

WYOMING PRESBYTERY SYNOPSIS

STATED Meeting of Presbytery

Saturday, May 10, 2025

ZOOM Meeting

The day began at 8:00 AM with an informal virtual fellowship time.

Worship was a combination of live and prerecorded elements and included Communion. It was led by Rev. Yoon Cho, Rev. Monte Reichenberg, Rev. Karl Heimbuck and Elders Aaron Bahmer and Trenda Weissshaar. The offering was designated for the Community Pantry of Encampment and donations can still be made either directly to the pantry or to the presbytery. A QR code has been created for online giving for the Presbytery. For more information contact General Presbyter Jeromey Howard.

The meeting was called to order by Presbytery Moderator, Rev. Tammy Mitchell. . There were 37 voting members in attendance.

REPORTS & ACTION ITEMS:

Presbytery Moderator Report, Rev. Tammy Mitchell welcomed everyone and reminded them of the theme verse for the year, Colossians 2:6-7.

Treasurer's Report Trenda Weisshaar, Treasurer, reported on the status of the current budget. Trenda thanked the churches for the per capita payments and mission pledges and emphasized the work these payments allow the Presbytery to do. Work on the 2026 Budget is in progress and committee moderators are to send in budget needs by July 1. A review of the policy on reimbursement for Presbytery meetings was given. As a reminder, churches are to cover the cost of their pastors and commissioners and any other ruling elders serving in presbytery voting positions. Financial aid is available from the presbytery if needed. Also, a block of rooms at hotels for a special rate is usually available for presbytery meetings and while anyone attending can register for those rooms, the churches still pay the cost. Finally, for information, the proceeds from sales of presbytery properties go into a fund for clergy/church support to be used at the direction of council. Questions can be sent to trenda@torringtoncpas.com.

Committee on Ministry (COM). Moderator Rev. Vonne Yardley presented the pulpit supply policy. Presbytery approved it (see attached) and all churches must follow it.

Council Report: Moderator, Rev. Lynn Williamson reported the actions taken by Council on behalf of Presbytery since the February 2025 meeting. The only action item was to vote on General Assembly amendments. Amendment 24I was removed from the amendment consent agenda. By consent approved 24B, D, #, G, H, J, K, L, M. 24 A was approved 20-13. 24C was approved 20-12. 24I was approved 18-14.

Stated Clerk Report Rev. Kellie Thomson

The annual statistical report for 2024 shows Presbytery membership at 2233 a decrease of 54 members (166 losses, 112 gains). 24 of 26 churches submitted a statistical report/membership update. The Ft. Laramie congregation has been dissolved and the property sold. The AC was dismissed with gratitude for their work.

General Presbyter Report, Rev. Jeromey Howard Since our last Presbytery Meeting, I have been working to make some rounds around the Presbytery and support the needs of congregations as they have come up. I have managed to spend some time at Sheridan, Riverton, Cheyenne, Lingle, Torrington, Ft Laramie, Cody, and join either ZOOM or phone meetings for others. In addition to supporting the work of the various committees of the Presbytery I have also spend time doing work for the larger church in connection to the Synod of the Rockies and my service on 3 committees/task forces of the PCUSA. It was a deep moment of both sadness and

joy to gather with the Ft Laramie Congregation for their final worship service in March. I have been offering support to pastors as they have come into or moved within our Presbytery as well as starting to have some clergy lunches to help clergy connect and support each other. So far, we have had lunches in Cheyenne and Rawlins – there are three more scheduled in the year. If there are any events or activities in your congregational ministries that you would like me to join in, please do not hesitate to let me know. I will always do everything I can to take part in and support your work.

Upcoming Clergy Lunches:

May 21 – Gillette

June 5 – Jackson

September 18 – Cody

2025 Clergy Retreat at Camp Story – September 8-11

Camp Story Commission Report, Camp Director C J Clem reported that the camp has options for campers from age 4 up to 99. She said that the camp welcomes help with donations to sponsor campers. There is also a wish list of needs for the camp on the Camp Story and Presbytery websites.

Syria-Lebanon Partnership Report Rev. Bob and Holly Garrard directed participants to review the Save The Date information for the annual meeting of the Syria-Lebanon Partnership Network to be held September 16th through the 18th at First Presbyterian Church in Cheyenne. Registration will be \$100 per person for in person attendance and \$25 per person if attending by Zoom. Registration will be online.

He reported that the organization won't have in person staff in Syria or Lebanon due to staff cuts by PC(USA), but the local people are well trained and the churches there are strong and continue to grow. Presbytery of Wyoming has contributed about \$9,000 to the partnership network this year.

Announcements/Reminders:

Rev. Lynn Williamson announced that Ring Lake Ranch, located outside of Dubois, WY, is again offering renewal in sacred wilderness with both daily and evening outdoor activities planned.

Youth Triennium will be in Louisville, KY, July 28-31, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 PM.

The next meeting of Presbytery will be IN PERSON ONLY on September 26-27, 2025, at Shepherd of the Hills in Casper. Churches are urged to make sure email contact info is on file with the Presbytery for all voting members of Presbytery.