

These may be days of opportunity for the Church. The nation is reeling in contentious issues. People are positioning and posturing and challenging. While the country remains strong in some ways, there is no universal agreement on what principles of both our nation and Scripture mean and which are emphasized nor how they are to be applied. The future is unpredictable, and unpredictability can encourage anxiety and/or a retreat from courage and compassion for others into taking care of “me and mine.”

However, if, as God’s “called out ones” we remember we have a high and holy calling as citizens of heaven *ahead* of all earthly allegiances, challenging times have been and continue to be ***God’s opportunity for the Way and ways of Jesus to be shown in and through us as the community of Christ’s disciples despite obstacles or outward differences of race, age, status, political affiliation. Our churches and country need God’s faith, hope and love, God’s ways, lived out and spoken into this leadership vacuum. The Spirit may well lead to a fresh appreciation(as well as perhaps fresh opposition to) for the Gospel.*** Forty-five years ago, Francis Schaeffer posed the timeless question that must be answered by each generation of the Church, “How shall we then live?” It is time for the presbytery, the pastors and sessions, and churches in their contexts to ask it again.

In January and February 2016 the Leadership Cabinet outlined **Four Goals for 2016**. These have continued to focus a great deal of our work and frame this report prepared before the Cabinet’s final discussion and discernment of **Goals for 2017**. Please see Leadership Cabinet report.

I. *Emphasize Disciple-making in our congregations and in our presbytery*

- a. Camping / Youth: Curt Kochner and George are planning for another camping session at Westminster Spires. **See Curt’s thorough report, give to scholarship offering!**
 - i. Exploring Plans: Hiring a program director. Kara Todd, who attended Westminster Spires growing up and has been there the last few summers.
 - ii. Jr-Sr High Presbytery Winter Retreat will be held at FPC-Bozeman, Feb 24-26
Share info and sign up, all info @ <http://www.yellowstonepcusa.org/camp.html>
 - iii. The Camping and youth Budget is included, and has been approved.
- b. Rockhaven Camp is preparing for a new season. **Info: Jody**
- c. College-age ministry: i. PresbyCats at FPC-Bozeman is having another strong year, planning a mission trip. **Info: Dan K.**
 - ii. Rocky & MSU-B. continue important ministries , updates later in the year.
- d. Congregations, youth & Whitworth Fellows, Year 2 (see Yellowstone Currents in fall)Six Fellows served in six Churches (Anaconda/Big Hole, Manhattan, Lewistown) and at Westminster Spires Camp.
Year 3 2017– We have applied for a grant for 6 WU Fellows, 4 are confirmed. The primary emphasis will be on discussing and exploration with congregations and presbytery regarding applying the crucial research in Growing Young Info: Further info closer to mtg:Kathy

We have applied for a PCUSA DREAM grant to better fund this effort. Applies to leaders, congregations. Info: Kathy See attached

e. Pastors and Leaders:

- i. YP's *Minds and Hearts Set on Christ*, cohort of pastors studying preaching and spiritual formation expresses seeing fruit of many kinds. It took break for December and January. Our 10-pastor group will meet monthly beginning again in February. **For info: George**
- ii. The Four Pastor Clusters meet in Butte, White Sulphur Springs, Billings and Miles City. **Info: George, Kathy for White S.**
- iii. **Whitworth Fellows, DREAM grant and Growing Young research are very important for our leaders and congregations not only college students. Our goal is to function in an integrated, collaborative fashion, NOT in silos** (referring to dangers and limitations of this, written about by Patrick Lencioni)

iv. Presbytery Retreat, February 10-11 Transformed and Mobilized!

Loved & Called – Gifted – Equipped – Sent. Dr. Stan Ott will lead the extended equipping session on strengthening our congregations by understanding our 4-fold calling and identity, exploring why UNLESS we become Equipping – Sending leaders and congregations, not only are we not living into our calling as disciples and churches, but our congregations will dwindle and most likely die. He will include review of our spiritual gifts & how leaders and congregations can help ALL ages discover, develop and deploy them, along with some lifegiving shifts churches can make with stories and helpful steps. Please see accompanying info & flier. The hoped for transformation in a congregation will be slow or can stall without unless a team along with pastor!

II. ***Clarify the Covenant with Glacier and explore other partnerships for future collaboration.***

- a. **Major Synod Development:** The Synod became a 'reduced functioning' synod as of Dec. 31. No more Synod Executive, only very Part-time Stated Clerk, so the Presbytery staff, and presbyteries, will need to assume more responsibility. Presbytery staff are already working informally together to create new patterns of communication and partnerships in ministry. **Info: Kathy, Jim Tarr our new synod commissioner.**
 - i. ***WNLT has been discontinued and Synod is working on a process where several presbyteries may apply for equipping event.***
- b. **Glacier** We are working collegially with Marsha Anson, EP- Stated Clerk. See LC report.
- c. **Active partnerships:**
 - i. *Whitworth University, Office of Church Engagement (2 grants)*
 - i. *Within Synod (most active) Wyoming Presbytery, Pueblo Presbytery*
 - ii. *Board of Pensions – Seminars, call to health, etc.*
 - iii. *PDA – new grant for St. Andrew for hail damage to church & garden.*
 - iv. *United Methodists / Lutherans –on providing pastoral leadership*
 - v. *Suggestions?*

III. ***Build community in the presbytery, continuing to grow our communication.***

- a. Communications Team – **Info: Kristin Willett**
- b. Yellowstone Currents – **Info: Susan Thomas**
- c. Facebook – **Kristin, Jack Bell, George**

- d. Presbytery Sunday in early October
- e. ****Dwellings in the Word for Session resourcing/devotions are now posted on the presbytery website. **Info: George**
- f. Pastor Clusters build community in regions.
- g. Please pray for the pastoral search in Jordan and pastoral needs and search in Anaconda/Big Hole churches. Suggestions?

