

**NOTES FROM THE . . . 10/3/09 HIGHER ED MEETING. . . Paul Krebill, Mod.**

1. Opening Prayer—Colossians 1:15-20 and Introductory thoughts—Challenge of relating this theological insight to the university and college communities we serve. How we do this must be worked out so that our ministry is relevant and understandable in our time and place.

2. Review of the two ministries under committee supervision during 2009 and projected for 2010 with reference to the MISSION STATEMENT for Higher Education ministries, adopted in 2007 by the Presbytery. The committee validated the ministries at MSU-B and MSU-BZ, in the light of the consideration that both of these campus ministries are supported by part-time directors.

A. Rocky Mountain College Chaplaincy—Kristi Foster, Chaplain. While our role in relation to the RM Chaplaincy is supportive rather than supervisory the committee requests of the chaplain information regarding the RMC chaplaincy Her formal reports are submitted to the Church Relations Committee of the RMC Board She gave an oral report to the H. Ed Committee indicating a good start as she begins her second year..

The Covenant between RMC and Yellowstone Presbytery was reviewed. With slight revisions from former statements the enclosed covenant is **recommended to the Presbytery for approval**. (Dave Kimball will present a copy)

It was decided that associate membership in The Association of Presbyterian Colleges and Universities not be sought at this time.

B. MSU-Billings United Campus Ministry—Kim Woeste –campus minister presented a written report prepared by members of her board.. The report addresses the points under Method of Assessment in the Mission Statement. The report is enclosed.. Kim reported verbally on her work as outlined in the written report which is now cut to 3/4 time due to financial restraints She is employing student Peer Ministers to do some of the tasks Kim's time does not now permit.. Kim is now employed part time at First U.C.C. church in Billings in Christian Education

C. .MSU-Bozeman—Presbyterian Mission—Sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of Bozeman—Jerry Crabbs, volunteer coordinator part time. Jerry presented a Status Report with a Mission Statement with objectives and strategies The report is included below He spoke of his effective cooperation with ecumenical partners in planning and programming, which includes Episcopal, United Methodist and Lutheran ministers of campus workers.

Jerry brought up the issue of our continuing ownership of 4.7 % of the Christus Collegium which costs us \$3900 in yearly assessments. He does not find the use of this facility to be necessary to the fulfillment the Presbyterian mission at MSU-B. It is a vestige of past approaches and programming. Others who have an interest in Presbyterian work at MSU-B tend to agree with this position. Selling our interests in the building will be complex at best. It was suggested that the Presbyterian members of the Christus Collegium board and Session of FPC- BZ meet with Jerry and others from the Higher Ed committee of Presbytery to discuss this issue.

3. Request for funding to Presbytery and to Synod. By action of the committee the following askings were approved and to be **Recommended to Presbytery Council**.

**ASKINGS:**

2010 ALL UNITS from Synod--\$8,910\*, from Presbytery—8,910 TOTAL: 17,820

MSU-B 5,060\* 5,060 10,120

MSU-BZ 2,850 \* 2,850 5,700

RMC 1,000 \* 1,000 2,000

COMMITTEE EXPENSES from administrative budget 300

\*Synod action

In reviewing the funding as approved for 2009, a discrepancy was noted between the figures set by the committee and the actual pay-out to MSU-B to date. The 2009 budget as we have it is as follows:

2009: ALL UNITS from Synod--\$11,556, from Presbytery--11,556, TOTAL: 23,100

MSU-B 6,750 6,750 13,500

MSU-BZ 3,800 3,800 7,600

RMC 1,000 1,000 2,000

Kim Woeste reported that MSU-B receipts from the Presbytery has not added up to what would be the yearly total of \$13,500. It appears that the Presbytery may be distributing funds equally between MSU-B and MSU-BZ, instead of the 13,500 for Billings and 7,600 for Bozeman

In order to determine the reason for this difference and hopefully to correct it, George Goodrich and Paul Krebill will consult with Susan Seibert in the Presbytery office Sheryl, Hallin, treasurer, and Debbie Blackburn of the Budget Committee of Presbytery

4. No other recommendations to Presbytery through Council.

5. No other Business.

6. Closing Scripture–Colossians 1:21-23 and Prayer  
Adjournment