

Call for Special Yellowstone Presbytery meeting
July 27, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. held via zoom*

2022 Presbytery Moderator Dave Thompson at the request of the Pastoral Ministry Team calls a **Special Presbytery Meeting** on **July 27** at **1:00 p.m.** on the following matters:

1. To examine Chuck Wright of Butte and approve his call as a Commissioned Ruling Elder;
2. To approve the terms for Chuck Wright to serve as Commissioned Ruling Elder for Supply Preaching and Pastoral Coverage in Yellowstone Presbytery.

Any action the Presbytery might wish to take must be related to items 1 and 2.
NO OTHER BUSINESS may be acted upon as this is a specially called meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Respectfully,
Caroline Fleming,
Stated Clerk, Yellowstone Presbytery

AGENDA for Special Presbytery Meeting
Wednesday, July 27, 2022

1:00 p.m.

Call the meeting to order – Dave Thompson
Declare a quorum present
Introduce Chuck Wright and explain the process for examining Chuck and approving
Chuck's commission – Kimmy Briggs
Examine Chuck Wright
Discuss the proposed commission
Dismiss Chuck to the waiting room
Discussion
Entertain a motion to approve Chuck Wright as CRE and approve the terms for Chuck
to serve as Commissioned Ruling Elder for Supply Preaching and Pastoral Coverage in
Yellowstone Presbytery - Dave
Celebrate Chuck!
Brief Commission liturgy and prayer

**PLEASE register your attendance with me by sending me an email at
caroline@yellowstonepcusa.org I want to be sure everyone is counted!**

Below, again, is the Zoom link just in case:

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Chuck Wright Statement of Faith

I belong body and soul, in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who at the cost of His own precious blood has fully paid for all of my sins. I believe that He has saved me from certain death, in this world and in the world to come. I, a sinner deserving not of God's grace but His condemnation, yet saved by His love through His grace and my faith.

I believe in one sovereign and holy God who is revealed in three distinct yet unified persons: God the Creator of all things in heaven and on earth, Jesus the only begotten Son of God and our Savior, and the Holy Spirit our Helper.

I believe that God so loved the world that Jesus Christ came to us as the Word of God in the flesh, incarnate of Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary. Christ is our Savior who came to earth so that through Him, we might be saved. Jesus Christ was fully divine and fully human, able to fully identify with the suffering and pain of humanity, yet able to completely conquer sin, death, and darkness. He is the revelation of God's love for humanity. In his ministry, Jesus Christ showed God's compassion for the sick, poor, oppressed, and heavily burdened. We are shown God's undying love for us and gracious use of power through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and resurrection from the grave on the third day.

I believe that the Holy Spirit is God's presence in our world today. The Holy Spirit has spoken through the prophets and assures us that we are redeemed through God's grace. The Holy Spirit also equips the church to carry out the work of Christ in the world at large by providing varieties of gifts to people and producing the growth of the fruit of the Spirit in lives and communities. The Holy Spirit enables believers to follow and serve Jesus Christ through the church, bearing faithful witness to our faithful Savior.

I believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the inspired Word of God. Scripture – the written Word - bears witness to Jesus Christ, the Word incarnate. The Bible reveals God's will, tells us the story of salvation, and promises life everlasting. In response, we are called to lives of prayer, study, and service acting as witnesses and ambassadors of the Good News of God's grace.

I believe that Christ instituted two Sacraments – Baptism and the Lord's Supper. They are signs and seals of God's grace. Baptism is the sign of one's entrance into the family of God. It is a visible sign of God's covenant with humanity. In celebrating the Lord's Supper, the church remembers the death of Christ, celebrates new life through his resurrection and the confession and repentance of our sins, and anticipates his return and everlasting reign.

As the body of Christ – the church – we are called to minister to the world around us and make God's love for humanity manifest by proclaiming the good news of Christ's resurrection and by working for peace, justice, and reconciliation.

We are to love one another as Jesus has loved us.

Pending the approval of the Yellowstone Presbytery, Chuck Wright will begin a Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) relationship with First Presbyterian Church of Butte, MT, and the Pastoral Ministry Team (PMT) of Yellowstone Presbytery, on August 1, 2022. The commission will be for supply preaching and pastoral coverage, as needed, in various churches of the presbytery. Chuck recently completed his CRE coursework through Dubuque Seminary. Here are the contract terms:

**Terms for Commissioned Ruling Elder
Supply Preaching and Pastoral Coverage
Chuck Wright
Yellowstone Presbytery**

Commission Description

Given the challenges facing many churches in Yellowstone Presbytery, PMT believes it is important to make quality preaching and pastoral leadership available in all churches, regardless of size or ability to pay a full-time pastor. Doing so requires a creative and non-traditional approach. As such, PMT recommends that Chuck Wright be allowed to function as an itinerant CRE, providing pulpit supply and pastoral coverage to churches in Yellowstone Presbytery, with the authority to serve communion and perform baptisms (with the prior approval of the church session) and moderate session meetings (as affirmed by PMT). In addition, Chuck will be permitted to officiate weddings and funerals when asked.

Compensation

Compensation for pulpit supply, pastoral coverage, moderating session, and funerals will be paid by the respective churches or individuals making the request in line with suggested minimums provided by PMT, including mileage (at the rate determined by the IRS for employees), lodging and meal expenses.

Terms of Service

This commission is for one year from August 1, 2022, through August 1, 2023, and can be renewed annually under the authority of PMT. If the need arises in a particular church, PMT has authority to change the details of this commission.

Supervision/Oversight

Chuck will serve under PMT with support from the session of First Presbyterian Church in Butte, MT, with Reverend Kimmy Briggs (Lewistown) and Reverend Daniel Triller (Dillon) serving as his mentors. Chuck will comply with the polity of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and Yellowstone Presbytery, including completing the required boundaries training and abiding by the sexual misconduct policy.