IV. Focus on spiritual nurture of pastors, leaders and potential leaders by understanding and using spiritual gifts.

- a. In the Spiritual Formation-Predaching Cohort, we have touched on our own spiritual gifts and those of the others in the cohort and will continue this in 2017.
- b. George continues to offer spiritual direction to four of the presbytery pastors.
- c. Research several inventories, processes one of which which we hope will be considered and used by EACH congregations as part of their elder/officer training, education and making and sending disciples of ALL ages, including youth and young adults. **Info: Kathy**
- d. **We need to ensure broad training and then helping pastors/sessions/congregations in the advantages and importance of the shifts to becoming equipping – sending congregations with/for ALL ages, including integration of spiritual gifts across the presbytery. Our workshop Transformed and Mobilized with Rev. Dr. Stan Ott is merely one step in an ongoing process..**
- e. **DREAM grant -**

Other Items to Report:

- A. We continue to be grateful for and involved with supporting the work of the PMT in many areas: individuals, BoP related matters, churches in transition Dillon, Geysler, Jordan, Anaconda and Big Hole & other needs.
- B. Our 2016 Year-end campaign to help fund our position is starting. Your generous giving, *after gifts to your congregation, have made all the difference. **We thank God and your generosity and prayers. We exceeded our budgeted goal of \$35,000, raising a little over \$39,000! We are humbled and grateful for over \$13,000 in contributions for 2017.***
- C. Kathy continues to serve: Board of Trustees of Whitworth University as universities face opportunities and enormous challenges on many fronts; one of the Yellowstone Presbytery commissioners to Synod. She trained commissioners/Delegate with Debbie Blackburn and they attended the General Assembly in June.
- D. George serves on the Board of Rocky Mountain College, member of two Board Committees.
- E. We meet quarterly with the other Synod Execs, a gathering which must assume significantly more leadership and importance as the Synod has voted to move to reduced function.

Personal Items to Report: Daughter Gillian and husband Peter have returned to Bozeman. She is now a fulltime Spanish Instructor at MSU; he continues his work remotely for Chipotle.

Chip and Staci and boys, in Spokane, and our mothers are well. We thank God!

**Camping and Youth Report
Yellowstone Presbytery
February 2017**

Winter Youth Retreat- Information has been sent out for the Winter Youth Retreat and registration forms are available on the Yellowstone Presbytery website. The retreat will be held at Bozeman First Presbyterian on February 24-26 with skiing at Bridger Bowl on February 25.

Westminster Spires Schedule for 2017

Revamp the Camp	June 2-4
Kotar Wedding	June 10-11
Tadon Family Reunion	June 30-July 5
Staff Training	July 6-8
Elementary Camp	July 9-13
Junior High Camp	July 16-21
Senior High Camp	July 23-28
Nathan Family Reunion	August 6-10
Eisen Wedding	August 25-27
Murphy-Prouty Reunion	August 30- September 2
Highland Holy Days	September 8-10

This is the busiest summer we have had in a number of years. We have one more family reunion considering dates in August.

Summer Camp Program

Promotion

The Summer Camp Brochure and Registration Application will be posted on the Presbytery website within the next week. Copies of the brochure will be available at the February 10-11 Presbytery meeting. It would be helpful if you would take copies to distribute to young people in your congregation. Brochures will be sent to campers that have attended camp within the last two years. Please contact me if you need brochures to distribute during your Vacation Bible School program!

Position Responsibilities

I have enclosed a first draft of the responsibilities of the primary staff and volunteer positions associated with the camping program. We will add to this list as we discover additional items to include. As far as I can tell we have not outlined these responsibilities anywhere before, so this is a start to document job duties, and ideally this information will be helpful as we move through leadership transitions in the future.

Staff Update for Summer 2017

The Staff Application for anyone interested in applying for Counselor or Counselor-in-Training (CIT) positions for Summer 2017 is posted on the Presbytery website. I'll be in contact with past staff members to determine their interest in returning to be a part of the camp ministry team. If you know anyone interested in becoming a part of the Westminster Spires staff, please encourage them to contact me and/or complete an application.

Promotion and Registration	Curt Kochner
Staff Training	George Goodrich
Elementary Camp	George Goodrich
Junior High Camp	George Goodrich
Senior High Camp	Katie Emery and Will Johnson
Cook	Bill and Belinda Scott
Crafts	Cynthia Kessler
Program Director	Kara Todd

We have discovered over the last several summers that we need to have a person complete pre-camp planning for a number of activities and events and coordinate the program schedule on a daily basis. We have had some leaders step in and do this on an informal basis, thanks to Hailey Muller and Kara Todd, and we found it very helpful. We will add the Program Director position this summer. Kara Todd is planning to return to camp again this summer, and she will take on this role.

December 2016

Review of Camping and Youth Responsibilities/First DRAFT

GENERAL

- Organize, plan, promote and implement Fall and Winter Youth Retreats
 - Set date, location, program activities, speakers, food preparation
 - Design and distribute brochure for each retreat
 - Process registrations, collect and deposit fees with Yellowstone Presbytery
 - Process vouchers and receipts for all expenses related to retreats
- Organize, plan, promote and implement Summer Youth Camps at Westminster Spires
 - Set date, location, staffing, program and food preparation
 - Design and distribute brochure for Summer Camp program
 - Process registrations, collect and deposit fees with Yellowstone Presbytery
 - Process vouchers and receipts for all expenses related to Summer Camp program
- Submit annual budget for Camping and Youth program to Yellowstone Presbytery
- Manage budget for Camping and Youth program
- Respond to Report Requests from U.S. Forest Service regarding Special Use Permit
- Update Special Use Permit with U.S. Forest Service as needed (Permit renewed in 2016)

