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STATED MEETING OF HOLSTON PRESBYTERY
September 1, 2009
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MINUTES
STATED MEETING OF HOLSTON PRESBYTERY
Holston Presbytery Camp & Retreat Center – Banner Elk, NC
September 1, 2009

Holston Presbytery met for its stated meeting at Holston Presbytery Camp & Retreat Center in Banner Elk, NC on Tuesday, September 1, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. Moderator Mark Stokes welcomed those gathered for the meeting. Rev. Gradye Parsons and Rev. Sharon Amstutz opened with worship and prayer. The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper was served by Rev. Parsons, Rev. Amstutz, Elders Vivian Calcote and Julie King from First, Bristol. Larry Brandenburg (First, Bristol) provided music. An offering for Five Cents a Meal was collected in the amount of \$ 357.90. Commissioners and guests were welcomed with first time commissioners and guests recognized.

Enrollment:

MINISTERS PRESENT/ABSENT:

Name	Present	Absent
Allen, William E.		X
Amstutz, Sharon	X	
Armistead, Robert L.		X
Askew, Catherine Clasen		X
Austin, Richard C.		X
Barron, Earle		X
Bement, Gary	X	
Brighton, Ike	X	
Brown, Elmon		X
Burkey, Margaret		X
Cagle, David	X	
Campbell, John		X
Cartwright, Gregory	X	
Cave, Payne		X
Chapman, Alan	X	
Christian, H. Martin	X	
Clark, Dan	X	
Cobb, Harrell L.	X	

Crow, Conrad		X
Donaldson, Dan	X	
Dowling, John		X
Durham, Clarence		X
Echols, Charles W.	X	
Fifield, Richard L.	X	
Florence, Kaye		X
Frederick, Donald		X
Gilmer, G. Barrett	X	
Goforth, Bill S.	X	
Gray, James L.		X
Gunn, Yale		X
Hale, David L.		X
Hambrick, Jr., David C.		X
Herd, William B.		X
Hollingshead, Glenda	X	
Hopper, Barron	X	
Howard, Ira G.		X
Hutchison, Ralph		X
Hyers, William D.	X	
Imsande, Louis	X	
Jordan, Greg		X
Kelly, R. Gary	X	
Kestner, C. Phillip		X
Knisley, Mark		X
Lancaster, Lewis		X
Lee, Mun-Gye	X	
Lovell, Arnold		X
Lowry, Robert	X	

Martin, James		X
Martin, John L.		X
Maxey, Dennis		X
Mays, James		X
McClanahan, Jr., James S.		X
Meredith, Tim W.		X
Miller, David		X
Moore, Diana	X	
Murphy, Charles	X	
Niles, Fred	X	
O'Connor, Hayley		X
Olson, William		X
Parsons, Gradye	X	
Peake, Thomas	X	
Phillips, J. Thomas	X	
Prugh, J. Wiley		X
Ray, Richard	X	
Rembert, Steve	X	
Rohr, Errol		X
Rolling, George L.	X	
Saunders, Raymond	X	
Schmidt, Kyle		X
Scruggs, Glenn		X
Shackelford, Edgar P.	X	
Shaw, Angus	X	
Shuck, John A.	X	
Sims, David H.		X
Smith, Shane		X
Spence, Jr., Andrew E.		X

Strang, Fred Foy	X	
Sutherland, Terry		X
Sydnor, Charles S.		X
Taylor, Harrison	X	
Turnbull, Gordon	X	
Wade, Thomas M. L.		X
Walker, Fred		X
Weekley, Russ	X	
Weisz, Stephen R.		X
Welch, David		X
White, Katherine		X
White, Ray		X
Whitesides, Davis		X
Wing, III, William T.	X	
Wyatt, Brian	X	
Young, William		X

ELDER COMMISSIONERS:

Congregation	Principal	Alternate	Other
Amity			
Bethany	John Hurt		
Bethel, Dandridge			
Bethel, Kingsport	Harry Bentley	Steve Arthur	Barbara Kelly
Blountville	Charles May		Sue O'Dell
Bristol, First	Julie King, Vivian Calcote		Larry Brandenburg
Cedar Creek	Marci Cobb		
Cedarview	Coy Klepper		
Chuckey			

Clinton			
Cold Spring	Kenneth Alfrey	Carl Hatcher	Mike Carty
Colonial Heights	Charlie Barrett		Miller Lyons, Anne Barrett
Cove Creek			
Covenant	Hal Hunter		Bob Hart
Cross Anchor	Fred Malone		
Elizabethton, First			Pat Willard
Erwin	Larry Rose		Ruth Dameron
Grays Chapel			
Greeneville, First	Mike Hopkins		
Hebron			
Hopewell			
Jefferson City, First			
Jennie Moore			
Johnson City, First	Gilbert Rosenberger		Dick McCray
Jonesborough	Jill Sauceman		Bob Riddle
Keystone			Spencer Pickel
Kingsport, First	Chad Correll		
Leesburg			
Liberty			
Magill Memorial	Gail Burlison		Gloria Baird
Meadowview			
Morristown, First	Mark Holtkamp	Linda Handel	
Mountain City	Betty Sligar		Emogene Swift, Ann Peake
Mt. Hermon			
New Bethel			
New Ebenezer			

New Market			
New Providence			
Newport			
Oakland			
Old Kingsport			
Philadelphia			
Piney Flats	David Frizzell		
Preston Hills	Jim Bell		
Reedy Creek, Bristol			
Reedy Creek, Kingsport	Mike Culbertson		
Rock Creek			
Rogersville			
Rosemont	Fern C. Nelson		
Salem	T. Henry Jablonski, Jr.		
Shady Valley			
Shenandoah			
St. Paul			
Strawberry Plains			
Tabernacle			
Timber Ridge	Beth Morrell		
Tri City Korean			
Walkertown	Debbie Smith	Ruth Dinwiddie	
Watauga Avenue	Anna Jane Taylor		Karen Foote
Waverly Road	Sharon Petke		Charles A. Green, Charlie Smith
Weaver Union			
West Ridge	Gladys Shackelford		
Whitesburg			

