

Yellowstone Presbytery Stated Meeting

June 10-11, 2016

First Presbyterian Church

Miles City, Montana

16 - 032 – Call to Order – Moderator Teresa Kendall, TE, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Debbie Funke, TE, offered the opening prayer. Kristin Willett, TE, and Brandon Willett, TE, welcomed the presbytery to First Presbyterian Church of Miles City.

16 - 033 – Roll Call – Stated Clerk Debbie Blackburn, RE, called the roll and ensured that all present were introduced. The following people filled out registration sheets for the meeting.

Church	Teaching Elder Minister Member	Ruling Elder Commissioner(s)	Others Present
Anaconda	Unexcused	Linda Jo Smith	
Big Hole	Unexcused	Unexcused	
First Billings	Dave Thompson	Chris Eriksen	
Billings, St Andrew	Excused	David Kimball Cynthia Kessler	
Bozeman	Excused Excused	Dan Holland Marcia Jarrett	Jim Jarrett
Butte	Excused	John Clark	Laura Clark
Colstrip	Unexcused	Unexcused	
Deer Lodge	Teresa Kendall	Unexcused	
Dillon	Vacant	Unexcused	
Ennis	Excused	Excused	
Forsyth	Cathy McLean	Unexcused	
Geyser	Vacant	Unexcused	
Harlowton	Excused	Unexcused	
Hysham	Paul Cannon	Emily Keegan	LaVon Adair
Jordan	Unexcused	Claudia Stanton	Thomas Stanton
Lewistown	Jed Cauffman	Kevin Kepler	

Church	Teaching Elder Minister Member	Ruling Elder Commissioner	Others Present
Manhattan	Debbie Funke	Unexcused	Debbie Blackburn
Miles City	Brandon Willett Kristin Willett	Sharla Hellend	Paul Hellend Caroline Fleming
Phillipsburg	Unexcused	Unexcused	
Poplar	Excused	Excused	
Stanford	Jack Bell (CRE)	Bonnie Soulsby	
Terry	Katie Emery	Andy Pehl	Nancy Pehl
White Sulphur Springs	Excused	Excused	
Wolf Point	Excused	Unexcused	

Also Present or Excused:

TE George Goodrich, Co-General Presbyter	Annette Peppel (Whitworth Fellow)
TE Kathy Goodrich, Co-General Presbyter	Jacob Gallegos (Whitworth Fellow)
TE Leon Rathbun	Kathy Schlahta (Whitworth Fellow)
TE John Dyce	Samantha Cobb (Whitworth Fellow)
Bev Keegan (Visitor)	Hannah Beard (Whitworth Fellow)
TE Marcia Muir (excused)	Tyler Stitt (Whitworth Fellow)
TE Neva Rathbun (excused)	
TE Doug Johnson (excused)	
TE Mary Davis (excused)	
TE Richard Davis (excused)	

16-034 – Privileges of the Floor – The Presbytery voted to approve the following.

√ That the Whitworth Fellows and Paul Hellend, RE, be given privileges of the floor.

16 - 035– Procedural Motions – Upon a motion by the clerk, the presbytery approved the following actions:

1. That the roll for this meeting be established by completed Registration Sheets.
2. That written and oral requests for absences received by the Stated Clerk be approved.
3. That any Corresponding members present by seated.
4. That the Presbytery grant the Moderator the authority to give privilege of the floor to persons, other than Members or Commissioners, for the purpose of reporting to this meeting.
5. That the Moderator and the Stated Clerk be empowered to make adjustments to the Agenda during the meeting, as may be necessary, to provide for efficiency in reporting, and
6. That all reports received at this meeting be accepted.

16 - 036 - Quorum/Docket – A quorum was declared present and the Docket was adopted.

16 - 037 – Worship – Jack Bell, CRE, led the presbytery in Dwelling in the Word, focusing on John 21:1-14. After a time of reflecting and sharing, Jack closed this time with prayer.

16 - 038 – Recap of Community Listening- Kristin Willett, TE, and Kathy Goodrich, TE, reviewed the community listening opportunities that we had in White Sulphur Springs and Billings. They pointed out the importance of being able to recognize the needs of our communities and also of being able to articulate our own story. The booklets from Vera White on starting New Worshipping Communities can be useful tools in this process.

16 - 039 – Sharing Our Faith Story – Kristin Willett, TE, talked about the importance of recognizing where God is active in our lives and communities. Paul Hellend, RE, shared his personal faith story. Tyler Stitt, Whitworth Fellow, shared his personal faith story. Kristen handed out a sheet to help guide us in developing our own faith story.

16 – 040 – Break – The Presbytery took a break at 3:10 p.m.

16 – 041 – Reconvening – Moderator Teresa Kendell, TE, reconvened the meeting at 3:30 p.m. Time was spent in small groups sharing parts of our faith story. Then some shared with the larger group. Kristin Willett, TE, talked about how we can model this process for our congregations, Kathy Goodrich, TE, referred to the Engage curriculum as a good resource. Teresa closed this time in prayer.

16 – 042 – Introduction of Whitworth Students – The six students from Whitworth (Annette Peppel, Jacob Gallegos, Samantha Cobb, Katy Schlahta, Hannah Beard, and Tyler Stitt) introduced themselves and gave a brief summary about themselves. Kathy Goodrich, TE, offered prayer for the students and their time this summer in Yellowstone Presbytery.

16 – 043 – Commissioning of General Assembly Delegates – Moderator Teresa Kendall, TE, commissioned the 2016 General Assembly Delegates from Yellowstone Presbytery. Our RE delegate Emily Keegan was present. TE Lanny Rounds and YAAD Tanner Robison were unable to be with us so John Clark, RE from Butte, stood in for them. George Goodrich, TE, offered prayer for our delegates. George then explained that Emily Keegan, RE, had been the elected alternate but would now be attending GA as Pam Jackson, RE, is unable to attend.

