

PRESBYTERY OF YELLOWSTONE---LEADERSHIP CABINET  
COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT  
February 15, 2013, St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Billings, MT

Submitted By: TE Neva J. Rathbun, Moderator

The CoM has welcomed new member TE David Andrews, elected by Presbytery for a three (3) year term during said meeting dated November 2/3, 2012 , and expressed appreciation for Robert Shy, Jr. CLP, Elder Jenice Fugere and TE Priscilla Bell for their time and words of wisdom for their service. We also thank Elder Russ Kline and RE Gayle Holland for their willingness to extend their services through June, 2013. We have an unexpired vacancy (2013-2014), and a three (3) year term vacancy available for the person with a passion for the responsibilities of this Committee. (Unless there are changes, CoM includes 6 face-to-face meetings a year either in Bozeman or Billings, Conference Call mtgs. as needed, visitations as liaisons to assigned TEs/CREs and sessions.)

Committee members, including D. Andrews, D. Blackburn, J. Clark, D. Davis, G. Holland, J. Kidd, R. Kline, L. Smith, D. Thompson, and N. Rathbun have conversed via e-mail as well as met face-to-face on Friday 18 January 2013 at First Presbyterian Church, Billings, MT.

Actions taken by the CoM include:

ü Approved of Minutes dated 19 October 2012

Set Date for next meeting for March 15, 2013, at First Presbyterian Church, Bozeman

ü Approved transfer of membership for TE Sherwood McKay, Honorably Retired, from the Presbytery of Winnebago to Presbytery of Yellowstone, following face-to-face interview/exam with him. Welcome home, Sherwood.

ü Approved wording of the Linda Hofer Education Fund Grant.

ü Approved Grant of \$750 for Cathy McLean, CRE from the Linda Hofer Education Fund. The rationale is that she has completed requirements and is commissioned as a CRE. She is continuing her education. (See Attachment for an Application form #1 The Linda Hofer Education Fund Grant Application)

ü Received report from TE Aline Russell, Interim at St. Andrew Presbyterian

West Yellowstone - The Separation Agreement is now being review by the attorneys.

Deer Lodge - The PNC continues to search for part-time or tent-making person

Com members have received a brochure entitled "For Such a Time as This". This is a project for qualifying congregations "Where the needs of Christ's church and the gifts of first-call pastors meet."

As soon as all assignments have been made for liaisons and congregations, the list will be sent out to pastors and stated clerks.

CoM is in the process of re-evaluated the 2012 Goals and up-date them.

Attachment #1

Linda Hofer Education Fund Grant Request  
Presbytery of Yellowstone

Instructions – Submit this form to the Moderator of Presbytery of Yellowstone Ministry Unit. The Ministry Unit will review your request at its next scheduled meeting and inform you of its decision (see reverse side for review criteria).

*In September of 1984 the Presbytery of Yellowstone voted to establish a memorial fund to celebrate Linda Hofer's ministry among us to be administered by the Committee on Ministry. Presbytery voted to receive an offering for this memorial fund at the installation service of each pastor being received into the Presbytery of Yellowstone. The memorial will be called the Linda Hofer Memorial Fund. On November 3, 2012, Presbytery voted to combine the Continuing Education Fund with the Linda Hofer Memorial Fund, now referred to as the Linda Hofer Education Fund and is to be used for educational costs beyond required education. (Continuing Education)*

Amount of Request: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Requestor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Specific purpose – (Include a date when funds are needed.)

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Need – (What other options have been pursued?)

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Benefits – (Individual/congregation/community)

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## Criteria

An individual is eligible to receive a grant once (one time) in a three year period.

Grants are responded to as they are received.

Grants are limited to amounts \$750 or less.

No more than \$2000 in grants will be awarded in any one calendar year.

Applications for the following general purposes will have first priority:

Theological Education of Teaching Elders (TEs) or Commissioned Ruling Elders (CREs).

Church Program Education for Ordained Pastors or Lay Persons.

Music Education.

Major Discussion Points and Action of the Ministry Unit:

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Grant Awarded: \$ \_\_\_\_\_