# Presbytery of Boise is to assist, support, equip, and challenge congregations to be disciples, and to make disciples for Jesus Christ

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## Rachel's Reflections So Thankful!

Can it really be more than three years since we began the journey of merger in earnest? I joined you in the late Spring 2022, and before you'd even elected me, I was meeting with the Synod of the Pacific's 3-Presbytery task force.

Of course, this journey wasn't created out of thin air. It was built on the legacy of the Snake River Mission Area and the relationships formed across geographic boundaries over many years. That experience informed our decision to move forward and to test the waters of an even deeper commitment.

Shortly after the Synod of the Pacific approved our draft Plan of Merger, it ... **READ MORE** 

#### **Church of the Month: First (Idaho Falls)**

Our November Church of the Month is First Presbyterian Church in Idaho Falls. To learn more about the ministries and life of this congregation, please check out the <u>slides</u> and <u>worship bulletin</u>, for use in your congregations. Thanks to the Community Building Team for these monthly features, so that we can get to know the new Snake River Presbytery and lift up each other in prayer.

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#### Living into Possibilities as the Snake River Presbytery

#### Time to Vote on a Logo!

We asked, and you delivered! We have amazing people with artistic and graphic design skills in our midst! In response to our request for logos for the new Snake River Presbytery, we received the designs shown below.

Now we are asking you to vote! Each congregation has one vote to cast by December 5. Your Session will need to decide how to call for the vote: a show of hands, a secret ballot, or other options. Please cast your one congregational ballot for the design of your choice, using the Nos. 1-5 as shown on each image. If you would like to post the image or incorporate it into a slideshow, here are the options in <a href="PowerPoint">PowerPoint</a> or as a <a href="mainto:shareable link">shareable link</a>. The artists also included comments about the meaning of their designs which you can read on the slides.

Send your ballot to your Stated Clerk Rachel Yates or Cathy Chisholm, by **December 5**, the day the GA Administrative Commission votes on the Plan of Merger. The results will be announced at our December 13 Presbytery meeting.













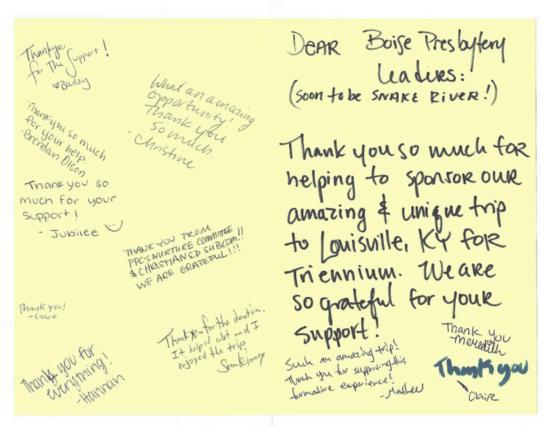
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#### **Youth Triennium Sends Their Thanks!**

Part of your mission support every year is set aside for Presbyterian Youth Triennium, a gathering of youth from across the denomination and beyond, who meet to stretch their faith and grow as Christians. This year's group sent a card with their thanks. Your faithful stewardship has made this possible!





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#### Cathy Chisholm Featured in PILLARS Program

Originally launched in 2015 with the name "Pillars of the Church," today the rebranded PILLARS program is intentionally evolving into a faithful community of committed, connected donors who seek to have an impact by making a regular, ongoing gift to the mission and ministry of the PC(USA).

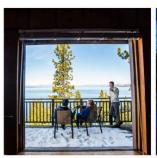


PILLARS recurring giving program Idopts a new look for a new day

Read more about the PILLARS Program here.

Their announcement came with a feature on Kendall Presbytery Stated Clerk Cathy Chisholm: "Throughout my years of involvement with the PC(USA), I've been aware of the vital ministry of disaster relief that the national expression of the Church is capable of," said the Rev. Cathy Cummings Chisholm, transitional presbyter and stated clerk of Kendall Presbytery. "Again and again, in workshops, through presentations, news stories, and more, I've learned about the many ways we serve congregations and communities in times of trauma and disaster by quickly reaching out to offer immediate assistance as well as providing long-term support. As a mid council leader, I never know what crisis will come with the next phone call or news alert. Knowing that I can call on Presbyterian Disaster Assistance — if they haven't already called me first! — to assist with pastoral and practical responses is reassuring. Because I'm grateful for our national ministry, I'm happy to make monthly contributions toward disaster relief."

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#### **BASE YOUR WINTER ADVENTURE AT ZEPHYR POINT**

Nestled on the shores of Lake Tahoe, our cozy, affordable cabins offer the perfect winter retreat — a place to rest, reconnect, and revel in God's creation.

This season, choose a stay that warms both heart and soul — save on lodging, enjoy the beauty of Tahoe, and support a Presbyterian ministry that's been welcoming guests for over a century.

With Heavenly Mountain (10 minutes), Diamond Peak (33 minutes), and Sierra-at-Tahoe (40 minutes) ski resorts all within close range – plus snowshoes available to hire from us directly for local hiking – you can max out on adventure by day, and enjoy the serenity of this sacred space by night.

> Ski Tahoe and experience the Spirit of Zephyr Point: Practically placed. Perfectly peaceful. Proudly Presbyterian.

## Covenant Lecture Series Reflects on Theology of the Neighborhood

Over three days, including Sunday worship, Covenant Presbyterian Church hosted guests from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, to explore the theology of the neighborhood. Drawing on the ministry of Fred Rogers, Presbyterian minister and host of Mr. Roger's Neighborhood, the participants reflected on how to nurture strong churches, families, and neighborhoods for the sake of Jesus Christ. Thank you, Covenant, for your faithful and continued connection with Pittsburgh Seminary!



Pictured is the Rev. Dr. Clarence Wright, the inaugural Fred Rogers Fellow in Theology and Ministry at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Photo credit: TJ Remaley

### **Ministry Opportunities**

#### Snake River Presbytery Joins in New Ministry Website

The Nevada Presbytery has taken the initiative to create and host a new website, MyNextCallWest.org, which helps connect church professionals with congregational ministry opportunities across the Western US. Whether you are seeking a call or offering one, this website allows you to see opportunities, both for ministers and any other church position. Because we are subscribers, you may use the website now to search and to post ministry opportunities!

## Executive Director at Cathedral of the Rockies

The Cathedral of the Rockies (UMC), Boise, is seeking an Executive Director. Learn more about this position <u>here</u>.



#### Denver Presbytery Stated Clerk

This full-time role serves as the Presbytery's constitutional officer and parliamentarian, collaborating closely with the Lead Presbyter and providing vital leadership and support across our 42 congregations and 13 new worshiping communities.

Applications due by December 2

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