

## **The Report of the Leadership Cabinet to Yellowstone Presbytery for its Meeting May 21-22, 2021**

**According to the Presbytery's Standing Rules:** S5.04 The leadership cabinet shall be responsible for the coordination of the presbytery's mission and its program,...

**In light of our granted responsibilities we offer the following report.**

**Meetings:** The Leadership Cabinet met twice by zoom since the last meeting of the presbytery on April 13, 2021 beginning at 9:00AM (Teresa Kendall, Moderator) and again on May 11, beginning at 9:30 AM (presbytery moderator Julie Boksich moderating in Teresa's absence).

### **The April 13 Meeting entertained the following discussions and actions:**

1. **Kathy and George Goodrich, CoGP's,** reported and led an extensive discussion on the current and coming changes in culture and ministry, which are emerging as consequences and opportunities from the pandemic.
2. **The Presbytery Meeting Planning Team recommended and the Leadership Cabinet agreed:**
  - a. To invite the Rev Shannon Kiser, Fresh Expressions, to resource the May Presbytery meeting to present and lead theory and exercises in "community exegesis" for our presbytery churches.
3. **Initial discussion on resourcing and equipping for presbytery and local congregations on the topics of Race and Culture...**
4. **Higher Education Grant Request Forms and cover letter** were reviewed and sent to the traditional three ministries supported by the presbytery. Other Congregations with proximity to colleges and universities were noted and invited to submit proposals for launching campus ministries.
5. **The Harlowton Church: The Administrative Commission, Charged with the Sale of the Harlowton Church Building** Reported its progress.
6. **Financial reports were received.** Financial reports from St Timothy's Chapel were requested
7. **The Stated Clerk reported** on the progress of congregations in developing child protection policies; on the need to develop a more effective process for reading and approving congregational and session minutes; the Office of the GA wants to receive documentation on the establishment of our presbytery geographical boundaries (George has since provided this); preparations are being made to train and transfer the stated clerk responsibilities to the new stated clerk, yet to be nominated.

### **At the May 11, the Meeting of the leadership Cabinet:**

1. **Much discussion around an Acts 1:1-11 Dwelling in the Word and discerning the Holy Spirit's leading, strengthening and gifting for the work of ministry.**
2. **George and Kathy continued the discussion towards discerning the future ministries, opportunities and threats to the presbytery.** They encourage us to remain rooted in our traditions, discerning of the Spirit's work in the present, and reaching in Christ for the future.  
**It was decided that the next meeting of the Cabinet on June 8 would be a hybrid meeting (in person and virtual) at the Goodriches' home in Bozeman.**
3. **The Plans for and preparation responsibilities for the next presbytery meeting,** featuring the Rev. Ms. Shannon Kiser were discussed and assigned.

4. The report of the Stated Clerk Search Committee was represented and Elder Caroline Fleming, Miles City, is the nominee from the Committee. Starting and training logistics were discussed.
5. Higher Education Grants: A process for receiving virtually proposals to be videoed and submitted by the submitting ministries was discussed and adopted.
6. The Personnel Committee Chair, Chuck Carlson, reported on the process by which the whole committee will review and consider changes being recommended to the personnel policies by a reviewing HR specialist, Associated Employers.
7. Ric Tieman, Treasurer submitted the financial report: Discussion was held as to the employment logistics of employing the new stated clerk.
8. Jim Tarr, Stated Clerk reported:
  - a. Rep/Nom will be advised that a new commissioner from the presbytery to the Synod Assembly will be needed next year.
  - b. It was decided to recommend to Rep/ Nom that the delegates to the General Assembly in 2020 from the presbytery be renominated for the GA in 2022 as they did not get the full GA experience of an in-person GA .
9. Other Business:
  - a. It was decided that the offering from the coming presbytery meeting would be dedicated to the Westminster Spires Camp Scholarship Fund.
  - b. The process for submitting reports to the office prior to LC and Presbytery meetings was discussed.