage students with mission consistently, every week. It provides a venue for talking about faith and service and needs within the community. It provides a connection between the school and the community. And it provides an opportunity for students to engage, hands-on, with the agencies and/or clients if they choose to do so.

Typically, we make the sandwiches on a drop-by basis. We set up a table in a high traffic area and provide food prep gloves and all the supplies and invite students to stop as they are able. Sometimes a handful of students make all 10 loaves in a short amount of time. Sometimes as many as 30-40 different people will stop over the course of several hours...

-Once each month we served a hot meal at the HUB and spent additional time interacting with clients and/or providing educational workshops for clients. It was meaningful, for students and for the HUB, and we plan to continue this relationship. Serving the meal gives students additional time to talk and learn about persons at the HUB. Offering the workshops gives them a great opportunity to develop professional skills in a non-threatening environment. The project encourages critical thinking about complex social issues. And again, it provides a great way to put faith into action and make a difference in the community.

Last year we had a consistent core group of 5-12 students. Our goal is to offer additional workshops more often – that would require more student participation. Otherwise, 5-12 is about the maximum number of students the agency can accommodate at one time.

Anticipated Outcome:

If these projects can continue to encourage students to explore faith, to put faith put into action, to talk about difficult social problems and our responsibility to address them — to be the hands of God at work in the world - then there will have been a positive outcome.

Budget:

Comments:

-After exploring various ways of securing donations, we now order most supplies from Sodexo and they strive to provide them at or below cost. We estimate that making 100 PBJ sandwiches costs about \$40/week – and that includes bread, peanut butter and jelly as well as food preparation gloves, sandwich bags, food safe table coverings, hand wipes and other supplies. If we plan to provide sandwiches most weeks during the semester we estimate: \$160/month x 7 months = \$1120. We are asking for just \$1000 for this project for the year.

-Again, after exploring various ways of cooking a meal for 80 people when the residence halls do not have kitchens or refrigeration, we decided the best way to guarantee food safety was to work with Sodexo. They have invited students into the kitchen to help with food prep. And again, they strive to provide a meal at or below cost. Last year, the average cost was \$2.08 per serving and we provided 80 servings at a total cost of \$166.40 per month. This year, we hope to serve a hot meal at least 6 times for a total of \$998.40. We are asking for \$1000 for this project for this school 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...

By funding these specific activities, the additional designated gifts can support other projects. And it provides a connection between our mission 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 put their faith in action, you help provide PBJ sandwiches or you help feed the hungry at the HUB, or you help students understand mission and social responsibility."

Action of the Leadership Cabinet: Amount Granted \$	Date

Grant Request Presbytery of Yellowstone

United Campus Ministry at MSU Billings is very excited about where we have been and where we are going and would like to continue to partner both with local Presbyterian USA churches and more broadly with the Presbytery of Yellowstone.

Enclosed you will find grant applications about a few specific programs that UCM will be involved in during the 2014-2015 academic year. We run on a very lean budget and can keep our program costs very low due to individual and in-kind donations but this only happens because of a paid full time campus minister. In the budget for each request you will see an estimation of the percentage of weekly campus minister hours that each program may consume (parenthetical reference has total amount) followed by how much I am requesting of the Presbytery (typically a quarter of that). The reality of ministry on campus is that it only has worked and only will succeed with a great deal of relational ministry, counseling and spiritual guidance that happens behind the scenes. The time, effort, and cost that go in behind the scenes does not quantify easily nor fit cleanly into any one program.

I look forward to meeting with the leadership Cabinet on September 9 and addressing any questions or concerns that you may have.

Peace, Love and Joy in Christ
Pastor Rob Kirby
United Campus Ministry at MSU Billings
rkirby@msubillings.edu
Office 406-657-2165
Cell 217-417-8988 (Feel free to call me here if I'm not at the office)

Grant Application Outline – UCM Flavors of Faith

United Campus Ministry at MSU Billings hereby requests a grant of \$2,400 for the 2015 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:

"Flavors of Faith" United Campus Ministry in Worship

As UCM seeks to develop well informed, well balanced spiritually grounded disciples, we are expanding a new program we launched in 2014 called Flavors of Faith. It gathers a diverse group of students together, equips them to understand their faith and their peers faith, and it develops them as leaders for future ministry. There are three components of this program.