Windsor Avenue			
Zion			

PRESBYTERY STAFF: Craig Bell, Kim Fifield, Jim Kirkpatrick, Bob Millard, Susan Smith, Paulette Thompson

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Charles A. King (Stewardship & Budget); Sue O'Dell (Institutions); Jackie Riddle (Presbyterian Women/CLP)

COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS: Gloria Baird, Mike Culbertson, Cliff Dameron, Jim Foote, Jim Foster, Mary Lee Harmon, Jeff Morelock, David Petke

CANDIDATES/INQUIRERS: Pat Willard (Candidate)

VISITING MINISTERS: Tom Bier (The Journey)

OTHER VISITORS: Dr. Scott Colley (Lees-McRae College); Charles Kennedy (The Journey, elder); Tricia Wilson (Grandfather Home)

Consent Agenda

The Moderator presented the Consent Agenda which included:

- Approve enrollment
- Declaration of quorum
- Approve requests for excused absences
- Approve giving visiting ministers voice
- Approve Minutes of the June 6, 2009 Stated Meeting
- Appointment of Committee on Thanks: Martin Christian, Greg Cartwright
- Appointment of the Bills & Overture Committee: Barbara Kelly, Bob Lowry
- And, Adoption of the Docket

The Consent Agenda was approved.

Holston Presbytery Treasurer's Report

Holston Presbytery Fund Balances – June 30, 2009

Jun 30, 09

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

10000 · CHECKING - CITIZENS BANK (Checking - Citizens Bank)	
10111 · Select Monies (Select Monies)	24,823.43
10170 · Fairmount Property (Fairmount Property)	5,784.35
10211 · Hattie Farthing Fund (Hattie Farthing Fund)	1,577.36
10410 · Global Mission Fund (Global Mission Fund)	1,614.36
10415 · Brazil Mission Trip (Brazil Mission Trip)	-7,945.47
10420 · 5 Cents-a-Meal Local (5 Cents-a-Meal Local)	7,983.82
10421 · 5 Cents-a-Meal International (5 Cents-a-Meal International)	3,715.83
10530 · Indian Ridge Payment (Indian Ridge Payment)	3,000.00
10531 · Youth Ministry Endowment (Youth Ministry Endowment)	3,000.00
10640 · EIHN - Restoring Creation (EIHN - Restoring Creation)	1,425.00
10712 · Ministry - Hawkins County (Ministry - Hawkins County)	6,000.00
10714 · Church Hill - Undesignated (Church Hill - Undesignated)	1,500.00
10720 · Tri Cities Korean - MFP Synod (Tri Cities Korean - MFP Synod)	500.00
10752 · New Church Development/Designated (New Church Development/Design)	833.22
10753 · NCD GA Monies (NCD GA Monies)	2,500.00
10755 · Synod NCD Money (Synod NCD Money)	-250.08
11861 · Williams Capital Fund Interest (Williams Capital Fund Int.)	6,500.49
11862 · Williams Program Fund Interest (Williams Program Fund Int.)	7,735.20
11910 · Honoraria - EP (Honoraria - EP)	1,513.83
15000 · Charitable Gift Annuity (Charitable Gift Annuity)	1,456.69
20000 · Citizens Bank (Citizens Bank)	
20210 · Pastoral Care (Pastoral Care)	665.51
20531 · Youth Triennium (Youth Triennium)	8.08
20710 · Church Development (Church Development)	308.45
20750 · New Church Development (New Church Development)	2,888.79
20780 · Evangelism (Evangelism)	8,895.36
20911 · Equipment Reserve (Equipment Reserve)	689.22
21810 · Devries Scholarship Fund a (Devries Scholarship Fund)	37.56
21820 · Grigsby Scholarship (Grigsby Scholarship)	11,107.97
21830 · Braziel Scholarship (Braziel Scholarship)	1,444.27
21840 · Dixon Scholarship (Dixon Scholarship)	1,579.31
21881 · Ninth Street Loan Fund - Hold (Ninth Street Loan Fund - Hold)	<u>1,696.26</u>
Total 20000 · Citizens Bank (Citizens Bank)	29,320.78

10000 · CHECKING - CITIZENS BANK (Checking - Citizens Bank) - Other	<u>68,383.17</u>
Total 10000 · CHECKING - CITIZENS BANK (Checking - Citizens Bank)	170,971.98
30000 · PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION (Presbyterian Foundation)	
30211 · Hattie Farthing Fund (Hattie Farthing Fund)	26,737.30
30710 · Church Development (Church Development)	22,656.16
30730 · Small Church Fund (Small Church Fund)	145,620.59
30750 · New Church Development (New Church Development)	84,885.56
31820 · Grigsby Scholarship (Grigsby Scholarship)	59,025.79
31830 · Braziel Scholarship (Braziel Scholarship)	30,240.82
31840 · Dixon Scholarship (Dixon Scholarship)	24,804.30
31870 · Pattie Bushong Fund (Pattie Bushong Fund)	1,507.84
31880 · Robinson Fund (Robinson Fund)	593.85
31881 · Ninth Street Loan Fund (Ninth Street Loan Fund)	9,103.26
31882 · Ninth Street Scholarship (Ninth Street Scholarship)	34,444.31
31883 · Tusculum College Endowment (Tusculum College Endowment)	<u>77,790.08</u>
Total 30000 · PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION (Presbyterian Foundation)	<u>517,409.86</u>
Total Checking/Savings	688,381.84
Other Current Assets	
40000 · The PFSA, Inc Grant-Restricted (The PFSA, Inc Grant-Restricted)	<u>627,000.00</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>627,000.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>1,315,381.84</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>1,315,381.84</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	0.00

Holston Presbytery
Treasurer's Report
General Mission Budget – January-June, 2009

