

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF BOISE

February 1, 2020 – Southminster Presbyterian Church, Boise

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Time for Engagement: We spent about 45 minutes in a time of engagement led by Marci on Matthew 25:14-46. There was a lot of good discussion prompted by Marci. Marci recommended that we become a "Matthew 25 Presbytery" and encourage our congregations to become "Matthew 25 Congregations". At the end of the meeting this recommendation was made, seconded, discussed and VOTED. Here is a link to find out more about the Matthew 25 vision and an invitation and how your church could participate. <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/> Here's a question: If we are a Matthew 25 Presbytery, which of the focus areas will we embrace and how will we do this? *Building congregational vitality, Dismantling structural racism, Eradicating systemic poverty*

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The Rev. Katey Schwind Williams was approved to move from Temporary Pastor to Pastor (Installed) at the Boone Memorial Presbyterian Church, Caldwell. Installation service: Sunday Feb 23 at 3pm at Boone Memorial Presbyterian Church, Caldwell.

The Presbytery approved an AC to take over the responsibilities of the Session and work with First Presbyterian Church, Emmett as they consider options for their future. The members of the AC are RE Marilyn Lolley, RE Ken Jones, MWS Liz Ryder and MWS Tom Lobaugh with one slot still to be filled.

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Thur. 08/13 2 to 8 pm	Nazareth Retreat Center with Dinner	Ministry to Children and Youth	PMA Staff
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Presbytery Executive, the Rev. Daryl Wilson

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Mission Strategy Committee: The Committee reminds the Presbytery that \$2,380 has been budgeted in 2020 for “Emerging Mission Support.” If your church has a local mission project, which has or might emerge with needs for Presbytery support or funding, please email Brian at briangrassley@msn.com with details.

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