

Synod in the Life of the Yellowstone Presbytery – A Quick Summation

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The Synod Transition –

- a. The Synod Exec, Zane Buxton, has resigned; The Synod Office manager, Rebecca Kennedy has resigned.
 - a. Synod Council is the governing body.
 - b. Lines of authority need clearer definition.
 - c. Immediate Goals and purposes for the Synod need definition.
 - d. The GA Commission to Study Middle Governing Bodies is now functioning.

What the Synod Does for us:

- a. Staff Resources.
 - a. Stated Clerk answers polity questions for presbyteries.
 - b. Synod Exec:
 - i. has helped with thorny CoM issues.
 - ii. has visited and related connectively at presbytery meetings.
 - iii. Has informed and interpreted the actions of the GA and represented our interests to the larger church.
 - c. Synod Execs have resourced our CoM with training and I have resourced them.
- b. WNLT – Leadership Training. Bringing quality (most of the time) training to the Synod region.
 - a. Collegial Learning and teaching.
- c. Partnership funds... through the Synod to us from GA and Denver Presbytery.
 - a. 2004 - \$75,000; 2010 - \$48,600
- d. Loans and Grant support.
 - a. Synod can make loans to presbyteries and ministries, i.e. camps.
 - b. Supports requests for grants from GA funds.
- e. Mission Partnerships – Zimbabwe with Denver Presbytery
- f. Sharing of expenses and events for GA staff and others who visit and inform.
- g. Other....

How is our Co-GP Service Effected?

- a. Synod Staff Forum.
 - i. WNLTP Planning.
 - ii. Mutual Discipleship, training and support
- b. Represent Synod Staff Forum on the Synod Coordinating Council.
- c. Resource other presbyteries as requested.
- d. Financial considerations. Travel costs for Forum.
- e. Other.....

How is Presbytery Effected?

- a. Office work load will be increased with Synod's cutting back on Mission Funding processing.
- b. Rebecca has been a go-to person for many questions.
- c. If Synods were to go away the flood of calls for information and interpretation would impact the Offices in Louisville.