

WYOMING PRESBYTERY SYNOPSIS
STATED Meeting of Presbytery
Friday & Saturday, September 26-27, 2025
IN PERSON at Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church, Casper

This in person meeting was focused on fellowship and education, with business limited to only what was essential. There were long breaks built in for time for participants to visit with one another. 18 of the Presbytery's 25 churches were represented at the meeting.

FRIDAY

The morning began with fellowship time followed by worship led by Rev. Tammy Mitchell, Rev. Jeromey Howard, and Rev. Delaney Piper. The meeting was called to order by Presbytery Moderator, Rev. Tammy Mitchell at 9:20 AM. There were 30 voting member in attendance. **PROGRAM** Dr. Corey Schlosser-Hall, Deputy Executive Director for Vision & Innovation (PCUSA), presented the program "Faithful Futures". Resources from the presentation are available from the presbytery office.

Presentations were given by Rev. Christine Long, Board of Pensions and Rev. Doodle Harris of Hastings College. Hastings is offering a conference on "Compelling Preaching", June 1-6, 2026

Cost: There is a \$100 fee to secure your spot (plus a \$5.95 processing fee)

<https://www.hastings.edu/compelling-preaching-conference/>

and a Youth Conference <https://www.hastings.edu/hastings-youth-conference/>

The evening worship and Communion was led by Rev. Kathy Saxbury and Elder Wendy Wilson. \$441.96 was collected with the offering and will be donated to WYO HELP.

Beginning with Presbytery meetings in 2026, the offering collected at each meeting will be donated to approved causes requested by churches in the presbytery, rotating alphabetically, in order to accommodate zoom meetings and not meeting in person around the state. The first meeting in 2026 will be ZOOM on February 7 and the Burns church will designate the offering recipient, with approval from Council.

SATURDAY

The meeting began with a time of fellowship and morning worship was led by Rev. Jeromey Howard and Dr. Corey Schlosser-Hall.

A special presentation was given by RE Kevin Boyce (Cheyenne 1st) on behalf of Outreach Ministries Support & Service Committee (OMSS) on a Living Waters mission trip for the Presbytery in December 2026 to the Dominican Republic. For more information or to sign up contact the Presbytery.

The meeting was called to order by the Presbytery Moderator at 10:15 am. There were 35 voting members in attendance.

REPORTS & ACTION ITEMS:

Camp Story, Director CJ Clem reported that 160 campers, along with counselors and staff, attended this summer. There are several ways churches can support Camp Story and all are encouraged to contact CJ to volunteer time and energy or donate financially at director@campstory.org.

Treasurer's Report Trenda Weisshaar, Treasurer, reported on the 2026 proposed budget, which is a deficit 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 May 2025 meeting. Council approved:

- Dates for Council Meetings: November 12, **2025**, January 14, 2026, May 13, 2026, September 9, 2026, November 11, 2026.

- Dates for 2026 Presbytery Meetings: February 7, 2026 (Zoom), June 6, 2026 (Zoom), October 2-3, 2026 (In Person, location TBD)

Council action items approved by Presbytery:

- electing TE Monte Reichenberg (Moorcroft) to serve as Moderator of CRN for 2026, and CRN members: RE Warren Van Genderen (Jackson) and TE Michelle Bacon (Laramie) CRN.
- the Terms of Call for General Presbyter Rev. Jeromey Howard
- the 2026 Administrative Budget
- the 2026 Mission Budget
- the renewal of the Camp Story Commission

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

COM action item approved by Presbytery:

- the revised COM Manual
- a 2.5% minimum effective salary raise effective January 1, 2026

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, TE Bob Thomson, Cheyenne 1st

Commissioner to Synod, TE Elizabeth Morgan, Thermopolis

Presbytery Council, TE Lynn Williamson, HR, (moderator), RE Walt George, Cheyenne 1st, TE Bob Garrard, HR

Committee on Ministry, RE Lejean Mitchell, Cody, (moderator), RE Shelley Cundiff, Sheridan,, TE Kathy Saxbury, SOTH, RE Rhonda Swisher, Torrington, RE Jack Herman, Rawlins

Budget, Finance, and Stewardship Committee, TE Monte Reichenberg, Moorcroft, RE Mable Fredrick, Guernsey

Committee on Preparation for Ministry, TE Shayla Graham, Pine ridge, TE Kathy Saxbury, SOTH

Outreach Ministries Support & Services Committee, TE Delaney Piper, Highlands, RE Kevin Boyce, Cheyenne 1st

Commissioners to General Assembly

Primary 2026: TE Delaney Piper, Highlands; RE Walt George, Cheyenne 1st

Alternate (Primary 2028): TE Kathy Saxbury, SOTH; RE Lejean Mitchell, Cody

General Presbyter Report, Rev. Jeromey Howard is still recovering from hip surgery and looks forward to being able to travel again soon. He thanked everyone for their hard work throughout the presbytery. Jeromey would like to visit ministries/activities of churches outside of worship, so please let him know if there are events he can attend.

Presbytery Moderator Report, Rev. Tammy Mitchell thanked everyone for their support during her time as Moderator. Colossians 2:6-7 "Rooted in Christ" was her theme for the year and she hoped people were inspired to grow deeper in their faith and strengthened in our shared calling.

Recognitions: Rev. Tammy Mitchell was thanked for her year of service as Presbytery Moderator and Rev. Jeromey Howard highlighted the number of years for each clergy member of the presbytery. Bob Garrard and George Pasek lead the way with 52 years of ordained ministry and are still active in the Presbytery!

A Service of Installation of Presbytery Officers Elder David Blevins, Powell, as Moderator (2026). Rev. Bob Thomson, Cheyenne 1st, as Presbytery Vice Moderator (2026).

The next meeting of Presbytery will be ZOOM ONLY on February 7, 2026. Churches are urged to make sure email contact info is on file with the Presbytery for all voting members of Presbytery.