

**Brainstorming possibilities for living into our Vision – Newsprint Notes from workgroups
@ Yellowstone Presbytery meeting Nov. 6 & 7, 2009, Butte MT**

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;
- worshipping 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.

Vision Statement adopted 11/6/09

WORKGROUP ON

GATHER TOGETHER...

Names listed in each workgroup below are those who signed the sheets. These will be combined with input and names from the Vision Retreat and from future brainstorming and planning in the New Year as we prayerfully live into our Vision.

Share scripture-share reflections

Daily during Lent and Advent

Gather to pray-gather to share how God is working – Dixie Youdarian, Bob Beekman

Reaching out to new members of community

Gather w/ others outside our church

Recognize where gathering is taking place

Include elders in the gathering

Prayer pals

Share wisdom through gathering and prayer

Share how God is working in our midst – story

Share stories while gathering

Slow down – Take time to gather

Gather by sharing news on more regular basis: good & bad, not just at Presbytery meeting

Share responsibilities of elders as part of our gathering: equip & encourage

Share rides to presbytery- bus

Mentoring equip & encourage

Elder training Guide: equip & encourage
Love and grace through adversity
Air craft carrier metaphor: people come for refueling, refreshing, refitting and then relaunching into ministry & mission
Lunch to start Presbytery meeting as time to gather & share
Worship – more people involved in planning and leading
Incorporate everyone
New avenues of communication among us and congregations
Convocation – retreats?
Topics that inspire and encourage
Let our light shine
More presbytery meetings?
Different timing/spacing/scheduling of presbytery meetings/gatherings
Location~
Hospitality Team – Fran Babcock
Sharing story and prayer at presbytery meetings where when - Dixie Youdarian, Bob Beekman
Meal sharing
Prioritize relationship building for commissioners
Groupings/clusters
Communication: back to congregations, cross communication in all ways – David McNey
 Barb Beardslee, Jim Babcock
Worship planning team – Mary Davis, Jim Babcock
Gathering at other times – outside presbytery
Retreat experience

Others who signed up: Vi Haigh, Susan Thomas, Kurt Kockner

WORKGROUP ON EQUIP & ENCOURAGE DISCIPLEMAKING CONGREGATIONS & LEADERS...

Exchange pulpit supply training
Use technology - Visual conference call, webinar (classrooms for community)
- Worship by broadcast, - Skype-marriage counseling video
- Biblical training-discipleship via conference video
Share resources (curricula) between congregations
Courses on spiritual gifts (congregations)
Mission trips-intentional inviting others (cross congregations) (also Go out)
Developing leadership in congregations
Equip & train re How to work with aging congregations
Need to disciple in order to get more people involved [non or underequipped a problem]
Raise expectations / excitement for church membership (what it means to be disciples versus consumers or club members entitled to services)
Presbytery meetings – workshops/training offered
Take it on the road- workshops/training
Presbytery attendees work on local project at town of meeting
Sharing ideas –make use of internet, webinars, more contact
Clusters – building relationships

Support for pastors –[relational, sharing, learning]
Go to congregations – teaching
(Eastern MT-distance more isolated)
Teams of people-musical gifts in worship go to smaller congregations w/music; Groups of acting out the Word – drama
Community helping i.e. workshop on comm. Garden, other areas of expertise
Session (retreat) Training - outside sources
Sharing deacons training between congregations
Regional days- multiple workshops, Christian Ed, Elder training
Use outside leadership (Candace Hill-Louisville) and resources
Training on new technology-emails, DVDs, and use of Webinars and other technology
Help set up WebPages
Technology-training and use
Resourcing traveling teams
Satellite ministries
(Seasonal)
Renew functional clusters(Missionaries-training)
Sharing Hard resources
Mentoring, using retired clergy, mobilizing
Retired pastors * training, workshops, Bible study

WORKGROUP ON

GO OUT TO JOIN CHRIST'S MISSION...

Use camps for outreach, and discipleship and empowerment
Youth camping – consider longer, more, new options
Rockhaven & Westminster and Gla - cier all PCUSA camps in MT, talk with others also
Ex ample of Greater use of facilityIn Dec. lessons and all day carols @ Rockhaven
Hear stories of what the Spirit's already doing among us
Shared resources - what how who, i.e.Anaconda's \$ Lunch bunch ministry to students during the week
Use of networking-internet and website , face to face contact
Pennies kids Anaconda
Software for networking, sharing, information resources, skills, passions – contact Ric Tieman
Example -Family Promise w homeless families a church as home for a week-Bozeman, Background:
Church people were reluctant or negative at the start. FPC Bozeman's Cooperates/partners w/ 7th
Day Adventist's in this mission. 12 congregations in covenant partnership in this ministry in Bozeman
Another example of going out in partnership w/ other churches & denominations: Love, Inc. in greater Bozeman area
Native American reservations – how to partner here? Contact Dakota presbytery and get facts
Prison ministry – Deer Lodge, Billings (women's) to & with inmates, families including - 'sojourning' families living nearby, visiting families
Students & campus 16-28 age range - charateristics &/or needs of this age group include ;
Transient population; Need: consistent leadership & can communicate well here – media

Their schedules and times are scattered; Some specific felt needs-food, conversation, dialogue consumer generation; How to make connections across generations, share advice...be available for questions ; Needs- i.e. change my tires, rides to church;

Help **do** with them – greater needs now

Low income people i.e. those receiving food stamps may need toilet paper and cleaning supplies.

Identify those in need

Think globally-school kits, gloves, supplies, coats, bicycles

Youth ministry-equip and train congregations in smaller communities, share curriculum... Share people, equip, [equip & encourage] Partner

Needed : a Resource bank and match up (computer)

Women's needs

Become educated regarding both needs and what is already being done and by whom? what goals?

The results?

Link up and listen to, learn from community leaders and organizations

Animal ministry

Example of how to learn of or alert others to needs: Missoulian- the list of needs they publish

Job training & transiion

Resumes interviews Jobservice mentoring, clothes for interviews skills

Suicide highest in MT of 50 states

Info shared

Parenting, family also: [equip & encourage] *education, support, networks built marriage, parenting, and communication; Day cares

Explore establishment of non-profits, separated yet can be linked w/ churches and they will thus able to receive grants for portions of their mission, etc.

Listen and follow up!

Share

*Relationship education [equip and encourage]

Mentoring [equip & encourage]

Communications

Identify resources

Outreach

How should we proceed in area of go out, outreach and mission? Input from and partnering with

Multi generations not just older folk currently in attendance in PCUSA congregations

Planning with listening

GO OUT BREAKOUT GROUPS

Top 4 priorities chosen by workgroup

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