

2013 Budget Narrative
Yellowstone Presbytery
Budget & Finance Committee

The dog days of summer mean different things to different people. For some it means sitting on the porch with a pitcher of lemonade. For others it means brown grass and green weeds. For members of the Leadership Cabinet it means looking at next year's budget.

Attached you will find an Excel spreadsheet which contains a whole bunch of information. There are tabs at the bottom of the sheet to help you navigate through the process. The first two tabs reflect the two major portions of our budget: the administrative and the program funds. These two worksheets show all of the various line items of income and expense in the rows while the columns indicate the current year results (through May 31st), the 2012 budget, the percentage of the budget used thus far, and the 2013 budget figures (which is obviously blank at this juncture.) These worksheets are somewhat unwieldy, so you will also notice tabs for the major committees of the cabinet. Most of you will only need to deal with the committee tabs. Please feel free to enter your 2013 budget request directly on to the spreadsheet and return it to me. Alternatively, you can print it out and enter information manually then return that to me. By the same token if you feel more comfortable providing your information on an entirely different media (e.g. handwritten scratch paper), please by all means do so.

I realize that this is undoubtedly the least favorite of your many tasks, but the sooner we deal with it, the sooner we can start performing more vital ministries. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

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