

PRESBYTERY OF YELLOWSTONE
Federated Church of Forsyth, Forsyth, Montana
May 14-15, 2012

COMMITTEE on MINISTRY REPORT

Since the Presbytery Meeting in Bozeman, Montana on March 2-3, 2012, the Committee has met twice, by Conference Call and by a face to face meeting in the Fireside Room at First Presbyterian Church, Billings, Montana.

Actions taken by CoM during these meetings:

- P** Reviewed covenant for Temporary Supply between Community Presbyterian Church, Jordan, MT. and Monte Massar, a Synodical Authorized Minister of the ELCA, and voted to approve the Covenant with the addition of the definition of 10 hours per week. (See terms of call--attachment #1.)
- P** Approved request from Community Presbyterian Church, Jordan, MT., session, to appoint Monte Massar, S.A.M., as Moderator of session July 1, 2012, after receiving moderator training, if the way be clear.
- P** Request presbytery to grant Committee on Ministry authority to appoint Moderators to churches when no installed pastor exists.
- P** Appointed discernment team, (D. Andrews, D. Blackburn, J. Clark, G. Goodrich) to work with the session of Community Protestant Church, West Yellowstone, MT.
- P** Voted to recommend approval of candidate of priority for "fit" and membership in Presbytery of Yellowstone should the way be clear, pending the call by St. Andrew Presbyterian Church PNC/ session to serve as an Interim Pastor. There was an extensive interview/exam prior to the action taken by the CoM.
- P** Voted to extend Rev. Dick Davis's term as session Moderator of the First Presbyterian Church, Anaconda, MT., through 2012 if necessary
- P** Voted to approve the amended CIF of the First Presbyterian Church, Deer Lodge. It is now filed with the Church Leadership Connection for a Tent-maker position.
- P** Received the evaluation of CRE Editha McKay and the up-dated contract between Community Presbyterian Church, Geysers, and First Presbyterian Church, Stanford.
- P** Voted to concur with the action of the session of Federated Church of Forsyth, Forsyth, MT., to invite Rev. Vicki Waddington, former CLP of the church, to be the officiant at a wedding. CRE Cathy McLean will participate in the service and do the pre-marriage counseling.
- P** Received report from Rev. David Schneider, Interim Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Miles City, MT. He has done some very commendable work with the congregation as they prepare for a new pastor. Upon conclusion of his Interim Pastorate in August, Rev. Schneider plans to return to Dallas to be with his wife, Peg, and full retirement. We thank you, Dave, not only for your service as Interim Pastor but also for your willingness to serve where needed in Presbytery committee functions.
- P** Dates set for Boundary Training for Clergy/CREs and others in church leadership positions for Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at First Presbyterian Church, Billings, MT. and Wednesday, May 2, 2012, at First Presbyterian Church, Bozeman, MT.

Neva Rathbun, Jim Tarr, Ron Hanson, George Goodrich attended The Board of Pensions Western/Central regional Benefits Consultation in Arlington, Texas on April 18-19, 2012. There is a ¾ increase in the dues for 2012 due to the great increase in claims. Please check our Presbytery website for more information. These folks are working hard to give us the best "bang for our bucks". Vacancy dues are applicable for 12 months and based on 12% of the last effective salary paid by the church. These dues help support the Medicare supplement fund.

We had the privilege of hearing Peter Steinke speak at the gathering provided by the Office of Vocations which followed the BoP Consultation. He is the author of *A Door Set Open – Grounding Change in Mission and Hope*. His topic focused on the theme of the CoV, "Leadership for God's Unfolding Mission". The workshops provided training for Ministry Committees and Presbyteries. Hopefully our CoM and Presbytery will benefit from this training opportunity.

Up-coming Big Tent Events: Sunday, July 30, 2012-August 2, 2012 at TradeWinds Resorts, St. Pete Beach, Florida. Theme: "What are you waiting for?" Acts 1:6-11. www.ecg2012.org

Respectfully Submitted 05/14/2012

Rev. Neva Rathbun, Moderator

CoM. Presbytery of Yellowstone

Attachment # 1

TERMS OF COVENANT AGREEMENT FOR TEMPORARY SUPPLY between Monte Massar,
Synodical Authorized Minister of Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and Community
Presbyterian Church, Jordan, Montana

Service from April 1, 2012, to March 31, 2013

Cash Salary: \$5,200.00 for term of contract

Housing: Includes free use of manse valued at \$5,100.00 (Temporary Supply will pay for any personal telephone calls incurred.)

This compensation is for a ten hour work week. (CoM suggested monthly reports to Session for monitoring.)

Review of this covenant prior to renewal or termination will be by the session, the Temporary Supply Person, and the presbytery's Committee on Ministry. Provision for Termination is 60 days prior to expiration date by either party.

Ministry expenses reimbursed including travel at IRS employee rate are to be vouchered and submitted to treasurer for reimbursement.

Vacation: 4 weeks per year

Continuing Education: One (1) week earned every six (6) months to be used when continuing education opportunities arise.

Responsibilities of Temporary Supply (*check those which apply*):

- Develop and encourage participatory worship and mission
- Administer the Sacraments of the Lord's Supper and Baptisms
- Moderate session and congregational meetings following a period of instruction and mentoring and with approval from Yellowstone Presbytery's Committee on Ministry
- Visitation
- Officiate at funeral services upon request
- Assist with development of and leadership for youth ministry*
- Officiate at Liturgical Services