16 -044 – BOP Announcements – Debbie Blackburn, RE, announced that flyers are available for the three BOP seminars that will be held in Billings September 27th – 30th. Registration is now open, and each seminar is limited to 30 people. Dan Krebill, TE, is the contact person for the seminars.

16 – 045 – Co-General Presbyters Report - George Goodrich, TE, and Kathy Goodrich, TE, shared highlights of their written report (Attachment A). George pointed out that the Presbytery website now has some Dwelling in the Word materials that may be used for session meetings (or other meetings).

16 – 046 – Synod Report – Kathy Goodrich, TE, reported that there are no updates regarding Synod at this time. The next meeting of the Synod will be July 31st and August 1st,

16 – 047 –Good News from Congregations – Teresa Kendall, TE, shared information that she had received by email regarding the Wolf Point congregation. Jeff Harada wrote that there is an

active youth group (multi denominational) as well as a local PW group. Caroline Fleming, RE, gave a report on the Miles City congregation. They received six new members last Sunday. Each month a special offering is taken. There are children on Sundays and also during the week at daycare. Katie Emery, TE, offered prayer for the congregations at Miles City and Wolf Point.

16 - 048 - Information on Friday night Presbytery offering – The offering from tonight’s worship service will be split between the ROCKS program in Miles City and the Westminster Spires Camp Scholarship Fund. Ken Holmund gave a presentation about the after school and summer programs provided by ROCKS. George Goodrich, TE, spoke about the upcoming summer camps at Westminster Spires. Teresa Kendall, TE, offered prayer for these two programs.

16 - 049 - Announcements –Attendees were reminded to complete a registration form and also to turn in vouchers for mileage. Eder commissioners were encouraged to begin putting notes on the Commissioner’s Report Forms (to take to session meetings). There are many books available on the book swap table downstairs.

16 - 050 - Dinner - Linda Smith, RE, offered prayer for the evening meal. Moderator Teresa Kendall, TE, recessed the meeting.

16 - 051 -Worship – George Goodrich, TE, preached from John 21. Paul Cannon, TE, presided over communion.

16 - 052 - Reconvening –Moderator Teresa Kendall, TE, reconvened the meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning. George Goodrich read from John 21 and offered prayer for our meal. Each table had discussion questions to consider during breakfast.

16 - 053 - Dwelling in the Word – Kristin Willett, TE, led a time of dwelling in John 21:15-19. This was followed by a discussion of new ways to communicate with our congregations.

16 - 054 - Leadership Cabinet – Jack Bell, CRE, reviewed highlights from the LC Report (Attachment B). Dan Holland, RE, spoke about the current financial status (Attachment C) of the Presbytery and that things are going well. Synod Funds (sent to us) have decreased but we are still managing.

√ The Presbytery voted to designate October 9, 2016 as Presbytery Sunday.

16 - 055 - St. Timothy’s - Moderator Teresa Kendall, TE, spoke about the long range planning for the Chapel (See Attachment D). George Goodrich, TE, reported that a sub-group of the Leadership Cabinet plans to meet with some members of the St Timothy’s Chapel Committee.

16 - 056 - Friday Night Offering – The offering total was \$880. This will be split evenly between the ROCKS program and scholarships for Westminster Spires.

16-057 - Pastoral Ministry Team – Dave Thompson, TE, reviewed the written report (Attachment E) from the PMT. The following actions were approved by the Presbytery:

√ Terms of Call for Susan Barnes, TE, at 75% of full time (Attachment F).

√ Change ministry status of David Andrew, TE, to Member at Large.

√ Change ministry status of Susan Thomas, TE, to Honorably Retired.

√ Elect Jim Tarr, RE, and Susi Ennis, TE, and Susan Thomas, TE, (alternate) to serve as ordination exam readers for the next cycle of examinations.

16 - 058 – Camping and Youth - A written report was submitted (Attachment G). George Goodrich, TE, shared a story of how camp helped a young boy establish relationships. There will be a fall retreat at Rockhaven around October 22nd. Prayer was offered for the camp programs.

16 – 059 – Presbyterian Women - A written report was submitted (Attachment H).

16 – 060– Stated Clerk’s Report - A written report was submitted (Attachment I). The following action was approved by the Presbytery.

√ The presbytery voted to approve the minutes from the March 4-5, 2016 Presbytery meeting.

16 – 061 – Seeds for Peace –Dave Kimball, RE, reported on two programs that have been held. One was on gun control and the second was on Syrian refugees. George Goodrich, TE, noted that the group will be meeting with the Dillon congregation in the near future.

16 - 062 – Whitworth Fellows – The students from Whitworth shared some of their observations on the Presbytery meeting as well as their thoughts on how churches can reach young people. They emphasized that students need to know that people care about them and that people are available for them. It is important for adults to spend one on one time with young people. Kathy Goodrich, TE, noted that the Presbytery will need to contribute \$10,000 in 2017 for this program to continue in Yellowstone.

16-063 - Presentation - George Goodrich, TE, expressed appreciation to Kristin and Brandon Willett for hosting the Presbytery meeting. Books from George and Kathy were given to them in appreciation for all their work

16-064 – Announcements – Presbytery Sunday will be October 9, 2016. The next stated meeting of the Presbytery will be November 4-5, 2016 in Butte, Montana.