- The first is twice a month visiting and worshipping with local congregations representing varying traditions in the Billings community. (Initially we tried visiting churches every Sunday but this pulled some of our students out of their regular place of worship disconnecting them from established faith communities. By limiting our group visits to twice a month it allows these students to invite friends to their own church and remain grounded in their community).
- The second is an educational component about the faith tradition that we visited. Typically this will be conducted by the minister or lay leader of the local church.
- The third component is a student led alternative worship that will be hosted once a month. This will allow the students to participant in the planning and implementation of a worship experience of their choosing. I anticipate a wide variety of student led worship experiences from Taize, to Emergent, to Labyrinth Walks, to Guided Meditations, to Lectio Devina.

As we ran a pilot of the first two components of this program this past semester we had the following out comes:

Churches Visited: 8 Congregations including; First Presbyterian, St. Andrews

Students per visit: 2-10 Students per semester: 15

Anticipated Outcomes:

Church visit and Educational Component: 12

Students per visit: 4-20
Students per semester: 30
Alternative Worship Events: 6
Students per worship 8 – 30
Students per semester: 45

Leadership and Faith Development: Anecdotal Stories

Budget:

Advertising (Fliers, posters, and tabling etc.) \$200

Consumable Worship Supplies (Candles, Communion Elements, etc) \$200 Worship Equipment Amortized (Sound Equipment, Fabric, Cables) \$400

Campus Minister Time 10% (\$4,800 of total salary) \$1200 requested in this grant

Peer Minister Time 50 Hours an academic year (about 2 hours a week) \$400

Other Funding (Source and Amounts):

I expect to raise the rest of the salary support and peer ministry support from other denominations and individual donors. In the scope of this program that would be an additional \$5600 raised outside of this grant.

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Grant Application Outline – UCM Art Ministries

<u>United Campus Ministry at MSU Billings</u> hereby requests a grant of \$3,000 for the 2015 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:

Art is such an incredible means to draw diverse students together including those who haven't explored their faith, to find new ways to express that faith, and to build meaningful relationships. There are two separate pieces of this project.

Fall Semester – We will be partnering with Tumbleweed Runaway Program to run a series of Art Workshops at their center. It will culminate with an art show that will be exhibited at MSUB and then travel around to a number of local congregations on Sundays. We will be working with a core of about 6 MSUB Students and staff who will meet regularly throughout the semester.

Spring Semester – The students will be hosting the second annual Beyond Words Student Art Show. Students from across the campus will be invited to submit pieces to this juried art show that will be exhibited at MSUB and the then travel to a number of local congregations on Sundays.

An energetic student peer minister ran the inaugural Beyond Words Art Show in the spring of 2014:

- Locations Show Exhibited: 4 Including; St. Andrews
- Art Pieces: 18Artists: 10

Anticipated Outcomes:

Tumbleweed Semester

- Core Student/Faculty Mentors: 6
- Supporting MSUB students (Set up, Tear Down, Etc.): 10
- Locations Show Exhibited: 4
- Art Pieces: 18Youth Artists: 12Beyond Words Semester

Locations Show Exhibited: 4

Art Pieces: 24Student Artists: 16

Some of the intangible results of Tumbleweed include educating our students and community on issues of homelessness, introducing area churches to Tumbleweed's ministry, encouraging the artistic endeavors of homeless youth, introduce the youth to positive college role models, bringing the homeless youth to visit MSUB, be living examples of Christ's love.

Some of the intangible results of Beyond Words include inviting a larger cross section of MSUB students to become involved in UCM, developing student leaders, encouraging the artistic expressions of students, providing a venue for students to express their faith in a rather secular academic environment.

Budget:

Advertising (Fliers, posters, and tabling etc.) \$200 Consumable Supplies (Art Supplies, Frames, Snacks) \$300 Equipment (Art Displays, Supplies, Brushes) \$400 Prizes \$200

Campus Minister Time 2.5% (\$1,200 of total salary) \$300 requested in this grant Peer Minister Time 200 Hours an academic year (about 8 hours a week) \$1600

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I expect to raise the rest of this program salary support and peer ministry support from other denominations and individual donors. I have SIGNIFGANTLY under budgeted on the supplies (Art supplies and frames are not cheap!) and obviously the homeless youth have no means of paying for them. I am hopeful to partner with individuals and businesses to cover the difference. I am fortunate to have a number of artists and art supporters on my board so I am very hopeful. In the scope of this program we will need to raise several thousand more dollars in donations and in kind gifts.

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Grant Application Outline - UCM Food, Fun and Faith

<u>United Campus Ministry at MSU Billings</u> hereby requests a grant of \$3,500 for the 2015 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:

"Food, Fun and Faith" United Campus Ministry

In many ways this program is the very core of ministry. While not the largest attended program of our ministry, it tends to be the in gathering of student leaders who fuel everything else that happens.

