

Leadership Cabinet Report

Yellowstone Presbytery March 5-6, 2021

Zoom meeting

The Leadership Cabinet met in November, December, January, and February. As churches in our presbytery continue to live and serve in unprecedented times, the Leadership Cabinet has turned to our Purpose and the Yellowstone Presbytery Vision Statement.

As listed in our Purpose, our first responsibility is “to listen to the leading of the Holy Spirit.” During rapid and continuous change we want to tune our ears to a Word from the Lord and keep our eyes on Jesus, discerning the places where the Spirit is stretching us, changing us, and wanting us to serve. We want to stay rooted in Christ and choose actions that speak of our citizenship in the kingdom of heaven.

The Vision Statement directs us to pray, to encourage and equip the congregations of this presbytery in disciple making and service, worship and training. We have kept this Vision Statement before us as we plan the Presbytery meetings and work with the teams and committees of this Presbytery.

GATHER TOGETHER

We finished the year 2020 in the prophets for our Dwelling in the Word, and began 2021 with a passage from Jeremiah and then Paul’s letters to the church in Thessalonica and Philippi.

EQUIP & ENCOURAGE

- Received a “Balcony View” from our Co-Presbyters.
- Reflected on the November Presbytery meeting in general and the workshops in particular, adjusting the format and offerings to the needs we were hearing and discerning.
- At our January meeting, we reviewed the Purpose of the Leadership Cabinet as we welcomed new members to the Cabinet.
- Called a Special Presbytery meeting for Thursday, February 11, 2021 to support the ongoing work of the Pastoral Ministry Team.
- Called a Presbytery Gathering for Fasting and Prayer on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 and Friday, January 15th to pray for our nation and ourselves.
- Convened a planning committee to plan the workshops for the March Presbytery meeting.
- Encouraged the Pastoral Ministry Team in their work of training up Commissioned Ruling Elders for the Presbytery.
- Subgroup formed to bring motion before Presbytery regarding modification of Standing Rules for the Presbytery Moderator and Vice Moderator to serve in their office from install date to install date. Subgroup member: Julie Boksich (Moderator), Kathy Goodrich (Co-GP), Jim Tarr (Stated Clerk)
- Approved requested changes to Position Description and salary package for Stated Clerk of the Presbytery which were unanimously agreed upon by Stated Clerk Search Committee.
- Chuck Carlson approved as Chair of Personnel Subgroup.

ACTION ITEMS from Leadership Cabinet acted upon at December 8, 2020 Special Presbytery Meeting (see Presbytery minutes)

- Recommended members to the Representative/Nominating Committee.
- Recommended to Presbytery the Stated Clerk Search Committee.
- Recommended to Presbytery Jodi McDevitt as Moderator of Stated Clerk Search Committee.
- Recommended to Presbytery the Administrative Commission for Harlowton Church and Property.
- Recommended to Presbytery the members of the AC for Harlowton Church and Property.
- Requested from Presbytery to have Leadership Cabinet allocate the proceeds from the sale of Harlowton Church and Property.

ACTION ITEM for March 5-6, 2021 Presbytery Meeting

- Extend terms of service for Stated Clerk and Assistant Stated Clerk through the May 2021 Presbytery meeting per the request of the Stated Clerk Search Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Received the possible Summer Camping dates for 2021.
- Set the 2021 Yellowstone Presbytery meeting dates: March 5-6, May 21-22, November 5-6.
- Set the 2021 meeting dates for Leadership Cabinet.
- Reviewed the bookkeeping changes we had made and affirmed that they are working well.

- Held the annual Trustee Meeting to fulfill Montana Secretary of State corporation requirements for non-profits. President: Julie Boksich, Vice-President: Dave Thompson, Treasurer: Ric Tieman, Secretary: Jim Tarr.
- Received from General Assembly an affirmative on the requested boundary change between Yellowstone and Glacier (near Boulder, MT).
- Prepared the 2021-22 Higher Education Grant Request forms and an open letter to encourage new partnerships in Butte, Dillon, and Miles City. Voted to set total grant monies available for 2021-22 at \$6000.
- Received and approved the year-end report from St Timothy's Chapel.

MOTION to PRESBYTERY for May 6, 2021

Leadership Cabinet would recommend to Yellowstone Presbytery that the terms of service for Stated Clerk and Assistant Stated Clerk be extended through the May 2021 Presbytery meeting.