

VISION FOR THE PRESBYTERY OF BOISE

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1. **Mission Statement:**

As Boise Presbytery we are a covenant community of congregations, ruling elders and teaching elders joining together in mission offering mutual support, providing for worship and sacraments, nurturing faithful disciples of Jesus Christ and connecting with the councils of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. in solidarity with our ecumenical partners and with the interfaith community.

2. **Our Vision:**

We envision a presbytery in which there is dedicated service of teaching and ruling elders, and the full participation of congregations. We propose that we work together as a presbytery and as committees to carry out the responsibilities of a presbytery described in the form of Government G-3.03. We also propose that in addition to the mission projects of congregations, that the presbytery develop mission projects that all congregations can support through personal involvement and financial contributions.

3. **Committee structure for the Presbytery of Boise:**

Mission Strategy Committee (A representative from each congregation)

Long Range Planning

Supporting and connecting with the mission efforts of congregations

Development of Presbytery mission projects

Recommendations for establishing new worshiping communities

Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations

Representation

Young Adult, Youth ministry (including Triennium participation)

Leadership Development Committee

Education for Elders and Deacons

Planning for education of presbytery committees with committee chairs

Planning and coordination of times of engagement for presbytery meetings

Training specific ruling elders to administer the Lord's Supper when committee on ministry and mission strategy deem it necessary, (e.g. in congregations without pastors and for new worshiping communities)

Promote and interpret Presbyterian resources.

Relate to the Shared Ministry Board

Relate to Camp Sawtooth Board

Committee on Ministry

Encourage, guide and resource congregations

Recommend appointments of moderators for congregations without pastors

Recommend reception or dismissal of teaching elders

Presbytery reference checks in pastoral searches

Recommend reception, merger or dismissal of congregations

Support, nurture and discipline of teaching elders and commissioned ruling elders
Validation of specialized ministries of teaching elders
Approval of sabbatical plans
Approval of education plans for candidates for commissioned ruling elder and review of seminary education of candidates for teaching elder
Committee on Preparation for Ministry: Work with inquirers and candidates for teaching elder and commissioned ruling elder.

Financial Management Committee

Presbytery budget
Mission budget (with mission strategy)
Financial planning and oversight
Mission interpretation and Stewardship
Personnel Committee

Nominating Committee

Permanent Judicial Commission

4. There is no Coordinating Committee. Committees will bring action items directly to the presbytery by submitting them for the agenda to the Stated Clerk, who will prepare the agenda and the call to the meeting.
5. Presbytery meetings will include worship, times of engagement, business meetings with consent agendas, and times for committees to meet with each other for coordination, and separately for education or business.
6. Staffing pattern:
Stated Clerk, 1/3 Time, with compensation similar to the current compensation to be worked out by Personnel Committee.
Recording Secretary, \$100.00 per meeting
Boise Presbytery shall hold a consultation on a “Sustainable Staffing Pattern” at a regular or called meeting with guidance from the Transitional Synod Executive and the Office of Mid-Council Relations.
7. At this time there will not be an executive presbyter. After the presbytery has developed a mission strategy, it may be feasible to call an executive for mission.