16-065–Adjournment - Moderator Teresa Kendall, TE, adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m. Dave Kimball, RE, offered prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Blackburn
Stated Clerk

The Leadership Cabinet has chosen the making and forming of maturing followers of Christ/disciples who themselves are disciple-makers, and some of the Christian practices as an on-going emphasis for the year. A word about learning discipleship from the disciplines and practices in the early church:

"It is striking that the [early church] catechumens [converts in the discipleship process being prepared for their baptism] were first asked not to master ideas, but rather to practice the faith. Their first lessons were not in the doctrines of the Trinity, the two natures of Christ or Jesus' atoning death. Instead, they learned how to pray, fast and give alms. Participating in worship was especially important, but even here what they received was not so much instruction in what they should believe, but rather in what they were called to do. The second century Christian philosopher Justin Martyr, in one of the earliest descriptions of Christian worship, tells us that a "presiding officer urges and invites us in a discourse to practice the example of virtue" based on the writings that would become the Old and New Testaments. A person learned the faith by living the faith." - Dr. John Burgess (Pittsburgh Seminary) March 16, 2016 article in Presbyterian Outlook from his excellent article, 'Putting Easter into Baptism' <http://pres-outlook.org/2016/03/putting-easter-baptism/>

In *You Are What You Love: The Spiritual Power of Habit*, Reformed philosopher, Dr. James K. A. Smith, demonstrates biblically, philosophically, liturgically, practically how we can recover the biblical and early church practices and process of a holistic way of making and forming disciples. Discipleship is as much or "more a matter of hungering and thirsting as knowing and believing. Jesus' command to follow him is a command to align our loves and longings with his- to want what God wants, to desire what God desires, to hunger and thirst after God and crave a world where [God] is all in all...

Discipleship is a kind of immigration, from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of God's beloved Son (Col. 1:13) In Christ we are given a heavenly passport; in his body we learn how live like 'locals' of the kingdom...we need to be acclimated to the new way of life, learn a new language; acquire new habits of that rival domain...(Phil 3.20)". Spiritual practices and habits, individually and corporately, are THE primary ways God transforms us into the likeness of Christ.

Is such discipleship development of the leaders and congregation a focus and practice for you, for your session?

What might effective Christian Discipleship look like in your congregation?

What is one practice in your personal discipleship in which you would like to grow?

Over the last 3 presbytery meetings we have talked about and engaged in the practices of dwelling in the Word, prayer, paying attention/seeking to notice and discern where the Holy Spirit may be at work and of sharing the story of God at work in your life/ your meeting and journeying with Jesus - Spiritual practices of disciples.

how are YOU AND I, the congregation where you worship:

A. sharing your stories of faith? one-on-one, in session, meetings, youth groups, worship services, VBS...?

B. equipping those in our congregations, including children and teens, to hear and share their stories, including in worship services regularly? See resources listed on handouts from presbytery March & June 2016

The Clusters, our structure for community, collegial discipleship and mission among our pastors/CRE's, are all four active and alive in Christ – and the pastors are alive to one another. They have reached a sustainable level that George or Kathy are no longer carrying the administration. Each cluster has its own administrative

leadership and is pretty much charting its own course with dwelling in the Word, sharing and support, prayer, possibilities for shared training equipping or mission... One has adopted a vision for a mission specific to the cluster that God is calling the cluster to pursue together. ***But we feel/consider the cluster model, which we voted to launch as a part of the new structure, to be a strengthening asset, success for the presbytery as we seek to BE the body of Christ for one another, being the instrument and demonstration of Christ. The Holy Spirit is at work among the participants of the clusters.***

The Clusters and their Administrative Leadership:

- a. The Butte Cluster – Freeman McCall and Rusty Craig
- b. The White Sulphur Cluster – Debbie Funke - includes some lay leaders
- c. The Billings Cluster – Mary Davis
- d. The Miles City Cluster – Neva Rathbun and Kristin Willett- includes some pastors from other denominations.

Questions re: cluster groups: *The vision for the clusters has stabilized. Should the Leadership Cabinet suggest agenda to the clusters or let them continue to prayerfully self-determine? Should we be helping them explore, or prepare for next steps?*

Suggested Next Phase for Clusters:

- a. Prayerfully consider in light of our vision statement: where the Holy Spirit is already at work? How is each pastor/session making disciples and disciple-making leaders in each congregation? How might they share spiritual gifts of leaders or groups to strengthen this work and the congregations in their cluster? The presbytery? What ministry they might offer to the larger presbytery? (See Leadership Cabinet goals below and in their report.)
- b. Prayerfully dream and seek to discern, in light of our vision statement: how God may be leading the cluster and the congregations they serve in mission together?

PMT and Pastors/CRE's – Ongoing prayer appreciated for all our congregations, leadership, their communities and the ministry and mission Christ is calling them to join in.

Many of our pastors/CRE's and their families are facing difficult challenges, some on many fronts simultaneously. Please continue to pray for them, and us as pastors to the presbytery.

Discipleship and Spiritual and professional enrichment opportunities:

Minds and Hearts Set on Christ: Spiritual Formation and Preaching grant opportunity for pastors & CRE's– see separate sheet. 9 pastors thus far are participating. Whitworth applied for additional monies so CRE's and a few non PCUSA pastors serving PCUSA congregations can participate in 2016. Please talk to Kathy IMMEDIATELY if you are interested

Goals -

- a. Renewing our spirits - "Rekindling my love for the lover of my soul"
- b. Relating in our communities - Pastor cohorts and congregations
- c. Refining our craft - "Mind and Heart" preaching and teaching of God's Word

Whitworth Institute for Ministry – July 18-22 *For Such a Time as This: Christian Discipleship in the 21st Century* includes focusing on building a culture in your church which builds disciples and emphasizes reconciliation. Grant scholarships available for Mind and Heart grant participants. Talk with George or Kathy.

