Registration Information

$40 per person/$75 per couple for two days includes
Thursday dinner, Friday lunch, snacks, and all workshops
$20 per person for one day – either Thursday workshops and dinner
Or Friday workshops and lunch

Name(s): ____________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________________________

Phone number(s): ______________________________________________________

E-mail: ________________________________

Presbytery (circle one) Glacier Yellowstone

Do you need child care? ______ Both Days Thurs Fri

Names and ages of children: _____________________________

Service Project at Family Promise (circle one) Yes No

Workshop Choices:

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Make your check payable to “Montana Presbyterian Convocation”
Mail registration and check to:
First Presbyterian Church, 26 W. Babcock, Bozeman MT 59715

Lodging Information

A block of rooms has been reserved at The City Center Inn, 507 W. Main St., Bozeman. Hotel number for reservations is (406) 587-3158. The cost for a room there will be $65.20 with taxes and fees. When making reservations reference conference # 102516 to receive our rate.

Other local hotels are:
Lewis & Clark Hotel 824 W. Main St. Tel: (406) 586-3341
single room: $69 + tax  Double (2 Queen beds): $79 + tax

GranTree Inn: 1325 N. 7th. Tel: 587-5261  Rate: $129 + tax

All hotels include breakfast

Sailing With The Winds Of The Holy Spirit

2014 Joint Convocation of Glacier and Yellowstone Presbyteries

Thursday, November 6 and Friday, November 7, 2014

First Presbyterian Church, 26 W Babcock, Bozeman, MT
Key Note Speaker: Joan S. Gray

Joan Standridge Gray grew up in South Carolina. She received the Bachelor of Arts summa cum laude from Presbyterian College in Clinton, South Carolina, then graduated with the Master of Divinity degree from Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia. In 1994 Joan received a Masters of Sacred Theology in Spiritual Direction from General Theological Seminary (Episcopal), New York City. She earned her Doctor of Ministry degree from Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C., in 2009. The topic of her D.Min. research was helping congregations heal after conflict. In 1978, Joan was the first woman ordained to pastor a church in Atlanta Presbytery, PCUS. Since then she has worked with ten churches in the Atlanta area. Her ministries have included solo pastor, associate pastor, lead pastor/head of staff, parish associate, and interim pastor. Joan served as Moderator of the 217th General Assembly, 2008-2009. She is currently the Interim Dean of Students at Columbia Theological Seminary. Her publications include Presbyterian Polity for Church Officers (fourth edition, 2012), co-authored with the Rev. Joyce C. Tucker in 1986, and Spiritual Leadership for Church Officers, released 2009. Sailboat Church: Helping Your Church Rethink Its Mission and Purpose, is scheduled for publication in spring, 2014.

Workshops:

A & I:  Question and Answer with Joan Gray
A time of conversation with our Key Note Speaker.

B & M:  Dakota Hymns with Patrick and Sudi Pipe
Patrick and Sudi are members of the Dakota Presbytery and grew up on the Ft. Peck Reservation. They will use the DVD “A Faith Journey of a People Dakota” and Christianity” in this workshop about the history of the Dakota People.

This practical workshop will provide tools (as well as ideas) to create vibrant worship. Free yourself from doing it alone! You'll learn how, in churches small and large, Worship Design Teams pray together, study scripture, dig into the deep soil of our theological traditions, and design services that engage senses and our hearts.

D & P:  Montana Presbyterian Peace and Justice Fellowship (MPPJF) with Rev. Freeman McCall, Rev. Jody McDavitt and Ruling Elder Mary Lee Hooks
Are you interested in the Christian foundations of peace and justice ministries? Would you like to strengthen your own commitment to action through study, prayer, and shared reflection on the call of Christ to be peacemakers? This initial meeting will develop a plan for a fellowship group with these goals. We welcome a full range of political and theological perspectives. The Rev. Freeman McCall, HR, serves as pastor in Dillon, Cody, WY, and churches in California, his native state. Ruling Elder Merry Lee Hooks is Moderator of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Yellowstone. The Rev. Jody McDavitt is co-pastor in Bozeman.

E & J:  Holy Spirit-Led Change with Curt Kochner
Coping with transition and change are quite different when we live in the presence of the Holy Spirit. During this session we will look at the process of change from both secular and sacred viewpoints. Curt is retired from a career working in student affairs at various universities.

F & O:  Using Ministry Partnership Programs for Online Giving with Eric Chavis
This presentation will cover changing demographics and the use of social media, with their resulting impact on congregations; how to populate your church’s mission online; what the mission partnership offering involves in marketing your churches programs; and what resources are available to mentor your church into a successful transition in online giving.

G & K:  Board of Pensions with Rev. Kevin Keaton
This workshop will assist congregational and Mid-Council leaders, as well as active members of the Traditional Plan, in their decision-making regarding healthcare and medical dues. The primary areas of focus will include 2015-2016 dues: Election or Waiver of Dependent Care for 2015; Call to Health; and setting up a Medical Dues Only Section 125 Plan.

H & L:  Roberts Rules of Order with Justin Stilson
Justin is a member of First Presbyterian Church in Lewistown and a member of the PresbyCats at MSU-Bozeman. In addition to conducting numerous workshops with 4-H, he has taught his workshop for Local Governments consisting of Montana mayors, county commissioners, and other officials.

Thursday, November 6

10:00 am – Noon  Opportunity to serve at Family Promise
12:00 noon  Lunch on your own
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm  Opening Worship and Introductions
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm  First Offering of Workshops (A, B, C, D)
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm  Break
3:15 pm – 4:15 pm  Plenary Session with Joan Gray
4:15 pm – 4:30 pm  Break
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm  Second Offering of Workshops (E, F, G, H)
6:00 pm  Dinner served at the church by PresbyCats
7:30 pm – 8:30 pm  Worship and Plenary with Joan Gray
9:00 pm  Social Gathering

Friday, November 7

8:00 am – 8:30 am  Gathering – coffee available
8:30 am – 9:30 am  Worship with Joan Gray
9:30 am – 9:45 am  Break
9:45 am – 11:15 am  Third Offering of Workshops (I, J, K, L)
11:15 am – 11:30 am  Break
11:30 am – 1:00 pm  Last Offering of Workshops (M, N, O, P)
1:00 pm  Bag lunches provided at the church
1:00-2:00 pm  Glacier/Yellowstone Joint Council Meeting
2:00 pm  Yellowstone Presbytery Meeting

Service Project

Thursday morning attendees will have the opportunity to do a service project for Family Promise of Gallatin Valley. If you would like to be a part of this project, check in at the church by 10 am.

Family Promise of Gallatin Valley is a nonprofit network of interfath organizations working together to end homelessness, one family at a time. The Family Promise model of care that supports local homeless families costs 1/3 less to operate than traditional shelters. For more information visit their website at familypromisegv.org.

Offering Recipients

The Thursday evening worship offering will be divided between Family Promise of Gallatin Valley and the PresbyCats. The PresbyCats are a ministry of the First Presbyterian Church in Bozeman to the college students at MSU. These funds will support their Spring Break mission trip.