

WYOMING PRESBYTERY SYNOPSIS
Presbytery Meeting
First Presbyterian Church
Casper, Wyoming
February 5-6, 2010

The Friday session of presbytery was opened with a worship service led by Rev. Ken Perreault.

Bruce Ford, General Presbyter for the Presbytery of Wyoming, gave a presentation of healthy congregations. In the afternoon, his presentation covered his sabbatical studies regarding new church development. Eric Chavis, representative from the Presbyterian Foundation, discussed the work of the Foundation.

The Friday evening Worship and Communion Service was led by Rev. Jane Busey.

Saturday morning devotions were led by Rev. Steven Seng. At the business portion of the meeting the Silver Spur Award was given to the Union Presbyterian Church of Powell for its backpack and mittens program. Members then broke up into small groups to discuss the consent agenda.

Following the small group sessions, presbytery reconvened in plenary session. At this time, commissioners were given the opportunity to pull items from the consent agenda so that they could be discussed.

Major items that were covered on the consent agenda were:

1. A first reading for the revision of the Sexual Misconduct Policy for the presbytery.
2. Rev. Bob Garrard (Cheyenne First) and Elder Carol Maloy (Sheridan) were elected as alternate commissioners to the 219th General Assembly held in Minneapolis in July 2010 and principal commissioners to the 220th General Assembly held in Pittsburgh in 2012. Joel Simonson (Casper Shepherd) was elected as Youth Advisory Delegate to the 219th General Assembly.
3. The following churches were approved as presbytery meeting hosts 2012: Casper Winter Memorial for February 3-4; Evanston for May 4-5 (possibly with Mountain View as co-host); and Greybull for September 14-15 (possibly with Shell as co-host).
4. Received a request from Casper First for Relief of Conscience from the Board of Pensions based on its opposition to payments for abortions.
5. Amended the Presbytery Manual of Operations to excuse from presbytery meetings ministers on approved disability status from the Board of Pensions.

At the plenary session, the presbytery voted unanimously to elect Elder Art Elkins (Sheridan) as Treasurer.

Major items pulled off the consent agenda that were covered during the plenary session were:

1. Rev. Ray Quiles (Encampment) was elected as minister member of the Camping Committee and Rev. Steven Seng (Torrington) was elected as minister member of the Leadership Development Work Group.
2. Elder Christina Kirschner (Evanston) was certified as Commissioned Lay Pastor.
3. Shayla Graham (Moorcroft) was enrolled as an inquirer.

4. As part of the Congregational Development and Evangelism Work Group Report, Rev. Curtis Hill asked churches to submit to the presbytery the results of collections for Haiti, the Souper Bowl, and One Great Hour of Sharing.
5. Received the report from the White Mountain (Rock Springs) Administrative Commission, which included the announcement that the administrative commission has assumed original jurisdiction.
6. Approved an increase in the effective salary for 2011 for pastors to \$38,000, and tying it to the cost of living for subsequent years, and recommended that churches grant at least cost of living increases annually for pastors.

The meeting adjourned following the installation of Art Elkins as Treasurer and Chip Rich (Sheridan) as Council Moderator.