On a weekly basis the students are invited to gather around a common table to share their lives, their struggles, their hopes and dreams; to talk about the faith connections between themselves and the larger world that we all inhabit; to pray for each other; to hear a message of faith; and to have fun.

We typically meet on campus for one and half to two hours every week. We have a diverse mix of students from various traditions. We cater food because unfortunately there are few ways around this as university policy prohibits us from bringing food in to share. I then follow up with individual students in counseling and leadership development.

Anticipated Outcomes:

Creating a safe space and time where students can bring anything and everything. This past year we had two students express that this is the ONLY place in their lives where the feel like the excepted and loved just as they are.

We are in a rebuilding time so I anticipate starting small with about 6 students a week but I am hopeful to grow this core group of students to about 12 by the end of the semester.

Budget:

Advertising (Fliers, posters, and tabling etc.) \$60

Food and Consumable Supplies (Food, plates, condiments etc) (Weekly about \$40) \$1040

Equipment (Crock pots, Pitchers etc) \$200

Campus Minister Time 15% (\$7,200 of total salary) \$1800 requested in this grant

Peer Minister Time 50 Hours an academic year (2 hours a week) \$400

Other Funding (Source and Amounts):

I expect to raise the rest of the salary support and peer ministry support from other denominations and individual donors. In the scope of this program that would be an additional \$5600 raised outside of this grant.

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Grant Application Outline – Student Mission Trip to Belize

United Campus Ministry at MSU Billings hereby requests a grant of \$2,000 for the 2015 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:

Student Mission Trip to Belize

UCM goes on a Spring Break Mission trip every year alternating between a US and international site. We are currently planning an international trip to Belize this coming spring. The country was selected in conversation with a number of local congregations including First Presbyterian. We are making arrangements to split our time between a building project and a children's center. We are currently estimating \$2000 a person for all expenses including airfare. I anticipate 12 participants.

Anticipated Outcomes:

I've been leading annual mission trips for over a decade and am always struck by the profound change that students experience. They learn about their world, their faith, poverty, charity, work ethic, leadership, and team work.

Budget:

		Students	Days	Total
		12	7	
Airfare	1200	12		\$
				14,400.00
Food, Lodging and	100	12	7	\$
Mission				8,400.00
Deposit	250			\$
1				250.00
Insurance	40	12		\$
				480.00
			Total	\$
				23,530.00
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				1,960.83

Other Funding (Source and Amounts):

We will be raising funds to cover the cost in three different ways. First, we will be doing fund raisers as a group that will defray the total cost of the trip. My student team will be determining what they will be doing to raise the funds but typically it is a mix of product sales, fundraising events (car washes?) and direct appeals. Second they will be requesting support from family, friends and local churches which will reduce their individual expense. Finally they will cover some of the cost out of pocket including the initial deposit. In addition, we usually find some generous supporters willing to cover scholarships for our students most in need. Funds that we might receive from the Yellowstone Presbytery would be split between overall group costs and individual scholarships depending on the financial needs of the students who sign up.

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

Higher Education Grant Request Presbytery of Yellowstone

First Presbyterian Church in Bozeman hereby requests a grant of \$5,000 for the 2015 budget year to support the Presby Cats collegiate ministry carried out at Montana State University on behalf of the presbytery.

Contact person: Dan Krebill dan@fpcbozeman.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 learning about Jesus and the Christian faith. The group is led by MSU student collegiate scholars who are provided a \$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 a fall and winter retreat 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 2014 and April 2015. 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. 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 third year this fall of 2014. In the first year (2012-13) 15 MSU students participated in one or more events during the year, with an average weekly attendance of 8-9 students. Of the 15, 13 were very active. In the second year (2013-14) 22 students were on our current active list. From among this group, we had 12-14 attending each Sunday. With the promotion we have done at Freshman orientation this 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. I am hopeful that our mission trip to the Palmer Home for Children in Hernando, Mississippi in March 2015 will include 10-15 students.

Program budget

8 \$500 scholarships for up to 4 MSU students over th 2 academic semesters: \$4,000
Program costs to support the weekly and special events: 1,000
Total grant request: \$5,000

Other ongoing support

At this time, the support of the Presby Cats ministry that is provided by First Presbyterian Church in Bozeman is primarily 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. In the recent successful capital campaign that the church undertook in order to finance the purchase of adjacent property, 10% of the campaign proceeds were designated for mission. One part of this mission component is \$9,500 for the Presby Cats ministry. Because of the timing of this capital campaign, it is unlikely that use of those funds will be available until up to one year from now. Finally, as the Presby Cats ministry continues to grow, I believe that the session will see fit to include an annual budget item in support of Presby Cats, perhaps as early as 2016.