<https://www.whitworth.edu/FaithCenter/WIM/ProgramInformation.htm>

No WNLT this year. Each presbytery can request up to \$1,000 to be used only for continuing ed.

Spiritual Direction in the Presbytery: Continue to explore the training and eventual service of two more spiritual directors in the presbytery... Every pastor, leader, disciple encounters dryness of spirit, spiritual confusion and discouragement, a loss of meaning and perspective, and general questions about where is God in my life and work. Spiritual directors can help journey with our pastors and leaders through these issues, helping them maintain a fruitful spiritual life and ministry. George is open to offering spiritual direction to interested leaders.

A Whitworth – Yellowstone Partnership

DREAM Grant, PCUSA and Whitworth grants towards Yellowstone Whitworth Rural Ministry Initiative: Supporting, strengthening our pastors, congregations and new ministry and mission possibilities and developing future leaders for Christ's Church in partnership. We have been working on this during the fall/winter/spring. This is the second year. After meeting in February, with the six students (down from the 10 hoped for due to *high* demand stretching WU grant funds) Kathy has been working with the pastors and some leaders in each of the 3 locations set up virtual meetings via Skype so they can get to know one another and be planning together for the ministry and mission God has in store.

We are impressed with and grateful for the quality students who have answered God's call to ministry and mission with and among us and to learn from us this summer. After an initial training retreat June 1-3 in Bozeman with us as the directors, they are on site.

Please meet our Fellows who are attending presbytery in Miles City. Anaconda/Big Hole – Katy Schlata & Samantha Cobb; Manhattan – Tyler Stitt & Hannah Beard; Lewistown – Jacob Gallegos & Annette Peppel.

Possible partnerships to explore include: WU fellows partner with several congregations on a service or mission project in MT this summer. Anaconda/Big Hole is praying about possibilities in August after relationships well established, the fellows know their communities and MT better and earlier events such as VBS and camps are over.

Needs include: to raise the final \$1,000 for required stipends for our contribution for our students; some of them are helping to raise money for scholarships for campers and needed VBS supplies.

New Worshipping Communities – Jack Bell, CRE, chair - *Starting New Worshipping Communities: A Process of Discernment* (2014) by the Presbyterian Mission Agency. This booklet was given to each person attending the last 2 presbytery meetings and is available for [Free download here](#).

A MUST see – excellent collection of free, downloadable resources and videos on [8 New Worshipping Communities](#) which have sprung to life in Northwest Coast Presbytery over the last several years.

Kathy hopes our LC and NWC team will consider a variety of ways these inspiring videos can be shared such as showing a few at a presbytery meeting, posting a link on our website, utilizing them as part of a class on faith sharing <http://www.northwestcoast.org/learning-community>

Camping and Youth – Curt Kochner, Missy Turner (FPV- Butte), Heather McLean (FPC-Billings), Jim Tarr (St Andrew – Billings) and George led the winter ski retreat, staying at FPC, Butte and skiing Discovery near Georgetown Lake. Hugely successful, nearly 40 kids and leaders. Thanks again to the Butte Church for hosting us! Next year Bozeman?

Summer Camp, 2016 – Curt Kochner and George will co-lead again

The Camp Summer Staff has been hired. The Whitworth Fellows will be attending with campers from the respective churches.

July 6-9 - Staff training and group building ; Curt and George Lead

July 10-15 – Senior High Camp; Curt and George lead; George will be the Bible Study leader

July 17 – 22 – Junior High Camp; Curt leads; The Rev Will Johnson, the ELCA pastor in Glendive and married to the Rev. Katie Emery, the pastor of FPC, Terry will be the Bible Study leader.

July 24-28 – Elementary Camp; Curt and George lead; George will be the Bible Study leader

Brochures have been sent to all past campers and retreatants on our mailing list. The Brochure is also available on the Westminster Spires Camp website; pastors with campers who attended last year have received DVD's showing the camping ministry from last year. BUT we ask your help in recruiting campers again for the season... **Could you please consider a minute for mission presentation in your congregation's worship in June or July? Please speak with Curt or George.**

Youth Triennium is this summer! July 19-23 at Purdue University. Dave Thompson will be leading the trip again... please see him and link on Presbytery website for details.

Mission Co-worker, Ruth Brown, serving in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, spoke at the First Presbyterian Churches of Bozeman, Butte (George attended), Billings.

General Assembly in Portland: Kathy and Debbie Blackburn have met with our Youth Advisory Delegate, Tanner Robison and Elder Commissioner Pam Jackson (White Sulphur Springs) and Teaching Elder Commissioner Lanny Rounds (Butte) for training. All of the above will be ably representing the presbytery at GA, June 18-25.

Other Reportable Items: *Please consult the presbytery website:* www.yellowstonepcusa.org and the ***Yellowstone Currents*** edited by Susan Thomas with our sincere thanks!

Board of Pensions is partnering with the presbytery to host three seminars September 27-30 at FPC-Billings... all of which are recommended for clergy and church treasurers. Sign up will be through the Board of Pensions.

September 27-28 – ***The Clergy Pre-Retirement Seminar.*** ABSOLUTELY essential if are 50 + and have not attended one. Preplanning pays BIG dividends in lifestyle and \$\$ saved. Fun dinner out together.

September 29 – ***The Clergy Tax Seminar for treasurers, clerks, pastors*** and can yield significant savings

September 30 - ***Getting in Shape Fiscally Seminar for clergy in 30's & 40's,*** has saved clergy money now and later in life.

Intermountain: JP Carlson has been enthusiastically chosen by the Intermountain to serve as our representative from Yellowstone Presbytery.

Rocky Mountain College Board. George continues to represent the presbytery on the Board, and serves on the Church Relations and Student Affairs Committees.

