

Yellowstone Presbytery awarded \$5,000 grant

Moving from membership to Missional discipleship in our congregations, communities and the world

How can we more deeply encounter and be engaged by Jesus Christ who redeems and leads us to share the gospel, to join God's mission of reconciliation?

How can we grow as disciple-making leaders and disciple-making church cultures that emphasize the importance of faith sharing and look more and more LIKE Christ, being salt and light, characterized by God's righteousness and justice in a spiritually hungry world?

This \$5,000 grant from the PCUSA' Office of Evangelism and Church Growth is for equipping leaders, sessions, congregations in Yellowstone who want to "Grow Christ' Church Deep and Wide". Louisville staff, Eric Hoey and Ray Jones, will work with leaders here to customize for Montana's context, culture, & your congregation, leading several training/equipping workshops around Montana as well as speak at our presbytery meeting in Billings, Feb. 28-March 1.

This is designed to enable churches and their leadership to begin a journey of prayer, faith-sharing, scripture study, which will connect churches with their communities, and equip members to share their growing faith, live out, and engage the mission of God in their communities in their unique context.

They will partner with our participating congregations and leaders to pilot, adapt and contextualize the PCUSA's new ENGAGE resources*.

*ENGAGE - Jesus and sharing the stories of who he is and what he has done for us individually and as disciple communities

ENGAGE in disciple-making

ENGAGE our communities and changing contexts

Living and growing as disciples and disciple communities through our words and works

"We believe that it is crucial to the health and growth of a church for the training to continue after an Event and so we would continue to meet with cluster groups and sessions through phone conversations, online meetings, and in person when applicable. We could even train coaches in your presbytery. We will have available in 2011 online training videos that allow participants from events, to go deeper into the content, doing so as a team, as a session. Then, it moves out to other leaders and then involves the whole congregation." From email & phone conversations, Eric & Ray:

Availability to meet with clusters and congregations starting February 19 – 27. Ray Jones will preach @ the Presbytery meeting Feb 28th, in Billings.

Possible dates for Mid-March we are hoping to finalize by next week.

Cost to a congregation since the grant covers most costs:

- Commitment to prayer and spiritual growth and following Jesus
- a modest amount around \$100 & a cost of materials for others in congregation (subsidized for pastor and a few elders)
- Food and lodging for Ray or Eric for a night.!!

Don't miss this opportunity to living out Christ's vision for us in our congregations and communities as Yellowstone Presbytery

[Host congregations for training events regionally](#)

[Final promo material available next week.](#)