

Stated Clerk's Report

February, 2016

For Information:

Since the beginning of the year I have participated in the following meetings and activities:

- Attended the January and February Leadership Cabinet meetings and prepared the minutes.
- Attended the January Pastoral Ministry Team meeting and prepared the minutes.
- Attended three session meetings and two congregational meetings in Dillon.
- Met with Mark Frey, Board of Pensions representative.
- Prepared some additional paper work for the Mildred property sale.
- Worked with PMT and Mark Parker's office on the deed transfer for the Roy Church.
- Sent correspondence to churches regarding the Property Tax Exemption Applications.
- Assembled the Necrology Report for (2015) attached.
- Assembled the 2016 Teaching Elder/Non-Teaching Elder Balance Report (attached).
- Had another meeting with Ron Hanson to receive various paperwork and documents.
- Met with Susan Seibert several times to go over office policies and procedures.
- Submitted six real property tax exempt applications on behalf of the presbytery.
- Began work on getting Stated Clerk name change on various financial accounts.
- Participated in several phone meetings for Presbytery meeting planning.
- For your information I have attached a copy of the Yellowstone Presbytery Statistical report for 2015.

For action:

- I hereby request approval, with corrections if need be, of the following minutes:
Minutes of the June 12-13, 2015 Presbytery meeting
Minutes of the Special Presbytery meeting on September 16, 2015
Minutes of the November 6-7, 2015 Presbytery meeting
Minutes of the Special Presbytery meeting on December 14, 2015
- I recommend that eight church sessions be authorized to elect another commissioner to presbytery in order to bring the Non-Teaching Elder authorized voter numbers in balance with the Teaching Elder voter numbers.

YELLOWSTONE PRESBYTERY NECROLOGY REPORT – 2015

Church	Elder's Name	Ordination Date	Date of Death
Billings First	Chuck Pemble	February 3, 1974	January 1, 2015
	Bill Woolston	February 4, 1973	March 23, 2015
	Jeanette Grooms	October 25, 1992	August, 2015
	Jim Wempner	January 17, 1962	September 26, 2015
Billings, St. Andrew	Marion Cain	January 29, 1989	January 6, 2015
	Jeane Bryant	January 30, 1972	February 9, 2015
Bozeman First	Tom Fellows	January 22, 1961	January 8, 2015
	Paul Weingart	January, 1971	July 7, 2015
Deer Lodge	Frances Helton	February 5, 1989	November 24, 2015
Jordan	Carl Harbaugh	January 1, 1981	January 25, 2015
Miles City	Wayne Lathrop		March 3, 2015
	Elizabeth (Betty) McCourt		April 28, 2015
	Bufford Griffin		August 11, 2015
Church of the Big Hole	James Eighorn	1970s	November 7, 2015

TEACHING ELDER/NON-TEACHING ELDER BALANCE

As of January 1, 2016 there were 43 Teaching Elders (TE's) on the rolls of Yellowstone Presbytery. However, only 40 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 one church authorized to send two commissioners to presbytery meetings. There were 3 Non-Teaching Elder Pastors who were authorized to vote at Yellowstone Presbytery meetings. Additionally, there were 4 Ruling Elders who were authorized to vote based on their leadership roles within the Presbytery.

The net result is that there are 40 local Teaching Elders and 32 Non-Teaching Elders authorized to vote on business before the Presbytery.

Therefore, a Teaching Elder/Non-Teaching Elder imbalance currently exists in Yellowstone Presbytery.

Proposal: In order to bring the Non-Teaching Elder authorized voter numbers in balance with the Teaching Elder voter numbers I recommend that eight (8) church sessions be authorized to elect another commissioner to presbytery. According to our stated rules (S2.07), these commissioners would be eligible to vote beginning with the second meeting of the calendar year through the first meeting of the following year. As was approved at the March 2015 Presbytery meeting, the sequence of churches for electing another commissioner will follow the order that churches are listed in the Directory. In 2015 Anaconda and Billings First were authorized to elect an additional commissioner. The next eight churches in the directory are: Saint Andrew, Bozeman First, Butte, Colstrip, Deer Lodge, Dillon, Ennis, and Forsyth.

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Presbytery Number	300796
Name	Yellowstone
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Web Site	www.yellowstone.pcusa.org
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MembershipPrior Active Members **1970**

Gains	Losses
17 & Under 2	Certified 14
18 & Over 46	Deaths 50
Certified 10	Other 214
Other 6	
Total Gains 64	Total Losses 278

Total Active Members 1756Baptized **24**Other Participants **155**Total Adherents **1935**Female Members **852****Average Attendance 855****Affiliate Members 101****Baptisms**Child Baptisms **27**Adult Baptisms **5****Officers**Male Session **68**Female Session **83**Male Deacons **26**Female Deacons **79**

Age Distribution of Active Members	Male	Female
25 & Under 130	62	68
26 - 45 214	90	124
46 - 55 230	88	140

56 - 65	340	126	214
Over 65	809	285	523
Total Distribution	1723	651	1069

People with Disabilities

Hearing	146
Sight	23
Mobility	60
Other	12

Christian Education

Birth 3	47	Grade 7	34
Age 4	44	Grade 8	30
Kindergarten	52	Grade 9	39
Grade 1	44	Grade 10	35
Grade 2	52	Grade 11	29
Grade 3	50	Grade 12	25
Grade 4	41	Young Adults	39
Grade 5	34	Over 25	317
Grade 6	43	Teachers/Officers	123
Total	1078		

Racial Ethnic Breakdown	Membership	Elders	Deacons	Male	Female
Asian	7	3	0	5	2
Black	0	0	0	0	0
African American	0	0	0	0	0
African	1	0	0	0	1
Middle Eastern	0	0	0	0	0
Hispanic	3	0	0	2	1
Native American	21	3	1	9	12
White	1578	119	86	461	809
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	1610	125	87	477	825

Potential Giving Units	1,178
Budgeted Income	2,192,312
Budgeted Expense	2,534,152

Receipts

Regular Contributions	2,133,043	Bequests	151,517
Capital Building Fund	140,345	Other Income	182,816
Investment Income	96,564	Subsidy or Aid	2,500

Expenditures

Local Program	1,945,005	Per Capital Apprt	79,033
Local Mission	176,776	Validated Mission	68,870
Capital Expenditures	254,285	Theological Fund	875
Investment Expenditures	6,600	Other Mission	51,325

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