

Stated Clerk's Report

February, 2018

For Information:

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

- Attended the November 2017 Presbytery meeting and prepared the minutes.
- Attended the November 2017 PMT meeting and prepared the minutes.
- Attended the December 2017 special Presbytery meeting and prepared the minutes.
- Attended a staff meeting in December 2017.
- Prepared and sent out end of year information to Clerks of Session.
- Prepared and sent out Per Capita Statements.
- Assembled the 2018 Teaching Elder/Non-Teaching Elder Balance Report (attached).
- Prepared Necrology Report for 2017 (attached).
- Attended the January Pastoral Ministry Team meeting and prepared the minutes.
- Attended the January Leadership Cabinet meeting and prepared the minutes.
- Attended the February Leadership Cabinet meeting and prepared the minutes.
- Attended a phone meeting of the PMT and prepared the minutes.
- Assisted clerks of session with online statistical reporting.
- Attend the February 2018 special Presbytery meeting and prepared the minutes.

See attached letter from the Stated Clerk of the Synod of the Rocky Mountains. A check for \$6,326.05 was received on February 13, 2018.

See attached statistical summary for Yellowstone Presbytery as of December 31, 2017.

For action:

- I hereby request approval, with corrections if need be, of the following minutes:
Minutes of the November 3, 2017 Presbytery Meeting
Minutes of the December 7, 2017 Special Presbytery Meeting
Minutes of the February 15, 2018 Special Presbytery Meeting



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February 6, 2018

TO: Presbytery Stated Clerks
FROM: Lynn Smit, Synod Stated Clerk
RE: Shannel B. Lorance Bequest

A couple years ago the Synod of the Rocky Mountains was informed that it was the recipient of a bequest from the estate of Shannel B. Lorance. The funds from the bequest were distributed in the fall of 2017 and the Synod Assembly voted to disburse the funds equally between the eight presbyteries. You are receiving half now and the other half will be disbursed at the end of March. There are no strings attached to how a presbytery chooses to use these funds. The Assembly also requested that I send a letter with information about Shannel to the Presbyteries. Please make sure your Presbytery is informed about Shannel and her generous bequest to the Synod.

Shannel was born August 28, 1960 in Gunnison, Colorado, graduated from Englewood High School, and earned a BA in Business Administration from Metro State College. She became a member of Wellshire Presbyterian Church in Denver, Colorado in 1987. She was ordained as a Deacon in 2007. Rev. Katie Robb Davis, a pastor at Wellshire, shares that Shannel “was known here at Wellshire for her participation in women’s retreats, and for providing massage for people who biked to church on our annual “Bike to Church Sunday.”

Shannel felt the call to become an ordained minister and came under care of the Presbytery of Denver in 2009 as she pursued a Master of Divinity degree at Union Presbyterian Seminary. According to Rev. Christine Beitzel, one of her Committee on Preparation liaisons, Shannel was “often invited to be the student preacher in both the Union Seminary Chapel and as a Seminary Representative in the surrounding churches. She became a friend to many and her prayer circle was large.”

Shannel was diagnosed with terminal brain cancer in January of 2014 and had to leave seminary before realizing her call. She passed away on November 13, 2014. She was loved and respected by many people and the Synod of the Rocky Mountains is grateful for her gracious gift.

To God be all glory!

TEACHING ELDER/NON-TEACHING ELDER BALANCE

As of January 1, 2018 there were 41 Teaching Elders (TE's) on the rolls of Yellowstone Presbytery. However, only 37 of these TE's were living within the bounds of the presbytery. On this same date there were 22 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 10 Ruling Elders who were authorized to vote based on their leadership roles within the Presbytery.

The net result is that there are 37 local Teaching Elders and 37 Non-Teaching Elders authorized to vote on business before the Presbytery.

Therefore, there is not a Teaching Elder/Non-Teaching Elder imbalance in Yellowstone Presbytery. No action is needed.

Yellowstone Presbytery - Necrology Report 2017			
RULING ELDERS			
Church	Elder	Ordination Date	Date of Death
Billings First	Lois Dyce	February 5, 1967	March 29, 2017
	Scott Harr	January 27, 2008	April 8, 2017
	Don Reed	January 25, 2009	August 10, 2017
	Jim Bateman	March 26, 2006	November 18, 2017
	Marilyn Mahan	February 21, 1988	November 19, 2017
St Andrew	Christine Kay Chauvin	February 17, 1980	June 27, 2017
Bozeman	Sally Stanke	January 3, 1982	May 23, 2017
	Dale Bergland	January 10, 1993	Dcember 20, 2017
	Carl Spring	January 3, 1971	December 22, 2017
Forsyth	John Neal Clifford	February 3, 1991	March 5, 2017
Deer Lodge	Floyd Dale Larkin	January, 2007	October 19, 2017
Lewistown	Harrison Chadwick	December 26, 1971	November 16, 2017
	Sandra Whitehead	July, 1992	April 27, 2017
Miles City	W.A. Mitchell, Jr.	September 16, 1972	November 20, 2017

	Stanford	Betty Haker	1936	August, 2017
		Joyce Clark	1943	September, 2017
	TEACHING ELDERS			
	Honorably Retired			
	Springhill Church	Richard McNeely	March 12, 1989	April 20, 2017
	Honorably Retired			
	Terry Church	Leon Rathbun	September 20, 1998	November 14, 2017
	White Sulphur Springs	James Kidd	November 9, 1986	October 18, 2017

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Presbytery Number	300796
Name	Yellowstone
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MembershipPrior Active Members **1696****Gains**

17 & Under	14
18 & Over	45
Certified	18
Other	13
Total Gains	90

Losses

Certified	18
Deaths	45
Other	102
Total Losses	165

Total Active Members **1621**

Baptized	44
Other Participants	121
Total Adherents	1861
Female Members	922

Average Attendance **942****Affiliate Members** **23****Baptisms**

Child Baptisms	24
Adult Baptisms	8

Officers

Male Session	61
Female Session	75
Male Deacons	32
Female Deacons	70

Age Distribution of Active Members

	Male	Female
25 & Under	62	65
26 - 45	89	137
46 - 55	91	118

56 - 65	286	112	168
Over 65	735	264	443
Total Distribution	1589	618	931

People with Disabilities

Hearing	89
Sight	22
Mobility	54
Other	7

Christian Education

Birth 3	39	Grade 7	21
Age 4	30	Grade 8	24
Kindergarten	44	Grade 9	23
Grade 1	40	Grade 10	28
Grade 2	36	Grade 11	24
Grade 3	33	Grade 12	18
Grade 4	28	Young Adults	34
Grade 5	29	Over 25	254
Grade 6	41	Teachers/Officers	72
Total	818		

Racial Ethnic Breakdown	Membership	Elders	Deacons	Male	Female
Asian	6	2	0	1	2
Black	0	0	0	0	0
African American	1	0	0	0	1
African	1	0	0	0	1
Middle Eastern	1	0	0	1	0
Hispanic	3	0	1	2	1
Native American	16	3	0	4	10
White	1557	113	89	536	831
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	1585	118	90	544	846

Potential Giving Units	979
Budgeted Income	2,343,023
Budgeted Expense	2,236,600

Receipts

Regular Contributions	1,990,901	Bequests	101,650
Capital Building Fund	31,357	Other Income	162,541
Investment Income	89,679	Subsidy or Aid	8,657

Expenditures

Local Program	1,780,788	Per Capital Apprt	72,002
Local Mission	159,750	Validated Mission	64,936
Capital Expenditures	154,602	Theological Fund	1,150
Investment Expenditures	0	Other Mission	30,828

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

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