Yellowstone Presbytery's Year of Visioning and Discernment—WHERE ARE WE?

PHASE I
To discover and learn what God is up to in the world today, including our contexts, congregations, and communities.

May '08—Apr '09

- Dwelling in the Word with Sessions, Presbytery, Council, committees/teams
- Presbytery data/stats from Ten Year Report and Persept Report
- Assets, dreams, needs – Presbytery Council, committees & congregations (in progress)
- Insights from the Holy Spirit's work from other Christians asking similar questions in 21st Century – PC(USA), other Christians, resources of various kinds, consultant
- Technological and social shifts in communications, media, values, and life styles
- Vision Team presents "Our Iceberg Is Melting" to Presbytery as model for presentation and training in new strategies, practices.

PHASE II
To discern God's vision and role for congregations and presbyteries in the 21st century, especially for the gathering of churches known as Yellowstone Presbytery.

What is God's vision for us?

Apr '09—Sep '09

- Vision Team distills all inputs, drafts vision statement, interacts with Council & May Presbytery
- Vision Team visits clusters of congregations to interpret and discuss vision & priorities

Phase III
To embody--creatively, faithfully, and fruitfully--God's preferred future as an outpost of his church called, gathered, equipped, and sent in Montana.

How might we live and embody Christ's vision in our life and mission together?

Sep '09—May '10

- September vision retreat for leaders in congregations & presbytery—vision, priorities, practices
- Vision Team works on implementation strategies and continues cluster and congregational visits
- February—Presbytery considers implementation strategies.
- May — Presbytery adopts and celebrates the new vision

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