

**WYOMING PRESBYTERY SYNOPSIS**  
**Stated Meeting of Presbytery**  
**May 5-6, 2017**  
**First Presbyterian Church, Cody, WY**

The meeting was called to order by moderator, TE Jason Harshberger at 8:00 a.m. on May 5, 2017 at First Presbyterian Church, Cody, Wyoming.

**Friday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Morning worship was led by Rev. Jason Harshberger with the message reflecting on the recent illness suffered by Rev Carl Travis.

Several attendees shared sightings of the work of the Spirit.

The Moderator reviewed the status of the day's activities and the Re-worked schedule.

Rev Rob Hagan gave an expanded presentation on the process and realities on new forms of on-line giving including some of the real-world advantages and drawbacks.

The group divided into several small teams to discuss chapters 1-6 from "Rich Church – Poor Church" and shared the conversation as a whole body.

Friday Evening worship and Holy Communion were led by Rev. Ben Pascal and Rev Diana Hartman. The offering received \$514 during the service was designated by Council to go to the work of the Syria and Lebanon mission team.

Following dinner, a special celebration of the 23 years of service to the Presbytery by Alayne Stevens was held including the awarding of a special Silver Spur in her honor.

**Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**

Presbytery reconvened at 8:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Cody WY with morning worship. Announcements included:

- Camp Story work week coming up and Aug 29 100th year celebration of Camp Story
- There are surplus PDA t-shirts available from Lusk cleanup.
- The Torrington church is working on a project making bags for homeless containing personal hygiene items, "Totes for Hope".
- August 18-20 Mountain View is hosting a men's retreat, the back-country event has a \$30 fee.
- Heard about the installation of domestic water wells in remote areas of Africa through American Medical Missions – a crowd funding opportunity.
- Reminder to sign up for available Webinars from the PCUSA Foundation
- Sabbath Center event coming up in Casper "All Who Are Thirsty".

The Presbytery presented the Silver Spur to Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church and Special efforts of Evelyn McDaniels and Carey Fox for making the May 2016 Rally a success.

A reminder was made to churches that the Tech Grant program is available as a matching grant up to \$3,000.

A special presentation was made by the Syria and Lebanon team. Cindi Barski, and Holly Garrard showed slides of a visit to Lebanon this March.

Presbytery took the following actions:

1. Approved the minutes of the September 16-17, 2016 and the February 10-11, 2017 Presbytery meetings.
2. Approved the Statistical Report for 2016 reported to the Office of the General Assembly.
3. Inscribed into the minutes the minutes of the Stated Council meeting of February 9, 2017; the Stated Council meeting of March 23, 2017; and the Called Council meeting of April 4, 2017.
4. Inscribed into the minutes the latest balance sheet and income statement.
5. Inscribed into the minutes the report of progress of Technology Grants.
6. Inscribed into the minutes the report from the Camp Story Commission.
7. Inscribed into the minutes the report of the Stated Clerk.
8. Inscribed into the minutes the report of the General Presbyter.
9. Confirmed the Honorable Retirement of Helen Young.
10. Presbytery elected to service the following persons as recommended by Nominating Committee

<u>Office</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Name</u>
Council at large RE	2019	Sonja Collamer (Saratoga)
ROCCS TE	2018	Kate Morrison
ROCCS RE	2018	Deanna Dykeman

11. Because of last minute errors noted by COM Presbytery did not approve the Terms of Call Report for 2017. This will be re-visited in September.
12. Approved the name change for Vocations to "Committee on Preparation for Ministry".
13. Approved the transfer of Rev. Paul Hayden's membership to the Wyoming Presbytery.
14. Approved the transfer of Rev. Ken Walkley's membership to the Wyoming Presbytery.
15. Approved the recommended changes to page 101 of the COM manual.
16. Approved the recommendation of Council to roll over the PILP \$50,000 CD.
17. Approved the request of COM to form an Administrative commission to support the Pastor and Congregation of the Riverton Church. Presbytery empowered the Administrative Commission to:
  - a. Act on behalf of Presbytery to assist and support the pastor and congregation
    - i. Make decisions regarding property
    - ii. Dissolve the pastoral relationship if necessary

The meeting was adjourned with Prayer by the Moderator at 11:01am.