

## COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FACILITIES USE POLICY

### INTRODUCTION

It is the intent of the Church to serve its congregation, the community of Post Falls, and the surrounding area in a Christian and least cost manner. We wish to make the facilities of the Church available to groups and programs whose purpose is in harmony with the purpose of the Church. By reference the Wedding and Funeral Policy of Post Falls Community Presbyterian Church (Church) is incorporated into this Facilities Use Policy.

### DEFINING CRITERIA

The following criteria may be used to determine if the function of “outside groups” is in harmony with the purpose of the Church.

- Outside programs whose function is to provide ministries of outreach, compassion, and support.
- Outside programs whose function is to provide education.
- Outside programs whose function is to provide recreation or appreciation of the arts and which would be of benefit to the community.

Inappropriate functions or that are not in harmony with the purpose of the Church include:

- Groups that advocate behavior which is contrary to our Statement of Mission and Values
- Groups who have primary goals of influencing the political process toward a particular viewpoint.
- Groups whose actions are deemed immoral, illegal, inflammatory, derogatory of others, dangerous, or whom the Church Session believes acts in a manner which is not consistent with the purpose of the Church.

### PRIORITY OF USE

Preference for Church use will be given to those programs listed below in order of priority:

- Programs of Community Presbyterian Church (GPC). These programs are originated and coordinated by our congregation.
- Endorsed programs of outside groups whose purpose and actions reinforce some aspect of our ministry. These groups may be advertised to the public, open to our members, advertised in our Church materials and may receive some consideration in costs, arrangements, etc., though otherwise accountable to our Facilities Use Policy.
- Compatible programs of outside groups which use our facilities in a manner consistent with our Facilities Use Policy in return for maintenance, and reimbursement in money or in kind.