

WYOMING PRESBYTERY SYNOPSIS
STATED Meeting of Presbytery
Friday & Saturday, October 4-5, 2024
Hybrid: IN PERSON at Presbyterian Church of Jackson Hole and ZOOM Meeting

FRIDAY

The meeting was called to order by Presbytery Moderator, Elder Diane Nye at 1:26 PM. There were 37 voting member in attendance (in person and zoom). Opening worship was led by Rev. Ben Pascal.

Rev. Rob Hagan of the Presbyterian Foundation gave a report about the programs available. For additional Foundation information and helpful tools contact Rob at rob.hagan@presbyterianfoundation.org. Rob will be retiring January 1, 2025.

PROGRAM Rev DeEtte Decker Presbyterian Mission Agency, Vision Integration & Constituent Services Manager talked about vital congregations and Matthew 25.

The evening worship and Communion was led by **Moderator Diane Nye, Rev. Kellie Thomson, Rev. Ben Pascal, and Rev. Tammy Mitchell**. \$456.00 was collected with the offering and will be donated to the Centro de Vida Cristiana, a Spanish speaking congregation that meets in the Jackson church.

SATURDAY

The meeting was called to order by Presbytery Moderator, Diane Nye at 8:45 am. There were 44 voting members in attendance (in person and zoom). Worship was led by Rev. Jeromey Howard and Rev. DeEtte Decker.

REPORTS & ACTION ITEMS:

Syria-Lebanon Partnership Team Rev. Bob Garrard and Holly Garrard gave a report about the current situation with the Syria/Lebanon Partnership. They presented a video showing the church in Syria, the care of children and how people helped after the earthquake. They noted that if people would like to donate, they can send checks to Presbytery at the post office box. Donations should be marked "Syria/Lebanon".

Treasurer's Report Trenda Weisshaar, Treasurer, reported on the status of the current budget. Churches were reminded to pay their per capita and that if there are concerns about the use of that money to contact Trenda. All churches are asked to consider increasing their mission pledge to support the work of the presbytery. Questions can be sent to trenda@torringtoncpas.com.

Council Report: Moderator, Rev. Lynn Williamson reported the actions taken by Council on behalf of Presbytery since the April 2024 meeting. Council approved:

- Dates for Council Meetings: November 13, **2024**, February 12, 2025, April 9, 2025, June 11, 2025, September 10, 2025
- Dates for 2025 Presbytery Meetings: February 22, 2025 (Zoom), May 10, 2025 (Zoom), September 26-27, 2025 (In Person)
- the location of the September 2025 In Person Presbytery meeting to be Casper, SOTH
- the time of the September 2025 Presbytery meeting to be between 9 am Friday and 12 noon on Saturday.

Council action items approved by Presbytery:

- electing RE Trenda Weisshaar as Treasurer for a new five-year term (2025 – 2029).
- electing Rev. Kellie Thomson as Stated Clerk for a new five-year term (2025-2029)
- the deadline for submitting new business to the Presbytery from outside the ordinary structure and process of the Presbytery as no later than 72 hours prior to the start of the meeting and that exceptions may be considered at the discretion of the Presbytery Moderator

- a revision of the presbytery committee structure, combining ECLD and ROCCS to form Outreach Ministries Support and Service Committee (OMMS) with Co-Moderators: RE Gerald Van Campen, Laramie and AL CJ Clem, Sheridan
- electing RE George Barnes (Cheyenne 1st) to serve as Moderator of CRN for 2025 and a RE (to be named, pending agreement) to CRN, class of 2027
- the 2025 Administrative Budget
- the 2025 Mission Budget as amended after changes to the Terms of Call for General Presbyter, Rev. Jeromey Howard
- an increase in the Presbytery portion of per capita by \$1.33 to \$34.16 for a total per capita of \$48.00 (GA portion: \$10.84, increased from \$9.80; Synod portion: \$3.00).
- forming an Administrative Commission (AC) to dissolve the Community Presbyterian Church in Ft. Laramie WY (APPENDIX).
- electing as members of the AC to dissolve the Community Presbyterian Church in Ft. Laramie, WY: RE Sherry McBride (Ft. Laramie), RE Walter George (Cheyenne 1st), Rev. Bob Thomson (Cheyenne, 1st), Rev. Vonne Yardley (Validated Minister). Rev. Elizabeth Morgan (Ft. Laramie)

Committee on Ministry (COM). Moderator Rev. Michelle Bacon reported the actions taken by Council on behalf of Presbytery since the April 2024 meeting.

COM action item approved by Presbytery:

- changes to the Minimum Effective Salary and Terms of Call requirements/recommendations for the Presbytery.

Committee on Representation and Nominations (CRN). Moderator Elder George Barnes gave the report and the following people were elected to office/committees:

Vice Moderator of Presbytery, RE David Blevins, Powell

Permanent Judicial Commission, RE Shelley Cundiff, Sheridan, RE Kay Mattis, Greybull, TE Bob Thomson, Cheyenne First

Commissioner to Synod, RE Sally Sato, Cheyenne Highlands

Presbytery Council, TE Lynn Williamson, HR, RE Diane Nye, Torrington

Committee on Ministry, TE Vonne Yardley, AL, (moderator), RE Joyce Kennedy, Shepherd of the Hills, TE Libby Tedder Hugus, AL, RE Lejean Mitchell, Cody, TE Karl Heimbeck, Sheridan,

Budget, Finance, and Stewardship Committee, Class of 2027, TE Bob Garrard, HR, RE Walter George, Cheyenne First

Committee on Preparation for Ministry, RE Wendy Wilson, Shepherd of the Hills

Evangelism, Church and Leader Development Committee, TE Stephen Bibb, Star Valley

Welsh Memorial Scholarship Committee, RE Susan Collimer, Saratoga

Stated Clerk Report Rev. Kellie Thomson

- The 2024 Session Minutes were reviewed with only 1 church not submitting minutes.
- The Worland church has been dissolved and the building sold to the Sovereign Grace Bible Church.

ROCCS Youth Triennium will be in Louisville, KY, July 28-31, 2025. CJ Clem will host three Zoom meetings to answer questions and share information about this event. ROCCS will pay 1/3 of participants expenses. For more information contact CJ at cj@sheridanfpc.church

General Presbyter Report, Rev. Jeromey Howard thanked everyone for their hard work. The clergy retreat held at Camp Story was a good time of reconnection. He asked congregations to make sure that their pastors can come to the next retreat. He offered to visit churches in the Presbytery to lead worship or preach on suicide prevention.

Presbytery Moderator Report, Elder Diane Nye thanked everyone for their support during her time as

Moderator. Philippians 4:8 was her theme for the year and she hoped people were inspired by that passage.

Recognitions: Elder Diane Nye was thanked for her year plus of service as Presbytery Moderator

A Service of Installation of Presbytery Officers Rev. Tammy Mitchell as Presbytery Moderator (2025), Elder David Blevins, Powell, as Presbytery Vice Moderator (2025). Rev. Kellie Thomson as Stated Clerk, and Elder Trena Weisshaar as Treasurer, concluded the meeting.

The next meeting of Presbytery will be ZOOM ONLY on February 22, 2025. Churches are urged to make sure email contact info is on file with the Presbytery for all voting members of Presbytery.