

PRESBYTERY OF YELLOWSTONE
COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT
2013 February 22/23
First Presbyterian Church, 2420 13th Street W., Billings, MT

Submitted By: TE Neva J. Rathbun, Moderator

The CoM has welcomed new member TE David Andrews, elected by Presbytery for a three (3) year term during said meeting dated November 2/3, 2012, and expressed appreciation for Robert Shy, Jr. CLP, Elder Jenice Fugere and TE Priscilla Bell for their time and words of wisdom for their service. We also thank Elder Russ Kline and RE Gayle Holland for their willingness to extend their services through June, 2013. We have an unexpired vacancy (2013-2014), and a three (3) year term vacancy available for the person with a passion for the responsibilities of this Committee. (Unless there are changes, CoM includes 6 face-to-face meetings a year either in Bozeman or Billings, Conference Call mtgs. as needed, visitations as liaisons to assigned TEs/CREs and sessions.) Committee members, including D. Andrews, D. Blackburn, J. Clark, D. Davis, G. Holland, J. Kidd, R. Kline, L. Smith, D. Thompson, and N. Rathbun have conversed via e-mail as well as met face-to-face on Friday 18 January 2013 at First Presbyterian Church, Billings, MT.

Actions taken by the CoM include:

- ü Approved of Minutes dated 19 October 2012
 - ü Set Date for next meeting for March 15, 2013, at First Presbyterian Church, Bozeman
 - ü Approved transfer of membership for TE Sherwood McKay, Honorably Retired, from the Presbytery of Winnebago to Presbytery of Yellowstone, following face-to-face interview/exam with him. Welcome home, Sherwood.
 - ü Approved wording of the Linda Hofer Education Fund Grant. (See Attachment #1 for the *Linda Hofer Education Fund Grant Request Form*)
 - ü Approved Grant of \$750 for Cathy McLean, CRE from the Linda Hofer Education Fund. The rationale is that she has completed requirements and is commissioned as a CRE. She is continuing her education
 - ü Received report from TE Aline Russell, Interim at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church West Yellowstone has been accepted by the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and an Administrative Commission has been established by EPC. At this time the attorneys are reviewing and finalizing the Dismissal Agreement that was approved by Presbytery at the November 2/3, 2012. Moderator Rathbun, on behalf of CoM requested appropriate liturgy for dismissal of West Yellowstone Protestant Church during a worship service of Presbytery Meeting.
- Deer Lodge - The PNC continues to search for part-time or tent-making person. Let's continue to stand with them in prayer.
- Com members have received a brochure entitled "For Such a Time as This". This is a project for qualifying congregations "Where the needs of Christ's church and the gifts of first-call pastors meet."
- Liaisons for TEs, CREs, CLP, and congregations--As soon as all assignments have been made, the list will be sent out to pastors and stated clerks.
- The Clergy Emergency Fund has been depleted. When the fund was established, it was determined that three thousand dollars (\$3,000) was to be maintained in the Fund. A request for the offering to be designated for the Clergy Emergency Fund during the Feb 22-worship service service.
- CoM is in the process of re-evaluating the 2012 Goals and up-dating them for 2013.

CoM thanks all of you for your prayer support as we serve the Lord in this ministry.

Submitted 02.22.13

Attachment #1

Linda Hofer Education Fund Grant Request
Presbytery of Yellowstone

Instructions – Submit this form to the Moderator of Presbytery of Yellowstone Ministry Unit.

The Ministry Unit will review your request at its next scheduled meeting and inform you of its decision (see reverse side for review criteria).

In September of 1984 the Presbytery of Yellowstone voted to establish a memorial fund to celebrate Linda Hofer's ministry among us to be administered by the Committee on Ministry. Presbytery voted to receive an offering for this memorial fund at the installation service of each pastor being received into the Presbytery of Yellowstone. The memorial will be called the Linda Hofer Memorial Fund. On November 3, 2012, Presbytery voted to combine the Continuing Education Fund with the Linda Hofer Memorial Fund, now referred to as the Linda Hofer Education Fund and is to be used for educational costs beyond required education. (Continuing Education)

Amount of Request: \$ _____

Requestor's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

Specific purpose – (Include a date when funds are needed.)

Need – (What other options have been pursued?)

Benefits – (Individual/congregation/community)

Criteria

An individual is eligible to receive a grant once (one time) in a three year period.

Grants are responded to as they are received.

Grants are limited to amounts \$750 or less.

No more than \$2000 in grants will be awarded in any one calendar year.

Applications for the following general purposes will have first priority:

Theological Education of Teaching Elders (TEs) or Commissioned Ruling Elders (CREs).

Church Program Education for Ordained Pastors or Lay Persons.

Music Education.

Major Discussion Points and Action of the Ministry Unit:

Grant Awarded: \$ _____