

**LEADERSHIP CABINET**  
Presbytery of Yellowstone  
Report to Presbytery March 2016

***“To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”***

1 Cor 12:7

<b>2016 Goals</b>
Emphasize <b>disciple-making and forming</b> in congregations and presbytery
Focus on <b>spiritual nurture</b> of pastors, leaders and potential leaders by understanding and using <b>spiritual gifts</b>
Build <b>community</b> in the presbytery, continuing to grow our <b>communication</b>
Clarify the covenant with Glacier and explore other <b>partnerships</b> for future collaboration

### **Teams/Task Groups**

**Thank you to the Review Team** which channeled feedback regarding the presbytery structure to the Leadership Cabinet. (Debbie Blackburn, David Andrew, Jim Tarr, and Gayle Holland) This team has done its job and is now dismissed with gratitude.

**Welcome to the “Seeds for Peace” Task Group** which has recently formed. Based at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, this group has already held two productive meetings on Dialogues for Deeper Understanding and a third meeting focusing on the Peacemaking Affirmations of the PC(USA). We look forward to more reports from “Seeds for Peace.” Mary Davis is the contact person.

**Welcome to the Communications Team**, who have stepped forward to further our communications via newsletter, social media, etc. Kristin Willett, Jack Bell, Susan Thomas, and Susan Seibert (office) are on this team.

#### **Continuing to serve:**

##### **Glacier-Yellowstone Covenant Team**

Jody McDevitt, Debbie Blackburn, Teresa Kendall, George Goodrich

##### **New Worshiping Communities Task Group**

Jack Bell (chair), Jed Cauffman, Dan Krebill, Mary Davis, George Goodrich

### **Actions taken by the Leadership Cabinet on behalf of the presbytery, since Nov**

#### 1. Finance

- Received a report of a financial review for fiscal year 2014, completed 12/15/15.
- Received final financial reports for 2015. On the Administrative budget, the transfer of funds from reserves was WAY LESS than anticipated - \$1859.76 instead of \$35,063. On the Program budget, income exceeded expenses by \$5,897.01. GOOD NEWS ALL AROUND!

- Approved the updating of the clerk's name on any and all bank or investment accounts of the presbytery
- 2. Approved the establishment of a fund to support Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) training.
- 3. Approved a grant of \$3500 for the spring break mission/study trip of the Presby Cats to Northern Ireland
- 4. Approved Doug Johnson as the presbytery's representative on the board of the Institute for Peace Studies
- 5. Approved the March 2016 presbytery meeting offering to go to the Tumbleweed program for homeless youth in Billings
- 6. Encouraged the movement forward of a second summer with Whitworth Fellows. This summer, pairs of students will be placed at Manhattan, Anaconda/Big Hole, and Lewistown.
- 7. Discussed General Assembly Moderator Heath Rada's "Call to the Church." Re-forming the way we do church has been on Yellowstone Presbytery's agenda for a number of years.
- 8. Set a date for our second annual

**PRESBYTERY SUNDAY**  
**Sunday, October 9, 2016**

**Decisions requiring action from the presbytery**

1. That **TE Neva Rathbun** be elected to the Representation/Nominations Ministry Team, class of 2018 **(MOTION)**
2. That October 9, 2016, be designated as **Presbytery Sunday**, to celebrate our bond in the Spirit, serving Christ's mission together, and that all congregations be encouraged to participate in this celebration. **(MOTION)**

**2016 presbytery meetings:**

<b>Fri-Sat, June 10-11</b>	<b>Miles City</b>
<b>Fri-Sat, Nov 4-5</b>	<b>Butte</b>