

Leadership Cabinet Report
Yellowstone Presbytery
May 12-13, 2017
Dillon, MT

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, Ephesians 4:11-12

In 2017 we will focus on %Equipping and sending the gifted into ministry+.

At our March meeting we made some adjustments to the 2017 Goals by changing the 5th goal to reflect our emphasis on **Growing Young**. Here are the current goals.:

1. Emphasize **disciple-making and disciple-sending** among the congregations of our presbytery and at the presbytery level. This includes equipping people of all ages to know that they are Loved & Called, Gifted, Equipped, and Sent.**
** continuing to explore New Worshipping Communities across our presbytery.
2. Focus on **spiritual nurture** of pastors, leaders and potential leaders across the presbytery by identifying, understanding and using **spiritual gifts**.
3. Foster **community** in the presbytery, encouraging congregations and clusters to share stories of God's work in their midst as we **build and grow relationships** and **communication**, sharing in the fellowship and work of ministry and joint mission.
4. Explore **partnership and collaboration** with presbyteries and other organizations as we grow in disciple-making and disciple-sending.
5. Equipping leaders and congregations in **Growing Young**, per the research.

Since the February Presbytery Meeting the Leadership Cabinet has taken the following actions.

- A. Evaluated the February meeting and discerned how to continue the work begun at that meeting through both the May and November 2017 meetings. Both the May and November meetings will **be equipping events**.
- B. Begun a review of the current Insurance coverage for the Presbytery as we discern if we have appropriate and adequate coverage for the properties and programs of the Presbytery.
- C. Received reports from Campus Ministries at MSU-Billings, Rocky Mountain College and the PresbyCats and approved grants for the 2017/18 program years. We will be developing a format for their reports going forward which will tie their program events and grant request to the mission and vision statement of the Presbytery. We would like to encourage congregations in communities where there are colleges to consider how a ministry might be developed to reach out to the students. These congregations would be able to apply to the Presbytery for grants from Higher Education funds. Be aware that at this time there are limited funds in that account and we will be looking to discern how we might add to those funds.

- D. Begun discussion, in light of our Presbytery vision and theme for 2017-2018 and quite a few potential pastoral transitions the new few years from retirements or moving, to explore and develop intentional strategies, with PMT, to address:
 - a. the need for intentional discipling, equipping and leadership development within congregations and equipping of pastors and lay leaders,
 - b. creative options for identifying and developing pastoral/CRE leadership, or perhaps teams of leaders,

We would like to ensure that congregations in our Presbytery are able to continue the equipping strategies we are engaging around being **Loved & Called—Gifted—Equipped—Sent** and **Growing Young** as we look toward the future and the transitions. More information may be found in the Co-General Presbyter Report.

- E. Approved new signatories on the St. Timothy's bank account at Glacier Bank to align with the new officers elected by the St. Timothy's committee. The appropriate letter to the bank will be prepared and sent.
- F. Approved funding and sources of that funding for the 2017 Whitworth Fellows. This is the funding that is the Presbytery's portion which is added to the grant funds for the entire program.
- G. The Leadership Cabinet is responsible for ensuring the Presbytery remains faithful to and increasingly effective in living out its mission and vision, the intent of our new structure. Therefore, we would like to recommend that:
 1. current Moderator Jack Bell, with his mix of gifts, passion, call and understanding of our Vision and 2-year theme, be continued for 2018. This also provides important continuity for the presbytery during 2 years of significant pastoral turnover, 2 searches, 2 recent resignations, several retirements anticipated.
 2. the position of Vice Moderator remain vacant until the Fall meeting with the 2018 Vice Moderator coming from a member of the current Leadership Cabinet who has had at least a year's experience.

See the motion below as we address the continuation of Moderator Jack Bell for 2018.

Requested Action of the Presbytery:

- H. Motion from the Leadership Cabinet
We move to set aside Presbytery Standing Rule covering the term of the Presbytery Moderator for one year and request that Jack Bell continue as Moderator for 2018.
- I. Present for First Reading a change to Standing Rules S2.06 with the suggested changes in red. This is being done so that we may continue to raise up leaders within the Presbytery and expand growth in use of Spiritual Gifts as these leaders look forward to their contributions to the ministry of the Presbytery.

STANDING RULES YELLOWSTONE PRESBYTERY

with changes adopted by the Presbytery through February 22, 2014

S1.0 BOUNDARIES

The Presbytery of Yellowstone is a corporate expression of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), consisting of all the churches and teaching elders within the counties of Beaverhead, Big Horn, Broadwater, Carbon, Carter, Custer, Daniels, Dawson, Deer Lodge, Fallon, Fergus, Gallatin, Garfield, Golden Valley, Granite, Jefferson, Judith Basin, McCone, Madison, Meagher, Musselshell, Park, Petroleum, Phillips, Powder River, Prairie, Roosevelt, Rosebud, Sheridan, Silver Bow, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Treasure, Valley, Wheatland, Wibaux and Yellowstone; that portion of Powell County that lies south of 46 degrees 40 minutes north latitude; and Richland County with the exception of the City of Fairview; all in the state of Montana.

1. S2.0 MEMBERSHIP

2. S2.01 Membership in the presbytery shall consist of teaching elders and ruling elders, in numbers as equal as possible.
3. S2.02 All teaching elders enrolled by the presbytery as active members, members-at-large, or honorably retired shall be voting members. All temporary members of presbytery shall be voting members.
4. S2.03 Each church in the presbytery shall be represented by at least one ruling elder commissioned by the session to be a voting member, and enrolled by the presbytery at each of its meetings.
5. S2.04 Each church with an active membership of three hundred and one (301) persons and larger shall be represented by two ruling elders commissioned by the session to be voting members, and enrolled by the presbytery at each of its meetings.
6. S2.05 Commissioned Ruling Elders in Pastoral Service (CRE) when granted a local commission will have a voice and vote in meetings of presbytery for as long as the commission is validated.
7. S2.06 A ruling elder, holding office in the presbytery as moderator, vice moderator, stated clerk, treasurer, or as moderator of the leadership cabinet, or as moderator of a ministry team of the presbytery shall be a voting member of the presbytery for the duration of the term of such service. **Also any ruling elder serving on the leadership cabinet or serving as a Synod commissioner shall be a voting member of the presbytery for the duration of the term of such service.** When the moderator of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Yellowstone is a ruling elder, or the moderator of the St. Timothy's Memorial Chapel Committee is a ruling elder, he or she shall be a voting member of the presbytery for the duration of the term of such service..

Submitted by Susi Ennis, moderator Leadership Cabinet