

PRESBYTERY OF YELLOWSTONE

First Presbyterian Church, Dillon, MT

June 14/15, 2013

Committee on Ministry Report

First of all, I thank you on behalf of the Committee on Ministry for the privilege that each one of us has in serving the Presbytery of Yellowstone in the ways that we have opportunity. In addition I do want to thank you for your generous offering, (received during the Feb. worship service) of \$780.00 (seven hundred dollars and eighty cents) toward the \$3000. (Three thousand dollars) minimum balance needed for the Clergy Emergency Fund. Your generosity continues to be welcomed.

Since the last Presbytery of Yellowstone meeting, held in Billings, MT. on Feb. 22-23, 2013, the CoM has been especially busy with two face-to-face meetings and one conference call meeting, along with exit interviews and other visitations.

With the authority given to the CoM by the Presbytery of Yellowstone, we have made the following decisions:

CRE Cathy McLean has completed all of her coursework and is in process of being called by Federated Church of Forsyth.

PCoM recommends to Presbytery the approval CRE Cathy McLean for membership and ordination, if the way be clear, following her Presbytery examination. We have had the privilege of hearing her preach at Poplar when she became a CLP (CRE) for the Federated Church of Forsyth.

A request from TE Leon Rathbun, Community Presbyterian Church, for retirement was approved at the April 7, 2013, congregational meeting, moderated by TE Co-GP George Goodrich, to honor his request effective July 1, 2013. His last Sunday as a called pastor to preach is June 16, 2013. TE N. Rathbun will preside during the worship service with the dissolution of pastoral call liturgy.

PCoM recommends to Presbytery to grant Honorably Retired Status to TE Leon Rathbun.

PCoM has appointed TE Kristin Willett to serve as Moderator as of July 1, 2013. RE Gayle Holland serves as liaison with Community Presbyterian Church.

TE Mary Davis, First Presbyterian Church, Anaconda, and TE Richard "Dick" Davis, T.S. for the Church of the Big Hole have moved to Marion, MT. TE M. Davis requested dissolution of the clergy/congregation relationship with First Presbyterian Church, Anaconda, effective April 28, 2013. A congregational meeting following the worship service on April 14, moderated by RE Ron Hanson, Stated Clerk, concurred with her request; the vote being unanimous with regret.

PCoM voted to dissolve the pastoral relationship between Rev. Mary Davis and the Anaconda Church, and to classify TE M. Davis as an At-Large member of the Presbytery of Yellowstone as of May 01, 2013.

TE Dick Davis has accepted a position as Clinical Director of the Turning Winds facility in Yaak, MT. His last day as Stated Supply at the Church of the Big Hole was April 28, 2013.

PCoM authorized TE Davis to labor outside the bounds of Yellowstone Presbytery and to classify him as an At-Large member of the Presbytery of Yellowstone as of April 28, 2013.

Exit interviews were completed for TE Dick Davis by RE Linda Smith, liaison, and TE Neva Rathbun, and for TE Mary Davis, John Clark, liaison, TE N. Rathbun, and TE Co-GP George Goodrich. Exit interviews have been completed with the session of the Church of the Big Hole, (Melrose, Wise River and Wisdom) by RE L. Smith, liaison; TE N. Rathbun; TE Co-GP G. Goodrich; and with the Anaconda session by RE J. Clark, liaison, TE N. Rathbun, and TE Co-GP G. Goodrich.

PCoM appointed TE Freeman McCall, H.R. as moderator of the Sessions of First Presbyterian Church, Anaconda, and of the Church of the Big Hole.

PTE Lanny Rounds was appointed as Moderator of Session with First Presbyterian Church, Deer Lodge. In addition, TE Jed Cauffman was appointed as liaison with the Roy congregation.

PCoM accorded TE Susan Thomas and TE Doug Johnson validation of their ministries. TE Thomas is the Coordinator of Pastoral Care Services and Chaplain at the Billings Clinic. TE Johnson serves as Chaplain at the Billings Clinic.

PCoM affirmed the Church Information Form for St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Billings.

PCoM granted permission for Rev. Rob Nedbalek, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and Mission Developer of Freedom in Christ inside the walls of Montana State Prison, to serve as Officiant at the Communion Table when invited to fill the pulpit at First Presbyterian Church, Deer Lodge, and pending his availability. This is effective until a CRE is commissioned to serve Deer Lodge or until a TE is called.

PCoM approved the up-dated contract of CRE Editha McKay who serves the Stanford and Geyser congregations.

PCoM approved the up-dated contract of SAM Monte Massar who serves the Jordan congregation.

P CoM approved requests from TE Kristin and TE Brandon Willett to labor outside the boundaries of Presbytery of Yellowstone were approved for 05-24-13 and 10-26-13.

West Yellowstone Protestant Church—we still await the final copy of the Dismissal Agreement with all details worked out between the attorneys and ready for appropriate signatures.

Salary minimums are pending the decision of the Board of Pensions that will be made at the end of June. There will be a 1% apportionment given for the pensions in 2014.

Respectfully submitted. . .
TE Neva J. Rathbun