

Yellowstone Presbytery
SPECIAL PRESBYTERY MEETING Via ZOOM technology
Tuesday, December 8, 2020 1:00pm

Opening Prayer and Establish a quorum by email

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Dwelling in the Word - 1 Peter 3:8-9

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing.

1. Leadership Cabinet nominates RE Terry Johnson (Dillon) and RE Sandy Welch (St Andrew, Billings) to the Representative/Nominating Ministry Team.

2) Leadership Cabinet recommends to Yellowstone Presbytery the following slate for the Stated Clerk Search Committee:

CHAIR Rev. Jody McDevitt (FPC Bozeman)

RE Carol Brown (Lewistown)

RE Andy Pehl (Terry)

Rev. Chuck Carlson (Butte, Leadership Cabinet Liaison)

Rev. Debbie Funke (Manhattan)

Rev. Kathy Goodrich will serve as Staff Liaison.

3) Leadership Cabinet requests that Yellowstone Presbytery form an Administrative Commission to be charged with the maintenance and disposition of the property and building of the former Federated Church of Harlowton, and to work with the United Methodist Church Conference.

Specific powers include:

The care of the building in the short term;

The disposal of the property and building, including possible sale;

The expenses of the building incurred by the UMC Conference be half-reimbursed to them for their expenses upon sale of the building;

This Administrative Commission be empowered to act on behalf of Yellowstone Presbytery.

4) Leadership Cabinet recommends to Yellowstone Presbytery the following slate for the Administrative Commission for Harlowton Church/Property:

CHAIR RE - Lloyd Mandeville (Bozeman)

Rev. Jim Bell (At-large, Laurel)

RE - Jim Tarr (Stated Clerk, St Andrew)

Consulting with the AC is Mark Parker, lawyer (FPC, Billings) and George Goodrich as Staff Liaison.

There is also a Real Estate Agent in Harlowton who is available to this AC. RE Esther Colotwoski (Harlowton) has agreed to set up care for building/property.

Harlowton Church Update (from George Goodrich)

The Federated Church of Harlowton was dissolved with a beautiful worship service in the fall. The Corporation of the Church drafted quit claim deed to pass ownership, 50-50, to the Big Sky Conference of the Methodist Church and to Yellowstone Presbytery. The questions are was the quit claim deed the proper avenue for passing ownership and who really owns the building?

George has engaged real estate Attorney Mark Parker, member of the First Presbyterian Church of Billings to work with the Methodist-hired attorney to determine ownership and in what percentages.

The building is currently occupied by the Harlowton Food Bank, operating one day a week.

The Insurance on the building lapses on or about December 20, 2020.

5) Leadership Cabinet requests that Leadership Cabinet be empowered to allocate the proceeds from the sale of the church property and building of the Federated Church of Harlowton as it deems appropriate.

Discussion: November Yellowstone Presbytery minutes

ALERT: We will ask for your official action by email on the minutes of both November and this meeting before the end of this week.

Closing Prayer and adjournment

The next stated meeting of Yellowstone Presbytery is March 5,6, 2021 (likely via Zoom)