

Committee Report Form - -Yellowstone Presbytery

Committee Name: Higher Education Committee
Committee Report for Council Meeting, scheduled for: Presbytery

Submitted By: Bob Culbertson

I. For Council's Information:

- a. The Committee's Three Stated Goals for 2012:
 - i. Priority 1: Develop Committee role in supporting campus ministries in Montana.
 - ii. Priority 2: Review campus ministry programs that will be receiving funding
 - iii. Priority 3: Determine amount of Presbytery funding to each of the three primary campus ministry programs in Yellowstone County.
- b. Date of Committee Meeting: 10/13/11 Date of Next Meeting: 1/29/12
- c. Members Present: Bob Culbertson, Curt Kochner, Dave Kimball, Kristi Foster, Kim Woeste, Dan Krebill, George Goodrich
Also Present: Shari Dayton
- d. Main agenda Items:
 - i. Ministry updates
 - ii. Christus Collegium update
 - iii. Synod and Presbytery funding recommendations for 2012
 - iv. Campus ministry support and coordination options
 - v. Set calendar dates for 2012 meetings

e. Decisions we made:

	<u>Synod Funding</u>	<u>Who will follow through:</u>		
		<u>Presbytery Funding</u>		<u>Campus Total</u>
MSUB	\$2,592	\$6,408	=	\$9,000
MSU	\$2,076	\$1,592	=	\$3,668
RMC	\$1,000	\$1,000	=	\$2,000
Total	\$5,668	\$9,000	=	\$14,668

Higher Education committee chairman, Bob Culbertson will prepare and submit Synod funding requests and forward Presbytery funding requests to Council for review.

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

- a. Using the Christus Collegium settlement funds (lump sum or installment) to help fund the campus ministry programs within the Presbytery. The money was originally allocated for the purpose of campus ministry and with the withdrawal of Synod funding it will be very much appreciated to supplement the Presbytery's Higher Education funding.

- b. Use the Bozeman Campus Foundation (from the sale of the manse building in Bozeman) to help fund the MSU campus ministry program. The interest from this fund is currently going toward the Christus Collegium annual upkeep payments. In January when the payments cease we would like to see this fund's purpose be shifted to the MSU campus ministry programs.
- c. Use of the Convocation as a forum for informing and inspiring campus ministry program providers, possibly as early as Convocation 2012. Possible topics could be:
 - i. Current trends, values, and concerns of college students and how to respond to them.
 - ii. Programs that work and those that don't.
 - iii. Potential new programs for Christian witness and relationship building.
 - iv. Presenting Bible studies that are relevant.
 - v. Reconciling "Faith" with "Life" ("where the rubber meets the road")
 - vi. Building community and financial support for your ministry.
 - vii. Inspiring college ministry leaders.
- d. In light of the decreased funding for higher education programs and of Rocky Mountain College's unique ties to the Presbyterian Church, it is the recommendation of the Higher Education committee that:
 - i. Synod be encouraged to continue its relationship with Rocky Mountain College via active involvement and direct funding; and that
 - ii. Yellowstone Presbytery also strives to keep its special relationship to Rocky Mountain College via active involvement and direct funding

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

- a. Placing a Campus Ministry tab on the Presbytery website where the various campus ministries can place links to their respective websites.
- b. Update on the current status of settlement with the Christus Collegium building.

IV. Council desires the Committee to consider the following: