

LEADERSHIP CABINET
Presbytery of Yellowstone
Report to Presbytery June 2015

2015 Goals
Improve communication within and beyond the presbytery
Focus on spiritual nurture of pastors and leaders
Build community in the presbytery
Make and carry out staff transition decisions (stated clerk)

Task Groups working on behalf of the Leadership Cabinet & Presbytery

1. Presbytery Sunday task group

PRESBYTERY SUNDAY

OCTOBER 11, 2015

Teresa Kendall (chair), Dan Holland, Kristin Willett, Mary Davis, Mike Ferguson

2. New Worshiping Communities Task Group

Jack Bell (chair), Jed Cauffman, Dan Krebill, Mary Davis, George Goodrich

Mission! theme for 2015 coalesced with this emerging call to provide the theme for June 2015 presbytery meeting

3. Search Committee for Stated Clerk

Neva Rathbun (chair), Dan Holland, Debbie Funke, Terry Johnson

4. Review Team – hearing feedback from presbytery on new structure, will soon be dismissed

Debbie Blackburn, David Andrew, Jim Tarr, Gayle Holland

5. Glacier-Yellowstone Covenant – developed covenant with Glacier Presbytery, now approved by cabinets of both presbyteries. Will continue discussions as per covenant.

Jody McDevitt, Debbie Blackburn, Teresa Kendall, George Goodrich

Actions taken by the Leadership Cabinet on behalf of the presbytery

1. Approval of grants to higher education ministries for 2015-16 academic year, from the Higher Education Fund

United Campus Ministry (MSU-Billings, Rev. Rob Kirby)	\$ 10,000
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Rocky Mountain College Chaplain/Office of Spiritual Life (Rev. Kim Woeste)	\$ 1800
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Presby Cats Collegiate Ministry (MSU-Bozeman, Rev. Dan Krebill)	\$ 5000
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2. Approval of grant to Institute for Peace Studies, from the Peacemaking Offering and Social Justice Fund \$ 1500

3. Approval of grant to Intermountain, from the 2015 Program Budget \$ 1000

4. Approval of grant to Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu, for cyclone relief Designated to Onesua Presbyterian College, from Social Justice Fund \$ 5000

5. Approval of June 12, 2015 offering to Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu

6. Co-signed a grant application with the Presbytery of Inland Northwest for GA funds

Decisions requiring action from the presbytery

1. **(MOTION)** A nomination for the Representation/Nominating Ministry Team Ruling Elder Caroline Fleming (Miles City) for the class of 2016
2. Encouragement to all congregations of the presbytery to contribute to Cyclone Relief for Onesua Presbyterian College of the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu. Bulletin inserts are available –see Jody for an appropriate number for your congregation. Contributions are due by **SEPT 15, 2015**.

Upcoming Leadership Cabinet meetings:

September 1, 2015	Bozeman
October 6, 2015	Billings

Next presbytery meeting:

November 6-7, 2015, in Lewistown



COVENANT
Between
PRESBYTERY OF GLACIER AND PRESBYTERY OF YELLOWSTONE

PREAMBLE

In conformity with the principles found in the Reformed faith such as “being open to and responsive to the leading of the Holy Spirit,” and in order to respond to God’s call in this time and this place, we hereby enter into a covenant relationship between Glacier and Yellowstone Presbyteries to further the ministry that each of us has been called to in the State of Montana.

COVENANT

- To explore together new ways of resourcing congregations and individuals in ministry, sharing ideas by means of new technologies
- To communicate opportunities for ministry development and invite one another to events
- To identify opportunities for relationship-building and statewide fellowship

PROCESS

- Develop a shared website for the sharing of resources
 - Convocation account funds may be used to finance this
- The cabinets will elect and empower a joint ministry team to meet quarterly to implement progress on this covenant
- The cabinets will review and update this covenant annually