Mission trip budget

The spring break mission trip costs are divided roughly 1/3 by participant contribution, 1/3 fund raising, and 1/3 grant from the presbytery. In 2014 the total cost of the mission trip for the 9 students and 1 adult was approximately \$10,500. We are very grateful to the presbytery for the Equip and Encourage grant of \$3,650 that made our trip possible.

Looking to 2015 it is hoped to keep the cost at about \$1,150 per person. Again, a mission grant request will be made early in 2015 to the presbytery to support roughly 1/3 of the total cost (at about \$385 per participant). If 10 people participate that would be \$3,850. If 15 people participate that would be \$5,775. Since it won't be known until December how many will be participating, the request for an Equip and Encourage grant will be submitted at that time.

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A note about funding cycles: Although the Presby Cats ministry operates on an academic year calendar that begins in late August with the start of the fall semester and goes through end of the spring semester in early May, most of the funds for the academic year are spent within one calendar year. Because the bulk of our financial support goes toward scholarships for our student leaders, \$2,000 is needed for 4 \$500 scholarships posted to student accounts in late July for the upcoming fall semester registration, and \$2,000 is needed for 4 \$500 scholarships posted to student accounts in late November for the upcoming spring semester registration. Therefore, in the future, it would be helpful if the funding decisions by the presbytery be made in the spring so that funds can be made available in July.

Presbytery of Yellowstone - Bozeman MT Balance Sheet as of July 31, 2014

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Account #	Account Name	Beginning Balance	YTD Balance
Assets			
1.00.1010.0000	Checking Account #3133214	55,684.24	56,636.01
1.00.1020.0000	Petty Cash	22.18	22.18
1.00.1030.0000	Money Market #129013355	184,271.83	184,421.32
1.00.1031.0000	St Timothy M. M #1 #3531961	4,143.22	6,435.09
1.00.1032.0000	St. Timothy MM #2 #129013686	2,597.40	3,551.17
	Total Current Assets	\$246,718.87	\$251,065.77
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	237,050.29	229,476.03
1.00.1070.0000	St Timothy Chapel #2 52006024	98,376.65	95,230.66
1.00.1075.0000	Bozeman Campus 000104537	73,986.51	74,369.85
1.00.1080.0000	Partnership Fund MM 129013793	45,198.24	45,219.14
	Total Principal Restricted	\$454,611.69	\$444,295.68
	Total Assets	\$702,668.26	\$696,699.15
Liabilities			
2.00.2120.1000	Payroll - Federal	705.58	2,913.84
2.00.2120.2000	Payroll State	1,471.00	354.00
2.00.2120.2145	Employee Retirement Liability	0.00	879.26
2.00.2140.0000	G. Goodrich Flex Plan	(0.37)	1,207.87
2.00.2141.0000	S. Seibert Flex Plan	(0.21)	(1,041.97)
	Total Payroll Liabilities	\$2,176.00	\$4,313.00
	Total Liabilities	\$2,176.00	\$4,313.00
Fund Balance		/-	. ,
3.01.2700.0000	Unreserved Fund Balance	0.00	(17,370.76)
3.02.2800.0000	General - Administrative	12,861.10	12,861.10
3.03.2805.0000	General - Program	39,223.95	39,223.95
3.04.2700.0000	General - Restricted Admin.	45,587.77	45,587.77
3.04.2700.0000	Total General Fund Balance	\$97,672.82	\$80,302.06
3.19.2815.0000	Camp Scholarship Camp. & Youth	935.71	935.71
	Clergy Emergency Fund COM	1,840.00	2,286.00
3.27.2825.0000	Linda Hofer Education	10,584.93	10,584.93
3.39.2840.0000			36,830.44
3.43.2845.0000	Equip and Encourage	40,480.44	
3.47.2850.0000	Partnership- Available COM	1,666.69	1,687.59
3.49.2700.0000	Co-General Presbyters' Discretionary	2,150.00 606.55	2,150.00 751.17
3.51.2855.0000	Peace Making Offering Mission		60.30
3.56.1220.0000	Special Offering Other Fund	0.00	
3.63.2870.0000	Revamp Camp -Camp. & Youth	0.00	205.00
3.65.2825.0000	Springhill Funds	15,000.00	30,000.00
3.67.2875.0000	St. Timothy's Money Market #1	4,143.22	6,435.09
3.68.2877.0000	St Timonthy Money Market #2	2,724.56	3,678.33
3.75.2885.0000	Social Justice	10,789.89	10,939.38
3.85.2850.0000	Westminister Spires Camp Upgrades Balance	(912.91)	3,066.70
	Total Designated funds	\$90,009.08	\$109,610.64
3.37.2800.0000	Funds Awaiting Cabinet Action Balance	1,760.00	3,760.00
3.69.2825.0000	Triennium Balance	2,387.07	2,387.07
3.86.2850.0000	Grant - Evangelism Balance	1,250.13	1,250.13

