

WYOMING PRESBYTERY SYNOPSIS
STATED Meeting of Presbytery
Saturday, June 6, 2026
ZOOM Meeting

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

Worship was led by Rev. Vonne Yardley and Rev. Bob Thomson presided over Communion. The message was given by Rev. Charlotte Patrick from the Episcopal Church in Powell. The offering was designated for Comea House in Cheyenne. Donations can still be made through the Presbytery office.

The meeting was called to order by Presbytery Moderator, David Blevins. There were 42 voting members present.

REPORTS & ACTION ITEMS:

Presbytery Moderator Report, Elder David Blevins, Powell, welcomed everyone and gave some updates on things happening around the Presbytery.

Treasurer's Report Elder Walt George gave the report on behalf of Trendera Weisshaar. The Administrative YTD Budget shows a positive because many churches have already paid their full per capita amount. The Mission YTD Budget shows a deficit because many churches pay their mission pledge monthly. Both should even out over time. Trendera reminds churches to be sure to indicate on their mission pledge form with their payment how they want it allocated between General Assembly and the Presbytery. Questions can be sent to trendera@torringtoncpas.com.

Council Report: Moderator, Rev. Bob Thomson reported the actions taken by Council on behalf of Presbytery since the February 2026 meeting. There were **two action items** approved by Presbytery. **The first** was to call Rev. Nell Herring as Evangelist Pastor in the Presbytery to fill the position of Director of Campus Ministry, effective July 1, 2026. Her focus will be ministry at UW to start and then include other college campuses in Wyoming. A steering Committee to oversee her work was formed: Rev. Libby Tedder Hugus, Validated Casper Maddy Amole (member SOTH Casper/UW student), RE Cameroon Collamer (Laramie) and RE Lynn Dixson Highlands. **The second action item** was to update the Standing Rules regarding worship at Presbytery meetings to include using the PCUSA Book of Common Worship and Presbyterian hymnals in planning the content for worship services.

Committee on Ministry (COM). Moderator Elder Lejean Mitchell reported the actions taken by COM on behalf of Presbytery since the February 2026 meeting. The Book of Order requires boundary training for all councils and COM is finalizing work on a video to be used for training the presbytery. Sessions will be able to use it as well. There was **one action item** approved by Presbytery: an update to the pulpit supply policy. Churches needing approval should contact their COM liaison.

Committee on Ministry approval is required in either of the following:

- *The person is not currently on the approved pulpit supply list, is not an elder of the specific congregation, or has not been specifically invited by the current Pastor/Church Session.*
- *Frequency: The person (regardless of status) provides pulpit supply or ministerial duties more than six times per calendar year for the same congregation*

Camp Story Commission Report Dick Birkholz reported on the work being done at camp. Summer camp has begun. A first reading of the proposed Camp Story Manual was distributed for review. Presbytery showed gratitude for Dick's many years as Moderator of the Commission. As of June 1, 2026, RE Laurie Davis, Gillette, is the new Moderator.

Outreach Ministry Service and Support Committee (OMSS) Report OMSS is encouraging participation in the Living Water Mission Trip and also the Hastings College Youth Conference (June 15-19) for rising 6th graders through graduating 12th graders. Scholarships are available. For more information contact CJ at director@campstory.org. Grants to cover over \$1700 of the cost of the Living Waters trip are available. There are five spots left for the December 5-11 trip to the Dominican Republic. Contact KevinBoyce444wy@gmail.com for more information or to sign up.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) Report. Candidate Aaron McKee passed his ordination exams and is completing final requirements to be certified ready to receive a call. RE Jane Iddings (Torrington) has completed the Commissioned Ruling Edler training and hopes to be ready to be commissioned by the Presbytery soon.

Stated Clerk Report, Rev. Kellie Thomson thanked all the clerks of session for submitting their statistical information. The 2025 Presbytery membership was 2117, a decrease in 111 members.

General Presbyter Report, Rev. Jeromey Howard reported on the sudden death of Richard Turner who prepared the presbytery newsletter for many years. We grieve his passing and are grateful for his service to the presbytery. Jeromey thanked everyone for prayers for his surgery and his recovery is going well.

General Assembly

Our GA delegates, Rev. Delaney Piper (Highlands) and RE Walter George (Cheyenne First) were commissioned for their upcoming service to General Assembly. Our GP Rev. Jeromey Howard will also be attending. Keep them and all of the church in prayer as they deliberate in Milwaukee, WI, June 22 – July 2, 2026.

Information/News

Two men in the Presbytery, Patrick Boyce (Cheyenne First) and Ethan Milne (Sheridan) have been selected to participate in the PCUSA Young Adult Volunteer program. Patrick will be going to the Philippines and Ethan to New York City, each for a year of service.

We were introduced to Heidi Bolt, Northwest Ministry Relations Officer for the Presbyterian Foundation. The following links are to information about the resources available to churches. For more information, contact Heidi at 502-569-8584 (office), 503-877-9039 (text) Heidi.bolt@presbyterianfoundation.org

<https://www.presbyterianfoundation.org/solutions/for-churches/>

<https://www.presbyterianfoundation.org/resources/newsletters/category/stewardship-ministry-news/>

The meeting was adjourned at 1130 AM.

The next meeting of Presbytery will be IN PERSON on Friday and Saturday, October 2-3, 2026, at First Presbyterian Church, Sheridan. Churches are urged to make sure email contact info is on file with the Presbytery for all voting members of Presbytery.