

# Presbytery of Boise

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## Presbytery Meeting Highlights Feb 10, 2024

### Presbytery Assemblies at College of Idaho



The College of Idaho campus ministry welcomed the Boise Presbytery on Saturday, Feb. 10, in a space used by students and campus ministers for worship and fellowship. Rev. Dr. Phil Rogers and ministry students led the time of education and connection by

describing the campus ministry, which reaches students across a vast spectrum of Christian beliefs and denominations. On Wednesday nights, 30-50 students meet in the same gathering room for fellowship and worship. During the weekdays, over lunch, another 40 or so students discuss the Bible. Phil is **looking for co-leaders to help with the lunch hour Bible study and mentorship**. Read more [here](#) about the expectations or reach out to Phil at [PRogers@collegeofidaho.edu](mailto:PRogers@collegeofidaho.edu).

Several students led the Presbytery in worship through song and a Call to Worship based on the campus ministry values. Rev. Dr. Mark Smith preached on Mark 11, drawing on historical and archaeological details to support his theological interpretation of Jesus' overturning of the tables in the temple court. TJ Remaley and Susan Knights were installed as Moderator and Vice Moderator, respectively. We commissioned Randy Marshall to rest as outgoing Moderator.



### Sharing Her Story

During worship, student Bucky Barnes shared her story of experiencing God through the campus ministry. Bucky, like many students, had questioned her decision to attend college at the C of I and, in her sophomore year began the transfer process. She reached out to Phil Rogers, campus minister, to share her feelings. "I'm hating it here; nothing is going right. Help me." With Phil's guidance, she got more involved in the leadership of the campus ministry and made friends within the Christian community, where her outlook changed dramatically. She decided not to transfer and now testifies to God's faithfulness: "His plan is greater than mine, and I'm exactly where I need to be."



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### Values Named

As we draft new anti-racism and harassment policies, we turned toward each other in small groups and in the Zoom breakout room to name the values of the Presbytery of Boise. Rather than make a laundry list of what we won't do, we begin this process by naming what we value and how we want to be in relation with one another.

Just some of what we heard:  
**respect, listening to understand, disagree without being disagreeable, being seen as individuals, acceptance, learn from each other, humility, made in God's image, compassion, winsomeness, connection, justice...**

### Boise Presbytery: Actions Taken

#### Visioning Teams Reports and Actions

Both the Synod Transitions Task Force and the Emmett Visioning Team (EVT) reported on their work. Rev. Katey Schwind Williams explained that Eastern Oregon has decided to step away from the process, leaving Boise and Kendall Presbyteries to explore their options together. The hope is to make a recommendation to the Presbytery by summer, likely in a specially-called meeting. Ken Jones spoke for the EVT, which has discerned the time is not right for a new ministry initiative in Emmett. However, the team brought a motion to expand its geographic scope beyond Emmett. To prevent the EVT from getting out ahead of the Synod transition process, the team also moved to delay their recommendations until the Presbytery has voted on the two-presbytery decision. The Presbytery approved both motions after discussion.

#### New Dissolution Policy Approved

The Committee on Ministry returned to the Presbytery with a new draft of the church-pastor dissolution policy. In the newest iteration, the policy provides that, in a dissolution for cause, severance pay is permissive, but not mandatory. An amendment was approved on the floor to point out possible tax implications of severance agreement, especially for a loan forgiveness.

#### In Other Business

**The Presbytery changed the next meeting date to May 16.** Save the date!

The Presbytery gratefully elected ruling elder Caroline Kukla as the new ecclesiastical and corporate Treasurer, effective January 1, 2024. Thank you, Caroline!