VOLUNTEER STAFF

Camping and Youth Committee of Yellowstone Presbytery

- Maintain roster of committee membership contact information to include elected members and contacts at all churches the have youth programs.
- Coordinate the presentation of all Presbytery-wide programming designed for the youth of Yellowstone Presbytery to specifically include Fall and Winter Retreats, Summer Camping program at Westminster Spires and Presbyterian Youth Triennium.
- Recruit and support all staff responsible for presentation of Camping and Youth Programs

Westminster Spires Camp Director

- Develop Camp Schedule/design/adjust/manage calendar including other guests using the camp
- Organize presentation of Staff Training/ Staff Handbook/Arrange food for staff training
- Design and distribute Camp Brochure and Camp Registration materials
- Maintain mailing list of youth who have participated in past retreats and camps
- Recruit, select, hire and complete required documentation (W-4 and I-9 forms) for all paid staff
- Arrange background checks for all paid and volunteer staff that will be working with campers
- Process all camp registrations, send confirmations, collect and deposit camp fees, distribute scholarships provided by Yellowstone Presbytery
- Process and approve vouchers for expenses related to camp program
 - Phone/Trash Removal (Republic)/Utilities/Insurance/Transportation/Staff food/Facility and program related expenses (Red Lodge Lumber/Ace Hardware/Red Lodge Swimming Pool/Beartooth Nature Center/Apsaroka River Adventures/Beartooth IGA)
- Arrange for mail pick-up for camp participants and pick-up milk for all meals (Carbon County Creamery)
- Coordinate facility upkeep and needs with Caretaker (Simon Hill)
- Approve expenses related to facility upkeep and coordinate facility improvements with Revamp the Camp volunteers (Sandy Welch and Jim Tarr) and Caretaker Simon Hill
- Arrange transportation for campers during camp sessions and coordinate travel to and from camp for campers from Billings. (Vans provided for camp by Billings First Presbyterian)
- Approve and coordinate participation of all guests attending camp sessions (Pastors/Whitworth Fellows)
- Facilities/prepare for camp (Revamp the Camp)/close up after camp/prep for guests renting the facilities/close for season
- Fire Safety/communicate with Forest Service on open fire status/water at fire pits/dousing campfires
- Manage day-to-day facility issues
- Communication with local law enforcement and medical facilities
- Security/close gate each night
- Cleaning equipment and materials/kitchen/bathhouse/outhouses/trash bags/toilet paper/etc.....
- Coordinate well water testing with Caretaker

Spiritual Director

- A pastor or pastors will be recruited to provide Bible teaching and spiritual direction for staff and campers for each session of camp.
- Morning Bible lesson/Dialogue questions for small groups/Handouts/Holy Ground devotionals
- Coordinate music and worship activities for each teaching session
- Coordinate evening worship time/Testimonials/Music/Energizers/Small Groups questions
- Available to meet with individual staff and campers

PAID CAMP STAFF

Cook

- Design menus for each week of camp
- Purchase all food for meals and snacks
- Prepare all meals and snacks
- Submit vouchers for all food purchased for reimbursement
- Coordinate meals and snack schedule with Program Director

Camp Program Director

- Coordinate scheduled camp activities with Spiritual Director/Crafts Leader/Cook and Counselors
 - Develop camp schedule/amend as needed due to weather or animals in camp
 - Camper Arrival/collect medications/confirm transportation for campers after camp
 - Transportation for trips to Swimming/Beartooth Pass/Hiking/Service Projects/Rafting
 - Recreation/Games/Group activities/Free Time activities/materials
 - Crafts/Leadership/materials/assistants
 - Housing/assign bunks for staff, campers
 - Service projects/Senior Center/Wildlife Sanctuary/etc.
 - Work Group assignments/kitchen cleanup/bathrooms/grounds
 - First Aid/Equipment and First Aid kits and materials
 - Free time activities
 - Emergency Processes/air horns/animals in camp procedures/first aid and medical emergencies/fire/etc.
 - Morning Staff Meetings/agenda/transportation/schedule/etc.....
 - Evening Activities/group games/camp fires/skit night/dance party/etc.

Counselors

- Focus on the safety and well-being of all campers at all times
- Lead small group dialogue following teaching sessions
- Supervise campers in all supervised and free time camp activities
- Lead recreation activities and team building exercises
- Participate in worship leadership/music/testimonials/recreation/etc.....
- Provide music for worship/energizers/music books/music words on computer
- Assist Crafts Leader (Cynthia Kessler) in helping campers during Craft Time
- Provide leadership for small groups in dish washing/bathhouse cleaning/grounds pick-up/dining hall cleaning/cabin cleaning, etc.
- Assist with snack time/campfire set-up/night games
- Step in as a resource when a need arises (Other duties as discovered and assigned!)

Counselors in Training (CITs)

- Assist counselors in all counselor responsibilities
- Participate as a camper in Senior High Camp

Stated Clerk's Report

February, 2017

For Information:

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

- Attended the November 2016 Presbytery meeting and prepared the minutes.
- Attended the November 2016 PMT meeting and prepared the minutes.
- Prepared and sent out (by email) year end packets for Clerks of Session.
- Assembled the 2017 Teaching Elder/Non-Teaching Elder Balance Report (attached).
- Prepared Necrology Report for 2016.
- Attended the January Pastoral Ministry Team meeting and prepared the minutes.
- Attended the January Leadership Cabinet meeting and prepared the minutes.
- Responded to requests from the Department of Revenue regarding property tax exemption applications.
- Participated in phone meetings for Leadership Cabinet and Presbytery planning.
- Responded to phone calls and emails from clerks of session regarding year end reporting.
- Reviewed some of the financial procedures of the Presbytery.

