

**Presbytery of Yellowstone - Stated Meeting
May 6-7, 2022
Bozeman 1st Presbyterian Church and via Zoom**

Friday, May 6, 2022

22.0088. Opening of the Meeting

The Presbytery of Yellowstone met on Friday and Saturday, May 6-7, 2022, beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Friday. Some attended in person, and some attended via Zoom. Moderator Dave Thompson welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayer. The theme for this meeting was: ***"Help For Today, Hope For Tomorrow: Seeking the Shalom and Hope of the Communities Where God Has Sent Us."***

22-0089. Roll Call: Roll call was conducted by the Stated Clerk with attendees answering the question, "What most excites you about your future?" People were asked complete a registration form if attending in person or register by email to caroline@yellowstonepcusa.org to note their attendance.

Ruling Elder Commissioners, CREs, Other RE's and visitors

Anaconda	CRE Veva Larson, RE Sean Larson (commissioner)
Billings First	RE Sandi Schoenberger (Commissioner), RE Russ Kline (LC Moderator)
Billings St Andrew	RE Jim Tarr (Commissioner)
Big Hole	RE Julie Boksich (Commissioner & LC)
Bozeman	Katie Anderson (Commissioner), RE Suzanne Bratsky (LC), RE Ric Tieman (LC & Treasurer), Susan Gibb (guest), RE Dan Holland (guest), Jay Pontius-Backman (guest & organist)
Butte	Karolee Larson (Commissioner), RE Chuck Wright (guest)
Colstrip	Excused
Deer Lodge	RE Marilyn Thomas (Commissioner)
Dillon	Callie Triller (guest & presenter)
Ennis	A
Forsyth	A
Hysham	RE Waine Milmine (Commissioner)
Jordan	Bev Harbaugh (Commissioner)
Lewistown	RE Melissa Bell (LC & Vice Moderator)
Manhattan	RE Stephanie Bergstrom (Commissioner), RE Debbie Blackburn (guest)
Miles City	RE Caroline Fleming (Staff: Stated Clerk)
Phillipsburg	A
Poplar	A
Stanford	CRE Margee Smith, RE Mandy Kelly (Commissioner)
Terry	RE Nancy Pehl (Commissioner)
White Sulphur Springs	A
Wolf Point	A

Minister Members:

David Andrew (absent), Jim Bell (present), Priscilla Bell (present), Ashley Birk (present), Davis Bierschwale (excused), Charley Blom (absent), Kimberly Briggs (present), J P Carlson (present), Chuck Carlson (excused), Warren (Rusty) Craig (present), Dick Davis (absent), Mary Davis (absent), John Dyce (absent), Wenda Fry (absent), Debbie Funke (present), George Goodrich (present), Kathy Goodrich (present), Steven A Hundley (absent), Doug Johnson (excused), Lowell Johnson (absent), Teresa Kendall (present), Dan Krebill (present), Brent Long (absent), Freeman McCall (excused), Jody McDevitt (absent), Sherwood McKay (absent), Marcia Muir (absent), David Murchie (absent), Sally Ralston (absent), Neva Rathbun (present), Mary Grace Reynolds (present), Harlan L Rounds (absent), Jamie Schmeling (present), Deborah Schmidt (absent), Susan Thomas (present), David Thompson (present), Daniel Triller (present), Kim Woeste (excused)

Commissioned Ruling Elder Members also listed with RE's above:

CRE Veva Larson (present) CRE Margee Smith (present)

2022 RE Moderators and Leadership Cabinet Voting Members also listed with their churches above:

RE Melissa Bell (Presbytery Vice Moderator), Russ Kline (LC Moderator), RE Julie Boksich (present), RE Suzanne Bratsky (present)

Corresponding members seated: None

Guest: Kori Robbins (Candidate for Ministry)

Staff with Voice: RE Caroline Fleming (Stated Clerk)

Quorum/Balance check: Voting 18 RE's, Voting 17 MWS. A quorum was declared present.

22-0090. Protocol: (Attachment A) The Stated Clerk reviewed protocol for the meeting:

1. *Start the meeting with your microphone muted and stay in the muted position until called upon to speak. Doing this will help eliminate feedback, minimize background noise and help us all move through our time together more easily.*
2. *Have RE or MWS if applicable, your first and last name, the entity you represent, your position (i.e. Minister, commissioner, guest) and town in your Zoom participant identification. For example: RE Caroline Fleming, YP Stated Clerk, Miles City. (In ZOOM the 3 dots on your picture screen can be clicked and you can rename yourself and include the information above.)*
3. *When you have the floor, please say your name and the entity you represent each time you speak.*
4. *When voting, if not using a voice vote of "Yes" or "No," please use the "raise hand" feature found toward the bottom of the screen if participating via Zoom and raise your hand if attending in person. We will count these votes then ask phone-only participants to unmute their phones and vote verbally.*

22-0091. Dwelling in the Word:

Moderator Dave Thompson led attendees in Dwelling in the Word based on Jeremiah 29: 1-9. The passage brought forth the following ideas:

- It is time to re-start, to "plant the garden again"
- Exile is temporary; God wants us to continue living while there
- Stop dwelling on ourselves and look to the welfare of others and the place where we find ourselves
- There are many ways to seek peace, including the way we talk with one another when we disagree

BREAK for 10 minutes the reconvene for the first workshop.

