



# Presbytery of Yukon

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## Next Presbytery Meeting this February

The next presbytery meeting will be held February 22-23 at United Protestant Church in Palmer. The call to the meeting has gone out. Churches, if you have not already, please remember to elect your elder commissioner and let us know who is coming for your church ASAP. The registration form and documents pertaining to the meeting can be found online on our [Winter 2019 meeting](#) page. This meeting will have many documents that will need to be reviewed prior to the meeting. So attendees, please remember to check them out ahead of time!

## Prayer Requests



Thelma Kasak

Danna Larson

Beulah Nowpakahok and family in the loss of Beulah's sister, Ila

Rev. Curt Karns and family in the loss of his brother-in-law

Jim Powell and family in the loss of his wife, Judy Powell, on January 13

Rev. Elizabeth Schultz's father, Jack Derr

Sharon Rayt's mother who is recovering from a heart attack

## Presbytery of Yukon in the News

Presbytery of Yukon mission has been garnering attention from Presbyterians across the nation.

- The outstanding work of the Utqiagvik Presbyterian Church was featured in the December 20 issue of "Presbyterians Today." This article highlights the challenges and the joys of faithful ministry in the arctic, and can be found at this online

link: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/remote-alaskan-church-thrives-amid-challenges/>.

- An article on what is happening thanks to our mission co-workers, Ryan and Alethia White's visit to our congregation last summer and the mission committee making a commitment to partner with the White's in Germany:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/and-a-little-child-shall-lead-them/>

## Youth Triennium 2019: July 13 - 21, 2019

The Presbyterian Youth Triennium is a conference for youth from the PC(USA) and Cumberland Presbyterian Church. It is held every three years at Purdue University (Indianapolis, IN). Through worship, small groups, recreational events and mission experiences the goal is to inspire youth and adults to be disciples into today's world. Information about the conference can be found at: [www.presbyterianyouthtriennium.org](http://www.presbyterianyouthtriennium.org).

### Who Can Attend?

- Youth (current 8th - 12th graders) who are actively involved in a PC(USA) congregation
- Adult advisors (chaperones for the youth from our delegation)
- College-age staff (serve on work crew to support the Triennium)
- Small group leaders (adults 23 years and older who lead small group gatherings)

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### **Costs: \$1450 per youth participant**

Each church will need to work with their youth participants in determining what is paid by the participant and the church. Scholarships are available to help if a church or congregation is not able to pay the entire \$1450. In the past individuals or churches have received money from civic groups or native corporations through youth empowerment (or similar names) funds.

Airline tickets (roundtrip from village to Anchorage) for up to two village youth participants per church would be paid by the Yukon Presbytery. If additional travel grants are secured or airline ticket prices go down participants will be notified.

Please see the [Presbytery Triennium Information Sheet](#) for more details.

## 2019 Russia Mission Network Conference

For those of you who might have missed Ellen's letters during the holiday season, please note the following plans for the 2019 Russia Mission Network Conference.

"For those of you awaiting more information on the Russian Mission Network for 2019, we finally have dates. The RMN will gather in Smolensk, Russia (this will be the first time that we have gathered in Russia) from September 20-22, 2019. The plan is to offer travel options for those interested either before or after the Smolensk gathering. Some may want to visit their partner churches, but the RMN is not limited to people involved in congregational partnerships. Our current thought is to organize a visit to Davydovo, Butovo (one of the killing fields of Soviet times - just outside of Moscow) and possibly Vladimir and Suzdal - two of the great Golden Ring cities. Please let us know if you have any interest. This is an extraordinary opportunity to hear more from our Russian partners and to get another, broader view of ministry in Russia, as well as a bit more of the history."

## Adopt A Chair Fundraiser

Work on the Gambell new church building is progressing and we need your help! The chairs for the new sanctuary have been ordered and are heading to Gambell on the barge this July. So we are holding an "Adopt A Chair" fundraising program to help offset the cost. We are asking for a donation of \$100 to sponsor a single chair. Of course you are always welcome to donate as much or as little as you can. Every little bit helps! Donations can be made out to the Presbytery of Yukon and sent to the presbytery office marked "Adopt a Chair". Thanks!

## Mark Your Calendars

**February 22-23,  
2019**

### **Our Next Presbytery Meeting**

Location: United Protestant Church in Palmer

**July 13-21, 2019**

### **Youth Triennium 2019**

Purdue University, Indianapolis, IN