For action:

- I hereby request approval, with corrections if need be, of the following minutes:
Minutes of the November 4-5, 2016 Presbytery meeting
- I recommend that ten 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. These churches are Harlowton, Hysham, Jordan, Lewistown, Manhattan, Miles City, Philipsburg, Poplar, Stanford, and Terry.

YELLOWSTONE PRESBYTERY NECROLOGY REPORT – 2016

Church	Elder's Name	Ordination Date	Date of Death
Anaconda	Ada Ewan	1970	June 9, 2016
Billings First	Shirley Voyta	February 3, 1974	January 5, 2016
	Harry Cuff	January 20, 1985	June 22, 2016
	Willeen Dailey	March 3, 2003	August 25, 2016
	Paul Crellin	February 1, 1959	September 14, 2016
	George Green	February 4, 1973	November 5, 2016
Bozeman	Bob Mathis	January 21, 1983	April 27, 2016
	Don Frye, Jr.	December 30, 1979	June 13, 2016
Butte	James Sexton	February 8, 1970	July 3, 2016
Ennis	Hugh Leslie	Unknown	February 23, 2016
Forsyth	Ruth Watson	January 27, 1985	June 27, 2016
Manhattan	Olga Campbell	Unknown	October 3, 2016
Miles City	Ruth Schott	January 22, 1984	January 19, 2016
	Mildred Valach	January 11, 1976	November 22, 2016
White Sulphur Springs	Neva Lou Johnston	March 15, 1970	July 12, 2016
Wolf Point	Ben Harada	January 6, 1974	July 11, 2016

TEACHING ELDER/NON-TEACHING ELDER BALANCE

As of January 1, 2017 there were 45 Teaching Elders (TE's) on the rolls of Yellowstone Presbytery. However, only 42 of these TE's were living within the bounds of the presbytery. On this same date there were 23 churches authorized to send one commissioner to presbytery meetings, plus one church authorized to send two commissioners to presbytery meetings based on the size of their congregations. 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 42 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 ten (10) 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 stated meeting of the calendar year through the first stated 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. At the 2016 annual stated meeting of the Presbytery, Saint Andrew, Bozeman, Butte, Colstrip, Deer Lodge, Dillon, Ennis, and Forsyth were authorized to elect an additional commissioner. The next ten churches in the directory are Harlowton, Hysham, Jordan, Lewistown, Manhattan, Miles City, Philipsburg, Poplar, Stanford, and Terry.

REP/NOM REPORT AS OF DECEMBER 6, 2016 FOR FEBRUARY 11, 2017

The Representation and Nomination Team has continued to work diligently and prayerfully to find person/s to fill a vacancy on the Leadership Cabinet. On December 6, 2016, RE Paul Helland, First Presbyterian Church, Miles City, MT. responded that he would be honored to serve on the Leadership Cabinet. With his election, this will fulfill the request of the Leadership Cabinet for 9 members. Therefore, Rep/Nom Team nominates Mr. Helland for the Class of 2019.

For some unknown reason RE Curt Kochner's name fell off the November ballot as a member on the Camping and Youth Team, Class 2019. Therefore, Rep/Nom Team nominates Mr. Kochner, St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Billings, MT, to serve on the Camping and Youth Team.

We are grateful to have Jodie McDevitt, working with us, Robert Culbertson and Caroline Fleming, and thank Debbie Funke for her service of leadership on this very important team.

Respectfully submitted,
Neva Rathbun, Moderator
Representation and Nomination Team

Pastoral Ministry Team Presbytery Report February 2017

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. Proposed Amendments to the Book of Order:

At our January 12, 2017 Pastoral Ministry Team meeting we discussed several of the amendments coming to the presbytery for approval. We have the following recommendations of the amendments presented for adoption into our Book of Order:

16-C: Ordered Ministry Titles: No recommendation

16-D: Relationship with those who Renounce Jurisdiction: Recommend to approve

16-E: Certified Service Requirements: Recommend to approve

16-F: The Ministry of Members: Recommend to approve

16-G: Access to the Lord's Table: Recommend to approve

16-H: Revised Directory for Worship: Recommends to delay discussion/vote until the May presbytery meeting after people can have more time for consideration.

B. Change in Terms of Call for the Rev. Paul Cannon

TE Paul Cannon, pastor at the Community Presbyterian Church in Hysham, has reduced his hours to 40% FTE as he and his family has moved to Billings. As a result, his terms of call have been reduced to reflect this change. Presbytery needs to vote on his adjusted terms of call as presented below:

Cash Salary	\$ 0
Housing Allowance	15,185
Pension	14,652
Travel Reimbursement	1,700
Medical Reimbursement	1,000
Professional Expense Reimbursement	250
Continuing Education Reimbursement	600
<u>TOTAL PASTORAL PACKAGE</u>	<u>\$33,387.00</u>

- Study Leave - 2 weeks, including 2 Sundays
- Vacation - 2 weeks, including 2 Sundays
- Study Leave and Continuing Education Reimbursement are cumulative up to 3 years.
- Paul will be in Hysham on Sunday and one other day of the week

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

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

Revised Leadership Cabinet Report
Yellowstone Presbytery
February 10-11, 2017
Billings, MT

The Leadership Cabinet has set the theme for 2017 Presbytery meetings based upon the following verse:

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, Ephesians 4:11-12

In 2017 we will focus on ~~%~~equipping and sending the gifted into ministry+.