	<u>Jan - Jun 09</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
60160 · Unified Mission Designated Fund (Unified Mission Designated Fu)	15,064.56	91,129.00	16.53%
60500 · Unified Monies (Unified Monies)	233,941.99	531,757.50	43.99%
61905 · Interest Income (Interest Income)	<u>17,718.77</u>	<u>44,485.00</u>	<u>39.83%</u>
Total Income	266,725.32	667,371.50	39.97%
Expense			
70100 · Presbytery Council/Governing Bo (Presbytery Council/Governing)	58,576.06	115,397.33	50.76%
70200 · E- Committee on Ministry (E- Committee on Ministry)	1,300.30	1,500.00	86.69%
70300 · E-Committee Prep for Ministry (E-Committee Prep for Ministry)	2,227.35	7,500.00	29.7%
70400 · WW Mission Committee (WW Mission Committee)	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
70500 · Congregational Life Committee (Congregational Life Committee)	2,601.19	6,500.00	40.02%
70600 · EIHN Committee (EIHN Committee)	0.00	1,750.00	0.0%
70700 · Church Development & Evangelism (Church Development & Evangelism)	18,166.67	26,800.00	67.79%
70800 · Committee on Institutions (Committee on Institutions)	15,800.00	30,000.00	52.67%
70900 · Administration & Planning Com (Administration & Planning Com)	208,106.93	434,870.37	47.86%
71100 · Stewardship & Budget Committee (Stewardship & Budget Committee)	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
71200 · Holston Camp & Retreat Center (Holston Camp & Retreat Center)	27,745.82	55,000.00	50.45%
71300 · Youth & Young Adult Ministry (Youth & Young Adult Ministry)	14,402.52	29,000.00	49.66%
71400 · Trustees (Trustees)	<u>21.42</u>		
Total Expense	<u>348,948.26</u>	<u>710,317.70</u>	<u>49.13%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-82,222.94</u>	<u>-42,946.20</u>	<u>191.46%</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-82,222.94</u></u>	<u><u>-42,946.20</u></u>	<u><u>191.46%</u></u>

Declaration of New Business: None

Stated Clerk's Report: Rich Fifield reported the following:

INFORMATION:

1. Received the minutes of the Commission to Ordain **Hayley O'Connor** as Minister of the Word and Sacrament on August 2, 2008. (See Attached)
2. Received the minutes of the Commission to Ordain **Diana Moore** as Minister of the Word and Sacrament on August 2, 2008. (See Attached)
3. Referred to the Presbytery Council the request of the **Mountain City Presbyterian Church** to sell its current manse on Sunset Drive and use the proceeds of the sale to purchase the property and house adjacent to the church at 506 N. Church Street (to be used as a manse and/or meeting rooms). (G-8.0501)
4. Received the minutes of the Commission of Installation for **Diana Moore** to St. Paul Church on August 23, 2009
5. Received the Minutes of the **Chucky Commission** from August 18, 2009.

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION of Holston Presbytery to ordain Diana Moore as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

The Commission, according to the appointment of Holston Presbytery, met at Jonesborough Presbyterian Church in Jonesborough, TN on August 2, 2009 at 2:45 p.m. with ministers Conrad Crow, Brian Wyatt and elders Mary Lee Harmon (First, Kingsport), Wanda Neal (St. Paul) and Ida Shurr (Jonesborough) present. Commission member Fred Niles was not present. Corresponding members present were The Reverend Dr. George Love, Hebron Presbyterian Church, Shepherdsville, KY; The Rev. Dr. Dianne Reistroffer, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and Elder Jennifer Swanson, First Presbyterian, Arlington, VA. The Reverend Dr. Brian Wyatt opened the meeting with prayer and was elected Moderator and Clerk of the Commission. A quorum was declared. Responsibilities and procedures for the Service of Ordination were reviewed. The Commission recessed to be reconvened in the presence of the congregation at 3:00 p.m. and agreed to adjourn at the benediction.

Reverend Wyatt reconvened the Commission in the presence of the congregation at 3:00 p.m. Reverend George C. Love delivered the Gospel reading from Mark 4:35-41 and a sermon "Great Things Beyond the Storm." A litany for ordination was delivered by Elder Mary Lee Harmon. Statement of Purpose was given by Reverend Conrad Crow and the anointing by Elder Harmon. The Constitutional Questions were asked by Reverend Wyatt. Following the laying on of hands and Prayer of Ordination, Reverend Wyatt gave the Declaration of Ordination to the candidate. The Charge to the newly ordained minister was given by Rev. Dianne Reistroffer. A presentation of symbols of the ministry was offered to Diana by Rev. Love and Elder Jennifer Swanson. Elder Wanda Neal participated in the presentation of the offering and dedication and gave a Prayer of Thanksgiving.

The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Diana Moore. After the service, the commission members and congregation offered an appropriate expression of cordial reception and affectionate regard.

Signed by Clerk: *Brian Wyatt*

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION of Holston Presbytery to ordain Hayley Elizabeth O'Connor as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

The Commission, according to the appointment of Holston Presbytery, met at First Presbyterian Church in Johnson City, TN on August 2, 2009 at 10:45 a.m. with ministers Louis Imsande, Margaret Burkey and Angus Shaw and with

ruling elders Jeff Brunson (Jonesborough) and Ed Campbell (First, Johnson City). Guests of Holston Presbytery were the Rev. Tammy Brown of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Charleston, SC and the Rev. Carole Crumley, Episcopal Priest, Diocese of Washington.

The Commission was called to order by Angus Shaw with prayer by Louis Imsande. Louise Imsande was elected Moderator and Angus Shaw as Clerk. With a quorum present, the responsibilities and procedures of the Service of Ordination were reviewed. The Commission recessed to be convened in the presence of the congregation at 11:00 a.m. and agreed to adjourn at the benediction.

The Commission reconvened in the presence of the congregation at the morning worship service. Dr. Tammy Brown read the Scripture from Mark 14:3-9 and preached a sermon "Doing What You Can." Elder Ed Campbell participated in the presentation of tithes and offerings and the special Presbytery offering for pastoral needs.

Pastor Imsande delivered the Statement of Purpose. Elder Jeff Brunson, a member of Presbytery's Preparation for Ministry Committee, presented the candidate. Angus Shaw placed the Constitutional Questions to the Candidate who answered in the affirmative. The candidate knelt for the laying on of hands. Margaret Burkey led the Prayer of Ordination. Hayley O'Connor was ordained as a Minister of the World of God and the constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) with the Declaration of Ordination by Pastor Imsande and the new minister was welcomed by the Commission. The Charge to the Minister was made by the Rev. Carole Crumley.