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Account #	Account Name	Beginning Balance	YTD Balance
3.90.2910.0000	Higher Education Grant Fund	73,986.51	72,369.85
3.92.2920.0000	St. Timothys #1 (PC USA) Found	237,050.29	229,476.03
3.93.2921.0000	St. Timothys #2 (PC USA) Found	98,376.65	95,230.66
3.94.2930.0000	Partnership Fund Principal COM	43,999.71	43,999.71
	Total Restricted Fund Balances	\$458,810.36	\$448,473.45
3.66.2850.0000	West Yellowstone Funds Balance	54,000.00	54,000.00
	Total Fund Balance	\$700,492.26	\$692,386.15
	Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$702,668.26	<u>\$696,699.15</u>

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Wednesday, August 13, 2014 Account # Account N	sust 13, 2014 Account Name		Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget	Page 1 of 2 Annual Budget Remaining
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<i>Income</i> 4 01 1210 0000	General Mission Pledoe		00 005 6	14 542 06	00 000 56	10.757.01
		Pledge	\$2,500.00	\$14.542.96	\$25,000.00	\$10,457.04
4.01.1420.0000	Summer Camp Fees	D	5,565.00	*00.062,9	11,000.00	4,210.00
4.01.1430.0000	Winter, Summer, Fall Events		0.00	2,918.00*	4,000.00	1,082.00
4.01.1440.0000	Rental of Camp Facilities		4,200.00	7,400.00*	5,000.00	(2,400.00)
		Camp Income	89,765.00	\$17,108.00*	\$20,000.00	\$2,892.00
4.01.4080.0000	Grant Transfer from Designated Funds		0.00	0.00	16,700.00	16,700.00
4.01.4090.0000	Transfer from Reserves		0.00	00.00	20,500.00	20,500.00
		Program Transfers	80.00	80.00	\$37,200.00	\$37,200.00
4.01.1500.0000	Miscellaneous Program Income	84	0.00	1,672.07*	1,500.00	(172.07)
		Total Income	\$12,265.00	\$33,323.03	\$83,700.00	\$50,376.97
Expense						
5.01.1351.2400	Copies & Postage Exp.		0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
5.01.1351.2800	Facilities Maintenance		329.25	102.61	1,000.00	897.39
5.01.1351.3200	Insurance		00.00	3,535.00*	4,600.00	1,065.00
5.01.1351.5700	Publicity		0.00	12.90	500.00	487.10
5.01.1360.1200	Camp Caretaker		291.67	2,041.69	3,500.00	1,458.31
5.01.1360.1400	Camp Staff		11,249.44	11,249.44*	9,000.00	(2,249.44)
5.01.1360.2900	Food		2,796.44	3,109.85*	3,500.00	390.15
5.01.1360.4000	Miscellaneous Exp.		0.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
5.01.1360.6200	Rental Equipment-Rafting		0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
5.01.1360.7400	Supplies		0.00	253.01	500.00	246.99
5.01.1360.7490	Swimming		0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
5.01.1360.7710	Transportation-Bus		0.00	0.00	800.00	800.00
5.01.1360.8300	Utilities: Westminister Spires		457.53	1,302.41	3,000.00	1,697.59
5.01.1365.4000	PCCCA Membership		0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
5.01.1380.6010	Triennium		0.00	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
5.01.1390.4000	Events Miscellaneous		0.00	3,104.00*	5,000.00	1,896.00
5.01.1395.4000	Admin Travel & Meals		112.50	398.25*	300.00	(98.25)
		Camping & Youth	\$15,236.83	\$25,109.16*	\$36,050.00	\$10,940.84
5.01.2550.4000	Higher Ed Travel & Meals		0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
5.01.2551.4000	Chaplain's Program RMC Misc		0.00	00.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
5.01.2552.4000	Program MSU Billings Misc		833.33	5,833.31*	10,000.00	4,166.69