In 2017 our goals are:

1. Emphasize **disciple-making and disciple-sending** among the congregations of our presbytery and at the presbytery level. This includes equipping people of all ages to know that they are Loved & Called, Gifted, Equipped, and Sent.**
** continuing to explore New Worshipping Communities across our presbytery.
2. Focus on **spiritual nurture** of pastors, leaders and potential leaders across the presbytery by identifying, understanding and using **spiritual gifts**.
3. Foster **community** in the presbytery, encouraging congregations and clusters to share stories of God's work in their midst as we build and grow **communication**.
4. Explore **partnership and collaboration** with presbyteries and other organizations as we grow in disciple-making and disciple-sending.
5. Encourage churches and clusters to **build relationships** with each other, sharing in the fellowship and work of ministry.

It is the intention of the Leadership Cabinet that we will use these goals as we move forward in Presbytery meeting planning and equipping congregations for their ministries.

Other actions by the Leadership Cabinet:

1. Approve a grant request from the PresbyCats to help with expenses for the Spring break mission trip.
2. Approve funds to pay for the workshop at the February Presbytery Meeting.

Actions for Presbytery:

1. Recommend that the Presbytery approve Amendment 16-A. Child and Youth Protection Policy on amending G-3.0106.
2. Recommend that the Presbytery approve Amendment 16-B. Parity in Committees on Amending G-3.0109.

Submitted by Susi Ennis, moderator Leadership Cabinet

Narrative Report
Yellowstone Presbytery
Budget & Finance
February 10 Presbytery Meeting

Our report has several attachments, which serve to supplement this narrative. The attachments are the various year end reports prepared by our Treasurer, Sheryl Hallin.

The Leadership Cabinet is pleased to report the very positive results on these financial statements for 2016. As you may be aware we had previously budgeted the need to utilize nearly \$40,000 from our various reserves in order to balance the books for the year. As it turned out, we did not need to transfer any reserve funds, and on top of that we were able to replenish the reserves to the tune of nearly \$9,000. This excess was a result of generous contributions into the administrative support account, renewed pledges to the general mission account, and a conservative approach to our expense accounts. We feel very fortunate and blessed to share this good news with you.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Presbytery of Yellowstone - Bozeman MT
Treasurer's Report as of December 2016 for General Fund (Program)

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

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Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining	
<i>Income</i>						
	Pledge		\$6,300.00	\$29,300.00*	\$22,450.00	(\$6,850.00)
	Camp Income		\$1,275.23	\$17,918.23	\$23,000.00	\$5,081.77
	Program Transfers		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00
	Total Income		\$7,575.23	\$47,218.23	\$54,950.00	\$7,731.77
<i>Expense</i>						
	Camping & Youth		\$1,219.10	\$31,686.48	\$34,500.00	\$2,813.52
	Pastoral Ministry Team		\$0.00	\$60.00	\$3,700.00	\$3,640.00
	Leadership Cabinet		\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
	Mt. Association of Churches		\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,750.00	\$250.00
	Presbytery Expenses		\$625.00	\$7,500.00	\$12,000.00	\$4,500.00
	Total Expense		\$1,844.10	\$43,746.48	\$54,950.00	\$11,203.52
	Difference		<u>\$5,731.13</u>	<u>\$3,471.75</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	

* = Income/Expense exceeds amount budgeted to date

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Tuesday, January 24, 2017

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Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
Income					
4.01.1210.0000	General Mission Pledge	6,300.00	29,300.00*	22,450.00	(6,850.00)
	Pledge	\$6,300.00	\$29,300.00*	\$22,450.00	(\$6,850.00)
4.01.1420.0000	Summer Camp Fees	0.00	12,320.00*	12,000.00	(320.00)
4.01.1430.0000	Winter, Summer, Fall Events	875.23	3,798.23	4,000.00	201.77
4.01.1440.0000	Rental of Camp Facilities	400.00	1,800.00	7,000.00	5,200.00
	Camp Income	\$1,275.23	\$17,918.23	\$23,000.00	\$5,081.77
4.01.4090.0000	Transfer from Reserves	0.00	0.00	9,500.00	9,500.00
	Program Transfers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00
	Total Income	\$7,575.23	\$47,218.23	\$54,950.00	\$7,731.77
Expense					
5.01.1351.2400	Copies & Postage Exp.	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
5.01.1351.3200	Insurance	230.95	4,501.51	4,600.00	98.49
5.01.1351.5700	Publicity	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
5.01.1360.1200	Camp Caretaker	291.67	3,500.04*	3,500.00	(0.04)
5.01.1360.1400	Camp Staff	0.00	10,495.88*	10,000.00	(495.88)
5.01.1360.2900	Food	0.00	3,052.31	3,250.00	197.69
5.01.1360.4000	Miscellaneous Exp.	300.00	325.00*	200.00	(125.00)
5.01.1360.6200	Rental Equipment-Rafting	0.00	1,190.00*	1,000.00	(190.00)
5.01.1360.7400	Supplies	0.00	467.22	500.00	32.78
5.01.1360.7490	Swimming	0.00	0.00	150.00	150.00
5.01.1360.7710	Transportation-Bus	0.00	0.00	350.00	350.00
5.01.1360.8300	Utilities: Westminster Spires	64.95	1,953.29	2,750.00	796.71
5.01.1380.6010	Triennium	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
5.01.1390.4000	Events Miscellaneous	331.53	3,588.73	5,000.00	1,411.27
5.01.1395.4000	Admin Travel & Meals	0.00	112.50	400.00	287.50
	Camping & Youth	\$1,219.10	\$31,686.48	\$34,500.00	\$2,813.52
5.01.2849.7700	Committee on Ministry-Training	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
5.01.2852.4000	Emergency Career Counseling Exp.	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
5.01.2853.4000	Vocations-Other	0.00	60.00	1,700.00	1,640.00
	Pastoral Ministry Team	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$3,700.00	\$3,640.00
5.01.3180.4000	Western Leadership	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
5.01.3185.4000	Intermountain Childrens Home	0.00	0.00		
	Leadership Cabinet	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00