22-0092. Workshop: “Realities of Families With Children & How the Church Can Respond”

Callie Triller offered a parent’s perspective for Sunday morning as a pastor’s wife, a parent of young children, and a school counselor. Suggestions of how the church can help included:

- One of the most important things a church can offer is a safe place for children that includes more than outlet covers, appropriate table covers and stair safety. It requires safe people, like surrogate grandchildren, who love the children. It is wonderful when others offer to help with the children as needed.
- Items available that can entertain young children: worship packets can include snacks, crayons, paper, dolls, coloring books, & toys. These must be re-filled every week.
- Families need support and parents need connections. Those with school children are very busy and schedules are tight. Church events that include a meal are helpful.

Callie’s workshop is recorded and can be viewed on Zoom at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/tlD1ihdPeMDZga86SduD7xyBZHHWfSx-VvzYDdV40ZCkVNIVEFdv0We_SXqZ15l.8nuCIBNReceA0AI9?startTime=1651869826000

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BREAK for 10 minutes then reconvene for the business meeting, part 1.

22-0093. Stated Clerk report: (Attachment A)

A. Omnibus motion: The Stated Clerk moved the following omnibus motion:

1. That the agenda for this meeting posted on yellowstonepcusa.org be approved (Attachment B).
2. That the roll for this meeting be established in two ways:
 - a. By email to caroline@yellowstonepcusa.org if you are attending via Zoom or
 - b. By registration form provided at the meeting if you are attending in person.
3. That all requests for excused absences received by the Stated Clerk be approved.
4. That any Corresponding members present at the meeting 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 adjust the agenda during the meeting, as may be necessary, to provide for efficiency in reporting.
7. That the draft minutes of the Presbytery meeting of February 11-12, 2022 be approved as published on the presbytery website.
8. That the Commission formed to sell the McAllister Church be dismissed with thanks for their good work.
9. That the minutes of this meeting shall report that there has been no call for a meeting of the Presbytery’s PJC this year to date and that the following former members are still eligible to serve if needed; RE Gary Slagel, RE Sharla Helland, MWS Dan Krebill, RE Llyod Mandeville, HR Sally Ralston.

Action: The motion was seconded, and it passed.

B. The Stated Clerk reviewed her activities between February and May, thanked all clerks and churches for getting their annual reports submitted on time, shared the 2022 Statistics report for Yellowstone Presbytery and noted procedures for testifying at General Assembly hearing are available to any who might wish to testify.

22.0094. Pastoral Ministry Team report: (Attachment B)

A. Interview with Kori Robbins: PMT Moderator Kimmy Briggs introduced Kori Robbins, Candidate for Ministry, who will finish her seminary schooling in May and has passed ordination exams. Kori shared her faith journey that led to her studying for the ministry. Presbyters

received her statement of faith in the meeting packet (Attachment C) and questioned her on theological beliefs, sense of call, and importance of the community of faith. Additional questions included how she felt seminary had equipped her to “do church” in the post-COVID world and what support she felt she might need in her 1st call. Kori was dismissed to a waiting room.

Action: PMT recommended Kori Robbins be certified ready to receive a call. The motion passed unanimously.

Kori was brought back to the meeting. Dan Krebill offered a charge to Kori and Debbie Funke led everyone in prayer for Kori and her ministry.

B. Required Boundaries Training Policy for Yellowstone Presbytery:

Action: PMT recommends the approval of the Required Boundaries Training Policy for Yellowstone Presbytery. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Policy for Validating a Ministry:

Action: The Pastoral Ministry Team recommends the approval of the Policy for Validating a Ministry (for those who are already ordained) and the Application to Validate the Ministry of an Ordained Person. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Policy for Annual Reporting:

Action: The Pastoral Ministry Team recommends the approval of the Policy for Annual Reporting for those serving in validated ministries, at-large members, and honorably retired ministers. The motion passed unanimously.

22.0095. Announcements and Recess for Dinner:

Moderator Dave gave instructions for accessing worship at 7 p.m. this evening. Rev. Mary Grace Reynolds asked people to have a small bowl and permanent markers or paint for morning worship. Dave prayed for Kori Robbins, for healing of individuals and the world, and for the evening meal.

22.0096. Evening Worship:

Presbytery reconvened for worship at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Debbie Funke preached a message of hope entitled "God's Power Perfected in Weakness: Hope." First Presbyterian Church of Lewistown and Madison Valley Presbyterian Church of Ennis shared good news from their churches. Worshippers celebrated Holy Communion together and accepted an offering for Ukraine Relief.

Saturday, May 7, 2022

22.0097. Reconvene and Opening Prayer: Moderator Dave welcomed everyone back at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 7 and led presbyters in opening prayer.

22.0098. Morning Worship:

Rev. Mary Grace Reynolds led presbyters in morning worship using “Liturgies from Below: Praying with ‘People at the Ends of the World’” by Claudio Carvalhaes. Participants had opportunity to create a prayer bowl for themselves into which they can place prayer needs as they come to mind during the day.

