

Montana Synod Mission Table

The Mission Table is a group of leaders whose purpose is to listen to the Holy Spirit and each other in discerning how we can accomplish God's Mission for the Montana Synod in three major areas ("legs"):

- **Congregations – New Starts and Renewal** – We hope to start new congregations in the Montana Synod – and this "leg" will assist the Director for Evangelical Mission in deciding where and how this should be done.

We also want to support existing congregations in the process of renewal – to help provide resources and direction as they review, discern, and plan for what God is calling them to do and be in the future.

(Members of this "leg" are: Rev. Tamara Bull, Great Falls; Mr. John Munding, Helena; Rev. Valorie Putt, Chinook; Rev. Jen Quanbek, Billings; Rev. Andy Wendle, Somers.)

- **Stewardship and Mission Support** – This "leg" focuses on helping people and congregations in our Synod to grow as faithful, generous, and joyful stewards of the resources God has entrusted us with.

Another aspect of this "leg" is to help people and congregations to grow in their awareness of ministries we do together beyond the local congregations through the Montana Synod and the ELCA – and to encourage us to faithfully support these ministries through our Mission Support contributions.

(Members of this "leg" are: Rev. Betty Lou Deuchler, Choteau; Rev. Will Johnson, Glendive; Ms. Enid Huotari, Sidney; Ms. Autumn Keller, Helena; Mr. Scott Southwick, Hamilton. Also special thanks to Rev. Hedegaard, Glasgow and Ms. Jeanne McCoskery, Missoula who are finishing their terms after years of faithful service!)

- **Missional Strategy** – This "leg" helps to plan for and support ministries and emphases of the Montana Synod such as the Freedom in Christ Prison Ministry; Native American ministries such as Our Saviour's Lutheran Church on the Rocky Boy's Reservation and the new Spirit of Life ministry on the Fort Peck Reservation, and supports other Native American ministries that are being done through our Synod's Native American Accompaniment Committee (such as presenting the Synod's Apology to the Tribes, Repudiation of the "Doctrine of Discovery").

Also, this "leg" reviews applications for grants of our Synod's Mission Venture Capital Fund – which provides "seed money" for new and innovative ministries of Montana Synod congregations and other partners.

(Members of this "leg" are: Rev. Arne Berglund, Helena; Mr. Tom Gossack, Great Falls; Rev. Eric Huseth, Bonner; Ms. Lisette Langdorf, Choteau; Rev. Joel Skindlov, Big Sandy)

We invite you to be part of our discernment and conversation as we plan for and support God's Mission in the Montana Synod! If you have ideas or are interested in any of the above "legs" of ministry, contact a Mission Table member or Pastor George Karres, Director for evangelical Mission at gkarres@montanasynod.org.