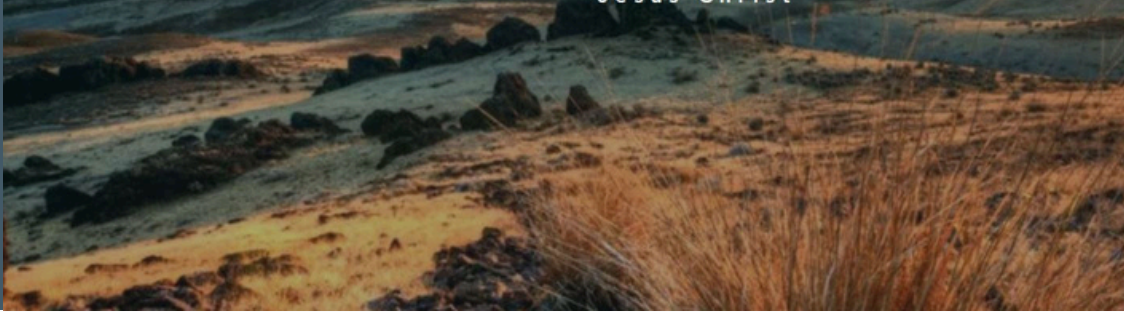


# Presbytery

## Meeting Highlights November 2, 2024



Boise Presbytery held its final stated meeting of the year at First United Presbyterian (Nampa) and by Zoom, on Saturday, November 2. In a remarkable show of efficiency, all business was concluded before lunch, so the meeting ended with fellowship and food.



### Worship Centered Our Work

Rev. Aaron Berkowitz led our worship service, focusing our hearts and minds. We remembered the ruling elders and deacons who passed from this life over the year, and we joined those saints at the communion table.

### Celebration of Commissioned Pastors

COM led the Presbytery in celebrating three commissioned pastors, whose commissions will end this year: Jody Goode (Redeemer, Weiser), Carol Bounds (Covenant, Boise), and Joey Mills (every place in the Presbytery! and currently at Bethany, Ontario). The commissioned pastors offered memories from their ministry, and ministers recounted a few war stories and shared their gratitude for these women's faithful service.



### Presbytery Supports Local Ministries

At the recommendation of the Mission Strategy Committee, the Presbytery approved 2025 mission grants to First (Homedale), Bethany, and King Hill. We are grateful for the community impact of these congregations, and we pray our grants will help sustain their ministries!

To enable this giving, the Presbytery approved a *per capita* increase from \$30 to \$34/active member. This also narrows the gap with Kendall Presbytery, which is at \$40/active member. The Presbytery then approved its 2025 budget.

### Synod Changes

The Synod is transitioning away from employing presbytery staff, so the Presbytery approved the practice to hire all staff directly. This will reduce medical coverage costs, but slightly increase payroll expenses.

In 2025, the Presbytery will also become the receiving point for denominational mission giving. More details to come!

### Ethical Conduct Policy Approved

Click [here](#) to read the new Policy No. 6. All churches will need anti-racism and harassment policies in 2025.

### Welcome Rev. Hannah Andres!



Our new BSU campus minister, UMC minister Hannah Andres spoke about "Sophia's Table."