22.0099. Workshop: “How Churches Can Plan and Prepare with Families in Mind”

Rev. Daniel Triller offered an excellent workshop and challenged participants to note that people chose a church for varied reasons. Ask them why they chose yours. Other challenges Daniel offered were:

- Ask yourself why you want young people/families in your church: for them or for you?
- In asking the congregation to nurture a baptized person in Christian Life, it is wise to assure the congregation understands what they are promising to do.
- Since a large part of faith formation takes place in the home, how can the church equip parents to lead children to faith?
- Can churches offer a family-focused worship service at least once a month?
- Can we see ourselves as “grumpy disciples” who try to keep children from Jesus? If so, what can we do to change?

Daniel’s workshop is recorded and can be viewed on Zoom at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/ov9kixsdvtrfRVGvNeV1MbvYwoXjoV7HLZ3ZLQFh3j4IkqG7oSA2SAakdqgydaQb.fvxvD3q1JpHn2_BZ?startTime=1651935875000

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BREAK for 10 minutes then reconvene for the business meeting, part 2.

22.0100. Co-General Presbyter’s report (Attachment D):

- George and Kathy highlighted the work they continue to do in staffing presbytery teams, preaching, equipping both lay people and pastors for serving the church in a variety of ways, and more.
- They have coped with health issues and faced some difficult family issues this year. They will be taking sabbatical leave for several months starting May 16. Details will be shared with the entire presbytery when they are finalized.

22.0101. Leadership Cabinet report (Attachment E):

- Moderator Russ Kline reported that grant applications for higher education funds have been sent out and are due back to him May 15.
- The Personnel sub-committee continues work on the presbytery’s personnel policies.
- Leadership Cabinet approved a 3-to-6-month sabbatical leave for George and Kathy Goodrich to begin May 16. Details will be finalized with the team’s personnel sub-committee and shared with all very soon.
- Churches are encouraged to consider the needs of their pastors and care for them appropriately.

22.0102. Camping & Youth Ministry Team report (Attachment F):

- The schedule for Westminster Camp is out and planning is well underway. Scholarships are available for campers.
- A couple more male counselors are needed for camp.
- A Westminster Spires Camp website is up and running. Check it out: westminsterspires.org
- Youth Triennium for this summer is cancelled due to continuing COVID concerns.

22.0103. McAllister Administrative Commission report (Attachment G)

The Administrative Commission formed to sell the McAllister Church, has completed an agreement to sell the church and its land to 1887 CHURCH, LLC, a Texas limited liability. The church is located in the County of Madison, State of Montana, commonly known as "McAllister Church", legally described as follows:

A tract of land in the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 33, Township 4 South, Range 1 West, P.M.M., Madison County, Montana, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Center-West 1/16 corner of Section 33; Thence along the north- south 1/16 line in the NW ¼ of said section, N 01°28'09" E a distance of 324.73 feet to the south right of way line, N 72°22'48" W a distance of 516.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; Thence S 01°28'09" W a distance of 190.00 feet; Thence N 88°33'23" W a distance of 205.00 feet; Thence N 01°25'09"E a distance of 249.52 to the south right of way line of the county road;

Thence along said south right of way line, S 72°22'48" E a distance of 213.65 feet to the Trust Point of Beginning.

The Commission is dismissed with thanks for their good work through the meeting's omnibus motion.

22.0104. Budget and Finance (Attachment H)

Treasurer Ric Tieman reported that the presbytery is on track with the administrative budget. While no camping fees have been received yet, the program budget also looks good for the year thus far.

22.0104. Presbyterian Women report (Attachment I)

- A Synod Triennial gathering will be held in Heber City, Utah
- "Horizons Magazine" Bible study for 2022-2023 is titled "Celebrate Sabbath"
- Contact Suzanne Bratsky for more information about the triennial gathering or "Horizons"

22.0105. Other Business and Announcements:

- Jim Bell offered **accolades to George and Kathy Goodrich** for all the fine work they do on this presbytery's behalf and encouraged everyone to **honor their upcoming Sabbath time** by not contacting them and allowing them the rest and rejuvenation they need.
- Teresa Kendall announced the **150th anniversary of the incorporation of First Presbyterian Church at DeerLodge** on June 9. **A celebration will be held June 12** at which 5 or 6 former pastors are expected as guests. Planning for a July picnic is in the works. **And in the fall, the church will celebrate Teresa's 20-year anniversary of her ordination.** Congratulations to the church and to Teresa!
- George announced that information about **student loan forgiveness for pastors** if available through the Board of Pensions.
- A **small group task force is meeting at the Synod level.** Contact Utah Presbytery for information.
- Dave Thompson announced that the small group team that encourages the formation of small groups in churches has seen **formation of 7 small groups this spring**, exceeding the goal of establishing 5 new small groups.
- Ashley Birk reported that **First Presbyterian Church of Bozeman will celebrate its 150th anniversary** of incorporation beginning **June 5, Pentecost Sunday.**
- **Many thanks to Ashley Birk and her wonderful congregation** for hosting our presbytery meeting.
- People are reminded to **register** either with an email to the Stated Clerk or on paper if you attended this meeting in person.
- Please send updates for the directory to the Stated Clerk at caroline@yellowstonepcusa.org

22.0106. Closing and Adjournment

Action: A motion was made to adjourn the presbytery meeting. The motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

Moderator Rev. Dave Thompson closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Fleming
Stated Clerk

**Stated Clerk Report for the Presbytery Meeting
May 6-7, 2022**

Protocol Review

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Omnibus motion.

