

Joint Presbytery Meeting Highlights Aug 23, 2025

During worship, Boise examined Shana Woodbury and then commissioned her as a CRE to Southminster Presbyterian Church!



We joined waters together in the baptismal font to symbolize how our springs and streams join God's mighty river in the desert. Utah Exec. Presbyter, Rev. Dr. Mirjam Haas-Melchior preached on Isa. 43, urging us to be on the move! She also offered guidance over lunch about building community in a large presbytery.



"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine." (Isa. 43:1)

We circled the First (Twin Falls) patio, as Jeffrey Joe asked about our experiences in the church and personal lives. As we stepped closer and closer toward the center of our circle, it got a little tight! This ice breaker game helped us to see just how much we have in common!



"Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?" (Isa. 43:18-19a)

The Merger Coordination Task Group gave its report and recommendation on merger. Formal motions were made for each presbytery, and then the motion was debated. A paper ballot was taken for those in person and a Zoom poll was used for those online. The votes were unanimous to request that the Synod of the Pacific petition the General Assembly to approve our Plan of Merger!

Related motions were then passed by each presbytery to begin the legal and administrative processes of merger.

Both presbyteries also passed motions requesting the Synod to continue two block grants to the Snake River Presbytery for three years.

"I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." (Isa. 43:19b)

We celebrated these votes toward merger with music and applause. First (Pocatello) presented a prayer shawl to Cathy Chisholm. In anticipation of approvals by the Synod & GA, we announced a logo contest for the new Snake River Presbytery! More details to come!

