

June 16, 2014

Dear Friends:

Yellowstone Presbytery has adopted a new process for funding Higher Education. The new process will start with the 2014-2015 academic year.

The new process involves a grant process rather than the allocation of funds based on historical funding practices. A total of \$15,000 is available to be shared by the existing Higher Education units and possibly new units plus the Ukirk program.

Additionally the presbytery has adopted a new Vision Statement. It is expected that your grant application will be consistent with the following Vision Statement of the presbytery.

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

We will ...

***Gather Together** for God’s glory and spiritual synergy*.*

***Equip and Encourage** disciple-making congregations and leaders for living the gospel... intentionally becoming more like Christ; ably sharing our faith; impacting our communities; worshiping 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 meaning “working together.”*

As a ministry in and of Yellowstone Presbytery receiving grant monies from the presbytery **please be specific** as to how your proposal(s) will be consistent with the above Vision Statement. This is a change to the method used in the past, and we encourage you to inquire into our definition of “specificity.”

The enclosed Grant Application Outline lists the type of information needed by the Leadership Cabinet to make a decision on your application. Applications are due (via e-mail) by August 15, 2014 for the subsequent 2014-2015 academic year. You will be expected to be present to discuss your application at a meeting of the Leadership Cabinet. For the 2014-2015 academic year budget, that meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2014 at Bozeman 1st Church.

The Leadership Cabinet expects quarterly written reports on the accomplishment of your plan, or a final report in the case of a short term project. Your proposed report schedule should be discussed during your presentation to the Leadership Cabinet. Such reports will factor into the grant process for the next academic year grant process.

Should you have questions on this process please contact me or another member of the Leadership Cabinet.

Sincerely,

Jody McDevitt, Moderator of the Leadership Cabinet