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End of Motion.

The above motion will be made at the opening of the May 6-7, 2022 meeting and will be posted on the presbytery website for review before the meeting begins.

Stated Clerk Activity

1. Conducted an email vote to act upon the Representation and Nomination Team recommendation to presbytery to elect RE Debbie Ernst and MWS Freeman McCall to the Pastoral Ministry team. The call for the vote was sent to all presbyters on Wednesday, February 23. Voting ended 48 hours later on Friday, February 25. Thirty-seven (37) out of a possible 62 votes were received. With no negative votes, the motion passed unanimously.
2. I continued to work with any churches and clerks to complete their year-end reports and completed the year-end reports for the presbytery with Ric Tieman's help on the financial reports. All church reports were due before February 17. Presbytery reports were due March 7. All reports have been submitted. The statistics are included in this clerk's report. (see below)
3. I met with several times with the team encouraging small group development in churches led by Dave Thompson and Russ Kline. There have been new small groups formed in the presbytery that have met his spring, and some are being planned for fall. I was hoping to invite clerks of session to meet in a Zoom group for discussion, but my plans got delayed. Hopefully this will happen soon.
4. I met twice with my Stated Clerk mentor, Susan DeGeorge of Hudson River.
5. I attended two prayer events via Zoom led by Debbie Funke to which all people of the presbytery were invited.
6. I attended the quarterly cohort gathering of those who attended orientation for new Stated Clerks and General Presbyters in September 2021.
7. I updated and filed the annual corporate report with the Secretary of State's office.
Corporate Officers and Directors for 2022:
Rev. Dave Thompson, President
Elder Caroline Fleming, Secretary
Elder Ric Tieman, Treasurer
RE Melissa Bell, Director
RE Russ Kline, Director
8. I attended the Synod review of minutes in Denver April 19.
9. I updated the 2022 Presbytery Directory with information I have received and sent the 2022 Directory to the presbytery's email list. I continue to receive update information and will send revisions, if there are any, to everyone prior to each stated presbytery meeting.
10. I have attended all meetings of the Leadership Cabinet and Pastoral Ministry Team and have recorded minutes as required.
11. I signed the buy-sell agreement concerning the sale of the McAllister church property.

Caroline Fleming, Stated Clerk



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Membership			
Prior Active Members	1427	Adjusted membership	1436
Gains		Losses	
Certificate	18	Certificate	7
Youth Professions	0	Deaths	45
Professions & Reaffirmations	41	Deleted for any Other Reason	50
Total Gains	59	Total Losses	102
Total Ending Active Members	1393		
Baptisms			
Presented by Others	15	Average Weekly Worship Attendance	703
At Confirmation	0	Female Members	856
All Other	2	Friends of the Congregation	322
		Ruling Elders on Session	126
		Do you have Deacons? Yes / No	10 / 9
Age Distribution of Active			
25 & Under	90	People with Disabilities	
26 - 40	170	Hearing impairment	100
41 - 55	157	Sight impairment	51
56 - 70	361	Mobility impairment	85
Over 70	613	Other impairment	84
Total Age Distribution	1391		
Christian Education			
Birth - 3	26	Grade 7	28
Age 4	24	Grade 8	21
Kindergarten	18	Grade 9	8
Grade 1	23	Grade 10	14
Grade 2	26	Grade 11	13
Grade 3	34	Grade 12	31
Grade 4	20	Young Adults	28
Grade 5	28	Over 25	267
Grade 6	51	Teachers/Officers	77
		Total Christian Education	737
Racial Ethnic			
Asian/Pacific Islander/South Asian	7	Native American/Alaska Native/Indigenous	21
Black/African American/African	1	White	1304
Middle Eastern/North African	1	Multiracial	3
Hispanic/Latino-a	5		
		Total Racial Ethnic	1342
Financial Data			
Annual Income	3,152,613	Mission Expenses	320,986
Annual Expenses	2,675,722	Personnel Expenses	1,266,415
		Facilities Expenses	600,852

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

ATTACHMENT B

**Yellowstone Presbytery Conference and Stated Meeting
May 6 & 7, 2022**

1st Presbyterian Church, Bozeman and via Zoom*

Theme: Help for Today, Hope for Tomorrow:
Seeking the Shalom and Hope of the Communities where God Has Sent Us

