

Committee Report Form - -Yellowstone Presbytery

Committee Name: Higher Education

Committee Report for Presbytery Meeting, Scheduled for: November 5-6, 2010

Submitted By: David Kimball, Chair

I. For Council's Information:

- a. The Committee's Three Stated Goals for 2010:
 - i. Priority 1: Pursue continued synod and Presbytery funding support for campus ministry programs
 - ii. Priority 2: Study Bozeman Campus Christian Center (Christus Collegium) partnership and implement recommendations for its future.
 - iii. Priority 3: Study new focus and organizational model for campus Ministry within the Presbytery
- b. Date of Committee Meeting:
 - May 12 - Committee tele-conference meeting
 - July 14 - Ad-Hoc Task Group of the Committee
 - August 1-20 - Committee email vote on Task Group Recommendations
- c. Members Present: Ad-Hoc Committee composed of David Kimball, Fran Babcock, Rev. Dan Krebill, Pat Griffin and Chuck Broughton
- d. Main Agenda Items: Committee vote on recommendations of Ad-Hoc Task Group on future of MSU Campus Christian Center (Christus Collegium)
- e. Decisions Made: The Committee voted to forward to Council the recommendations of the Task Group as stated below:

RECOMMENDATIONS: The Higher Education Committee recommends that action be initiated to terminate the Presbyterian membership in the Campus Christian Center by the end of 2011 and that any funds derived from the withdrawal be designated for the support of Yellowstone Presbytery campus ministries. The following actions should be taken:

- a. Give verbal notification at the next meeting of the CCC Board of Directors of the intent to terminate Presbyterian membership at the end of fiscal year 2011.
- b. Seek Synod concurrence with the withdrawal recommendation and guidance as to whether the Synod or the Presbytery is the appropriate action agency.
- c. Conduct a search for all documents relevant to our CCC membership, including the original membership certificate, percentage distribution of shares, original amount of funds invested and the source of that funding, documentation of the formation and dissolution of precursor entities such as the United Campus Christian Ministry and the Montana Ministries in Higher Education.
- d. Investigate options for legal review and support.

- f. Plan a special event to recognize the place these ministry organizations played on the MSU campus and bring closure for those who led and participated in these programs over the years.

II. Council Actions:

- a. At its Aug 27 meeting the Council approved the recommendations of the Committee to be taken to the full Presbytery for final approval.
- b. The Synod Executive advised that action on this issue is under the purview of the Presbytery.
- c. The Board of the Campus Christian Center was informed of our intent to terminate our partnership by the end of 2011.

III. We request Presbytery Action on the Following:

Approve the actions recommended by the Higher Education Committee and approved by the Council as stated above.