

WYOMING PRESBYTERY SYNOPSIS
STATED Meeting of Presbytery
Friday & Saturday, October 2 – 3, 2026
IN PERSON at First Presbyterian Church, Sheridan, WY

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 morning prayer led by RRE Jane Iddings. The meeting was called to order by Presbytery Moderator, Elder David Blevins 9:05 AM. There were 32 voting members in attendance. **PROGRAM** Marcia McFee, Ph.D., presented a program on worship design. She gave free access to us for a download of her Advent Series "The Gift of Being Present" and her collection of training materials and resources called "Small Bites, Big Flavor" for every liturgical season and every worship art. She also offered a gift for a one-year subscription to her worship design studio for only \$100. You can find out more about Dr. McFee and her work at www.worshipdesignstudio.com. For more information on how to access the free resources and the discounted subscription if you were not in attendance and did not receive the information, contact Jeromey Howard or Kellie Thomson.

The evening worship and Communion was led by Rev. Jeromey Howard and Elder Wendy Wilson. \$591.00 was collected with the offering and will be donated to the Central Wyoming Counseling Center.

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. In 2027, the churches designating the offering (with Council approval) will be: March 6 (Zoom) Highlands, June 26 (Zoom) Cheyenne Korean, October 1-2 (In Person) Cody.

SATURDAY

The meeting began with a time of fellowship and morning prayer was led by Rev. Karl Heimbeck. The meeting was called to order by the Presbytery Moderator at 9:35 am. There were 36 voting members in attendance.

Presentations were given by Rev. Nell Herring on the new Campus Ministry. Find out more about it on the presbytery website www.pbywy.org or on Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/belovedcommunitywy/> or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/belovedcommunitywy/>

Rev. Heidi Bolt, Northwest Regional Ministry Relations Officer, gave information on the Presbyterian Foundation. They offer a free financial health assessment for churches. The Stewardship Kaleidoscope event will be in Salt Lake City in the Fall of 2027. More information is available at <https://www.presbyterianfoundation.org/>

REPORTS & ACTION ITEMS:

General Assembly. Rev. Delaney Piper and Elder Walt George reported on the 2026 GA meeting. Summary information on the Amendments coming up for vote in 2027 is available from Jeromey Howard. The Presbytery will host several information zoom meetings prior to voting at the March 6 meeting.

Treasurer's Report Trenda Weisshaar, Treasurer, reported on the 2027 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 June 2026 meeting. Council approved:

- Dates for Council Meetings: February 1, 2027, May 25, 2027, September 8, 2027.

- Dates for 2027 Presbytery Meetings: March 6 (Zoom), June 26 (Zoom), October 1-2 (In Person, location TBD)

Council action items approved by Presbytery:

- electing TE Ben Pascal (Jackson) and RE Norma Fuller (Torrington) to CRN class of 2029
- the 2027 Terms of Call for General Presbyter Rev. Jeromey Howard
- the 2027 Administrative Budget
- the 2027 Mission Budget
- the Camp Story Committee and Manual

Presbytery Engagement Team (PET) recommended the dissolution of the First Presbyterian Church of Greybull and the sale of the property and it was approved by Presbytery.

Committee on Ministry (COM). Moderator Elder Lejean Mitchell reported the actions taken on behalf of Presbytery since the June 2026 meeting.

COM action item approved by Presbytery:

- a 3.5% minimum effective salary raise effective January 1, 2027, to \$49,830. Cash portion is \$34,881.57. Manse is \$14,948.50.

Committee on Representation and Nominations (CRN). Moderator Rev. Monte Reichenberg gave the report and the following people were elected to office/committees (all are class of 2029, unless otherwise noted):

Vice Moderator of Presbytery 2027, RE Lejean Mitchell, Cody

Commissioner to Synod, RE Sally Sato, Cheyenne Highlands

Presbytery Council, TE Shayla Graham, Validated Ministry, RE Bruce Heimback, Cheyenne 1st, TE Vonne Yardley, Lingle/Torrington

Committee on Ministry, TE Karl Heimback, Sheridan, (moderator), RE Debra Smith, Mt. View, TE Guy Helms, Validated Ministry, TE Tammy Mitchell, Jackson, TE Gregg Miller, Cody.

Budget, Finance, and Stewardship Committee, RE David Blevins, Powell

Permanent Judicial Committee, Class of 2032, TE Libby Tedder Hugus, Validated Ministry, RE Warren Van Genderen, Jackson

Current Vacancies: COM Class of 2028, Budget, Finance & Stewardship Class of 2028, GA TE Commissioner and YAAD (youth delegate) 2028. The 2028 General Assembly will meet in Puerto Rico. Applications are available on the Presbytery Website.

The new **Camp Story Committee** was created, replacing the Commission, and the following people were elected to serve:

Class of 2027: RE Dave Blevins, Powell, TE Karl Heimback, Sheridan, TE Deb Upton, Rawlins

Class of 2028: RE Sue Harter, Gillette, TE Monte Reichenberg, Moorcroft, RE Laurie Davis, **Moderator** (Gillette)

Class of 2029: RE Nancy Feehan, Moorcroft, TE Vonne Yardley, Lingle/Torrington, RE Karen Burtis, Sheridan

Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) RE Jane Iddings, Torrington, having completed all the requirements was presented to be approved certified ready to be commissioned. She shared her journey, her statement of faith, was examined, and presbytery voted to approve. Jane is now ready and available to be commissioned to a call in the Presbytery as a CRE.

Stated Clerk Report. Rev. Kellie Thomson reminded all churches to be sure their required policies are up to date: Sexual Misconduct, Child, Youth, Vulnerable Adult Protection, Antiharassment, and Anti Racism.

General Presbyter Report, Rev. Jeromey Howard 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. After three years as the General Presbyter, he will be working with

Council to discern and explore the mission, vision, structure and more of the Presbytery as we seek to be faithful to God's call.

Presbytery Moderator Report, Elder David Blevins thanked everyone for their support during his time as Moderator. He gifted everyone with a button encouraging us to live showing kindness.

Recognitions: Elder Davide Blevins was thanked for his year of service as Presbytery Moderator.

A Service of Installation of Presbytery Officers for 2027 Rev. Bob Thomson, Cheyenne 1st, as Presbytery Moderator and RE Lejean Mitchell, Cody, as Presbytery Vice Moderator.

The next meeting of Presbytery will be ZOOM ONLY on March 6, 2027. Churches are urged to make sure email contact info is on file with the Presbytery for all voting members of Presbytery.