- 1:00 p.m.:** **Welcome & Opening Prayer**
Introductions, roll call & verification of quorum
Review of meeting protocol
- 1:30 pm** **Dwelling in the Word** Dave Thompson
- 2:10** **Regather** to hear Insights from each group
- 2:25 pm** **BREAK**
- 2:40** **Workshop and Discussion:**
“Realities of Families With Children & How the Church Can Respond” with Callie Triller
- 4:10 pm** **BREAK**
- 4:20 pm** **Business meeting Part 1**
4:20 Stated Clerk’s Report: Omnibus Motion - VOTE
4:30 Pastoral Ministry Team (PMT) Report
Interview with Kori Robbins - VOTE
Boundary Training Policy -VOTE
Policy for Annual Reporting - VOTE
Policy for Validating Ministries & Application - VOTE
- 5:30 pm** Announcements, grace & dinner recess
- 7:00 pm** **Worship with Communion**
Preaching: Rev. Debbie Funke, Pastor, Manhattan Presbyterian Church
Tonight’s offering is for Ukraine Relief through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Fund
- 8:15 pm** RECESS for the evening
- Saturday, May 7:**
- 8:30 am** **Reconvene, Opening Prayer and Worship led by Mary Grace Reynolds**
- 9:00 am** **Workshop and Discussion:**
“How Churches Can Plan and Prepare with Families in Mind” Daniel Triller
- 10:50** **BREAK**
- 11:00 a.m.** **Business meeting Part 2**
Co-GP Report, George and Kathy Goodrich
Leadership Cabinet Russ Kline
Camping & Youth Daniel Triller
McAllister Commission Report Dan Krebill
Budget & Finance Report Ric Tieman
Presbyterian Women Suzanne Bratsky
- 12:20 p.m.** **Other Business and Announcements**
- 12:30** **Closing Prayer & Adjourn**

Next 2022 PRESBYTERY MEETING: November 4-5, 2022

ATTACHMENT C**Pastoral Ministry Team's Report
May 2022**

The purpose of the Pastoral Ministry Team is to come alongside of churches, sessions, pastors and CREs to provide encouragement, support, and training as we work together to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Information Items

PMT approved the revised contract (attached) between MWS Mary Davis and Church of the Big Hole for a period of six months.

PMT approved the contract (attached) between CRE Margee Smith and the Stanford Church.

PMT approved Chuck Wright as a "Learner" in the Commissioned Ruling Elder program. We look forward to continuing to be part of Chuck's calling as a CRE.

A sub-group of PMT reviewed the annual terms of call for installed pastors to ensure they met minimum requirements.

PMT approved the annual reporting paperwork (attached) required for those serving in validated ministries, members-at-large, and honorably retired clergy.

PMT continues to work on policies and procedures for Inquirers and Candidates coming under care of Yellowstone Presbytery during the ordination process.

Items for Action

Kori Robbins – to be Certified Ready to Receive a Call and allowed to circulate her Personal Information Form (PIF) in CLC. Attached to this report is Kori's paperwork, including her Statement of Faith and reflections on the ordination vows answering the questions "What excites you about saying yes?" And "What scares you about saying yes?"

The Pastoral Ministry Team recommends Kori Robbins to be Certified Ready to Receive a Call.

Required Boundaries Training policy and Rationale (attached)

The Pastoral Ministry Team recommends the approval of the Required Boundaries Training Policy for Yellowstone Presbytery.

Process for Validating a Ministry and Rationale (attached)

The Pastoral Ministry Team recommends the approval of the Policy for Validating a Ministry (for those who are already ordained).

The Pastoral Ministry Team recommends the approval of the Application to Validate the Ministry of an Ordained Person.

Annual Reporting Requirements policy and rationale (attached). The paperwork for annual reports is attached for information.

The Pastoral Ministry Team recommends the approval of the Policy for Annual Reporting for those serving in validated ministries, at-large members, and honorably retired ministers.

Kimmy Briggs, Moderator
Pastoral Ministry Team, Yellowstone Presbytery

ATTACHMENT D

Co-General Presbyter Report to Yellowstone Presbytery May 6, 2022

Revs. George and Kathy Goodrich

Seeking the shalom, peace and prosperity, of where I have sent you..., and pray for it for if it prospers, you too will prosper. ...“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jer 29:1-13.

So much has transpired even since we last met in February – outrage and tragedies of Russia-Ukraine war/genocide with sobering spiraling implications for the entire world as are truly all connected; the struggles of our planet and ecosystems; ongoing drought, worst in the west in 1,200 years; in the US, crisis of trust - in leaders, institutions including the church, a crisis of civility and overall working for the common good, for “liberty and justice for all”; many domestic challenges in the US of ALL sorts; ...

Wisdom and Insights for these times:

1. Three vital practices for thriving in a decade of accelerating change are A. Anticipating; B. Reflecting & C. Innovating, drawing from the seasoned futurist Tom Sine & pastor/innovator Dwight Friesen in their new book, *2020’s Foresight*.

2. Reclaim our identity, practices and ways of being children of God, contract communities who are citizens of HEAVEN, not of a nation or political ideology, Seeking FIRST God and God’s kingdom/reign and ways of God and God’s righteousness.

3. Seeking the shalom, peace and prosperity, of where I have sent you..., and pray for it, for if it prospers, you too will prosper. Jer. 29:1 – 13. Reflecting, Cultivating, Innovating a la Walter Brueggeman’s “cultivating a shalomic imagination”

4. Cultivating deeper spiritual roots and rest in Christ and relationships – with Christ, marriages and families, church fellowships, and the neighborhoods/communities where God places us.

5. L’s – Loving, Listening, learning, Our deep respect, appreciation and gratitude to and for you all!!! – We are deeply grateful for each of you and your friendship and partnership in the gospel. Being disciples, *being* and *doing* church, leading and equipping leaders and church fellowships and bodies in these fast-changing, tumultuous times and contexts, and especially the last 2+ years, has been exceptionally demanding on the personal, congregational, presbytery and communal levels. And we are still in the midst of this race turned Ironman Triathlon!! to reference the analogy we shared in previous reports previous meetings.