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5.01.5851.4000	MAC Membership Miscellaneous	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
5.01.5852.4000	MAC Representation Misc	0.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
	Mt. Association of Churches	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,750.00	\$250.00
5.01.7903.4000	Convocation Exp	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
5.01.7950.4000	Presbytery Program Other	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
5.01.7960.4000	Cluster Meetings	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
5.01.7970.4000	Allocated GP Salary	625.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	0.00
	Presbytery Expenses	\$625.00	\$7,500.00	\$12,000.00	\$4,500.00
	Total Expense	\$1,844.10	\$43,746.48	\$54,950.00	\$11,203.52
	Difference	<u>\$5,731.13</u>	<u>\$3,471.75</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	

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Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget	Annual Budget Remaining
Income					
	Per Capita	\$1,045.00	\$83,709.00*	\$75,760.00	(\$7,949.00)
	Synod Partnership Funds	\$6,862.50	\$27,450.00	\$27,450.00	\$0.00
	Total Other income	\$19,860.00	\$40,042.81*	\$35,000.00	(\$5,042.81)
	Transfers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29,601.00	\$29,601.00
	Total Income	<u>\$27,767.50</u>	<u>\$151,201.81</u>	<u>\$167,811.00</u>	<u>\$16,609.19</u>
Expense					
	Pastoral Ministry Team	\$0.00	\$4,099.40	\$7,300.00	\$3,200.60
	Committee on Nominations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
	Com. on St Timothys Chapel	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$300.00	\$150.00
	Delegates to Other Bodies	\$0.00	\$223.81	\$650.00	\$426.19
	Payroll Taxes	\$252.60	\$3,066.13	\$3,925.00	\$858.87
	Per Capita	\$0.00	\$20,921.40*	\$20,921.00	(\$0.40)
	Admin. Manager	\$2,008.90	\$25,606.80	\$25,727.00	\$120.20
	General Presbyter	\$5,948.04	\$54,159.10	\$61,367.00	\$7,207.90
	Stated Clerk	\$1,311.16	\$16,283.92	\$16,284.00	\$0.08
	Treasurer	\$602.26	\$7,227.12*	\$7,227.00	(\$0.12)
	Personnel	\$9,870.36	\$103,276.94	\$110,605.00	\$7,328.06
	Leadership Cabinet	\$0.00	\$1,647.23	\$4,500.00	\$2,852.77
	Presbytery Expenses	\$0.00	\$4,987.50	\$8,300.00	\$3,312.50
	Presbytery Office	\$1,270.17	\$7,394.39	\$11,110.00	\$3,715.61
	Total Expense	<u>\$11,393.13</u>	<u>\$145,766.80</u>	<u>\$167,811.00</u>	<u>\$22,044.20</u>
	Difference	<u>\$16,374.37</u>	<u>\$5,435.01</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	

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Income					
4.01.1000.0000	Per Capita Presbytery Inc.	463.54	63,618.84*	58,000.00	(5,618.84)
4.01.1010.0000	Per capita Synod	248.93	6,696.72*	5,860.00	(836.72)
4.01.1020.0000	Per capita GA	332.53	13,393.44*	11,900.00	(1,493.44)
	Per Capita	\$1,045.00	\$83,709.00*	\$75,760.00	(\$7,949.00)
4.01.1821.0000	Block Grant - Administrative	6,862.50	27,450.00	27,450.00	0.00
	Synod Partnership Funds	\$6,862.50	\$27,450.00	\$27,450.00	\$0.00
4.01.1900.0000	Administrative Support	19,760.00	39,588.05*	35,000.00	(4,588.05)
4.01.1901.0000	Unrestricted Admin Support	100.00	454.76	0.00	(454.76)
	Total Other income	\$19,860.00	\$40,042.81*	\$35,000.00	(\$5,042.81)
4.01.4005.0000	Transfer-Springhill Fund	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
4.01.4010.0000	Transfer-W. Yellowstone	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
4.01.4020.0000	Transfer-Gen.Admin Fund	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
4.01.4030.0000	Transfer-Restricted Admin Fund	0.00	0.00	23,601.00	23,601.00
	Transfers	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29,601.00	\$29,601.00
	Total Income	\$27,767.50	\$151,201.81	\$167,811.00	\$16,609.19
Expense					
5.01.2840.0000	COM/Vocation Meetings	0.00	4,099.40	5,200.00	1,100.60
5.01.2845.4000	COM/Vocation Other Expenses	0.00	0.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
5.01.2846.4000	Pastoral Discernment Team	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Pastoral Ministry Team	\$0.00	\$4,099.40	\$7,300.00	\$3,200.60
5.01.3401.3500	Nomination Meetings	0.00	0.00	150.00	150.00
5.01.3401.4000	Nominations Other	0.00	0.00	50.00	50.00
	Committee on Nominations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
5.01.4301.3500	St. Tim's Meetings	0.00	106.25	250.00	143.75
5.01.4301.4000	St. Tim's Other	0.00	43.75	50.00	6.25
	Com. on St Timothys Chapel	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$300.00	\$150.00
5.01.5201.3500	Delegate's Meetings	0.00	201.58	600.00	398.42
5.01.5201.4000	Delegates Other	0.00	22.23	50.00	27.77
	Delegates to Other Bodies	\$0.00	\$223.81	\$650.00	\$426.19
5.01.6700.3800	Medicare/Social Security	252.60	3,268.35	3,400.00	131.65
5.01.6700.8100	Work Comp Insurance	0.00	(238.60)	375.00	613.60
5.01.6700.8200	Unemployment Taxes	0.00	36.38	150.00	113.62