The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Hayley O'Connor. After the service of ordination, the commission members and the congregation were invited to the Welcome Center for a reception hosted by First Presbyterian Church offering an appropriate expression of cordial reception and affectionate regard.

Signed by Clerk: *Angus Shaw*

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION of Holston Presbytery to install Reverend Diana Moore as the Pastor of the *St. Paul Presbyterian Church, Morristown, TN.*

The Commission, according to the appointment of Holston Presbytery, met at St. Paul Presbyterian Church on Sunday, August 23, 2009 at 2:45 p.m. Minister members were Gregory Cartwright (First, Morristown); Kaye Florence (Caris Healthcare); William T. Wing, III (Salem) and Elders were Mary Miller Ayers (St. Paul); Peg Lincoln (Waverly Road); Ann Norman (Jonesborough).

Corresponding member was Rev. Richard Fifield, Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk of Holston Presbytery. Assisting in the worship service were Cynthia Moses (organist, First, Morristown) and Tyler Vaughn (St. Paul).

Rev. Greg Cartwright was elected moderator and clerk and opened the meeting with prayer. A quorum was declared. Responsibilities and procedures for the Service of Installation were reviewed, and the Commission recessed to be reconvened in the presence of the congregation at 3:00 p.m. with an agreement to adjourn at the benediction.

Rev. Cartwright welcomed those present with the invocation followed by Rev. Wing with the call to worship. Elder Norman presented the Prayer of Confession and Tyler Vaughn read scripture from Psalm 100. A Prayer for Illumination and Sermon were given by Rev. Fifield with scripture from Exodus 35:30-36.7. Rev. Kaye Florence read the Litany of Gifts. The Statement of the Ministry of the Church was given by Rev. Wing and the Constitutional Questions to the pastor were asked by Rev. Cartwright. Elder Mary Miller Ayers asked the Constitutional Question of the Congregation. All questions being answered in the affirmative, the Rev. Diana Moore was installed as the Pastor of St. Paul Presbyterian Church agreeably to the Word of God and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Rev. Florence presented the Charge to the Minister and Rev. Cartwright gave the Charge to the Congregation. Elder Ann Norman was in charge of the offering and dedication and presented a Prayer of Thanksgiving.

Members of the presbytery and others then welcomed the newly installed minister into their fellowship in the ministry of the Word.

The benediction was given by Rev. Moore to close the service. After the service, officers and members of the church gave to their new Pastor an appropriate expression of cordial reception and affectionate regard.

Signed by Moderator/Clerk: *Gregory Cartwright*

Administrative Commission for the Chuckey Presbyterian Church Minutes

Tuesday, August 18, 2009

The seventh meeting of the Administrative Commission for the Chuckey Presbyterian Church was held at the church at 6:00 p.m. on August 18, 2009. Present for the meeting were Commission members Martin Christian, Rebecca Nunley, Dan Donaldson, and Jerry Ward. Also attending the meeting was Kathleen Wright, CLP. The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer by Dr. Donaldson. The minutes of the February 24, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved.

Dr. Wright presented her report on the status of the Church (a copy is attached to the minutes) with emphasis on the events of the summer. She also stressed the fact that there are still no new families attending worship services or other church sponsored events.

Concluding the review, Dr. Donaldson opened discussion of Dr. Wright's letter of intent to resign as the commissioned lay pastor of the Church. She stated that presently she was working full time at Greene Valley Developmental Center, part time with Comcare, and trying to minister to the needs of the Chuckey Church. She expressed concern that she simply did not have the time to do the things needed to make the Church grow in numbers and become a more viable force in the community. She urged the Commission to consider a request to Presbytery requesting appointment of another person as pastor who could devote more concentrated time to the Church. The person of Pat Willard was identified as a possible consideration. Following Dr. Donaldson's review of the terms of Dr. Wright's contract, Ms. Nunley moved acceptance of Dr. Wright's resignation effective November 1, 2009. Reverend Christian seconded the motion and the Commission vote was unanimous.

Detailed discussion took place regarding the question of whether or not the Church should be considered viable enough to sustain its operation. The premise that it was not sustainable for such a small number (4) was presented along with a question regarding possible missed opportunities by the Presbytery in the use of the facility for other types of ministry. It was noted that in essence, the Chuckey Presbyterian Church in its current form is not working (as evidenced over the past two and one-half years), with no reflection on the hard work of Dr. Wright to make it so. After much deliberation, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the following statement:

"It is the assessment of this Commission that the current format of Chuckey Presbyterian Church is not viable, and it is therefore recommended that Council consider the investigation of other options and/or opportunities for the use of this facility."

Motion to approve and submit the statement to Presbytery Council was made by Reverend Christian and seconded by Ms. Nunley.

In other business, a summative review of Church financial accounts (January 1, 2009 to the present) was given by Dr. Ward and unanimously accepted. Upon a motion by Ms. Nunley, seconded by Reverend Christian, the Commission unanimously voted to send a second financial contribution to the Presbytery in the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300.00).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer by Reverend Christian. Members will be notified of the next meeting date by email.

Respectfully submitted, Jerry F. Ward, Secretary, Administrative Commission for Chuckey Presbyterian Church

9:45 AM -- Break

10:00 AM – Meeting reconvened with a question and answer session with Rev. Gradye Parsons, Stated Clerk, General Assembly PCUSA.

Council Report: Bob Lowry presented the recommendation to Presbytery for vote.

The meeting was held on Tuesday, August 18, 2009 at the offices of Holston Presbytery and was called to order by Moderator of Presbytery, Mark Stokes at 3:08 p.m. Mark opened with prayer.

Present were: Elmon Brown, Chuck Green, Mary Lee Harmon, Bob Hart, Barbara Kelly, David Light, Robert Lowry, Sue O'Dell, Jackie Riddle, Fred Foy Strang, Mark Stokes, Russ Weekley, Brian Wyatt, Paulette Thompson, Rich Fifield, Kim Fifield, Bob Millard, Susan Smith, Craig Bell, Jim Kirkpatrick.

