

Living into the Vision Statement - Part 1, Friday Afternoon, November 6, 2009
Yellowstone Presbytery Mtg in Butte.

Proposed Vision Statement:

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What is Yellowstone Presbytery? Who are we? Whom / what do we aspire to be?
The new mission statement – a product of much thought, discussion and prayer by all of us indicates we are and desire to be...

Yellowstone Presbytery: "... a community of congregations and pastors, rooted in the love of Jesus Christ."

Focusing questions: (Break into two/three groups)

1. What are our current strengths as a community of congregations and pastors now?
2. What are our opportunities to enrich our sense and life as a community of congregations and pastors rooted in the love of Jesus Christ?
3. What kind of commitment / resources might be necessary for us to grow as such a community?

Part 2: Saturday Morning... Living into the Vision Statement

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Define the three emphases in the Vision Statement: Gathering, Equipping and Encouraging, Going out...

Ask people to collect in three large groups to assess interest; sub-divide any group that collects over 8 people; give each group newsprint, post-its, or...

Address the following questions:

- A. Yellowstone Presbytery – We Gather Together**
 - a. What are our current strengths in gathering together?**
 - b. What are our opportunities to enrich how we gather?**

- B. Yellowstone Presbytery – We Equip and Encourage disciple-making congregations and leaders for living the Gospel**
 - a. What are our current strengths in how we equip and encourage disciple-making, Gospel-living churches?**
 - b. What are our opportunities to enrich how we equip and encourage disciple-making, Gospel-living leaders and congregations?**

- C. Yellowstone Presbytery – We Go Out to Join Christ in His Mission**
 - a. What are our current strengths in going out to join Christ in God's mission?**
 - b. What are our opportunities to enrich how we go out with Christ?**