

PRESBYTERY OF YELLOWSTONE

as of 3/2/2009

**ROSTER OF MEMBERS
PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION
as per Book of Order D-5.0206b**

"The Stated Clerk of the governing body shall keep a current roster of those members of the permanent judicial commission whose terms have expired within the last six years. The names shall be arranged alphabetically within classes beginning with the most recent class."

Class of			Date Elected	
2014 Elder	MilAnn Combs	Big Hole	11/08/2008	Member as of 3/2/2009
2014 Elder	Editha McKay	Geyser	11/08/2008	Member as of 3/2/2009
2012 Elder	Jim Babcock	Bozeman	10/28/2006	Member as of 3/2/2009
2012 Elder	Don Holland	Forsyth	10/28/2006	Member as of 3/2/2009
2012 Pastor	Freeman McCall	Dillon	10/28/2006	Member as of 3/2/2009
2010 Pastor	Neva Rathbun	Terry	11/08/2008	Member as of 3/2/2009
2010 Pastor	Jean Johnson	Ennis	10/23/2004	Member as of 3/2/2009
2008 Elder	Fern Kaiser	Geyser	11/16/2002	
2008 Pastor	Jody McDevitt	Bozeman	11/16/2002	
2006 Elder	Billie Love	Springhill	09/26/2000	
2006 Pastor	Neva Rathbun	Jordan	09/26/2000	
2004 Pastor	James (Jed) Cauffman	Lewistown	09/18/2001	
2004 Elder	James Hubble	Stanford	11/14/1997	
2004 Elder	Ken Siroky	Roy	11/16/2002	

YELLOWSTONE PRESBYTERY

MINISTER-ELDER IMBALANCE

01/01/2009

TO: Members of Yellowstone Presbytery
RE: Minister-Elder Imbalance

Yellowstone Presbytery Standing Rule # S2.07 states: "Annually, the Stated Clerk shall ascertain the number of resident minister members on the first day of the year, and the number of elders whom the churches are entitled to enroll as voting members of the presbytery. When the number of ministers is larger than the number of elders, the Stated Clerk shall bring the imbalance to the attention of the presbytery at its first stated meeting of the year. The presbytery shall redress that that imbalance by inviting Sessions of particular churches to elect additional elder commissioners for the second meeting of the calendar year through the first meeting of the following year."

As of January 1, 2009, there are 34 resident ministers in Yellowstone Presbytery. There are 28 Elder Commissioners from Churches, plus 6 Elders and one CLP who are members of Council (and hence entitled to vote in Presbytery) and 2 Elders who are officers of Presbytery, who are voting members of Presbytery. Additionally, CLPs Editha McKay, Robert Shy and Vicki Waddington, who are temporary members of the Presbytery make a total of 40 Lay-Persons entitled to vote in the Presbytery.

Therefore the Stated Clerk concludes that no imbalance exists at this time.

Resident Ministers:

- 1 Andrew, David
- 2 Cauffman, James E. "Jed"
- 3 Collins, Jerry
- 4 Cousins, Paul E
- 5 Craig, Warren S. "Rusty"
- 6 Davis, Mary Alice
- 7 Denison, Charles
- 8 Dyce, John
- 9 Fisher, Wayne A
- 10 Funke, Deborah
- 11 Goodrich, George
- 12 Goodrich, Kathleen
- 13 Horton, Marion E
- 14 Isaac, James
- 15 Johnson, Douglas
- 16 Johnson, Jean
- 17 Krebill, Dan
- 18 Krebill, Paul
- 19 Long, Brentley
- 20 McCall, Freeman
- 21 McDevitt, Barbara Jo "Jody"
- 22 McKay, Sherwood
- 23 McNeely, Richard "Dick"
- 24 Otey, Bedford J
- 25 Rathbun, Leon
- 26 Rathbun, Neva
- 27 Repka, Milous
- 28 Rohwer, John
- 29 Rounds, Harlan "Lanny"
- 30 Swanson, William
- 31 Thomas, Susan
- 32 Vandecreek, Larry
- 33 Wells, Jack
- 34 Woeste, Kim

Elders:

- 28 Elder Commissioners from churches
- 29 Babcock, Fran (Council Moderator)
- 30 Boyle, Cal (St.Timothy's Chapel Committee)
- 31 Haigh, Violet (Committee on Representation)
- 32 Hanson, Ron (Stated Clerk)
- 33 Maxwell, Phil (CLP) (Committee on Ministry)
- 34 McKay, Editha (CLP)
- 35 McLean, Cathy (Camping & Youth Committee)
- 36 Moses, Jim (Committee on Mission)
- 37 Shy, Robert (CLP)
- 38 Townsend, Connie (Committee on Nominations)
- 39 Waddington, Vicki (CLP)
- 40 Williams, Ted (Vice Moderator)

presbytery/ministers/presbytery rolls/elder-minister balance/2009 balance

Beller, Joelle B	out of state
Blair, Alex	out-of-state
Johnson, Lowell	out-of-state
Lodwick, Robert	out-of-state
McLean, Richard	out-of-state