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5.01.2553.4000	Program MSU Bozeman Misc		0.00	00.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
		Higher Education	\$833.33	\$5,833.31	\$16,700.00	\$10,866.69
5.01.2849.7700	Committee on Ministry-Training		0.00	29.95	1,000.00	970.05
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	80.00	\$29.95	\$3,700.00	\$3,670.05
5.01.3150.4000	Comm on Mission Program		0.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
5.01.3160.4000	Congregation Ministry		00.00	0.00	1,000,00	1,000.00
5.01.3180.4000	Western Leadership		500.00	500.00	1,000.00	500.00
		Leadership Cabinet	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,500.00
5.01.5851.4000	MAC Membership Miscellaneous		0.00	3,500.00*	3,500.00	00.00
5.01.5852.4000	MAC Representation Misc		0.00	0.00	250,00	250.00
		Mt. Association of Churches	80.00	\$3,500.00*	\$3,750.00	\$250.00
5.01.7903.4000	Convocation Exp		0.00	00.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
5.01.7950.4000	Presbytery Program Other		0.00	80.85	1,500.00	1,419.15
5.01.7960.4000	Cluster Meetings		0.00	00.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
5.01.7970.4000	Allocated GP Salary		1,249.99	8,749.92	15,000.00	6,250.08
		Presbytery Expenses	\$1,249.99	\$8,830.77	\$19,500.00	\$10,669.23
		Total Expense	\$17,820.15	\$43,803.19	\$83,700.00	\$39,896.81
Difference	nce		(\$5,555.15)	(\$10,480.16)	80.00	

^{* =} 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	52,178.50*	58,000.00	5,821.50
4.01.1010.0000	Per capita Synod		0.00	*61.766,8	10,000.00	1,002.21
4.01.1020.0000	Per capita GA		0.00	11,153.21*	12,400.00	1,246.79
		Per Capita	80.00	\$72,329.50*	\$80,400.00	\$8,070.50
4.01.1821.0000	Block Grant - Administrative		2,500.00	17,500.00	30,000.00	12,500.00
		Synod Partnership Funds	\$2,500.00	\$17,500.00	\$30,000.00	\$12,500.00
4.01.1900.0000	Administrative Support		800.00	24,545.00*	40,000.00	15,455.00
		Total Other income	8800.00	\$24,545.00*	\$40,000.00	\$15,455.00
4.01.4005.0000	Transfer-Springhill Fund		0.00	0.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
4.01.4010.0000	Transfer-W. Yellowstone		0.00	0.00	14,000.00	14,000.00
4.01.4020.0000	Transfer-Gen. Admin Fund		0.00	0.00	13,000.00	13,000.00
4.01.4030.0000	Transfer-Restricted Admin Fund		0.00	0.00	12,300.00	12,300.00
		Transfers	80.00	80.00	\$54,300.00	\$54,300.00
		Total Income	\$3,300.00	\$114,374.50	\$204,700.00	\$90,325.50
Expense 5.01.2840.0000	COM/Vocation Meetings		0.00	2,369.52	5,200.00	2,830.48
5.01.2845.4000	COM/Vocation Other Expenses		34.40	490.56	1,100.00	609.44
		Pastoral Ministry Team	\$34.40	\$2,860.08	\$6,300.00	\$3,439.92
5.01.3401.3500	Nomination Meetings		0.00	90.40	150.00	59.60
5.01.3401.4000	Nominations Other		00.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
		Committee on Nominations	80.00	\$90.40	\$200.00	\$109.60
5.01.4301.3500	St. Tim's Meetings		0.00	116.25	250.00	133.75
5.01.4301.4000	St. Tim's Other		0.00	49.45*	50.00	0.55
		Com. on St Timothys Chapel	80.00	\$165.70	\$300.00	\$134.30
5.01.5201.3500	Delegate's Meetings		0.00	50.00	350.00	300.00
5.01.5201.4000	Delegates Other		0.00	39.80*	50.00	10.20
		Delegates to Other Bodies	80.00	889.80	\$400.00	\$310.20
5.01.6700.3800	Medicare/Social Security		260.48	1,869.59*	3,120.00	1,250.41
5.01.6700.8100	Work Comp Insurance		0.00	0.00	375.00	375.00
5.01.6700.8200	Unemployment Taxes		5.66	18.72	150.00	131.28
		Payroll Taxes	\$266.14	\$1,888.31	\$3,645.00	\$1,756.69
5.01.7001.4000	Per Capita GA Expenses Misc		0.00	14,166.36*	13,935.00	(231.36)

