

Dear friends.

Where can you go to hear about:

Running a MOPS program (Mothers of Preschoolers) in a tiny town when you don't have the money to do it?

Running a community garden whose bounty blesses church and community alike and creates serendipitous connections among all sorts of people?

Getting leaders and members to gather for prayer early Sunday morning? Holding community-wide prayer gatherings regularly for a HUGE community need?

Partnering with neighboring congregations so your congregation CAN offer Vacation Bible school for ALL the kids in the community

Fly fishing ministry initiated by a local congregation

Blending styles of music in your worship service so all generations can praise God in their own language and culture

Supporting a youth on parole through the judicial process.

The answer? Our Joint Yellowstone-Glacier presbytery gathering; Nov. 5 & 6 in Helena.

WHAT OUR SISTER CONGREGATIONS NEED YOU TO BRING TO MAKE IT HAPPEN:

In order to learn and talk with each another about what the Holy Spirit is doing in and through each of the congregations in Yellowstone and Glacier presbyteries, the Vision Team joins the Joint Planning Team for our Joint presbytery meeting in asking that each congregation/session please bring a display board/poster which could stand on a table. Include:

- 1. Your congregation's vision or mission statement; include town, pastor and contact info.
- 2. **Internal life of your church community gathered** A list, perhaps with brief descriptions of practices, programs, emphases, classes, groups—i.e. worship, prayer, fellowship, caring for one another, spiritual formation for disciples of all ages, parenting and marriage enrichment.....
- **3. Your External life as God's SENT people** in mission serving, loving, proclaiming, embodying Christ's Good News in your families, community, presbytery, region, world: i.e. in and at work, in schools, playgrounds, programs, mission partnerships with others in mission here and around the globe.

Are there a few ministries, areas of mission which you would like to highlight? Add pictures, bring samples to share. Be as creative as our awesome Creator!! We strongly recommend that some UNDER the age of 18 be involved in the creating along with pastor and elected leaders "in the know".

Come prepared to share the family stories of God at work, look for those you might partner with. Before long, we hope to be sharing this and much more on our website!!

Please feel free to contact us if you have questions,

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