

## **The Issues Currently Before Yellowstone Presbytery**

**Compiled by George and Kathy Goodrich - *What else would you add?***

### **Before:**

#### **Council**

Interface with Visioning Journey  
Council's emerging role in pby leadership?  
Convocation, 2010  
Understand Springhill and implications  
Training and Transition for moderators

#### **Vision Team and Pby/ Council: Joining Christ in His Mission**

Use the momentum from retreat: Communicating, Enlisting, Activating  
Vision Process and Implementation: "Bow Tie"  
Do we form ministry teams around the three emphases of vision statement?  
How will we fulfill the mission? Fund and staff it?  
How will each committee / team help to fulfill vision?  
Presbytery Meetings refocused / re-emphasized according to vision statement  
Interface with Synod and other Pbys.  
Ecumenical Relationships and shared ministry -MAC

**CoM** – increasing tensions and fatigue in congregations / leadership (national trend, too)

6 Churches soon seeking Pastoral Leadership  
Vital Pastors into second year  
Training new members and changing CoM leadership  
Proactive ministry with pastors and sessions  
Do we need more CLP's?

#### **Pastoral Team and Pby**

Springhill Dismissal: settle terms; grief and healing

#### **Stated Clerk and Individuals**

1 Administrative Commission; 3 Disciplinary Cases in last two years.  
Naming an Admin Commission – Springhill to finalize terms, pending pby vote.

#### **Camping and Youth**

Implement report of Task Force – incl. Implement pby decision to expand committee  
Government Interface: a water well? Other facility upgrades  
Triennium and ski retreats

#### **Personnel Committee**

Reforming – 3 new members; new moderator  
Reviews and prioritize opportunities/tasks

#### **Budget and Finance**

Framing 2010 and beyond

### **Vocations**

Progressing well

Should we emphasize the opportunity for more trained CLP's?

### **Nominating Committee and Representation**

Task Nearly complete! Very good response.

Continue to seek out new leadership?

**Prayer Ministry** needs strengthening

### **Higher Ed**

Changing leadership

Pby priorities are clear, but can the ministries prosper?

### **Mission**

How do we "Go out" in Mission together- per Vision Statement?

Zimbabwe Partnership, etc.

Partnering with and among Churches

### **Trends in Yellowstone and National Church:**

In times of change and uncertainty, anxiety and fear will sometimes manifest as increased negativity and/or conflict. *How do leaders address fear and anxiety?*

Encouraging faith in God and in one another... Prayer, principles of basing life in faith.

Discipleship verses membership/ consumerism

Healthy, effective, open communication.... Listening deeply, pastorally.

Offering a thoughtful, unifying, purposeful vision...

Humor... Acts of love and giving... That is being sent by Christ in His world

Other? What would you say?

### **Encouraging Faith – Mark 4:35 -41**

35) That day when evening had come, [Jesus] said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." 36) Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. 37) A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. 38) Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

39) He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

40) He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

41) They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the winds and waves obey him!"