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5.01.7002.4000	Per Capita Synod Expense Misc	00.00	11,603.50*	11,414.00	(189.50)
	Per Capita	80.00	\$25,769.86*	\$25,349.00	(\$420.86)
5.01.7301.1100	Admin Mgr. Benefits	00.00	1,500.00*	1,500.00	0.00
5.01.7301.6600	Admin Mgr Salary	2,082.25	13,679.38*	23,170.00	9.490.62
5.01.7301.7800	Admin Mgr Travel	0.00	45.36	120.00	74.64
5.01.7301.8100	Admin Mgr FLEX Plan	0.00	0.00		
	Admin. Manager	\$2,082.25	\$15,224.74*	\$24,790.00	\$9,565.26
5.01.7302.3100	Housing	2,380.66	16,664.62	28,568.00	11,903.38
5.01.7302.3600	GPLodging	79.10	79.10	500.00	420.90
5.01,7302,3700	GP Meals	157.95	374.23	1,050.00	675.77
5.01.7302.4000	GP Miscellaneous	0.00	1.94	700.00	90.869
5.01.7302.4001	Miscellaneous Expenses - Kathy	0.00	49.95	3,000.00	2,950.05
5.01.7302.4900	GP Pension	2,045.41	14,317.87*	22,659.00	8,341.13
5.01.7302.6600	Salary Exp.	2,091.33	14,639.32*	25,096.00	10,456.68
5.01.7302.7300	Study Leave	0.00	0.00	700.00	700.00
5.01.7302.7500	GP Telephone & Conference Calls	114.39	801.62	1,500.00	88-38
5.01,7302,7800	GP Travel	0.00	1,761.11	7,500.00	5,738.89
5.01,7302.8100	FLEX Plan Expenses Exp.	0.00	00.00		
	General Presbyter	\$6,868.84	\$48,689.76	\$91,273.00	\$42,583.24
5.01.7304.3700	Stated Clerk Meals	0.00	47.00*	50.00	3.00
5.01.7304.4000	Stated Clerk Miscellancous	34.40	242.70*	100.00	(142.70)
5.01.7304.4900	Pension Exp.	308.08	2,156.56	3,771.00	1,614.44
5.01.7304.6600	Stated Clerk Salary	952.08	6,664.56*	11,426.00	4,761.44
	Stated Clerk	\$1,294.56	\$9,110.82*	\$15,347.00	\$6,236.18
5.01.7306.6600	Treasurer Salary	579.06	4,053.42*	6,946.00	2,892.58
	Treasurer	\$579.06	\$4,053.42*	\$6,946.00	\$2,892.58
	Personnel	\$10,824.71	\$77,078.74	\$138,356.00	\$61,277.26
5.01.3101.3500	Mission Meetings	0.00	0.00	650.00	650.00
5.01.3101.4000	Mission Other	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
5.01.7601.3500	Council Meetings	0.00	636.65	2,100.00	1,463.35
5.01.7601.4000	Council Other	0.00	208.40	500.00	291.60
5.01.7601.8100	Legal	0.00	15.00	1,000.00	985.00
5.01.7701.4000	Budget/Finance Meetings & Other	0.00	0.00	150.00	150.00
5.01.7751.4000	Personnel Meeting & Other	0000	0.00	300.00	300.00

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5.01.7801.3500	Task Force Meetings		00.00	320.86*	250.00	(70.86)
5.01.7801.4000	Task Force Other		00.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
		Leadership Cabinet	80.00	\$1,180.91	\$5,050.00	\$3,869.09
5.01.7901.3500	Presbytery Meetings		00.00	2,481.19	7,600.00	5,118.81
5.01.7901.4000	Presbytery Other		00.00	290.00	700.00	410.00
		Presbytery Expenses	80.00	\$2,771.19	\$8,300.00	\$5,528.81
5.01.8201.2400	Office Copies & Postage		829.45	1,390.31*	1,200.00	(190.31)
5.01.8201.2600	Equipment Exp.		00.00	335.31*	200.00	(135.31)
5.01.8201.3200	Insurance Exp.		00.00	620.00*	750.00	130.00
5.01.8201.4000	Office Miscellaneous		(20.00)	452.10*	460.00	7.90
5.01.8201.6100	Rental -Office		782.50	5,477.50	9,390.00	3,912.50
5.01.8201.7400	Office Supplies		00.00	248.62	1,800.00	1,551.38
5.01.8201.7500	Office Telephone & Conference Calls		272.96	846.27	3,000.00	2,153.73
		Presbytery Office	\$1,864.91	\$9,370.11	\$16,800.00	\$7,429.89
		Total Expense	\$12,990.16	\$121,265.10*	\$204,700.00	\$83,434.90
Difference	cuce		(\$9,690.16)	(\$6,890.60)	80.00	

^{* =} Income/Expense exceeds amount budgeted to date

Camping and Youth Team Report Yellowstone Presbytery Leadership Council September 9, 2014

- -Overview of 2014 Westminster Spires Camp Season
 - -Camp Registrations:
 - -Elementary Camp- 15 campers
 - -Senior High- 14 campers
 - -Junior High- 16 campers

We had 10 first time elementary campers, 5 first time junior high campers and 2 new senior high campers. Since the summer of 2010, we have had 204 different young people participate in some youth activity sponsored by Yellowstone Presbytery (summer camp/fall or winter retreat/triennium).