Reports/Recommendations to Council:

Treasurer's Report was noted.

Stated Clerk's Report – Rich Fifield gave the Stated Clerk's report.

The request was referred to Council from the Mountain City Presbyterian Church to sell its current manse on Sunset Drive and use the proceeds of the sale to purchase the property and house adjacent to the church at 506 N. Church Street (to be used as a manse and/or meeting rooms). (G-8.0501)

1. RECOMMENDATION TO PRESBYTERY: That the Presbytery approve the sale of the Mountain City Presbyterian Church manse on Sunset Drive. Approved.

Moderator's Report – Mark Stokes gave the Moderator's Report.

In response to a communication received by the Presbytery Moderator, Mark Stokes, from Elder Commissioner Eddie Campbell, First Church, Johnson City, of the June 6, 2009 stated meeting of Holston Presbytery, it was moved, seconded and approved by the Council that the requirements of *Book of Order*, D-10.0701 were fulfilled. Mark Stokes will communicate with Mr. Campbell.

Vice-Moderator's Report – Gordon Turnbull was not present, but reported that Gradye Parsons and Sharon Amstutz will preach at the meeting with communion planned.

Administration & Planning – Elmon Brown, Chair, shared the following information regarding the Staff Review process:

By August 30 - Staff self-evaluations due to Administration & Planning Chair and Executive Presbyter

By Sept. 30 - Individual staff consultations with Administration & Planning Chair and Executive Presbyter completed

October 13 - Staff evaluation summary and recommendations shared with Administration & Planning Committee

November 17 - Staff evaluations and recommendations given to Council for action

Actions Referred to Council by Presbytery — None

A Draft Copy of Handout Packet for September 1, 2009 stated meeting of presbytery at Holston Presbytery Camp & Retreat Center in Banner Elk including proposed docket and committee reports to

presbytery was reviewed and approved for distribution. A motion was made and approved to forego Small Group Time in favor of a Question & Answer Session with Gradye Parsons.

A motion was seconded and approved to grant the Presbyterian Women approval to celebrate communion at their Spiritual Growth Retreat on September 25-27.

Other Business: The following motion from Brian Wyatt was reviewed.

Whereas this year, 2009, marks the 500th anniversary of the birth of our theological ancestor, John Calvin, and

Whereas Calvin believed strongly in the practice of reclaiming the regular and frequent celebration of the Lord's Supper [c.f. "the Supper could have been administered most becomingly if it were set before the church very often, and at least once a week." (*Institutes*, IV, 17, 43), and even more importantly, "no meeting of the church should take place without the Word, prayers, partaking of the Supper, and almsgiving." (*ibid*, IV, 17, 44)], and

Whereas the Office of Theology and Worship of the Presbyterian Church (USA) has stated that "a rediscovery of the gift and call of our baptism can transform the church for ministry in the 21st century," and furthermore that one of the five practices commended to worshipping bodies toward that end is an increase in the number of occasions on which the Lord's Supper is celebrated (*Invitation to Christ: Font and Table*, 5), and

Whereas our own Directory for Worship states that the Lord's Supper "is to be celebrated regularly and frequently enough to be recognized as integral to the Service for the Lord's Day" (*Book of Order*, W-2.4009), therefore

I hereby move that the Council of Holston Presbytery, as the body charged with oversight of the worship services of Holston Presbytery, and in accordance with our theological heritage, henceforth adopt the practice of celebrating the Lord's Supper on each regular stated gathering of Holston Presbytery as part of our communal worship, to begin with the next Presbytery meeting at which it is feasible to do so without disrupting previous plans.

The motion was seconded and approved and will be implemented at the next stated meeting of Presbytery. Communion has already been planned as part of the September, 2009 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05pm with prayer by Council Moderator Robert Lowry. The Council Minutes Committee met and approved the minutes following adjournment.

Future Dates for Council and Presbytery meetings in 2009:

<u>Council</u>	<u>Presbytery</u>
	September 1, 2009 – Holston Camp
November 17, 2009	December 1, 2009 – First Church, Bristol

Respectfully submitted: Paulette H. Thompson

Committee on Ministry Report: Tom Phillips reported.

INFORMATION:

1. Approved the Interim Pastor Contract between **Cold Spring Church** and **the Rev. Angus Shaw**, effective 7/1/09 through 12/31/09, with the following terms: Monthly Cash Salary - \$2,300.00; Monthly Reimbursed Travel at 60¢/mile; one week vacation per quarter; and appoint Rev. Shaw as Moderator.
2. Approved the Temporary Supply Contract between **Bethel Church** and **the Rev. Norman Jefferson** (Cumberland Presbyterian Church), effective 9/1/09 through 8/31/10, with the following terms: Monthly Cash Salary - \$233.00; Monthly Reimbursed Travel up to \$117.00; no vacation, no continuing education (Bethel worships two Sundays each month).
3. Approved the Commissioned Lay Pastor Agreement between **Cedarview Church** and **CLP Jeff Morelock**, effective 7/1/09 through 12/31/09, with the following terms: \$150 each Sunday, \$100 each special service; Monthly Reimbursed Travel at IRS Rate; Vacation – two weeks; and appoint Mr. Morelock as Moderator.
4. Approved the Commission to Ordain Candidate **Hayley O'Connor**, Sunday, August 2, 2009, 11:00 AM, at First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City: The Rev. Louis Imsande; The Rev. Dr. Angus Shaw; The Rev. Margaret Burkey; Elder Ed Campbell (First Church, Johnson City); Elder Jeff Brunson (Jonesborough Church).
5. Approved the Commission to Ordain Candidate **Diana Moore**, Sunday, August 2, 2009, 3:00 PM, at Jonesborough Presbyterian Church: The Rev. Dr. Conrad Crow; The Rev. Dr. Brian Wyatt; The Rev. Fred Niles; Elder Ida Shurr (Jonesborough Church); Elder Wanda Neal (St. Paul Church); Elder Mary Lee Harmon (First Church, Kingsport).
6. Approved the Commission to Install **the Rev. Diana Moore** as pastor of St. Paul Church, Sunday, August 23, 2009, 3:00 PM, at St. Paul Presbyterian Church: The Rev. Kaye Florence; The Rev. Greg Cartwright; The Rev. Bill Wing; Elder Mary Miller Ayers (St. Paul Church); Elder Ann Norman (Jonesborough Church); Elder Peg Lincoln (Waverly Road Church).
7. Approved the Church Information Form for **Jonesborough Presbyterian Church**.
8. Approved the Church Information Form for **Waverly Road Presbyterian Church**.
9. Approved the Church Information Form for **Blountville Presbyterian Church**.

