

Fall 2024 Presbytery Meeting Mission Pod Report

I continue to work with the Bdecan Ministry Team as their leader, serve on the programming committee of Clearwater Forest, and co leader of the Youth Connection Team. Chogoria Ministry Team reports to me after each one of their meetings.

Bdecan Ministry team met in June with church members. We heard things that need repair around the church and food pantry. It is great to connect with members of the church. I helped out from April to June and again in August when the food truck delivered food. This gives me more time to connect with church members and hear about their lives. I enjoyed this time. I believe I had a full load of donations each month and in August was able to take back packs and school supplies up for the Willmar Mission Team as they packed the back packs for giveaway. Bdecan Ministry team will meet at some point the day of Presbytery, probably over lunch so if you would like to hear more of what we are doing, please join us. Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery held their Fall Gathering at Bdecan, hearing about the stories of church members and the history of church and reservation from Louie Garcia.

I continue to meet each month with Youth Connection as a co leader with Janine Steele from Grandin. See Youth Connection report.

Clearwater Forest Programming Board meets monthly to discuss programming and brainstorming how to help grow programs and retreats at the camp. There will be a fall youth retreat, "Into the Wilderness" held Oct 25-27 with a cost of \$175, for middle school and high school campers. In the future, they hope to have some men's retreat, their usual women's retreat – Chrysalis, and youth camps. We are also talking about having a music retreat. Program books and online information for 2025 camps should be out near end of 2024 or early 2025. Check out their website at [Clearwater Forest Camp & Retreat Center](#).

See University of Jamestown's report for their information.

Blessings, Donna Preston – Mission Pod leader