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

<u>Gather Together</u> for God's glory and spiritual synergy*.

<u>Equip and Encourage</u> 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

Vision Statement Adopted by Presbytery 11/6/2009

Yellowstone Presbytery's Journey of Visioning and Discernment—WHERE ARE WE?

PHASE I

To discover and learn what God is up to in the world today, including our contexts, congregations, and communities.

May '08-Apr '09

PHASE II

To discern God's vision and role for congregations and presbyteries in the 21st century, especially for the gathering of churches known as Yellowstone Presbytery.

What is God's vision for us?

Apr '09-Sep '09

Phase III

To embody--creatively, faithfully, and fruitfully--God's preferred future as an outpost of his church called, gathered, equipped, and sent in Montana.

How might we live and embody Christ's vision in our life and mission together?

Sep '09—Fall '10

- Dwelling in the Word with Sessions, Presbytery, Council, committees/teams
- Presbytery data/stats from Ten Year Report and Persept Report
- Assets, dreams, needs Presbytery Council, committees & congregations (in progress)
- Insights from the Holy Spirit's work from other Christians asking similar questions in 21st Century – PC(USA), other Christians, resources of various kinds, consultant
- Technological and social shifts in communications, media, values, and life styles
- Vision Team presents "Our Iceberg Is Melting" to Presbytery as model for presentation and training in new strategies, practices.

- Vision Team distills all inputs, drafts vision statement, interacts with Council & May Presbytery
- Vision Team visits clusters of congregations to interpret and dis-



- September vision retreat for leaders in congregations & presbytery vision, priorities, practices
- November Presbytery adopts and celebrates its new vision, further brainstorming, explores partnerships and networks
- Vision Team continues: facilitating further brainstorming, learning, connections, networks/partnerships; working on implementation strategies and communication with congregations, clusters, Council, committees . . .
- February, May, and Fall presbytery meetings—Presbytery considers implementation strategies.

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