



Faith on the Oil Field

Getting ready for the boom

What does it mean for churches and communities that North Dakota and eastern Montana are suddenly booming with oil drilling and people? Is this an unprecedented economic opportunity, an environmental nightmare, an answer to the nation's energy problems, the end of a way of life, a chance for small towns to be reborn, a headache for community leaders, a challenge for agriculture, an opening for industrialization, a source of crime, an opportunity for diverse people—or all of the above, depending on your perspective???

And what does this mean for ministry???

The boom on the Bakken, as well as future oil drilling forecast for central Montana on the Heath formation, is certain to change life in Montana. When there are challenges and opportunities, there is always room for Christian ministry and witness. The Presbytery of Yellowstone will explore what's happening (from a variety of perspectives) and begin to search out God's calling to us in this new situation.

Join us at the Federated Church of Forsyth on Monday, May 14 at 1 pm for an afternoon of learning and conversation.