

Our Vision

**Yellowstone
Presbytery** –
guided and
sustained by
Scripture, the Holy
Spirit, and prayer --
is a community
rooted in the love of
Jesus Christ

We will . . .

Gather Together

for God's glory and
spiritual synergy*.

Equip. Encourage

disciple-making
congregations and
leaders for living
the Gospel . . .
intentionally
becoming more like
Christ; ably sharing
our faith; impacting
our communities;
worshipping in
loving response to
God; and mutually
supporting and
training leaders.

Go Out to join
Christ in Christ's
mission in our
communities,
Montana, and the
world . . .
embodying and
sharing Christ's
Good News; loving
and serving, as we
are commanded, in
our words, actions,
and relationships.

***Synergy: from
the Greek syn-
ergos, συνεργός
meaning
working
together.**

PRESBYTERY OF YELLOWSTONE SPECIAL PHONE CALL PRESBYTERY MEETING DOCKET Friday December 13, 2019 at 1:30 PM

**Call in instructions will be sent by email
Documents to address these items will be sent out and posted
before the meeting**

1:30 PM Opening roll call, Introductions and Prayer

1:35 PM Procedural motion for a phone call meeting:

Procedural Motion - The Stated Clerk moves the following Procedural Motion:

1. That the roll for this meeting be established by email to:
statedclerk@yellowstonepcusa.org
2. Call in attendees shall indicate in the email if they are a Member, Minister of Word and Sacrament, Elder Commissioner, Other Member with vote according to the presbytery standing rules, or guest.
3. That written requests for absences received by the Stated Clerk be approved.
4. That any Corresponding members present on the call phone be seated.
5. 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.
6. That the Moderator and the Stated Clerk be empowered to suggest and make adjustments to the Agenda during the meeting, as may be necessary, to provide for efficiency in reporting, and
7. That all reports received at this meeting be accepted and if not supplied to the presbytery office in advance an electronic copy shall be supplied to the office of the stated clerk and the presbytery office immediately following the meeting.

1:40 PM Report of the Leadership Cabinet

- **Regarding staff change due to Sheryl Hallin's resignation and LC motion electing Ric Tieman as Acting Treasurer.**

2:00 PM Report of the Pastoral Ministry Team

- **To examine and approve the Rev. Jamie Schmeling as pastor of the Community Presbyterian Church in Terry, Montana, and Hope American Lutheran Church in Fallon, Montana.**
- **To approve the Terms of Call between the Rev. Jamie Schmeling and the Community Presbyterian Church in Terry, Montana, and Hope American Lutheran Church in Fallon, Montana.**

2:45 PM Report of the Rep/Nom Committee

3:00 PM Adjournment with prayer

Leadership Cabinet Report to Yellowstone Presbytery December 9, 2019

Leadership Cabinet had a special meeting on November 25, 2019 to act on the resignation of Yellowstone Presbytery Treasurer, Sheryl Hallin.

With thanks for her fifteen years of work for the Presbytery, we accepted her resignation effective November 30.

We authorized Dan Holland, Ric Tieman, Susi Ennis (Chair of Personnel), and George Goodrich (Head of Staff) to research Presbytery Treasurer future need.

Ric Tieman, newly elected to the Leadership Cabinet, offered to work as Acting Treasurer for no longer than six months, to begin immediately. Leadership Cabinet welcomed his offer and elected him to the position of Acting Treasurer for Yellowstone Presbytery no longer than six months.

Leadership Cabinet is grateful for the gifts of extra time, discernment, and prayer which have will be put in by our staff, the Leadership Cabinet and it's Personnel Sub Group.

Representation/Nomination Team
Report to Yellowstone Presbytery
December 13, 2019

The Representation/Nomination Team continued its work to seek people who are qualified and willing to serve Yellowstone Presbytery on teams and in positions that are available. We are pleased to have found qualified people to say “yes” to God’s call for service in three positions that were open as of December 2, 2019. I am very grateful to Jody McDevitt, Robert Culbertson, Lanny Rounds, and George Goodrich for their input and prayer that made it possible to complete our work and fill the slate for the coming year.

ACTION ITEM:

Working together and led by God’s Spirit, the Representation/Nomination Team commends to Yellowstone Presbytery the following slate consisting of one team member for the Leadership Cabinet, one Alternate Minister Commissioner to General Assembly 2020, and one Alternate Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD) to General Assembly 2020 for your election:

LEADERSHIP CABINET

Class of 2022: MWS – Jamie Schmeling

NOTE: If the way be clear, the Rep/Nom Team nominates Jamie to the Leadership Cabinet for a 3-year term, realizing that her election skews the male/female representation on the Cabinet further leaving that team’s membership at 7 females and 2 males. It does, however, maintain a good geographic balance on the Cabinet and the balance of pastors and ruling elders is as even as possible at 5 to 4. We truly feel Jamie is an extremely qualified person with visionary qualities who will fill the position left by Jack Bell very well.

The team chose to offer Jamie a 3-year term, though Jack Bell was in the class of 2021, because this action will return a balance of 3 persons per class to the Leadership Cabinet and is in accordance with our Presbytery’s Standing Rules.