Leadership Cabinet – We meet with, equip, resource and support the Leadership Cabinet, not only at meetings but informally, in what has been a significant increase in various matters they, and their subgroups and members need to consider and address- see LC February & May 2022 reports.

Pastoral Ministry Team – The workload and responsibilities of PMT continue at a very high level including our work in supporting, equipping, resourcing, adapting, creating or updating policies with

the Team and involvement with pastors, CREs, sessions and PNCs, and congregations without pastors.

Visiting through the Presbytery

- a. Reduced travel and preaching due to illness (lingering covid) and do more via phone and zoom
- b. Love the opportunity to preach such as Hysham for Easter

Training for Elders, those exploring Commissioned Lay Pastor (Monthly via zoom) –

Yearlong Preaching training sessions are nearly completed.

- a. May repeat with another interested group and some who have done it.
- b. Interests expressed regarding both Lay pastoral care training... Goals, means, bringing Jesus into the room; and disciple-making, informal as well as formal, in all aspects life and being a disciple community
- c. Thoughts? What kind of lay training is most needed in this fast-changing season in our culture and reduced availability of seminary trained pastors? do the elders and churches of the presbytery need?

MT Clergy Gathering (Weekly); Running for Two Years

- a. Hopefully we have, improved preaching and relationships among participating clergy
- b. Deepened our knowledge and love of God.
- c. Next steps...

Westminster Spires Camp – excited for the season in July – Read the camping report.

Check out the lovely new website @ westminsterspires.org A huge thank you for this to Callie and Daniel Triller assisted by Curt Kochner

Presbytery Insurance update – All insured now but the camp buildings due to very strict standards of insurance firm.

Presbytery staff – a year of transitions and experimenting. We are grateful for and appreciate working with Caroline

Meet with our counterparts in the **Synod Staff Forum**, and 2-3 times a year, along with monthly check-ins and collaborations.

Small church task force just starting in synod

Rocky Mountain College – G's term expiring... Attending Visioning group

Personal

We have talked with Personnel about sabbath time after 9 years. However, with lingering, long covid and medical & wellness needs plus need for spiritual, personal and professional refreshment, these conversations have expanded, and they are working on a recommendation.

ATTACHMENT E

Leadership Cabinet Report-Revised 4/25/22
 Yellowstone Presbytery May 6-7, 2022
 Combined Zoom and Live at FPC Bozeman

Leadership Cabinet met on April 5, 2022. The meeting opened with dwelling in the word based on II Corinthians 5: 14-15 reminding us that Christ's love compels us to live our best life so Jesus can live his best life through us.

The vision statement directs us to gather together for God's glory and spiritual synergy. We have kept this in mind as we plan Presbytery meetings and work towards being disciple-making, disciple-sending leaders and churches. A major vehicle since Jesus and his followers, involves creating small groups in our churches, neighborhoods, and throughout our Presbytery. We desire to equip and encourage one another for living out our whole vision as Christ's disciples in the context in which we are sent.

EQUIP & ENCOURAGE

- Received Regular reports from Co-Presbyters, including insurance update.
- Reflected on feedback from our February Presbytery conference.
- Planning for May 6-7 Presbytery meeting, which will be held combined Zoom and Live at FPC Bozeman.
- Future meeting dates were set: May 10, July 13, September 13, October 11, and November 15.
- Higher Education Fund grant application letters were sent to MSU, MSU-B, RMC, MSU Dillon and Miles Community College.
- Received the report from the Commission formed to Sell the McAllister Church. The Cabinet will discuss the use of the proceeds from the sale at a future meeting.

CORPORATE MEETING

The following individuals were nominated and elected to serve as corporate officers in 2022:

- Rev. Dave Thompson, President
- RE Caroline Fleming, Secretary
- RE Ric Tieman, Treasurer
- RE Melissa Bell, Director
- RE Russ Kline, Director

OTHER BUSINESS

- Request for consideration of endorsement of the G.A. Overture "Cherish Creation, Cut Carbon, and Speak Up" was made by St. Andrew Presbyterian Church. The LC discussed the document and voted not to endorse the overture at this time.

NO ACTIONABLE ITEMS

Russ Kline, Moderator on behalf of Leadership Cabinet

ATTACHMENT F

**Presbytery Report for Camping and Youth
May 2022**

Planning for Westminster Spires Camp 2022 is well underway!

Camp Dates for 2022 Revamp the Camp June 3-5 Staff Training

	July 6-9
Elementary Camp	July 10-14
Junior High Camp	July 17-22
Senior High Camp	July 24-29

Curt Kochner and George Goodrich will both be present for the duration of all three camps. At the moment, George is scheduled to be the Camp Speaker for Elementary, Daniel Triller speaking at Junior High, and Kimmy Briggs and Mary Grace Reynolds speaking at High School Camp.

