

Stated Clerks Report

February, 2015

For Information:

Since November 1st of last year I have been a participant in the following meetings and activities:

- Attended and finalized the minutes for the November 2014 presbytery meeting.
- Attended and finalized the minutes for two Pastoral Ministry Team meetings.
- Attended and finalized the minutes for one Leadership Cabinet meeting.
- Attended the Convocation in Bozeman.
- Participated in the Installation Service for Rev. JP Carlson at the Church of the Big Hole.
- Assembled and mailed the 2014 reports to the session clerks for their action.
- Assembled the 2015 Teaching Elder/Non-Teaching Elder Balance Report and the 2014 Necrology Report (See attached).
- Assembled the 2014 presbytery minutes and forwarded them to Synod for their review.
- Continued to work on the presbytery's Manual of Administrative Operations. All materials have been assembled and I am now scanning paper copies and inserting them into the document.
- Continued to work with our attorney Mark Parker on the advertisement and sale of the Mildred Church property.

For Action:

- I hereby request approval, with corrections if need be, of the November 8, 2014 presbytery meeting minutes.
- I recommend that two additional church sessions be authorized to elect another commissioner to presbytery. I further recommend that the sequence of churches for electing another commissioner follow the order that churches are listed in the Directory. Should an imbalance remain in subsequent years the order that churches are listed in the directory continually to be sequentially be followed to create a Teaching Elder/non-Teaching Elder balance.

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TEACHING ELDER/NON-TEACHING ELDER BALANCE

As of January 1, 2014 there were 39 Teaching Elders (TE's) on the Rolls of Yellowstone Presbytery. However, only 36 of these TE's were living within the bounds of the presbytery. On this same date there were 23 churches authorized to send a Commissioner to Presbytery meetings, plus 2 churches authorized to send two Commissioners to presbytery meetings, and cast a Vote. Additionally, there were 4 Ruling Elders who were moderators of Presbytery Ministry Teams or other units of the presbytery as well as 3 Non-Teaching Elder Pastors who were authorized to vote at Yellowstone Presbytery meetings.

The net result is that there are 36 local Teaching Elders and 34 Non-Teaching Elders authorized to vote on business before the Presbytery.

Therefore, a Teaching Elder/Non-Teaching Elder imbalance currently exists in Yellowstone Presbytery. This possibility is a result of our new structure and was pointed out last year.

Proposal: In order to bring the Non-Teaching Elder authorized voter numbers in balance with the Teaching Elder voter numbers I recommend that two additional church sessions be authorized to elect another commissioner to presbytery. I further recommend that the sequence of churches for electing another commissioner follow the order that churches are listed in the Directory. Should an imbalance remain in subsequent years the order that churches are listed in the directory continually to be sequentially be followed to create a Teaching Elder/non-Teaching Elder balance.

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YELLOWSTONE PRESBYTERY NECROLOGY REPORT – 2014

Church	Elders Name	Ordination Date	Date of Death
Anaconda	Ann Hawkins	February 1985	Sept. 2014
	Walter Frank Smith	March 25, 1990	October, 2014
Billings First	Florella Halverson	January 10, 1980	May 21, 2014
	Lewis Hammermeister	February 5, 1978	August 7, 2014
	Floyd Creekmore	October 26, 1986	September 27, 2014
	Ellen Ward	1966	August 14, 2014
	Michelle Reed	August 8, 2010	October 11, 2014
	Jean Castberg	??	October 13, 2014
Billings, St. Andrew	Harriet Whearty	April 21, 1963	May 15, 2014
	Ray Whearty	January 13, 1957	December 21, 2014
Bozeman First	Betty McClure	January 3, 1982	July 10, 2014
	Donna Mandeville	January 6, 1974	December 22, 2014
Deer Lodge	Ada Holt	February 23, 1964	August 31, 2014
	Audrey Nissen	January 25, 1981	April 24, 2014
Dillon	Carl Love	February 17, 1980	May 15, 2014
Forsyth	Russell K. Fillner	January 1962	October 9, 2014
Hysham	Ramsey Adair	February 18, 1968	February 3, 2014
Jordan	Donald C. West	April 26, 1959	August 31, 2014
Poplar	William Beck	March 4, 1973	August 27, 2014
Terry	John “Lum” Latimer	1977	September 12, 2014
Wolf Point	Geneva Allen	January 1993	March 29, 2014
	Margie Slennes	January 1962	September 14, 2014