Committee Report Form - - Yellowstone Presbytery

Committee Name:_Higher Education committee
Committee Report for Council Meeting, scheduled for: May 20-21, 2011

Submitted By: Bob Culbertson

I. For Council's *Information*:

- a. The Committee's Three Stated Goals for 2011:
 - i. Priority 1: Pursue continued funding support for campus ministry programs
 - ii. Priority 2: Study new focus and organizational model for campus ministry within the Presbytery
 - iii. Priority 3: Resolve Christus Collegium issue
- b. Date of Committee Meeting: 4/30/11 Date of Next Meeting: TBD
- c. Members Present:
 - Bob Culbertson
 - Curt Kochner
 - Kim Woeste
 - Nancy Giddings
 - Dave Kimbal
 - Dan Krebill
 - Chuck Broughton

Also present:

• George Goodrich

d. Main agenda Items:

- i. Review of programs at MSU, MSUB, & RMC
- ii. Review of projected 2012 Synod & Presbytery Higher Education mission donations for MSU, MSUB, & RMC
- iii. Alternate funding discussions for after 2012
- iv. Update on progress of Christus Collegium issue
- v. Review of the stated responsibilities of the committee and how we might better fulfill them.

e. <u>Decisions we made</u>:

Who will follow Through:

- i. Contact Glacier Presbytery (Missoula church) to develop a statewide strategy for coordinating Higher Education activities with them since U of M is the only university/college in their presbytery.
 Bob C.
- ii. Check church presence in smaller state colleges and Indian colleges; if little of none is offered, contact local churches to see if we can encourage them to start one. Several small group models

are available, such as the Peer Minister program used at MSU. The Higher Education committee in conjunction with the existing college programs could be used as a resource for program ideas. This will be a work in progress to develop the needed resources.

Bob C. & H.E. committee

iii. It was noted that the merely receiving the names of graduating seniors from Pastors and contacting them by phone or was disappointingly ineffective; networking works better but the best way is to get college students, or anyone for that matter, involved is through personal relationships and it was pointed out that camp is where this happens most often. We will look into the feasibility of inviting the college campus leaders to camp to work with the high schoolers to give them a chance to establish those bonds.

Bob C. & Curt K.

iv. Very preliminary budget figures for Higher Education funding for 2012:

School	Presbytery contribution	Synod contribution
MSU	\$4,620	\$1,428
MSUB	\$9,048	\$3,240
RMC	\$1,000	\$1,000

II. We Request Council's *Input* on the Following:

a. Update on status of Christus Collegium progress.

III. We request Council's *Action* on the Following:

IV. Council desires the Committee to consider the following:

a. With the stop of Synod funding, would it be possible to set up a Higher Education fund with the Presbytery using the Christus Collegium funds as the foundation for it?