RECOMMENDATION:

10. That Holston Presbytery waive the requirement of G-11.0404e [*When a minister of another denomination seeks membership in a presbytery of this church, that person shall, before being enrolled, furnish the presbytery with satisfactory evidence of having been removed from the roll of ministers of any and all other denominations with which the minister has previously been associated.*] to permit the enrollment of **the Rev. Dr. Thomas Peake** as a minister member of Holston Presbytery. [The minister transfer of the Rev. Dr. Thomas Peake from the Southern Baptist Church to the Presbyterian Church (USA) was previously approved at the June 6, 2009 Stated Meeting of Holston Presbytery.] Approved.

Nominations Committee Report: Rich Fifield presented the recommendations for Moderator and Vice-Moderator. The Moderator asked for nominations from the floor and received none.

INFORMATION:

1. Nominations Committee has begun their work to fill vacancies for all presbytery committees for the Class of 2012 and other openings. If you would like to serve, or know someone in your church who would be a good candidate to work with the presbytery committees to further the mission of Holston Presbytery, forward the information to Paulette at 423.247.6178 or paulette@holstonpresbytery.org for their next meeting on September 8.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

2. That **Reverend Gordon Turnbull** (First, Bristol) be elected by the Presbytery to serve as Moderator for 2010. Approved.
3. That **Elder Clara Hasbrouck** (Colonial Heights) be elected by the Presbytery to serve as Vice Moderator for 2010. Approved.

Presbyterian Women Report: Jackie Riddle reported.

INFORMATION:

1. Five Holston Presbytery PW Teams went to Louisville for the **Churchwide Gathering** during July 11–15, 2009. We had every opportunity that we could possibly want offered to us: a plenary session every morning and evening which included worship, music, skits, and speakers from all over the world; a musical called “Puah’s Midwife Crisis;” heard the farewell speech from Charlotte Johnstone, creator of Forbearance Church in the Horizon. We saw Hoop Dancers present a beautiful dance (a young 17 year old Indian boy had agreed to be the Hoop Dancer; but, he had a very untimely death and his parents performed the dance to honor their son’s commitment). We commissioned a total of 24 missionaries to go out into the fields, both near and far.

The Great Room offered many resource booths and exhibits along with a stage for different performances by groups from Alaska, Africa, church leaders and more. We had a characterization of Rebecca, Woman at the Well, and Ruth in full period costume. There were many workshops, forums and tours. Some of the tours went to Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Central Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Center, as well as to the Louisville Slugger Museum and Churchill Downs.

At the Business meeting, we passed the incorporation of the PW at the PCUSA level which will give them more freedom and flexibility in doing business. The Justice and Peace committee informed us about the use of rape as a form of genocide and as a weapon of war in Sudan and other areas of conflict. We agreed to take action to support the women and others working toward a peaceful solution. We passed a bill to adopt an emphasis for reaching out to newly retired women and had some young women join a task force that will look into forming an additional PW group that will have younger women and may have different goals and outreach issues.

The new Moderator for the PCUSA PW is Marta Rodriguez from San Juan, Puerto Rico. Our own Jackie Riddle will be the Moderator-Elect for the PW of the Synod of Living Waters. Our next triennium will be 2012 in Orlando, Florida. Start making your plans for a wonderful time.

2. **LOCAL DATES: September 12 – Fall Gathering at Cedar Creek Church** with Craig Bell, Director, Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center, as our speaker. Registration begins at 9:15.

September 25-27 – Spiritual Growth Retreat will be at our Camp at Banner Elk, N.C. with Rabbi Feidler and wife Susan as our speakers and leading music

October 8 – Presbyterian Women’s Day at Sunset Gap in Cosby, TN

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

Stewardship & Budget Committee Report: Chuck Green, Chair, reported that arrangements have been made for an audit for the Presbytery.

World Wide Missions Committee Report: Fred Foy Strang reported on Ms. Frerichs visit in October.

INFORMATION:

1. As part of the **World Mission Challenge**, the Committee will host a PCUSA Missionary from Mexico **October 2-9** within the presbytery. **Susie Frerichs** will be available to speak with your church about her ministry and the PCUSA’s broader mission. Mission Advocate Joyce Johnson is assisting in the coordination of Ms. Frerichs’ schedule and may be contacted at 423.638.8543 or joycemjohnson@comcast.net for reservations. Also, see Joyce or Fred Foy to do your booking at today’s meeting following adjournment.



Susie Frerichs has been under appointment as a mission worker since 1994. After serving 12 years as U.S. coordinator for Proyecto Amistad on the U.S.-Mexico border, in December, 2006 Susie took up a new assignment in the mountains of central-east Mexico, working with the rural, Náhuatl-speaking Presbytery of the Huastecas of the National Presbyterian Church of Mexico (INPM). She serves as an itinerant preacher and teacher and assists the presbytery’s 13 churches in whatever way she is asked. She coordinates mission partnerships between the presbytery and congregations in the U. S. and other parts of Mexico, supports the ministry of women’s and youth groups, and teaches courses at the presbytery’s Bible institute.

Susie understands her call is to live in Christ among our brothers and sisters of the Huastecas and encourage them toward an ever-deepening walk with Jesus Christ. She lives in Frijolillo, a community of 230 people in the foothills of the eastern Sierra Madre. Besides her ministry in Frijolillo, Susie often leaves to participate in ministry with other congregations within the presbytery for days or a week at a time, teaching Sunday school, preaching, or helping with vacation Bible school.