Prayer Requests and How you can help:

- Invite students to camp!
- In those conversations, remind students and parents of what makes our camp great: Beautiful location, lots of adventure and great experiences, very reasonable cost, and most importantly, an emphasis on relationships, community and encouraging students to grow in their love and knowledge of Christ.
- If students or families are unsure or on the fence, reach out to Daniel, Curt or George and we can set up a phone call, Zoom call and answer any questions they may have.
- Camp Website. That's right, we have a camp website! westminsterspires.org Please share and pass along as we hope that this is a helpful resource for churches, families and campers wanting to learn more about camp.
- Recommend Camp Counselors
 - o We are particularly in need of at least two more male counselors
- Attend Revamp the Camp, June 3-5
 - o Help us get camp ready for summer
- Consider attending camp yourself sometime! It's a lot easier (and more authentic) to invite kids to camp if you or someone from your church has seen it for themselves.
- Pray
 - o Pray that the word gets out and that students join us this summer
 - o For rounding out our staff and counselor team
 - o For speakers and their preparation and that messages would draw students closer to Christ
 - o That God would do more than we could ever ask or imagine this summer

Thanks all,
Daniel Triller
Pastor - FPC Dillon
Camping and Youth Moderator

ATTACHMENT G

April 4, 2022

The Presbytery of Yellowstone Administrative Commission formed to sell the McAllister Church, has completed an agreement to sell the church as described in the Buy-Sell Agreement.

The commission suggests the proceeds from the sale be distributed as follows:

- a. The cost of the Survey of \$1,304 be reimbursed to the Madison Valley Presbyterian Church;
- b. \$1,122 be reimbursed to the Madison Valley Presbyterian Church for emergency repairs to the roof.
- c. 85% of net proceeds to the Madison Valley Presbyterian Church with the recommendation that a portion be put in the Madison Valley Presbyterian Church PCUSA Foundation account; and
- d. 15% of net balance to the Presbytery of Yellowstone with the recommendation that this be used for evangelism within the bounds of the presbytery.

The commission wishes to acknowledge and thank attorney Mark Parker and his Law firm for the generous donation of Mark's professional guidance, council, and work spent in bringing this sale to a successful conclusion.

Submitted by

The Rev. Dan Krebill, commission moderator;
on behalf of commission members Elder Charlie Mandeville of the First Presbyterian Church in Bozeman, and Elder Bob Beekman of the Madison Valley Presbyterian Church, and Bob's wife, Jan, provided invaluable input into the commission's work.

Presbytery of Yellowstone PCUSA
Statement of Financial Position

Accrual Basis As of March 31, 2022

ASSETS	31-Mar-22	28-Feb-22	\$ Change
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
1000 • Checking and Savings			
1005 • Checking 3214	125,122.17	130,683.81	-5,561.64
1010 • Money Market 3355	140,711.43	140,703.06	8.37
1015 • Partnership Fund MM 3793	45,412.35	45,410.81	1.54
1060 • Vanco Clearing Account	75.00	506.00	-431.00
Total 1000 • Checking and Savings	311,320.95	317,303.68	(5,982.73)
1020 • St Timothy Checking 1961	5,634.46	5,634.46	0.00
1030 • St Timothy Checking 3686	3,505.96	3,505.96	0.00
1050 • New Covenant 5737			
1051 • Higher Education	17,946.87	17,946.87	0.00
1052 • Other Designated Funds	87,203.14	93,316.74	-6,113.60
Total 1050 • New Covenant 5737	105,150.01	111,263.61	(6,113.60)
1100 • St Timothy Endowment Funds			
1110 • St Timothy Chapel #1 1085	403,943.84	403,943.84	0.00
1120 • St Timothy Chapel #2 6024	129,690.82	129,690.82	0.00
Total 1100 • St Timothy Endowment Funds	533,634.66	533,634.66	0.00
Total Checking/Savings	959,246.04	971,342.37	(12,096.33)
Total Current Assets	959,246.04	971,342.37	(12,096.33)
Other Assets			
1850 • Beartooth Electric Co-op	1,243.95	1,243.95	0.00
1900 • Char Rem Trust 0931	159,233.47	159,233.47	0.00
Total Other Assets	160,477.42	160,477.42	0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	1,119,723.46	1,131,819.79	(12,096.33)

