



## *Report from Yellowhead Presbytery*

The Mission Statement of Yellowhead Presbytery is:

**To equip and encourage Congregations, Ministry Personnel and Mission Units to discover and act on our call to participate in the transformation of God's world.**

With that statement in mind, members of Yellowhead Presbytery have been extremely busy, with discussions, learning and dissecting the Comprehensive Review Report.

A two day meeting was held in Drayton Valley and we convened in Stony Plain for three days.

The theme for both events was from Isaiah 43:18-19

*"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?"*

In Drayton Valley we watched video clips "Who is Peter Rollins?" followed by group discussion. Peter Rollins is a provocative writer, philosopher, storyteller and public speaker who has gained an international reputation for overturning traditional notions of religion and forming "churches" that preach the Good News that we can't be satisfied, that life is difficult and that we don't know the secret. Peter sets aside questions regarding life after death to explore the possibility of a life before death. Peter Rollins was one of the main speakers at Epiphany Explorations 2015.

Several workshops were held: Newcomers and the Yellowhead Handbook Circle; Conflict Resolution and the Ministry and Personnel Committees; Pastoral Oversight training/guidance; Truth and Reconciliation/Stewardship.

In Stony Plain a large amount of time was dedicated to the Comprehensive Review Task Group Report with group discussions. As well there was a presentation on understanding and supporting Temporary Foreign Workers within our communities. There was a panel of three guests to answer questions and move us forward.

The next meetings of Yellowhead Presbytery will be:

October 25-27 - Grizzly Trail Pastoral Charge - Barrhead There will also be a follow up day (28) for ministry personnel as a follow-up to the General Council decisions regarding the Comprehensive Review.

February 18-20, 2016 - Lamont Pastoral Charge hosting

April 30 - May 3 - Fort McMurray Pastoral Charge hosting.

*Respectfully submitted:*

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