

HIGHLIGHTS
PRESBYTERY OF BOISE
STATED MEETING

August 13, 2011

Kingman Memorial Community Church, Adrian, OR

Many thanks to the Kingman Memorial Community Church for hosting the presbytery meeting. All present appreciated the reception and meals. Thanks to Marianne Paul for a good lesson on sewing the seeds of determination, love, and grace.

Ruth Hicks reported that overall the Presbytery of Boise lost 89 members from our congregations leaving us with a total active membership of 2,479 at the end of 2010. The Presbytery of Boise is about the 10th smallest presbytery of the 173 presbyteries in the denomination.

The commissioners approved the 2009/2010 Book of Order as its Manual of Administrative Operations for up to one year (August 2012). The new Book of Order requires all councils (sessions, presbyteries, synods, general assembly) to have a Manual of Administrative Operations. While the Coordinating Council and various committees are writing their part of the new manual, the presbytery will use the old form of government as a basis for operations. All sessions should be reviewing their bylaws, manuals, etc. for conformation to the new polity.

The Administrative Commission for the Reflections Church is working on the dismissal of the pastor and congregation. At this time, there were no recommendations.

Retreat Opportunities

The Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery will be holding a retreat at the Monastery in Jerome on November 4-5-6. The topic will address how to forgive and move on in tragic

times. Look for information coming to your church office soon.

The Program Committee of the presbytery is holding a retreat for pastors, also at the Monastery, November 8-9-10. The cost is \$120 and all sessions are encouraged to give this as a gift to their pastor, encouraging their participation.

The Rev. Phil Rogers was elected to the Program Committee (2013) and the Rev. Marianne Paul to the Camp Sawtooth Board (2012).

A Missionary from Peru will be a Mission Visitor in our presbytery September 24 – 29th. Please call Betty Beck (208-362-0774) to request time for Rusty Edmonson to be at your church.

The Personnel Committee is conducting the annual evaluation of Presbytery executive, Edward Dunn, on behalf of the Synod of the Pacific. Stated clerk Ruth Hicks has been directed to review her job description in light of the new form of government.

Attention all sessions! It is highly recommended that all sessions also adopt the approved Policy on Retention and Destruction of Employee Records. The policy can be found on the presbytery website: www.presbyteryofboise.org.

If you or a session wishes to order a new Book of Order, contact Edward Dunn:
exec.pbyboise@gmail.com.

Deadline is August 26th.

Save the date:
October 29, 2011 -
New Book of Order training for Clerks of session and clergy,
First United, Nampa
10:00 – noon.