LIABILITIES & EQUITY	Mar 31, 22	Feb 28, 22	\$ Change
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable			
2000 • Accounts Payable	116.17	807.67	(691.50)
Total Accounts Payable	116.17	807.67	(691.50)
Other Current Liabilities			
2100 • Payroll Liabilities			
2110 • Federal Liabilities	316.16	316.20	(0.04)
2120 • State Liabilities	75.96	74.31	1.65
2150 • Retirement Payable	287.48	287.48	0.00
2160 • Health Insurance Payable	1,019.72	1,019.72	0.00
Total 2100 • Payroll Liabilities	1,699.32	1,697.71	1.61
2200 • Other Current Liabilities			
2200.01 • GA Pentecost Offering PC999999	238.00	0.00	238.00
2200.02 • GA Mission Pledges	357.35	1,594.70	(1,237.35)
2200.03 • GA Peacemaking PM999999	417.83	250.00	167.83
2200.04 • GA One Great Hour OG999999	75.87	3.80	72.07
2200.05 • GA Christmas Joy CJ999999	1,055.00	1,522.00	(467.00)
2200.06 • GA Theological EducationTE999999	300.00	150.00	150.00
2200.09 • GA Other Donation	1,980.00	1,100.00	880.00
Total 2200 • Other Current Liabilities	4,424.05	4,620.50	(196.45)
Total Other Current Liabilities	6,123.37	6,318.21	(194.84)
Total Current Liabilities	6,239.54	7,125.88	(886.34)
Total Liabilities	6,239.54	7,125.88	(886.34)
Equity			
3100 • General Funds			
3100.1 • Administrative	255.07	255.07	0.00
3100.2 • Admin Support	57,202.08	57,202.08	0.00
3100.3 • Program	43,824.18	43,824.18	0.00
3100.4 • West Yellowstone Funds	18,348.34	18,348.34	0.00
3100.9 • Unrestricted	23,486.93	23,486.93	0.00
Total 3100 • General Funds	143,116.60	143,116.60	0.00
3200 • Designated Funds			
3200.01 • Camp Scholarships	3,954.63	3,954.63	0.00
3200.02 • Clergy Emergency Fund	1,756.99	1,756.99	0.00
3200.03 • Equip & Encourage	43,069.14	43,069.14	0.00
3200.04 • Evangelism Grant	1,250.13	1,250.13	0.00
3200.05 • Higher Education Grant	19,946.87	19,946.87	0.00
3200.06 • Linda Hofer Education	19,385.65	19,385.65	0.00

3200.07 • Partnership Spendable Funds	2,390.00	2,390.00	0.00
3200.08 • Peace Making Offering to YP	5,128.22	5,128.22	0.00
3200.09 • Presbyter Discretionary Fund	1,200.14	1,200.14	0.00
3200.10 • Presbyter Study Leave	850.00	850.00	0.00
3200.11 • Presbytery Continuing Education	3,595.77	3,595.77	0.00
3200.12 • Revamp Camp	13,785.91	13,785.91	0.00
3200.13 • Rural Ministry Grant	1,070.28	1,070.28	0.00
3200.14 • Social Justice	6,469.45	6,469.45	0.00
3200.16 • St Timothy's MM #1	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
3200.17 • St Timothy's MM #2	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
3200.18 • Triennium Fund	6,793.52	6,793.52	0.00
3200.19 • Yell Pres Funds Await Cab Action	49,878.27	49,878.27	0.00
Total 3200 • Designated Funds	185,524.97	185,524.97	0.00
3300 • Restricted Funds			
3300.1 • St Timothy Endowments	537,775.08	537,775.08	0.00
3300.2 • Char Rem Trust	159,233.47	159,233.47	0.00
3300.3 • Partnership Funds Principle Amt	45,407.87	45,407.87	0.00
Total 3300 • Restricted Funds	742,416.42	742,416.42	0.00
Net Income	42,425.93	53,635.92	(11,209.99)
Total Equity	1,113,483.92	1,124,693.91	(11,209.99)
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,119,723.46	1,131,819.79	(12,096.33)

These statements have not been audited, reviewed or compiled

Attachment I

Presbyterian Women of Yellowstone Presbytery 2021-2022 Report to Yellowstone Presbytery

We will always have 2020-2022 steeled in our memories. PW women in Yellowstone Presbytery has suffered and accepted many changes in our world. Presbyterian Women have tried to do their best by joining together to have Bible study with minimal interaction to keep each other safe and well. Some of our smaller counties have had a good vaccination response through their county public health departments, so some of the counties have vaccinated a large percentage of their people. Some have not. We have lost several of our dear members to Covid-19, Joan Cunningham of Hysham being one of them.

Below is a brief account of several local PW circle activities in Yellowstone Presbytery.

FPC Anaconda has not been able to connect with each other as a circle. Some use Facebook for listening and seeing the sermons.

FPC Billings has five circles that meet, some in person, others meet at the church in rooms where they can spread out. The attendance is low however. They did one funeral dinner for Rev. Cathy McLean. The service was virtual and on Facebook.

FPC Bozeman has two circles (12-14members). Both circles have met through Zoom and now in person. People have been eager to be together. We use the 2021-2022 PW Horizon's Bible study. Money was contributed to the Food Bank, Haven (women's shelter), and the Warming Center.

FPC Butte PW Circle has not been meeting, but they keep in conversation with each other by telephone. They had money in the treasury so they gave some of the money plus added some more monies to their favorite charities such as the Rescue Mission, Food Bank and the Mining City Christmas in Butte.

FPC Deer Lodge has a PW circle. They give to the PW Birthday Offering inviting their whole church to participate.

FPC Dillon lost their PW group several years ago has a group of women called Women of the Congregation who do the things PW always did. They don't have a Bible study.

Madison Valley PC at Ennis is thriving. They have a new Pastor too. During the tourist season they have a booth on Main Street selling homemade pies to make all their money which they then contribute to many places. They study the 2021-2022 Horizon's Bible Study also.

FPC Hysham PW circle did a Valentines dinner last February which the men of the church helped. The money raised went to the Food Bank, Deacons, and the Community Scarecrow Contest that helps families in need. They did not meet throughout the Covid-19 pandemic.

Terry Community Church has one circle, and they contribute to mission projects and do funeral dinners.

Church of the Big Hole (a 3-point church) has a PW group, and they use Horizon's Bible Study

Blessings,
Suzanne Bratsky
Moderator
Yellowstone Presbytery