

Leadership Cabinet Report – Revised 11/3/21  
Yellowstone Presbytery November 5-6, 2021  
Zoom meeting

Leadership Cabinet met in June, September, and October.

As churches in our presbytery continue to live and serve in unprecedented times, the Leadership Cabinet has turned to our Purpose and the Yellowstone Presbytery Vision Statement.

As listed in our Purpose, our first responsibility is “to listen to the leading of the Holy Spirit.” During rapid and continuous change we want to tune our ears to a Word from the Lord and keep our eyes on Jesus, discerning the places where the Spirit is stretching us, changing us, and wanting us to serve. We want to stay rooted in Christ and choose actions that speak of our citizenship in the kingdom of heaven.

The Vision Statement directs us to pray, to encourage and equip the congregations of this presbytery in disciple-making and service, worship and training. We have kept this Vision Statement before us as we plan the Presbytery meetings and work with the teams and committees of this Presbytery.

#### GATHER TOGETHER

More recently, we’ve been Dwelling in the Letter to the Hebrews as we reflect on endurance, and in strengthening and encouraging one another. We’ve been taking time in small groups to pray for one another, then lifting up one another’s specific prayer requests throughout the month.

#### EQUIP & ENCOURAGE

- Welcomed our new Stated Clerk, Caroline Fleming.
- Appreciated Susan Thomas and Teresa Kendall as they complete their service with Leadership Cabinet.
- Received a regular “Balcony View” from our Co-Presbyters.
- Reflected on feedback from our May Presbytery conference as we planned the November Presbytery conference.
- Received three applications for our Higher Education Grants and awarded \$5,500 in grants.
- Offered \$500 in seed money to churches located near higher education institutions in Butte, Dillon, and Miles City.
- Encouraged pastors and church leaders to attend the excellent boundary training held in early June and early October.
- Received encouraging financial progress both at the receiving end and reporting end.
- Convened a planning committee to plan the workshops for the November Presbytery meeting.
- Encouraged the Pastoral Ministry Team in their work of training up Commissioned Ruling Elders for the Presbytery.
- Recommended names to Representative/Nominating Committee for consideration to serve on Leadership Cabinet.

#### ACTION ITEMS from Leadership Cabinet on behalf of Presbytery

- Nominated Rev. Teresa Kendall to serve as member of Synod Nominating Committee member (class of 2024) beginning January 1, 2022.
- Allocated funds received from the sale of Harlowton and Geyser properties into the Unrestricted Funds budget line item.
- Approved a grant of \$2,000 from the equipping fund to Madison Valley Presbyterian Church (Ennis) for equipment needed to further their ministry.

## OTHER BUSINESS

- Set the 2022 Yellowstone Presbytery meeting dates: Feb. 11 & 12, May 6 & 7, Nov. 4 & 5.
- Set the January 2021 meeting date for Leadership Cabinet.
- Received and approved the year-end report from St Timothy's Chapel (Georgetown Lake).
- Received regular reports from the Personnel subgroup as they moved steadily forward in important and sensitive personnel matters.
- Due to Personnel subgroup concerns, Leadership Cabinet engaged the services of Attorney Kristy Buckley of Bozeman.

### **MOTION to PRESBYTERY for November 5/6, 2021**

MOTION: Leadership Cabinet recommends to Yellowstone Presbytery Rev. Teresa Kendall to Representative/Nomination Team for class of 2024.

MOTION: That Yellowstone Presbytery approve the 2022 Administrative and Program budget. (Please find the proposed budget under the financial report).

MOTION: That the Leadership Cabinet recommend to the Presbytery that the sale of the manse of the First Presbyterian Church of Anaconda be approved and the realized funds from the sale be dispensed according to provisions outlined in the letter from the church, dated October 25, 2021

MOTION: That the Leadership Cabinet appoint a team of 2-3 people, along with Rob Hagan of the Presbyterian Foundation, to work in support of the session to ensure the effective investment of the funds for the on-going ministry of the church and its mission, and that the team remains constituted until the funds are invested and the church is cared for pastorally, probable duration of the team about a year.

MOTION: That the Leadership Cabinet be the presbytery entity to oversee this process and receive reports.