Whitworth University: Kathy serves on the Board of Trustees and on its Academic Affairs Com. These are times of both challenge and opportunities, particularly for Christian colleges and universities on many fronts including emotional and mental health, racial tensions, costs,

Synod of Rocky Mountains: Kathy, along with Ron, serves as Yellowstone Commissioner and its TF for reviewing WNL. Meeting held in March again early August.

We have visited and preached in some congregations over the last several months.

Personal Notes: Thank you for your prayers and rejoicing with us at the arrival of **Thomas George Goodrich**, to Chip and Staci Goodrich, March 3. Our moms' health has been good lately and we are grateful. Peter and Gillian Goodrich Cleary are moving to Bozeman the end of July! We are grateful to God for answers to prayer on many fronts and consider it a privilege to pray for and journey with you all.☺

Pictured below:

1. Some of the senior high participants and adult advisors take a break from skiing on the February retreat at Discovery near Georgetown Lake, MT.
2. Jon Dupuis (Butte), Jon Severson (White Sulphur Springs) and George lead singing on the retreat.





LEADERSHIP CABINET
Presbytery of Yellowstone
Report to Presbytery June 2016

“To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”

1 Cor 12:7

2016 Goals
Emphasize disciple-making and forming in congregations and presbytery
Focus on spiritual nurture of pastors, leaders and potential leaders by understanding and using spiritual gifts
Build community in the presbytery, continuing to grow our communication
Clarify the covenant with Glacier and explore other partnerships for future collaboration

Actions taken by the Leadership Cabinet since March meeting

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)	\$ 10,500
Rocky Mountain College Chaplain/Office of Spiritual Life (Rev. Kim Woeste)	\$ 1450
Presby Cats Collegiate Ministry (MSU-Bozeman, Rev. Dan Krebill)	\$ 5750
2. Approval of grant for Whitworth Fellows from the Equip and Encourage Fund for summer 2016 costs, not to exceed \$ 2000
3. Request of grant from Synod of Rocky Mountains for continuing education, to be used for Minds and Hearts project \$ 1000
4. Transfer of funds received from sale of Mildred and Roy church properties, to Equip and Encourage Fund \$ 8500
5. Approval of June 2016 presbytery meeting offering, to be split (50/50) between ROCKS (Raising Our Community Kids safely) Program in Miles City and Camp Scholarships Fund for Westminster Spires Camp

Discussions and ongoing work

1. Communications Team (Kristin Willett, Jack Bell, Susan Thomas, Susan Seibert) is evaluating our presbytery-wide communications and seeking to improve newsletter, website and Facebook presence.
2. Child Protection Policy – In accord with the amended Book of Order, Kristin Willett and Brandon Willett are working with the Pastoral Ministry Team and the Camping and Youth Ministry Team.
3. Planning presbytery meetings around the theme of disciple-making and forming
4. New worshipping communities, refugee resettlement, partnerships with Whitworth University and other presbyteries

5. *Presbytery Sunday, October 9, 2016*

Presbytery of Yellowstone - Bozeman MT
Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2016

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Account #	Account Name	Beginning Balance	YTD Balance
Assets			
1.00.1010.0000	Checking Account #3133214	69,303.22	100,578.57
1.00.1020.0000	Petty Cash	22.18	22.18
1.00.1030.0000	Money Market #129013355	184,735.65	184,809.55
1.00.1031.0000	St Timothy M. M #1 #3531961	1,500.07	6,572.85
1.00.1032.0000	St. Timothy MM #2 #129013686	1,500.05	3,469.74
	Total Current Assets	\$257,061.17	\$295,452.89
1.00.1040.0000	Beartooth Electric Coop	1,337.70	1,337.70
	Total Other Assets	\$1,337.70	\$1,337.70
1.00.1065.0000	St Timothy Chapel #1 52001085	233,108.19	230,814.99
1.00.1070.0000	St Timothy Chapel #2 52006024	90,508.89	89,618.52
1.00.1075.0000	Bozeman Campus 000104537	58,136.05	59,390.20
1.00.1080.0000	Partnership Fund MM 129013793	45,257.66	45,266.71
	Total Principal Restricted	\$427,010.79	\$425,090.42
	Total Assets	\$685,409.66	\$721,881.01
Liabilities			
2.00.2011.1499	Bozeman First Presbyterian	0.00	345.00
	Total Accounts Payable	\$0.00	\$345.00
2.00.2120.1000	Payroll - Federal	630.26	615.80
2.00.2120.2000	Payroll State	68.00	78.00
2.00.2120.2145	Employee Retirement Liability	0.00	400.00
2.00.2140.0000	G. Goodrich Flex Plan	(0.53)	(0.53)
2.00.2141.0000	S. Seibert Flex Plan	(0.37)	27.56
	Total Payroll Liabilities	\$697.36	\$1,120.83
2.00.2125.0000	Employee Roth Liability	0.00	460.00
2.00.2160.0000	Prepaid 2016 GP Expenses	2,573.34	2,573.34
	Total Liabilities	\$3,270.70	\$4,499.17
Fund Balance			
3.01.2700.0000	Unreserved Fund Balance	5,897.01	30,509.97
3.02.2800.0000	General - Administrative	8,255.07	8,255.07
3.03.2805.0000	General - Program	37,136.97	37,136.97
3.04.2700.0000	General - Restricted Admin.	45,587.77	45,587.77
	Total General Fund Balance	\$96,876.82	\$121,489.78
3.19.2815.0000	Camp Scholarship Camp. & Youth	968.56	1,968.56
3.27.2825.0000	Clergy Emergency Fund COM	175.00	975.00
3.32.2832.0000	Convocation	1,000.00	1,000.00
3.39.2840.0000	Linda Hofer Education	10,625.90	10,625.90
3.43.2845.0000	Equip and Encourage	32,330.44	40,830.44
3.47.2850.0000	Partnership- Available COM	1,726.11	1,735.16
3.49.2700.0000	Co-General Presbyters' Discretionary	1,413.90	1,413.90
3.51.2855.0000	Peace Making Offering Mission	724.23	808.23
3.56.1220.0000	Special Offering Other Fund	2,354.76	1,000.00
3.63.2870.0000	Revamp Camp -Camp. & Youth	545.95	545.95
3.65.2825.0000	Springhill Funds	13,140.24	13,140.24
3.67.2875.0000	St. Timothy's Money Market #1	1,500.07	4,775.19
3.68.2877.0000	St Timonthy Money Market #2	1,627.21	1,799.24
3.75.2885.0000	Social Justice	5,753.71	5,827.61

