

# Yellowstone Presbytery

## Higher Education Report for Presbytery Meeting

February 21-22, 2014

The Higher Education committee is being phased out of the Yellowstone Presbytery governance model due to the economic situation we find ourselves in, both as a Presbytery and with the individual programs. Program funding from the Rocky Mountain Synod ceased as of December 2012, and from the Yellowstone Presbytery as of December 2013.

The original purpose of the Higher Education Committee, as stated in the Yellowstone Presbytery Administrative Manual, was presented as follows:

This committee shall be responsible for the coordination and oversight of all activities of the respective campus ministries at Montana State University – Billings and Montana State University – Bozeman. It will address the matters of accountability and effectiveness of the entities entrusted with the direction of the campus ministries, as well as the accountability to the Synod of The Rocky Mountains, Yellowstone Presbytery and its constituent congregations to their awareness of, support for and efforts on behalf of ministries in higher education. Included in the committee's considerations shall be information regarding Rocky Mountain College and its chaplaincy program.

With the end of formal funding the task of accountability has disappeared and the new emphasis is on fellowship; keeping the various collegiate ministries in touch with each other for support and encouragement. The hope is that either through the UKIRK program or just by themselves this goal may still be reached and collegiate ministries expanded to other colleges within the state. Though the Higher Education committee has come to an end, the need for it has not. We will attempt to put an ad hoc committee together to continue and expand the fellowship between the various existing and hopefully some new collegiate ministries. Use of the Presbytery telephone conference system has been raised as a possible resource.

Committee members at the end are:

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John Dyce (Presby. Rep.)

Curt Kochner (MSUB)

Bob Culbertson (MSUB)

Dave Kimball (RMC)

Ex-officio Committee members:

Dan Krebill (MSU)

Nancy Giddings (MSU)

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