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	Payroll Taxes	\$252.60	\$3,066.13	\$3,925.00	\$858.87
5.01.7001.4000	Per Capita GA Expenses Misc	0.00	14,026.40*	14,026.00	(0.40)
5.01.7002.4000	Per Capita Synod Expense Misc	0.00	6,895.00	6,895.00	0.00
	Per Capita	\$0.00	\$20,921.40*	\$20,921.00	(\$0.40)
5.01.7301.1100	Admin Mgr.Benefits	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
5.01.7301.6600	Admin Mgr Salary	2,008.90	24,106.80	24,107.00	0.20
5.01.7301.7800	Admin Mgr Travel	0.00	0.00	120.00	120.00
5.01.7301.8100	Admin Mgr FLEX Plan	0.00	0.00		
	Admin. Manager	\$2,008.90	\$25,606.80	\$25,727.00	\$120.20
5.01.7302.3100	Housing	1,666.66	19,999.92	20,000.00	0.08
5.01.7302.3600	GP Lodging	0.00	172.13	500.00	327.87
5.01.7302.3700	GP Meals	33.51	1,634.58*	1,050.00	(584.58)
5.01.7302.4000	GP Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	700.00	700.00
5.01.7302.4001	Miscellaneous Expenses - Kathy	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
5.01.7302.4900	GP Pension	1,398.27	16,779.24	19,217.00	2,437.76
5.01.7302.6600	Salary Exp.	683.34	8,200.08*	8,200.00	(0.08)
5.01.7302.7300	Study Leave	700.00	700.00	700.00	0.00
5.01.7302.7500	GP Telephone & Conference Calls	101.05	1,215.84	1,500.00	284.16
5.01.7302.7800	GP Travel	1,365.21	5,457.31	7,500.00	2,042.69
5.01.7302.8100	FLEX Plan Expenses Exp.	0.00	0.00		
	General Presbyter	\$5,948.04	\$54,159.10	\$61,367.00	\$7,207.90
5.01.7304.3700	Stated Clerk Meals	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00
5.01.7304.4000	Stated Clerk Miscellaneous	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00
5.01.7304.4900	Pension Exp.	320.50	3,846.00	3,846.00	0.00
5.01.7304.6600	Stated Clerk Salary	990.66	11,887.92	11,888.00	0.08
	Stated Clerk	\$1,311.16	\$16,283.92	\$16,284.00	\$0.08
5.01.7306.6600	Treasurer Salary	602.26	7,227.12*	7,227.00	(0.12)
	Treasurer	\$602.26	\$7,227.12*	\$7,227.00	(\$0.12)
	Personnel	\$9,870.36	\$103,276.94	\$110,605.00	\$7,328.06
5.01.7601.3500	Council Meetings	0.00	1,647.23	2,500.00	852.77
5.01.7601.4000	Council Other	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
5.01.7601.8100	Legal	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
5.01.7801.3500	Task Force Meetings	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
	Leadership Cabinet	\$0.00	\$1,647.23	\$4,500.00	\$2,852.77

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5.01.7901.3500	Presbytery Meetings	0.00	4,807.65	7,600.00	2,792.35
5.01.7901.4000	Presbytery Other	0.00	179.85	700.00	520.15
	Presbytery Expenses	\$0.00	\$4,987.50	\$8,300.00	\$3,312.50
5.01.8201.2400	Office Copies & Postage	28.20	301.73	1,200.00	898.27
5.01.8201.2600	Equipment Exp.	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
5.01.8201.3200	Insurance Exp.	0.00	1,296.00*	750.00	(546.00)
5.01.8201.4000	Office Miscellaneous	0.00	(155.00)	460.00	615.00
5.01.8201.6100	Rental -Office	1,035.00	4,140.00	4,200.00	60.00
5.01.8201.7400	Office Supplies	172.45	947.37	1,800.00	852.63
5.01.8201.7500	Office Telephone & Conference Calls	34.52	864.29	2,500.00	1,635.71
	Presbytery Office	\$1,270.17	\$7,394.39	\$11,110.00	\$3,715.61
	Total Expense	\$11,393.13	\$145,766.80	\$167,811.00	\$22,044.20
	Difference	\$16,374.37	\$5,435.01	\$0.00	

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Account #	Account Name	Beginning Balance	YTD Balance
Assets			
1.00.1010.0000	Checking Account #3133214	69,303.22	58,812.68
1.00.1020.0000	Petty Cash	22.18	22.18
1.00.1030.0000	Money Market #129013355	184,735.65	184,933.50
1.00.1031.0000	St Timothy M. M #1 #3531961	1,500.07	1,500.00
1.00.1032.0000	St. Timothy MM #2 #129013686	1,500.05	1,500.61
	Total Current Assets	\$257,061.17	\$246,768.97
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	232,855.06
1.00.1070.0000	St Timothy Chapel #2 52006024	90,508.89	87,151.27
1.00.1075.0000	Bozeman Campus 000104537	58,136.05	59,506.46
1.00.1080.0000	Partnership Fund MM 129013793	45,257.66	45,284.82
	Total Principal Restricted	\$427,010.79	\$424,797.61
	Total Assets	\$685,409.66	\$672,904.28
Liabilities			
2.00.2120.1000	Payroll - Federal	630.26	565.20
2.00.2120.2000	Payroll State	68.00	66.00
2.00.2140.0000	G. Goodrich Flex Plan	(0.53)	(0.53)
2.00.2141.0000	S. Seibert Flex Plan	(0.37)	(0.37)
	Total Payroll Liabilities	\$697.36	\$630.30
2.00.2160.0000	Prepaid 2016 GP Expenses	2,573.34	1,245.29
	Total Liabilities	\$3,270.70	\$1,875.59
Fund Balance			
3.01.2700.0000	Unreserved Fund Balance	5,897.01	14,803.77
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	\$105,783.58
3.19.2815.0000	Camp Scholarship Camp. & Youth	968.56	2,161.04
3.27.2825.0000	Clergy Emergency Fund COM	175.00	1,160.00
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	39,830.44
3.47.2850.0000	Partnership- Available COM	1,726.11	1,753.27
3.49.2700.0000	Co-General Presbyters' Discretionary	1,413.90	1,309.26
3.50.2875.0000	Co-General Presbyters' Study Leave Balance	0.00	700.00
3.51.2855.0000	Peace Making Offering Mission	724.23	1,483.68
3.56.1220.0000	Special Offering Other Fund	2,354.76	0.00
3.63.2870.0000	Revamp Camp -Camp. & Youth	545.95	795.95
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	1,510.00
3.68.2877.0000	St Timonthy Money Market #2	1,627.21	1,637.77
3.75.2885.0000	Social Justice	5,753.71	5,951.56
3.85.2850.0000	Westminister Spires Camp Upgrades Balance	80.27	(303.78)
	Total Designated funds	\$73,966.35	\$82,755.33
3.37.2800.0000	Funds Awaiting Cabinet Action Balance	3,500.00	5,668.41

