

**WYOMING PRESBYTERY SYNOPSIS**  
**CALLED Special Meeting of Presbytery**  
**Saturday, June 13, 2020**

**Combination IN PERSON at Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church in Casper and ZOOM Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by Presbytery Moderator, Ruling Elder Barry Johnson 10:14 AM. This was a Special Called meeting and Barry reviewed the purpose of the meeting stated in the call to the meeting. No other business would be considered at this meeting. The meeting began with welcoming the 14 in person members and visitors and the 30 ZOOM participants. After reviewing the format of the meeting and how communication and voting would be handled, Rev. Steve Shive, General Presbyter led the group in the Rule of Life with a *lectio divina* on Romans 12:1-3. Ruling Elder, Melinda Brazzale, Council Member, reviewed the Vision and Values of the Presbytery.

**REPORTS & ACTION ITEMS:**

From Council:

**Presbytery Approved:**

1. Giving Council the authority to make decisions concerning the date, location, and format of the September Presbytery meeting (Sept. 25-26) due to COVID-19 uncertainties.
2. Electing to the Nominating Committee for the class of 2022:
  - a. RE George Barnes, Moderator (1<sup>st</sup> Cheyenne)
  - b. TE Bob Garrard (HR)
3. Using funds from the sale of the Presbytery office (tithe) combined with the remaining funds from the Technology Grant for a Mission Funds Grant available to help smaller churches make connections in their neighborhoods.
4. The Mission Grant proposal. Proposals are due by July 31, 2020. For more information and to apply, contact Rev. Karl Heimbeck at 1<sup>st</sup> Sheridan.
5. Waiving the Elder and Deacon term limits (G-2.0404) for the Burns and Worland churches for this year's elections.
6. The adoption of the revised Standing Rules to the section "Meetings".
7. Deleting the limitation put on the Stated Clerk in the Sexual Misconduct and Youth Protection policies and appointing the Stated Clerk as the Safety Response Coordinator.
8. Renewing the Camp Story Commission until September 30, 2025.

COUNCIL on behalf of Presbytery reported it:

- Approved the following technology grant requests: Shell \$516.97 (half of 1033.93); Sheridan \$1249.39; Rawlins \$3,000
- Approved releasing previously held funds to the NWC
- Granted the request from the will of Corinne Pratt to give half to SOTH church in Casper
- Allocated the Presbytery's half of the Pratt bequest of \$8080.60 as follows: \$4000 to Syria-Lebanon Church Partnership; \$2000 to Sabbath Center; \$2380.60 to Camp Story Scholarship Funds.
- Approved forgiving the Torrington church loan of \$11,672.47
- Approved the three year proposal to fund the Presbytery NWC
- Approved a retreat November 9-11, 2020, at Highland Camp lead by BJ Woodworth
- Approved a \$3000 technology grant to the Cody Church
- Approved Rev. Roger McDaniel to serve on the Wyoming Interfaith Network (WIN) board for a two year term
- Approved the Payroll Protection Plan (PPP) Loan application in the amount of \$25,095 for assisting the Presbytery of Wyoming with payroll costs
- Approved Camp Story to do fundraising for their 2020 General Budget

From Nominating Committee:

**Presbytery approved:**

COM	2022	RE	MARION YODER, Cheyenne 1 <sup>st</sup> (1)
COM	2022	RE	CAROLYN MCBURNEY, Lingle (1)
ROCCS	2020	AL	JASON HARSHBERGER, Rawlins (1)
ROCCS	2021	AL	KENNEDY CORR, Cody (1)
SYNOD	2020	TE	BOB GARRARD (HR) (1)

From the Fremont Administrative Commission:

**Presbytery approved all the recommendations from the AC proposal concerning the next steps for the Riverton and Shoshoni churches.**

From Committee On Ministry:

**Presbytery voted to:**

1. Ordain Libby Teder-Hugus as Evangelist, serving as the Pastor of the Table, a New Worshipping Community in Casper.
2. Approve the Terms of Call for Libby Teder-Hughs.
3. Approved moving Ann Miner and Andrea Hinderaker to the Presbytery inactive roll.
4. Approved removing from the rolls: David Henry, Thomas Thompson, and Al Schoonover.
5. Approved the Terms of Call from the churches and the Presbytery effective minimum Terms of Call for teaching elders to the Presbytery for approval.
6. Approved dissolving the pastoral relationship between Rev. Susan Reichenberg and First Presbyterian Church of Gillette, effective June 30, 2020 and move Susan to the At-large Member roll of Presbytery.

COM on behalf of Presbytery reported it:

- Approved the severance package at Gillette, effective April 26.
- Voted not to approve the request from the Thermopolis church for an exception to the policy wherein the previous pastor may attend worship or church events for one year from a church he has served.
- Approved the revised Interim contract between Rev. Joe Tagliaferre and Star Valley
- Approved the he contract between CRE Dave Cole and Encampment
- Approved Interim contracts between Sara Shields and Mountain View and Evanston
- Approved paying expenses for Dave Cole to attend CRE training

From Committee on Preparation for Ministry:

**Presbytery Approved:**

1. Moving Grant Wright from Inquirer to Candidate.

CPM on behalf of Presbytery reported it:

- Enrolled Aaron McKee as an Inquirer. Sponsoring congregation: Riverton. Liaison to Committee: Joyce Kennedy
- Certified Libby Tedder Hugus as Ready to Receive a Call

The meeting **adjourned with prayer** at 1:59 PM.

The next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery is scheduled for September 25-26 at 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church in Cheyenne. Due to COVID-19, the details, including time and format, are TBD.

Announcements & Information:

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