Vital Pastors/Leaders ↔ Vital congregations ↔ Vital Communities
Workshop Retreat January 9-11 (MT) & 13-15 (WA) Brief Summary

Workshop #1 - Becoming a healthier, more vital person, pastor/leader

Spiritual Formation, Spiritual disciplines: Pastor/leader as disciple and disciple-maker. Includes prayer, Scripture – *lectio divina*, micro-contemplation and micro-meditation, solitude & silence, self-examination, 1-1 & small group coaching practices. Self-awareness and understanding/harnessing your emotional processes of anxiety, anger and hope for calm & God's positive purposes in you and in your church..

These were the first of 4 two-day workshop/retreats over the next 18-24 months
- 21 people in MT (several more had health, family, ch emergencies, unable to come)
& Dr. David Young fro Montana State Univ., future speaker/resource on grants, healthy communities

- 23 in WA - Inland NW and Central WA Presbyteries

Everyone is continuing in Small group cluster gatherings for support, sharing, prayer, case studies & coaching between workshops, most through email, teleconference calls

Evaluation & feedback includes:

"I am writing this as I sit in an airport in Montana waiting for a plane back home after spending a wonderful few days with the fine folks of Glacier and Yellowstone presbytery as they initiated a multi-presbytery Middle Governing Bodies Grant ... With the help of Dr. Edward Santana-Grace the presbyteries provided an outstanding few days of spiritual and practical guidance for lay leaders, pastors and spouses. It was a rich and deeply moving time for all in attendance."

from Rev. Rick Young, Board of Pensions Staff for Synod of Rocky Mtns and Synod of the Sun, monthly News Letter.

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"The power of our minds to create reality." "Learning to have the mind, ways of Christ."

"I will be using this with our session...in my children's ministry....I want to do this with our teenagers."

"Experiencing and learning instead of just being taught facts..practicing the skills and disciplines"

"I incorporated more silence into our worship service and most people appreciated it."

"I have to take 100% responsibility for my thoughts, words and actions."

:"I told my bible study group about understanding and dealing with anger. They want to learn more and do this with me."

"The power of hope to give energy"

Future workshops will include:

Becoming a healthier, more vital pastor/leader & congregation

Leadership/Partnership skills – includes vision-development/ implementation; collaborative style for building and equipping teams; creating a positive climate and resolving potential conflicts for community and common mission; evaluation and feedback loops. Communication skills

Becoming a healthier, more vital congregation in the 21st century

Joining & serving God's mission for healthier, more vital communities

Vital Congregations as models, catalysts & partners with and for vital/healthier families, communities (a special focus for rural congregations available).

Commissioner Report Form for Vision Team: *Steps in Preparation*

- 1. Stated Clerks and Pastors have been requested to lead the Sessions in “Dwelling in the Word” Bible Studies during session meetings. In February our text is Acts 15:1-21.**
- 2. If the session has accomplished this, please fill in the questions on the back of this sheet and be prepared to offer your insights at the Presbytery meeting.**
- 3. If the session has not met or participated, there is still time! As a session, please study the text below, and offer your insights to the questions on the back of this form. Many thanks! And we hope you enjoy the exercise!**

Acts 15: 1-21, The Jerusalem Council (English Standard Bible-Internet Version)

¹ But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." ²And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and the elders about this question. ³So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the brothers. ⁴ When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they declared all that God had done with them. ⁵But some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up and said, "It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses."

⁶ The apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider this matter. ⁷And after there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. ⁸And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us, ⁹and he made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith. ¹⁰Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing a yoke on the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear? ¹¹But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will."

¹²And all the assembly fell silent, and they listened to Barnabas and Paul as they related what signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles. ¹³After they finished speaking, James replied, "Brothers, listen to me. ¹⁴ Simeon has related how God first visited the Gentiles, to take from them a people for his name. ¹⁵And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written,

¹⁶ "After this I will return, and I will rebuild the tent of David that has fallen;

I will rebuild its ruins,
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¹⁹Therefore, my judgment is that we should not trouble those of the Gentiles who turn to God, ²⁰but should write to them to abstain from the things polluted by idols, and from sexual immorality, and from what has been strangled, and from blood. ²¹For from ancient generations Moses has had in every city those who proclaim him, for he is read every Sabbath in the synagogues."

Discussion Questions:

1. What struck you in the reading of the text?
2. What Insights, Principles or Processes emerge from the passage which might be helpful to a church searching for God's Vision or Direction?
3. What Insights, Principles or Processes emerge from this passage which might be insightful for the presbytery as it searches for God's vision for our mission?