

Presbytery of Boise

The mission of the 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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THE CROSS ROAD

Rachel's Reflections

Looking Backward

Sometimes we learn lessons the hard way. In the short time we've been together, I've been talking about the future of the Presbytery of Boise. I've been encouraging us to look forward – to imagine the future that lies ahead as we discern God's intentions for the Church. I am quick to caution against spending too much time focused on the past and the way things were, whether we are just looking backward to pre-pandemic times or back to days when the church was teeming with people.

I've updated my opinion. Sometimes we need to look backward. I learned that the hard way last week. On the short drive from my house to my mother's, I rounded a corner and heard...[READ MORE](#)

Seeing Dots

Thanks to everyone who participated in our "dots" exercise at the last Presbytery meeting, and special thanks to Bonnie Lind who used her analytical gifts to help us understand the results. We asked what you valued in the "ideal presbytery."

Here's some of what we learned. [READ MORE](#)

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In The News

The Parma Motor Vu drive-in theater is a local landmark, with connections to **Kirkpatrick Memorial Community Church**. Clerk of Session **Karen Cornwell** was photographed in the *Boise City Lifestyle* magazine about the four generations that have made the drive-in a great place to see a movie! [Read more...](#)



Boise Presbytery Mission Fair Makes National Presbyterian News

Southminster Presbyterian Church was caught on Channel 7, KTVB, for its support of the LGBTQ+ community at this year's Pride Festival.



SCAVENGER HUNT ANTICS
FEATURED IN PNS



Alix Paul, Marianne Paul, and Rachel Yates bump into each other at the festival.



Ian Bott and Randy Marshall greet festival-goers at the Southminster booth.

"At its recent meeting, the Presbytery of Boise invited congregations and denominational partners to display their mission activities in a presbytery-wide mission fair. To add some fun and competition, meeting participants were given..." [READ MORE](#)

Miss the meeting? [Highlights for your church bulletin](#) are now on the website.



PC(USA) Ministry

GA Nominations

Applications are now being accepted for persons who wish to be considered for appointment by GA Co-Moderators Rev. Ruth Faith Santana-Grace and the Rev. Shavon Starling-Louis, to the special entities created by the General Assembly this summer –

- 2020 Guiding Statement Implementation Team (2022)
- Commission to Unify the Office of the General Assembly and the Presbyterian Mission Agency (2022) (225GA Commissioners and YAADS encouraged to apply; must be ruling elder or teaching elder)
- Funding Model Development Team (2022) - (225GA Commissioners, TSADs, YAADs encouraged to apply)
- Special Committee on the PCUSA and Race (2022)
- Special Committee to Revise the Standing Rules (2022) - (224GA and 225GA Commissioners and 225GA TSADs and YAADs encouraged to apply)
- Special Committee to Write a New Confession - (2022) - (must be ruling elder or teaching elder)
- Task Force to Explore the Theology and Practice of Ordination - (2022)

Application forms can be found at [the GA nominations portal](#).

Presbyterian Mission Agency Resources

Mission Engagement Advisor Rene Myers writes, "As the summer winds down and as Presbyterians everywhere start to gear up for the busy fall season, we hope that the information and resources below will help you get ready for an exciting new church or programmatic year!"

Check out these resources for Matthew 25, travel seminars, hunger action, Special Offerings, and [more!](#)

Presbyterian Planning Calendars Still Available

We still have a handful of 2022-23 Presbyterian Planning Calendars available at the low, low cost of \$10.65. Please let [Rachel Yates](#) know if you'd like one.



Opportunities & Invitations



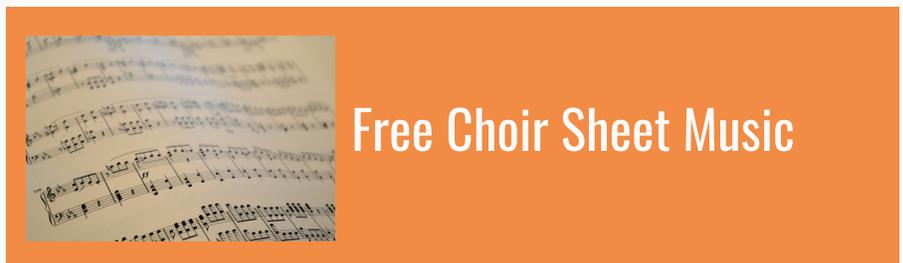
Insurance Board Resources for Churches

The Insurance Board is a non-profit ministry that administers a property and liability insurance program for churches and church ministries affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA), including the Boise Presbytery. Wondering if you have enough coverage? Here are there [recommendations](#).

The Insurance Board website offers a wealth of information on a number of topics and includes access to many loss prevention initiatives. Some highlights of the services available to all churches include:

- [SafeConduct™ Workbench-Abuse Prevention](#) ministry offered by the Insurance Board focusing on conduct in support of children and preserving sacred space.
- [Policy Template](#)-A complete abuse prevention policy template is provided. This Word document template will save you many, many hours of debate and drafting. It includes guidance and essential content missing from many policies.
- [Online Self-Assessment Tool-Know Your Score](#) (KYS) is an interactive, private space to evaluate your abuse prevention policies and plan for improvements.
- [Free Online Abuse Prevention Training](#)-... [SEE MORE](#)

Cheryl Marshall, Southminster's CE Committee Chair, shares that they have choir sheet music available to donate. Take a peek at what they have to offer on this [SPREADSHEET](#), and email boiseinterimexec@gmail.com, if you're interested. Please respond no later than October 31st.



**College of Idaho Study Tour:
Israel and Palestine, Ancient and Modern
Join us: January 12-28, 2023**



You are invited to a tour of the Holy Land next January led by Dr. Mark Smith (Boise Presbytery member) and Dr. Nick Underwood, both Professors of History at The College of Idaho. Join with our students in a study of Biblical Archaeology, history, and an opportunity to encounter and engage with contemporary life in Israel and Palestine. Walk the streets Jesus walked, explore the relationship between the Bible and history, experience the sanctity of Sabbath in Jerusalem, the bustle of the Old City, the serenity of the Sea of Galilee, the grandeur of some of the greatest archaeological sites ever unearthed, and the tension that pervades a land that is considered sacred by three of the modern faiths that trace their roots back to Abraham.

Anticipated Cost: \$5,400 Double. This includes all air and land transport from Boise, hotels, entrance fees, all breakfasts, several dinners and tips for local guides and drivers. Bulletin insert is available [HERE](#).

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