

Pastoral Ministry Team
Presbytery Report
May 12-13, 2017

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. Dissolution of the Pastoral Ministry Relationship in Miles City

The congregation of the First Presbyterian Church in Miles City has voted to recommend to Yellowstone Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral ministry relationship between the Revs. Kristin and Brandon Willett and the congregation. This request was made at a congregational meeting on Sunday, May 7, 2017 which was moderated by the Rev. Neva Rathbun.

Brandon and Kristen will be moving to Phoenix, Arizona, to continue their pastoral ministry work in a new church development in Anthem, Arizona, as part of the 1001 New Worshipping Communities initiative in the PC(USA). The PMT wishes to express our gratitude to Brandon and Kristin for their good work in Miles City and with our Presbytery. They have been serving the Miles City congregation since October 2012.

Action Needed: If the way be clear, to dissolve the pastoral relationship between the Revs. Brandon and Kristin Willett and the First Presbyterian Church in Miles City effective May 31, 2017 and to approve their transfer to the Anthem New Worshipping Community in Grand Canyon Presbytery.

B. Dissolution of the Pastoral Ministry Relationship in Lewistown

TE Jed Cauffman has announced his leaving his position as pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Lewistown effective sometime early this fall. He and his family plan to move to California to be closer to his extended family. Pending a vote of the congregation, we will need to vote to dissolve the pastoral relationship between TE Jed Cauffman and First Presbyterian Church in Lewistown. We greatly thank Pastor Jed for his 25 years of pastoral service to the Lewistown church and Presbytery.

C. Directory for Worship Changes:

The PMT has no recommendation regarding the proposal to revise the Directory for Worship. The Presbytery will be voting on this amendment which was postponed from our last meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Rev. Dave Thompson, Chair