She first felt called to Mexico while in high school and after learning about Presbyterian Border Ministry (PBM) at the Presbyterian Youth Triennium in 1989. She served as a summer volunteer at Frontera de Cristo and Proyecto Amistad and began full-time service at Proyecto Amistad in 1994, when she came under appointment as a PC (USA) mission volunteer. From 1994-1996, Susie was Proyecto Amistad’s mission team coordinator; and in 1996, became U.S. coordinator for Proyecto Amistad where she was chief administrator in addition to continuing work as facilitator of mission partnerships between U.S. and Mexican Presbyterian congregations.

A native of Kearney, Nebraska, Susie earned her B.A. in Spanish and social sciences education from Hastings College in Hastings, Nebraska. In 2001, she began work on a master’s in missiology at the School of Intercultural Studies at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California, a

degree she hopes to complete in 2009. She is a member of First Presbyterian Church of Kearney, Nebraska.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

Preparation for Ministry Committee Report:

INFORMATION:

At its stated meeting on August 10, 2009, the Committee on Preparation for Ministry took the following actions:

4. Conducted a Final Assessment for **David Hunsicker** (First Bristol) and approved him as certified ready to be examined for ordination.
5. Conducted a Final Assessment for **YoungSung Lee** (Tri-City Korean) and approved him as certified ready to be examined for ordination.
6. Conducted annual consultations for David Hunsicker and YoungSung Lee and declared that the current phase of preparation for ministry be continued.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

Holston Camp & Retreat Center Committee Reported: Following a slide show, Craig Bell, Mickey Shortt and Hal Hunter reported on the state of the Camp. Mickey and his family were introduced.

INFORMATION:



Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center
 PO Box 428, Banner Elk, North Carolina 28604
 828-898-6611 phone, 828-898-6603 fax
 www.holstoncamp.org
Serving outdoor ministry for over 50 years!

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING HELD MONDAY, JULY 13, 2009

ATTENDANCE:

Camp Staff:		Craig Bell	Present		
Class of 2009		Class of 2010		Class of 2011	
Ike Brighton	Absent	Zoe Cagle	Absent	Yale Gunn	Present
Hal Hunter	Present	Greg Cartwright	Present	Tod Jablonski	Present
Pat Patton	Present	John Hurt	Present	Mark Knisley	Absent

Kati Sword	Absent	Miller Lyons	Absent	Gilbert Rosenberger	Present
		Judy Wilson	Present		

Greg Cartwright, Chairman, declared that a quorum was present. Greg opened the meeting with prayer at 10:05 a.m.

MARKETING CONTRACT: Craig Bell discussed the history of the Marketing position and advised that arrangements are being made with Mickey Shortt to fill this position. The position is part-time, seasonal and exempt with housing, utilities and vacation included. The salary would be \$6000 for the winter position (Marketing) and \$2,200 for the summer position. A copy of the proposed conditions of employment is attached to these minutes.

Craig Bell advised the Board that HPC&RC will be using a line of credit to set up a new trailer home for Mickey & Mary Ann Shortt in the Barn Field area. Miller Lyons will increase his donation to cover it. Judy Wilson suggested that the home exterior blend in with the rest of the camp and that it be a double-wide if possible. HPC&RC will pay the utilities.

Yale Gunn made a motion that the Board approve the arrangement made by Craig to employ Mickey Shortt. Hal Hunter seconded this motion. After a brief discussion, a voice vote was taken with no 'nays' heard.

SUMMER CAMP UPDATE: Karen Caldwell, Summer Program Director, provided the following information about the 2009 Summer Camp:

- o Training for the Staff was conducted, and feedback was received
- o During Week 1 of Camp it rained all week.
- o There were 170 Campers, a little less than normal. Last year there were 205 Campers.
- o The borrowing of vans worked well and saved the Camp at least \$10,000.
- o There were some prospective campers who couldn't attend camp because of a lack of scholarships. We need to generate more scholarships next year.

Craig discussed the ministry performed at camp to the Counselors in addition to the Campers. Judy discussed the need to employ Lifeguards. Craig advised that he expects to have more Certified Lifeguards on staff next year. Karen recommended providing more activity options for campers. She suggested one new option for each age group coming to camp.

LUNCH - At 11:50 a.m., the meeting adjourned for lunch. The meeting resumed at 12:50 p.m.

SUMMER CAMP UPDATE (CONTINUED): Karen discussed new activities that could be provided for the campers. Two possibilities are a disc golf course and a high rope course. The campers this year liked the change in the song schedule and the making of bread for communion.

Yale discussed the source of contributions to the camp.

Craig discussed camp staffing and recruiting. This year, the Matching Grant funds caused confusion in the registration process. Want to consider Pre-registration for next year. Also Finances need to be clarified.

ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM: Craig advised that sign-ups for this program are going slowly.

PROPERTY TOUR: At 1:40 p.m., the meeting adjourned to tour the Lake Lyons area. The meeting resumed at 2:30 p.m.

Two Staff members, Amanda and Clay addressed the Board. Amanda related her experiences as both a former Camper and as a Counselor. Clay related the impact his camp experience had on him to influence him to become a minister. The two related the feelings of other counselors and the effect the camp experience had on their lives. They reported that they know of 6 to 8 individuals who became ministers because of the program at HPC&RC.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Patsy Laster-Ford advised the Board of the financial status of the HPC&RC. Following a discussion, the camp needed a three month advance on Presbytery support to the camp. **The Board asked Greg and Craig to generate a letter to the Presbytery's Stewardship Committee informing them of the Camp's financial position.**

Judy made a motion that the Scholarship funds be used on an as-needed basis instead of being available to all. Hal Hunter seconded this motion. A voice vote was taken with no 'nay' votes heard.

NEW BUSINESS: There was a discussion of changing the planned November meeting to October to better address budget issues. Greg will advise members if a change is made.

ADJOURNMENT: Yale made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 p.m. There were not dissenting votes. Greg closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted: ***Gilbert Rosenberger***

Attachment to Minutes of 7-13-09 Board Meeting Work Agreement between Mickey Shortt and Holston Presbytery Camp & Retreat Center for the Marketing Position

This position will be a Seasonal Part-time Exempt. Seasonal in that this person will work from August through April as the Marketing Director. From May through July they will be on summer staff. (position to be determined later) Part-time will be 30 hours or less per week. Exempt from overtime hours.

