

Pastoral Ministry Team
Presbytery Report
March 7, 2015

The purpose of the Pastoral Ministry Team is to come alongside of churches, sessions, and pastors to provide encouragement, support, and training as we work together to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. The PMT recently welcomed three new members to our team who include Charlie Brown (Lewistown), Chris Eriksen (First Billings), and the Rev. JP Carlson (Anaconda/Big Hole).

No action is needed by the PMT, but several items of information for the Presbytery are included below.

1. Boundary/Sexual Misconduct Training will be held in two locations this May. First Presbyterian Billing will host the training on Saturday, May 16 from 10 AM- 2 PM. First Presbyterian Bozeman will host the training on Saturday, May 23 from 10 AM - 2 PM. This training is **required for all Teaching Elders and CREs** within Yellowstone Presbytery every three years. For those unable to make this training, please talk with Ron Hanson about alternative training possibilities. The training is free and will include lunch at both locations.
2. Representing our presbytery at the annual Western Regional Board of Pensions Consultation in San Diego on April 25-26 will be Ron Hanson (Stated Clerk), Dave Thompson (Chair of the PMT), and possibly George Goodrich (Co-General Presbyter). The purpose of this annual consultation is to provide input to the Board of Pensions and to learn of all the ways the BOP can provide help and assistance to those in our presbytery.
3. Jack Bell, current Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) at First Billings, has made himself available to share about the CRE program with churches in our presbytery. Jack is more than happy to talk with pastors, session, or congregations about ways the CRE program can benefit local congregations. Jack can be reached by cell phone at (406) 698-7040.
4. The Rev. Dan Krebill (First Bozeman) and TE Jim Tarr (St. Andrew Billings) will be representing the PMT in regards to several amendments that will come before our presbytery at this meeting. These amendments have been recommended to us by the Leadership Cabinet of our presbytery to provide clarity, input, and consideration of vote.
5. CRE Learner Veva Larson (Anaconda/Big Hole) will be meeting with the PMT to finalize the steps in the CRE commissioning process. If the way be clear, Veva will be examined for CRE status at our June Presbytery meeting in White Sulphur Springs.

6. Whitworth Grant: Our PMT is working with Whitworth University in Spokane to begin a summer internship program whereby Whitworth students will work in churches within our Presbytery. These students will offer help in a variety of ministry areas and in turn learn valuable ministry skills from pastors and congregations within our bounds. More about this exciting program will be made available in the coming months.

I am grateful for a dedicated group who serve as members of the Pastoral Ministry Team:

The Rev. David Andrew

RE Debbie Blackburn

RE Charlie Brown

The Rev. JP Carlson

The Rev. Susi Ennis

RE Chris Eriksen

RE Gayle Holland

The Rev. Dan Krebill

RE Charlie Mandeville

RE Linda Smith

RE Jim Tarr

The Rev. Dave Thompson

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev. Dave Thompson, Chair