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3.85.2850.0000	Westminister Spires Camp Upgrades Balance	80.27	4,080.27
	Total Designated funds	\$73,966.35	\$90,525.69
3.37.2800.0000	Funds Awaiting Cabinet Action Balance	3,500.00	1,000.00
3.69.2825.0000	Triennium Balance	7,387.07	7,387.07
3.86.2850.0000	Grant - Evangelism Balance	1,250.13	1,250.13
3.90.2910.0000	Higher Education Grant Fund	58,896.05	58,650.20
3.92.2920.0000	St. Timothys #1 (PC USA) Found	233,108.19	230,814.99
3.93.2921.0000	St. Timothys #2 (PC USA) Found	90,508.89	89,618.52
3.94.2930.0000	Partnership Fund Principal COM	43,999.71	43,999.71
	Total Restricted Fund Balances	\$438,650.04	\$432,720.62
3.35.2840.0000	Deer Lodge Restricted PDA Grant Balance	6,112.38	6,112.38
3.64.2825.0000	Rural Ministry Grant Balance	12,313.37	12,313.37
3.66.2850.0000	West Yellowstone Funds Balance	54,000.00	54,000.00
3.80.2850.0000	Workshop Balance	220.00	220.00
	Total Fund Balance	\$682,138.96	\$717,381.84
	Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$685,409.66</u>	<u>\$721,881.01</u>

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Income					
	Per Capita	\$750.00	\$70,814.00*	\$75,760.00	\$4,946.00
	Synod Partnership Funds	\$2,287.50	\$9,150.00	\$27,450.00	\$18,300.00
	Total Other income	\$500.00	\$3,382.81	\$35,000.00	\$31,617.19
	Transfers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29,601.00	\$29,601.00
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Expense					
	Pastoral Ministry Team	\$0.00	\$1,092.81	\$7,300.00	\$6,207.19
	Committee on Nominations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
	Com. on St Timothys Chapel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
	Delegates to Other Bodies	\$0.00	\$22.23	\$650.00	\$627.77
	Payroll Taxes	\$276.54	\$961.61	\$3,925.00	\$2,963.39
	Per Capita	\$0.00	\$20,921.40*	\$20,921.00	(\$0.40)
	Admin. Manager	\$2,008.90	\$9,535.60*	\$25,727.00	\$16,191.40
	General Presbyter	\$4,044.87	\$16,260.78	\$61,367.00	\$45,106.22
	Stated Clerk	\$1,311.16	\$5,278.81	\$16,284.00	\$11,005.19
	Treasurer	\$602.26	\$2,409.04*	\$7,227.00	\$4,817.96
	Personnel	\$7,967.19	\$33,484.23	\$110,605.00	\$77,120.77
	Leadership Cabinet	\$163.73	\$989.21	\$4,500.00	\$3,510.79
	Presbytery Expenses	\$0.00	\$2,281.10	\$8,300.00	\$6,018.90
	Presbytery Office	\$283.11	\$2,921.79	\$11,110.00	\$8,188.21
	Total Expense	\$8,690.57	\$62,674.38*	\$167,811.00	\$105,136.62
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St Timothy's Memorial Chapel Committee
Report to Yellowstone Presbytery
June, 2016

The winter meeting was held at noon on March 9, 2016 at 1st Church in Anaconda. Following a blessing for our lunch the business meeting was conducted. Those in attendance were Ray Tribelhorn, Art Keeler, Zane Murfitt, Sally Ralston, John Fitzpatrick, Gary Rowe, Diana Neely (via phone), Art Neill and Ron Hanson.

Major items on the Agenda were:

Committee Assignments for 2016 – Ron handed out the committee assignment list for 2016. Some adjustments to the list were approved.

Treasurers Report – Gary presented the Treasurer's report and it was approved. For 2015 our income exceeded the budget by \$943 but due to some extraordinary repairs our expenses exceeded the budget by \$4,200.

Long Range Plan – We have received a \$30,000 donation for construction of the Columbarium. Ron will meet with contractors when the snow is gone and designs are complete in order to secure bids. When we meet with the contractors for the Columbarium we will also talk about the cost of salvage/removal of the old Mine Office Building.

Other Projects - Two other projects were also approved of the placement of a directional sign at the top of the hill to point out the location of the Chapel parking area and the refurbishing of the flower beds at the Manse. Ray and Ron met with a contractor two weeks later and reviewed these two projects and we are awaiting a bid. A third project, to construct a Custodians Closet in the Fellowship Hall, to relieve congestion in the Utility Room will be discussed at the June meeting.

Worship – Pastor Contracts for Summer Worship Services have been signed. Following is the schedule:

- Rev. Andrew Mullins of June 7 and 12.
- Rev Donald Dempsey of June 19
- Rev. Gordon Stewart of June 26 and July 1 ..
- Rev. Wayne Boulton of July thru August xxx

Contracts are also in place for the Organists/Pianists. We have drafted a Special Music Policy which the committee will act on at its June meeting.