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3.69.2825.0000	Triennium Balance	7,387.07	5,731.94
3.86.2850.0000	Grant - Evangelism Balance	1,250.13	1,250.13
3.90.2910.0000	Higher Education Grant Fund	58,896.05	41,066.46
3.92.2920.0000	St. Timothys #1 (PC USA) Found	233,108.19	232,855.06
3.93.2921.0000	St. Timothys #2 (PC USA) Found	90,508.89	87,151.27
3.94.2930.0000	Partnership Fund Principal COM	43,999.71	43,999.71
	Total Restricted Fund Balances	\$438,650.04	\$417,722.98
3.35.2840.0000	Deer Lodge Restricted PDA Grant Balance	6,112.38	0.00
3.36.2850.0000	Disaster Relief-St Andrews Balance	0.00	5,000.00
3.64.2825.0000	Rural Ministry Grant Balance	12,313.37	4,846.80
3.66.2850.0000	West Yellowstone Funds Balance	54,000.00	54,000.00
3.80.2850.0000	Workshop Balance	220.00	220.00
3.91.2915.0000	Synod Funds for Continuing Ed	0.00	700.00
	Total Fund Balance	\$682,138.96	\$671,028.69
	Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$685,409.66	\$672,904.28

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF THE PRESBYTERY OF THE YELLOWSTONE
January 20, 2017

In our Presbytery, there are seven circles with approximately one hundred twenty five members, five fewer circles than last year. These women contributed \$1,704.50 to worldwide mission, \$310.00 to the Synod and \$509.50 to the presbytery. The following is taken from one small pw member church with ten members proving we can be mighty beyond numbers.

Worldwide Mission

A Courageous Conversation about sexual or gender- based violence
PW Disaster Assistance Workshop
Living Waters for the World
Church World Service
"Syria; hear about the crisis."
Days for girls

Local Mission

Giving Trees x 2 Food Banks
Local Families x 2 Intermountain Residential Center in Helena
Bibles Reserve account for funerals, food and hospitality
Christmas Joy

Reminds me of the ant moving a rubber-tree plant. Ten women times twelve represent change which may move the world.

The new PW Handbook gives us some relief from the regrets we feel about the five circles which have reached the end of their life cycles. These churches remain in relationship with PC (USA) - we must not leave them out. Dear Abby suggests that we might welcome them to spring and fall gatherings and say, "At last you are here!" And on departing, "Do you have to go so soon?" Isolation is alien to our mission statement and to the human desire to congregate.

The Carter Family wrote and sang this song, "May the circle be unbroken." This drawing is in the Handbook:



In Faith,

Merry Lee Hooks
January 21,2017

Montana Association of Christians (MAC) Report

Dan Krebill, Presbytery of Yellowstone representative on the MAC Board

The Montana Association of Christians (MAC) becomes a notable presence each time that the Montana State Legislature is in session, as it is during these winter months of 2017. The 4 priority issues that are being pursued this session are:

1. **Abolition of Death Penalty**

MAC opposes capital punishment and calls upon the Montana Legislature to abolish the death penalty.

2. **Children & Families** (Children's Mental Health, Hunger, Cost of Air Ambulance)

MAC calls upon the State Legislature and all the people of Montana to recognize the rights of children, to help the hungry, and access emergency care without fear of financial devastation.

3. **Prisoner Re-Integration**

MAC is looking at all aspects of the criminal justice system and seeking ways to reduce incarceration while increasing public safety, and increasing the success of prisoners returning to our communities.

4. **Immigration / Hospitality toward vetted and documented immigrants and humane treatment for all**

MAC seeks to love our neighbors and welcome the stranger by promoting immigration legislation, public policies and business practices that are humane and just.

MAC is present in the legislative session in at least 3 different ways.

1. MAC employs a part time lobbyist throughout the session to testify before legislative committees, and to talk with individual legislators to apprise them of positions that MAC has taken and to encourage their support of those positions. Attorney Abigail St. Lawrence is our lobbyist. She was raised Presbyterian in Great Falls and is an energetic and passionate advocate for MAC.
2. A "MAC Day at the Legislature" was held on Monday, January 23, when over 180 Christians from MAC churches came to Helena for the day to engage in citizen lobbying of legislators on the 4 MAC legislative priorities. At least 8 people from our presbytery participated this year. Lunch is provided for legislators as a time when they can talk with individuals and share ideas. The legislators that I spoke with were genuinely interested in hearing of the priorities.
3. Citizens from MAC churches are encouraged to stay abreast of the issues and contact legislators as specific bills come up for debate and consideration. For more information on how you can be part of this effort, visit <http://www.macmt.org/legislative-agenda.html>.