

Pastoral Ministry Team

Presbytery Report

March 4, 2016

The purpose of the Pastoral Ministry Team is to come alongside of churches, sessions, and pastors to provide encouragement, support, and training as we work together to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

A. Motion Regarding David Andrew and the First Presbyterian Church in Dillon

At the congregation meeting of First Presbyterian Church of Dillon, Montana, on January 24, 2016, the Rev. David Andrew requested that the Presbytery dissolve the pastoral relationship between him and the church. At a special congregational meeting (per G-2.0901 & G-2.0902 of the Book of Order) on Sunday, February 7, the congregation voted to concur with David Andrew's request that the presbytery dissolve the pastoral relationship between them and the Rev. David Andrew by a vote of 37 in favor and 23 against, effective March 6, 2016. As a Presbytery we must vote on this dissolution request.

B. Jack Bell's (CRE) Commissioning Service was celebrated on Sunday, January 31 at the First Presbyterian Church in Stanford, Montana, with the following people participating:

Teaching Elders

The Rev. Jed Cauffman- Lewistown

The Rev. Teresa Kendall- Deer Lodge

Ruling Elders

Charlie Brown, Lewistown

Bonnie Soulsby, Stanford

Jim Tarr, St. Andrew Billings

C. Property Tax Requirements

All churches within Yellowstone Presbytery are required to submit the necessary paperwork through the state of Montana to keep their property tax exempt status. This paperwork needed to be completed by March 1, 2016. Each of our PMT church's contacted their congregational liaison to remind this of this requirement that is being mandated through the State of Montana Department of Revenue.

D. Roy Transfer of Deed

We are working with Mark Parker, an attorney in Billings, to transfer the deed of the Roy Presbyterian Church. We hope to have this process completed in the next several weeks.

E. New Pastor in Harlowton

We welcome the Rev. Roger Frederick, the new pastor serving the Federated Church in Harlowton. He is a Methodist pastor who also serves three other Methodist churches in the area.

F. Tax & Financial Training Coming in September

The Board of Pensions will be providing three seminars from September 27-30 at First Presbyterian Church in Billings. Dan Krebill is helping organize this event which will be highly beneficial to a number of pastors and church leaders within our congregation. Dan will be speaking at the presbytery meeting, providing more information about these seminars.

I am grateful for a dedicated group who serve as members of the Pastoral Ministry Team:

TE David Andrew

RE Charlie Brown

TE JP Carlson

TE Susi Ennis

RE Chris Eriksen

RE Gayle Holland

TE Dan Krebill

RE Veva Larsen

RE Linda Smith

RE Bonnie Soulsby

RE Jim Tarr

TE Dave Thompson

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev. Dave Thompson, Chair