COMMISSIONERS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2020

MWS Alternate: John Dyce

Young Adult Advisory Delegate Alternate: Megan Dupuis

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline Fleming, Moderator
Representation/Nomination Team

Statement of Faith

I believe God is big!, unknowable, and yet knowable, mysterious, yet not elusive. I believe that this same God is the one who made the heavens and earth, created time, and called it good. I believe that God has placed God's image upon and within all humanity, and that with each person we meet, we add a little bit more to our understanding of who God is. I believe that God is continually active, care for creation and participating in the events of the world - providence.

I believe God – in God's own self – is relational, three persons in one: living in perfect community (symbiosis). I acknowledge that these persons of God have many names, though we commonly refer to them as God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Because God exists in relationship and we bear God's image, I believe all humanity is called to live in relationship and community with God, humanity, and all of creation. Sadly, our relationships are broken because of sin and will remain broken without the intervention of Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

I believe that Jesus is, was, and will always be, the perfect manifestation of God in human form. Jesus was fully God and fully human – the revelation of the fullness of God for us in time and space. I believe that Jesus, through his life and work, shows us the way of God's kingdom. He calls us to a relationship with God, our neighbor, and ourselves that puts love first. This Divine Love calls us to work for justice and peace in our world, doing our part to bring the kingdom of God to our corner of the universe with the help of the Holy Spirit.

I believe the Holy Spirit is at work within, among, and around us all for the purposes of Heaven. That she dances through our hearts, lives, and experiences to reveal the Divine One to us. In giving us the gift of faith, we are restored in our relationship to the Divine. We are called by grace through this faith and fitted for the purposes of Heaven. I believe the Holy Spirit helps us to interpret the scriptures for our context, and that with this Still Small Voice God speaks to and into our context.

I believe the Bible tells us of a love story that started in the beginning. This love story is complex; telling about the Divine – Human relationship through stories, poems, parables, letters, and much more. I believe that the Bible is God's Living Word. That together as we read scripture and study the creation, the Holy Spirit shows us about the letter of Heaven and calls us to live the Message of Jesus all for the glory of God.

I believe that the people who have called on the Name of Jesus, Confessing him to be Lord, are the people who make up the church. We are called to be the body of Jesus and therefore continue the work he started. This is one of the beautiful professions of the Reformed Tradition: That Christ is "already, and not yet". Together we join this work knowing that God has already started the process and is not yet finished. Therefore, we have the opportunity to be agents of change for the Kingdom of God.

As the church, we have the opportunity to extend God's (irresistible) grace and hospitality through the sacraments of baptism and communion. In baptism, we claim the covenant God made to Abraham and receive the seal of the Holy Spirit – being set apart for God's kingdom. In communion, we extend and receive the hospitality of God to sit at the table and be fed. In these sacraments, we use tangible things like water and food to communicate the mystery of the visible and invisible grace of God to all.

I believe in the forgiveness of sins once and for all eternity made possible by God through Jesus and the Holy Spirit. I believe that we are eternal beings – like God – and will spend our eternity somewhere. I believe that death is just the end of this chapter and the beginning of the next chapter. I believe in the resurrection of the body, just as Jesus could eat and was able to be seen, heard, and touched. I do not know what this looks like but acknowledge the mystery of God in it.

Rev. Jamie Schmeling
Minister of Word and Sacrament, RCA

Pastoral Call to Ministry

The Community Presbyterian Church of Terry belonging to the Yellowstone Presbytery, and the Hope American Lutheran Church of Fallon belonging to the Montana Synod of the ELCA, being well satisfied with your qualification for ministry and confident that we have been led to you by the Holy Spirit as one whose service will be profitable to the spiritual interests of both of our churches and fruitful for the Kingdom of our Lord, earnestly and solemnly call you,

Jamie D. Schmeling

To undertake the office of
PASTOR

of these congregations, beginning on January 1, 2020, promising you in the discharge of your duty all proper support, encouragement and allegiance in the Lord.

That you may be free to devote to the ministry of Word and Sacrament on a three-quarter of full-time basis among us, we do promise and obligate ourselves to pay you in regular monthly payments the following effective salary:

Effective Salary of \$36,675 (3/4 of 2020 guidelines) as follows:

Cash salary = \$21,675

Housing = \$15,000

Board of Pension Dues (2020 est. is \$15,320)

Professional expenses and travel (reimbursed at current IRS rate): \$2,000 max

Continuing Education: \$600 per year

Vacation leave: 4 weeks a year including 4 Sundays

Study Leave: 2 weeks per year, including 2 Sundays

We further promise and obligate ourselves to annually review with you the adequacy of this compensation. In the seventh year of service, the congregation will provide for a three-month Clergy Renewal Leave, continuing the salary and benefits for that period, and providing the pulpit supply in your absence.

In testimony whereof we have subscribed our names this ____ day of _____, 20____

Having moderated the congregational meeting which extended this call for ministerial services, I do certify that the call has been made in all respect according to the presbytery policy and the Form of Government, and that the persons who signed above were authorized to do so by the vote of this congregation.

Vote of the congregation at the meeting December 8, 2020 was: _____ for and _____ against

Moderator of the meeting _____

Certification of Call

A. Action by Presbytery of Call

Yellowstone Presbytery has reviewed and approved this call.

Stated Clerk _____ and date _____

B. Acceptance of the Call

This certifies that I have received and accepted this call.

Candidate _____ and date _____