

Representation/Nomination Team
Amended Report to Yellowstone Presbytery
November 2019

The Representation/Nomination Team worked faithfully and prayerfully to fulfill the work entrusted to us. We sought people who were qualified and felt called to serve on Yellowstone Presbytery teams for the terms available. Team members did an outstanding job in seeking qualified people to say “yes” to God’s call for service. I am very grateful to Jody McDevitt, Robert Culbertson, Lanny Rounds, and George Goodrich, our faithful staff person, for the good job they have done.

You will see a fairly good, though not perfect, balance of MWS/RE, cultural background, and geographic representation. The male/female representation is not so balanced, though is indicative of the higher number of females who are active in the Presbyterian Church and in Yellowstone Presbytery in particular. The Leadership Cabinet will include 6 females and 3 males, the Pastoral Ministry Team will have 7 males and 5 females, and the Camping and Youth Ministry Team will be made up of three males and five females if those nominated are elected. High priority was given to finding and nominating the right persons to the available positions.

We still seek one more person to serve as a Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD) Alternate to General Assembly. We on the Team thank everyone who considered serving, whether you felt the time was right for you to accept a particular position or not.

Respectfully submitted,
 Caroline Fleming, Team Moderator

ACTION ITEMS:

1. ***Working together and led by God’s Spirit, the Representation/Nomination Team commends to Yellowstone Presbytery the following slate of officers, moderators and team members for your election. NOTE: Those listed in bold and underlined are the nominees. Other team members are listed so you can see the representation balance on each team.***
2. ***The Representation/Nominations Team recommends the Leadership Cabinet be asked to revise the “point system” of choosing the Minister Commissioner to General Assembly.***

Reasoning: It is this team’s judgment that the current system is not serving us well in identifying those who could most effectively serve. We believe that factors other than seniority should be considered, such as current leadership in the presbytery, potential leadership, diversity, and vision, and we would like to have a system which included these factors. Several years ago the presbytery chose to move away from a rotational system for choosing our Ruling Elder Commissioner to GA and our Young Adult Advisory Delegate. The rotational system was prone to clogging up. We would ask the “next church in line” to

identify a ruling elder, wait for several months, and then find out that they didn't have a person. Then we'd go to the next church, and go through the same process until we were sometimes past the deadline for submitting our commissioner's name to GA. By instituting an application process and actively recruiting across the presbytery, we have been able to identify ruling elders who are ready and willing to serve. When choosing among applicants, we use their church's history of sending commissioners as one factor in our decision, but not as the determinative factor.

Moderator of Presbytery: RE Russ Kline

Vice Moderator of Presbytery: RE Julie Boksich

LEADERSHIP CABINET

2020 Moderator: MWS – Teresa Kendall

Class of 2020

MWS – Susie Ennis

MWS – Teresa Kendall (2019 moderator of Leadership Cabinet)

RE – Julie Boksich

Class of 2021

MWS - Susan Thomas

RE – Jack Bell

RE – Russ Kline (2020 Moderator of Presbytery)

MWS - Diane White

Class of 2022

RE - Suzanne Bratsky

RE – Ric Tieman (finances)

NOTE: In 2019 Presbytery to set aside the Standing Rules to allow 10 to serve on Leadership cabinet due to the fact that the Representation/Nomination Team recruited team members before securing a Presbytery Vice Moderator nominee and thus neglected to allow a space for the Vice Moderator on the team. That said, we nominate 2 names for class of 2022 this year to return the team to 9 members, the maximum allowed in the Standing rules. We foresee the team balance of 3 people per class returning with the class of 2024.

PASTORAL MINISTRY TEAM:

2019 Co- Moderators: **RE - Debbie Blackburn** **MWS - JP Carlson**

NOTE: The team spoke to several people about the position of Moderator for PMT and all felt they could not do the work as well as they would like if they were the sole Moderator. We decided to ask two people to Co-Moderate, thus sharing the position. Debbie and JP have been talking with one another about how they will share the leadership duties, and we anticipate the PMT will discuss how efficient is to have Co-Moderators.

Class of 2020

MWS – JP Carlson, 2019 Co-Moderator

MWS - Steve Hundley

MWS – Doug Johnson

RE – Veva Larson

Class of 2021

RE – Charlie Brown

RE - Debbie Blackburn, 2019 Co-Moderator

MWS – Debbie Funke

RE - Graham Smith

Class of 2022

RE – Gail Beckham

MWS – John Dyce

MWS – Neva Rathbun

RE – Chuck Wright

CAMPING and YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM (8)

2020 Moderator: **Dan Triller**

Class of 2020

RE – Cynthia Kessler

MWS – Dan Triller

Class of 2021

MWS - Garret Mostowski

RE - Sandy Welch

Kristin Kochner

Class of 2022**MWS – Sarah Logemann****RE - Nancy Pehl****Jonathan Dupuis****COMMISSIONERS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2020****RE: Sharla Helland****RE Alternate: Sandy WELCH****MWS: Teresa Kendall****MWS Alternate: J P Carlson****Young Adult Advisory Delegate: Jonathan Dupuis****YAAD Alternate: ** Still needed ******GA COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY - EXAM READER**

The Representation/Nomination Team commends the following names, selected by the Pastoral Ministry Team, for affirmation:

RE: Dave Byerly**MWS: Susie Ennis****Alternate MWS Susan Thomas**