We have also hired an inside custodian/wedding facilitator for the 2016 season.

Next Meetings - The Committee's next meeting will be on June 5, 2016 at 12:00 noon at the Chapel. This will be our annual grounds clean-up which will be followed by a business meeting. Our fall meeting is scheduled for September 10th.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned with Ron offering a closing prayer.

Pastoral Ministry Team

Presbytery Report

June 2016

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.

A. Pastoral Team to Geyser

The PMT has assigned TE Susi Ennis (chair), RE Pam Jackson, RE Charlie Brown, and TE George Goodrich to work with the Geyser church/session in discerning their future ministry and building/property issues.

B. Roy Transfer of Deed

The way has been clear to dissolve the Roy Presbyterian Church. We appreciate the work of Mark Parker, an attorney in Billings, who heled us with the deed transfer at no charge to our presbytery and those who worked closely with the Roy congregation.

C. Tax & Financial Seminars Coming to Billings in September

The Board of Pensions will be providing three seminars from September 27-30 at First Presbyterian Church in Billings. Registration is limited to 30 participants for each seminar.

1. Pre-Retirement Seminar- Tuesday, September 27 through Wednesday, September 28 (Directed to those over 50 years of age).

2. Tax Seminar: Thursday, September 29- Recommended to everyone

3. Getting Into Fiscal Shape Seminar: Friday, September 30 (Directed to those under 50)

Dan Krebill is helping organize this event which will be highly beneficial to a number of pastors and church leaders within our congregation. More information about these seminars can be directed to Dan.

D. Welcoming the Rev. Vicki Waddington

We welcome the Rev. Vicki Waddington, the new pastor serving the Federated Church in Harlowton. She is a United Methodist pastor who also serves three other Methodist churches in the area. Many of you know Vicki as she was a former pastor of the Federated Church in Forsyth.

E. Change in Terms of Call for the Rev. Susan Barnes

TE Susan Barnes has reduced her hours as pastor of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church (Billings) to $\frac{3}{4}$ time. As a result, her terms of call have been reduced to reflect this change.

Presbytery needs to vote on her adjusted terms of call which will be presented at the Presbytery meeting.

F. Change of Status

To approve changes in the ministry status of TE David Andrew to Member-At-Large and TE Susan Thomas to Honorably Retired.

G. Ordination Exam Readers

To elect RE Jim Tarr, TE Susi Ennis, and TE Susan Thomas (alternate) to serve as Ordination Exam readers for the next cycle of examinations.

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

TE David Andrew	RE Charlie Brown	TE JP Carlson
TE Susi Ennis	RE Chris Eriksen	RE Gayle Holland
TE Dan Krebill	RE Veva Larsen	RE Linda Smith
RE Bonnie Soulsby	RE Jim Tarr	TE Dave Thompson

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev. Dave Thompson, Chair

St. Andrew Presbyterian

Billings

Attachment F

Jusam M. Barares

Church Name

City

Minister

At a congregational meeting held on 1-31-16, the congregation approved the following terms of call for the church's pastor(s) for the year 2016.

YELLOWSTONE PRESBYTERY
YEAR 2016 ANNUAL MINISTER'S REPORT FORM - Part 2

COMPENSATION (subject to Board of Pensions Dues)

% Call: 75

- 1. ANNUAL CASH SALARY \$16,007
2. FAIR RENTAL VALUE OF THE MANSE (Manse provided by church) \$
3. HOUSING ALLOWANCE (see notes following) \$19,000
4. UTILITIES ALLOWANCE (optional) \$
5. DEFERRED INCOME (optional) \$
6. MEDICAL DEDUCTIBLE, COINSURANCE PAYMENTS, DENTAL, INDIVIDUAL INSURANCE PREMIUMS (optional) \$
7. BONUSES, LUMP SUM ALLOWANCES, GIFTS, ETC. (optional) \$
8. OTHER (optional) \$

SUBTOTAL #2 (total of lines 1-8) [used only for calculation of Social Security Offset to be entered on Line 16 option] \$35,007

- 9. EXCESS SOCIAL SECURITY OFFSET B [ONLY SS OFFSET IN EXCESS OF 8.24% OF SUBTOTAL #2 IS PENSIONABLE.] \$
10. TOTAL EFFECTIVE SALARY (LINES 1-9) \$35,007
11. BOARD OF PENSIONS DUES \$16,576 [please see note changes in 2016]

ACCOUNTABLE REIMBURSEMENT PLAN (then not subject to BoP dues, IRS taxes or Social Security)

- 12. CONTINUING EDUCATION (cumulative to 3 years) \$600
13. PROFESSIONAL EXPENSES \$600
14. AUTOMOBILE ALLOWANCE \$1,000
15. OTHER \$

OPTIONAL

- 16. SOCIAL SECURITY OFFSET [Up to 8.24% of Subtotal #2 can be excluded from Effective Salary, anything greater must be included] \$
17. TOTAL COST OF MINISTRY TO CHURCH BUDGET (LINES 10-16) \$

OTHER REQUIRED BENEFITS

- 18. VACATION 4 WEEKS (INCLUDING 4 SUNDAYS) 4 weeks
19. CONTINUING EDUCATION LEAVE TWO WEEKS (CUMULATIVE TO SIX WEEKS, INCLUDING 2 SUNDAYS) 2 weeks
20. FAMILY LEAVE - EACH CHURCH SHOULD DEVELOP A FAMILY POLICY

Juan Barares
PASTOR

Ant Kocher
CLERK OF SESSION

2/23/2016
DATE

REFER TO EXPLANATORY FOOTNOTES TO THIS REPORT FORM AND TO BOARD OF PENSIONS PUBLICATIONS.