-Total Camp Numbers:

- -Elementary- 15 campers/ 12 staff/ 4 cooks/ 5 guests- Kara, Evelyn and Annelise Todd- Paul and Danny Cannon
- -Senior- 14 campers/ 10 staff/ 3 cooks/ 7 guests- Todd Family (5)- Susie Ennis- Traci Ruschetti
- -Junior High- 16 campers/ 12 staff/ 3 cooks/ 6 guests- Todd Family- Jed Cauffman
- -It was a great benefit to have so many pastors and other guests join us to enjoy part of the camp experience. Pastors that spent time at camp included George Goodrich, David Andrew, Paul Cannon, Jed Cauffman, Susie Ennis and Susan Barnes, along with youth leaders Orrin Feddes and Traci Ruschetti.
- -Former camp counselor Kara Todd and her four children were guests at camp for the entire season. Two of the Todd children were campers for Elementary camp.
- -Bill and Belinda Scott and granddaughter Mara served as cooks for their sixth season.
- -Nine of the twelve leaders and counselors were returning for at least their third year in a leadership position. The continuity of leadership in all positions has provided stability and familiarity for campers.

-Westminster Spires Facilities

-Roof Replacement: One side of the boys' cabin roof was replaced during Revamp the Camp. Materials to reroof three additional buildings have been purchased.

-Other Camp Rentals:

- -Revamp the Camp- June 6-8
- -Bridger Ski Foundation Camp- June 19-25 (\$3,000)
- -Family Reunion- July 3-6 (Cox Family- repeat guests- \$4,200)
- -Camp Season- July 10-August 1
- -Family Reunion- August 4-7 (Nathan Family- repeat guests- \$450)
- -Highland Holy Days- September 5-7 (\$200)

-Additional Financial Support

- -\$9,065 was collected to support the roof project and facilities improvements
- -\$4,028.48 donation to support general camp expenses
- -\$250 donation toward camp scholarships (Traci Ruschetti)
- -\$450 donation toward camp scholarships (Kara Todd)
- -\$320 Yellowstone Presbytery offering from Butte meeting for camp scholarships

-Camp Fee Income

- -\$1,400 (Presbytery scholarships)
- -\$2,808 (Church scholarships)
- -\$5,107 (Campers)
- \$ 9,315 Total camp registration income

-Yellowstone Presbytery Fall Youth Retreat

- -October 16-18, 2014
- -Rockhaven

We had a very successful camp season, and rental income was very strong this year. The facilities and grounds are looking very good, and we expect to continue to bring back repeat guests and add additional programs and outside guests to fill camp for the summer season. Many thanks to Yellowstone Presbytery and all the churches that supported the program with prayers, financial support or by allowing their pastor or a member of their staff participate as a leader.

September 3, 2014 Report on International Peacemaker for Yellowstone Presbytery Submitted by Susan Barnes

Itinerary to date

Oct. 2 Thursday Rev. Lala arrives in Billings 2:09 p.m.

Oct. 3 Friday 6:00-8:30 Rev. Lala has dinner and speaks to St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

Oct . 4 Saturday transportation to Anaconda Contact: Linda Smith

Oct. 5 Sunday Rev. Lala leads worship at Anaconda

Oct. 6 Monday open

Oct. 7 Tuesday Rev. Lala leaves Billings at 6:04 a.m.

All churches have been sent an e-mail about the Peacemaker. At the Presbytery retreat in Lewistown, I announced it again. I am contacting churches this week about scheduling the peacemaker.

REV. LALA HAJA RASENDRAHASINA

Lala Rasendrahasina has served as President/Moderator of the FJKM (Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar) denomination since 2004. Prior to that he served as pastor beginning in 1985 to three different congregations and then served as secretary and deputy secretary of the Department of Church and Evangelism. Madagascar has faced political turmoil since 1972, the most recent in March 2009 when a military coup replaced the democratically elected President. At that time, Rev Rasendrahasina was brutally arrested and detained. As he says, õMany people have been put in prison due to their political conviction and because they are bold enough to speak the truth. The Christian Council of Churches in Madagascar has played an important role in truth and reconciliation in the country.ö Religious leaders have been called upon to mediate between the major politicians in order to resolve the country@s crisis. Issues faced in Madagascar include poverty, violence, crime and skyrocketing unemployment. Rev. Lala is married to another theologian and they have one grown son who was recently married. He enjoys singing, films and outdoor fitness.