

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

Speaking Plainly

Two weeks ago, I spent time on a trolley in Logan, Utah, offering support for my daughter's business. We were stationed at the Cache Valley Fairgrounds, where I found my primary source of caffeine in a vending machine near the livestock arena. There, I read with great amusement the paper sign someone had taped to the Coke machine:

For a Coke – press ... [READ MORE](#)

Nov. 4 Presbytery Meeting

Our next Presbytery meeting will be held on Saturday, November 4, starting at 10 am. Everyone is invited! You do not need to be a commissioner to come and enjoy Presbyterian fellowship and ministry.

Embarking on another Matthew 25 field trip, we will tour the Marie Blanchard Friendship Clinic, a free or low-cost medical clinic housed in All Saints Episcopal Church, 704 S. Latah St., Boise, ID. The clinic partners with organizations such as BSU, ISU, St. Al's and St. Luke's, and numerous Episcopalian and Lutheran churches. This field trip is another opportunity for us to imagine collaboration in mission around the Matthew 25 calling to visit and care for the sick.

PATIENTS ELIGIBLE FOR SERVICES THROUGH THE MARIE BLANCHARD FRIENDSHIP CLINIC MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- Do not currently have health insurance.
- At or below 200% poverty level
- Are not covered by government assisted health care programs like Medicare or Medicaid

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We look forward to welcoming Rev. Nancy Martin Vincent, Synod Executive, who is working closely with the Synod Transitions Team to explore options with the Kendall and Eastern Oregon Presbyteries. Join us in a time of imaginative conversation about how we might design our 3-presbytery collaboration.

In addition to the business of budgets, nominations, mission grants, and policy amendments, we will hold a service of healing for not only those served by the Marie Blanchard Friendship Clinic, but also for people in the Presbytery and those whom we love.

Stories of Healing



Do you have a story of healing? Have you experienced God's intervention in a time of illness? Or the Spirit's comfort that made emotional healing possible?

If you are willing to share a bit of your story, we would be grateful to incorporate it into our worship service. Perhaps it would be your spoken word, or an [email to Rachel Yates](#). It could be anonymous, if you prefer. Your willingness to share a story of healing will strengthen others who are needing the hope it offers.

Boise Presbytery Seeks Treasurer

Ron Abbott has served the Boise Presbytery ably and faithfully since 2016, as our Treasurer. This summer he gave us word of his plan to step down at the beginning of 2024. We are grateful for his diligence and stewardship, which has allowed our finances to become transparent and understandable. Thank you, Ron!

In 2024, we will be seeking our next Treasurer. Perhaps it's you? If you are comfortable with Excel and Quickbooks and have a working understanding of balance sheets, budgets, and profit & loss statements, would you consider whether those gifts can be used in the Presbytery? Ron estimates the role takes fewer than 5 hours/month, and he is ready to help train.

Read more about the Treasurer position [here](#) and contact [Rachel Yates](#) for more information or to express an interest.

Presbyterian Women Focus on Spiritual Disciplines at September Retreat

Confession, humility, submission, and discernment were the four topic areas for a Nampa PW retreat on September 29. Led by Commissioned Pastor Shana Woodbury, the PW workshop used Scripture to build spiritual disciplines that each women could practice at home. The roundtable conversations were deep, open, and meaningful as we wrestled with both our resistance and commitment to Christ's call on our lives.

Women from First United (Nampa), Kirkpatrick Memorial, Church of the Redeemer, Southminster, and First (Boise) came together to learn from one another, enjoy fellowship, and grow spiritually.



PW Leader Linda Zornik organized the collection of comforting, stuffed animals and dolls for the Nampa Family Justice Center, which assists families escaping domestic violence.



Ecumenical Collaboration in the Boise Presbytery

Bethany Hosts Joint Worship Service

Bethany Presbyterian welcomed three other congregations to worship on October 1: St. Paul's Lutheran, St. Matthew's Episcopal, and Comunidad de Fe. The second of three planned joint worship services, the day was one of unity and celebration as the Body of Christ. Sean Rogers (Episcopal) read the liturgy; Paul Malek (Lutheran) preached the Word; and Ezequiel Hernandez (Comunidad de Fe) read scripture in Spanish and offered the benediction. Linda Toth led the service of Holy Communion. (Thanks to Kathryn Baker for sharing this news in the Bethany Beacon!)



A best guess on attendance was 70 adults and a bunch of moving children!

Presbyterians Celebrate New Lutheran Bishop

The ELCA Northwest Intermountain Synod installed their new bishop, Rev. Dr. Meggan Manlove on October 7. Many from our Presbytery joined the festivities to celebrate the start of her new ministry.



Judicatory Leaders Dream of Collaboration While Breaking Bread

Mid-October, your Presbytery Moderator Randy Marshall and Transitional Executive/Stated Clerk Rachel Yates joined ecumenical leaders of the Episcopal, United Methodist, and Evangelical Lutheran Church in America denominations for a dinner to welcome Bishop Cedrick Bridgeforth of the Greater Northwest Area. Over the meal, they considered opportunities for collaboration in communities where our congregations overlap.

Invitation to Host Ecumenical Advisory Delegate This Summer

The 225th General Assembly (2022) acted to invite ten international ecumenical advisory delegates to worship and work with us at our next assembly, which is scheduled for June 25th through July 4th. The Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations Committee (GACEIR) invites you to host one of our ten international EADs.

This hybrid assembly will make it very difficult for our international guests to participate online and then travel to the U.S. for the in-person assembly. We wish to make their experience as hospitable as possible.

The host will be responsible for providing housing and meals during their stay from June 23 to June 28. The 28th is a travel day to Salt Lake City (perhaps to travel with your commissioners and YAAD). The EAD will need support for their online GA work. This may include internet connection, computer, copies of committee documents, translation services, and invitations to participate in the church's life and witness (when not online), etc.

We are looking for those with or without a connection to those invited. Our EADs will represent the following international communions:

- Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem
- Presbyterian Church in Portugal
- Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Chile
- Presbyterian Church of Honduras
- Presbyterian Church in Grenada
- United Church of Christ in Japan
- Church of Bangladesh
- Presbyterian Church of Myanmar
- Presbyterian Church of Liberia
- Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa

If you are interested and want to talk about being a host and providing PC(USA) hospitality to our guests, please contact us by reaching out to [Sherri Hunter](#).