**Please return this page to the Presbytery office after it has been signed by the Minister and Clerk of Session (or other session appointee): Presbytery of Yellowstone, PO Box 1254, Bozeman, MT 59771

Camping and Youth Report June 2016

Winter Ski Retreat 2016

The Winter Ski Retreat was held at First Presbyterian Church in Butte on the weekend of February 26-28. The group skied at Discovery on Saturday. Many thanks to the folks in Butte for hosting the Ski Retreat again this year! We had 40 youth and leaders take part in the retreat. We had a wonderful time in study and fellowship and a particularly sacred time as the retreat participants joined the Butte congregation for Sunday morning worship.

Westminster Spires

Schedule:

-July 6-9	Staff Training
-July 10-15	Senior High Camp
-July 17-22	Junior High Camp
-July 24-28	Elementary Camp

A couple things to note about the summer schedule:

First- We have moved the camps around from previous years so Senior High youth can attend camp and also participate in the Presbyterian Youth Triennium which will be held at Purdue University on July 19-23.

Second- This year Junior High Camp will be for students entering 6th, 7th and 8th grades. In past years Junior High Camp was for students entering 7th and 8th grades.

Registration:

Brochures and Camp Registration forms are available on the Yellowstone Presbytery website and hard copies are available by contacting Curt Kochner.

Staff: George Goodrich will provide leadership for Staff Training and the Senior High and Elementary Camps. Will Johnson from Terry will lead the Junior High camp. Returning camp counselors include Cynthia Kessler, Nichole Ferestad, Jon Dupuis and Jessica Jones. New counselors include Megan Dupuis, Tamara Lucht, Scott Sherman and Cara Vihinen. Bill and Belinda Scott will return once again as our cooks.

Promotion:

We deeply appreciate your help in promoting the Westminster Spires camping program. If you would like brochures and registration materials, please contact Curt Kochner at 406-672-4547. We also have flash drives with copies of the slide shows from all camps for the past five years. Curt will send you materials and information to promote camp among the young people in your church and in your community.

Scholarships:

Many thanks to the churches that provide generous scholarships for young people to attend camp! We also have had gifts to the Presbytery Camp Scholarship fund and it currently has a balance of approximately \$2,000. Contact Curt Kochner if you have campers that may need additional financial assistance to join us at Westminster Spires.

Forests Service Special Use Permit:

All documentation for the renewal of the Special Use Permit with the US Forest Service have been submitted.

Revamp the Camp:

Friends of Westminster Spires will gather on June 3-5 for Revamp the Camp. This is the opening weekend of camp when we clean all the buildings and get the camp ready for the summer season. Plans are to replace the roofs on both of the girls' cabins.

Highland Holy Days:

St. Andrew Billings will once again host Highland Holy Days at Westminster Spires on the weekend of September 9-11. This is a great time for study and fellowship and worship. All are welcome to join the folks of St. Andrew for this annual event.

Fall Retreat 2016

The Fall Youth Retreat will be held on October 20-22, 2016 at Rockhaven. This retreat will be on Thursday-Saturday of the week that Montana schools have PIR Days.

Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of The Yellowstone, June 9, 2016

Suzanne Bratsky is in Disaster Preparation Training, Friday, June 10, 2016. She will then be certified and commissioned as a PW-PDA trainer. The train-the-trainer event is designed to give women the tools needed to conduct Disaster Preparedness workshops for churches, presbyteries and communities. **Look forward to her presentation to your congregation.**

Merry Lee Hooks is Secretary/Historian of the PW Synod of Rocky Mountains and will be at the Gathering, How May I Serve You? On June 9-12. The Gathering speakers are: Rachel Yates, "Getting Excited About Mission", Wanda Beauman, "The UN Commission on the Status of Women," Mary Throne, "Women's Advocacy in Wyoming." "Looking to the Future of PW," and "How Do We Serve God?" - Kathy Reeves. More about this when we return.

On our minds now: PW, PC(USA)'s Hunger Program, Office of Public Witness and The Educate A Child Initiative, Bill 221 at the General Assembly, are on our "To Do" list to advocate for a strong Child Nutrition Act and for Healthy Children, Better World. What can we do? See page 38 of Horizons March April 2016, Celebrating Women or ask for a representative from your congregation to make this information available.

We finished the **Come to the Waters** Bible Study by remembering these four points:

1. "Play your long suits." Do much more of what we already do well.
2. Help make the world a better place.
3. Love our sisters and be there for and with them.
4. Make room for new generations and the emerging church.

We will be busy this summer: "Vittles for Kids" Program in Ennis. Fundraisers, and of course continuing to do what we already do well.

Merry Lee Hooks, Moderator

Stated Clerk's Report

May, 2016

For Information:

Since the last Presbytery meeting I have participated in the following meetings and activities:

- Attended the BOP seminar immediately following the March Presbytery meeting.
- Attended Stated Clerk training in Louisville, KY.
- Attended two PMT meetings and prepared minutes.
- Attended two Leadership Cabinet meetings and prepared minutes.
- Attended two staff meetings.
- Attended Synod Record Review meeting in Denver.
- Prepared minutes for the March Presbytery meeting.
- Sent out letters to eight churches authorized to elect another RE commissioner to Presbytery.
- Attended YP training for delegates to General Assembly.
- Participated in several phone meetings for Presbytery meeting planning.
- Began reviewing current policies and manuals of Yellowstone Presbytery.
- Worked with Madison County attorney regarding ownership of cemetery in McAllister.

For action:

- I hereby request approval, with corrections if need be, of the following minutes:
Minutes of the March 4-5, 2016 Presbytery meeting.