Compensation:

Salary for September through April will be \$6,000.

Summer pay for May through July will be \$2,200.

Benefits: Annual Paid Holidays (10); Housing; Utilities; Full medical coverage; some meals when working as host for groups

Vacation for a part-time would be 1 week for the first year. Holston Camp will allow 1 week vacation from Start date of September 1 through December. Beginning in January will provide 2 weeks for the year.

If business picks up we will see about a salary increase.

The Director will supervise this person and have regular consultations.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

HOLSTON PRESBYTERY CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

Financial Reports – Profit and Loss – January-June, 2009

	<u>Jan - Jun 09</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
40000 · Operating Income	
406000 · Holston Support	28,333.32
406200 · Camp Store & Drinks	580.40
406300 · NC Tax Rebate	4,311.72
406350 · HUB Interest	142.52
40000 · Operating Income - Other	<u>3,234.50</u>
Total 40000 · Operating Income	36,602.46
406400 · Retreat Income	
H/A Retreat Sleep	10,199.40
H/A Retreat Food	5,566.28
Other Retreat Sleep	44,354.60
Other Retreat Food	17,885.10
406400 · Retreat Income - Other	<u>11,832.45</u>
Total 406400 · Retreat Income	89,837.83
407000 · Summer Camp Income	
407100 · Camper Fees	48,130.00
407150 · Summer CDs	550.00
407000 · Summer Camp Income - Other	<u>1,377.80</u>
Total 407000 · Summer Camp Income	50,057.80
407200d · Camper Scholarships	925.00
407300d · Camper Program Restricted Gifts	<u>9,225.00</u>
Total Income	186,648.09
Expense	
60000 · Overhead Expenses	
Utilities	30,747.04
Repair/Maintenance	4,327.20
Vehicle Upkeep	2,084.50
Administration	19,072.81
Board of Pensions	<u>19,681.45</u>
Total 60000 · Overhead Expenses	75,913.00
6560 · Payroll Expenses	79,230.64

64000 · Retreat Expenses	15,348.36
70000 · Summer Camp Expenses	18,514.58
Total Expense	<u>189,006.58</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-2,358.49
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
408000 · Unrestricted Income	11,323.25
408500d · Restricted - Directed Gifts	14,867.01
408500 · PFSA Grant	4,164.28
Total Other Income	<u>30,354.54</u>
Other Expense	
80000 · Unrestricted Expense	4,065.23
80555 · PFSA Grant Expense	-1,041.07
85510d · Restricted - Directed Expenses	24,562.56
9910 · Payments to Lake Lyons Loan	-9,802.61
9930 · Program admin allocations	20,418.43
Total Other Expense	<u>38,202.54</u>
Net Other Income	<u>-7,848.00</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-10,206.49</u></u>

Balance Sheets – June 30, 2009

	<u>Jun 30, 09</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
100000 · Highlands Union Bank	
101000 · Savings Account	3,094.50
106000 · Operations Checking	-6,483.03
107000 · Summer Camp	14,996.64
108000 · Unrestricted Gifts	8,276.78
107000d · Sum. Camp Gifts (Designated)	11,612.03
108500d · Directed Funds (Designated)	33,425.20
109777d · Lake Project Bank Credit Line	-47,576.48
100000 · Highlands Union Bank - Other	-305.51
Total 100000 · Highlands Union Bank	<u>17,040.13</u>
Total Checking/Savings	17,040.13

Accounts Receivable	
101200 · Accounts Receivable	
Deposits	<u>-9,965.00</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>-9,965.00</u>
Other Current Assets	
PFSA Grant Program	
Camp Endowment Restricted	24,343.22
Multipurpose Bldg Gift	34,673.42
Hay Family Cabin Gift	44,933.99
Capital Campaign	88,227.86
Abingdon (Operation Investment)	15,682.02
PFSA Grant Program - Other	<u>-1,041.07</u>
Total PFSA Grant Program	<u>206,819.44</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>206,819.44</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>213,894.57</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>213,894.57</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	0.00

Committee on Representation Report:

INFORMATION:

Annual Report to Synod of Living Waters

1. Name of Presbytery: Holston
2. Name and address of Presbytery Committee on Representation chairperson: None
3. Date when Chairperson's Term Expires: December 31
4. Number of Committee on Representation Meetings held since last report: 0
5. Member makeup of other Presbytery Committees: (See Attachment A)
6. List current year's goals and tell us how well you're doing in accomplishing them:
 - a. See that all committees are fairly represented. Members of committee meet with Nomination Committee each year to accomplish this.
 - b. Encourage all new ministers coming into presbytery to serve on a committee and continue a more active roll in presbytery work. Nominations Committee is given a list of new ministers along with their interests in serving certain committees. Ministers are approached and encouraged to participate.
7. List future goals and objectives (for next 3 years): Continue the goals set aside in #6
8. What is your Presbytery doing to recruit leaders who have special physical needs? All committees are open to those with special needs. We encourage committees to meet in locations with easy access for those with these needs.
9. How do you evaluate your own committee's effectiveness? (Tell us how you do your evaluation and what you've discovered about your work.) Evaluation: excellent; continuing history of fair representation
10. How often does your committee report to Presbytery? What is the basic style of presentation—oral, written, visual, all of these? How often? Once a year? Style? Written report to Presbytery
11. What are your most significant achievements in accomplishing "fair representation" in your presbytery since your last report to the Synod? Continuing to involve more small membership churches and ethnic groups. Continuing to encourage participation by a growing population of Hispanics when they are known to be members of churches. The Afro-American congregations and Korean congregation are continuing to be called upon to serve.
12. On what date was this report presented to presbytery: The Presbytery of Holston heard and received the report of the Committee on Representation on September 1, 2009 at Holston Camp & Retreat Center, Banner Elk, NC.

Signature: *Richard L. Fifield*, Stated Clerk

Report of the Committee on Representation

Attachment A

Presbytery of Holston

2009 - August 10, 2009

Unit	WMC	WFC	WML	WFL	BMC	BFC	BML	BFL	AMC	AFC	AML	AFL	YTH	Spec	*HMC	Total
Administration & Planning	4	1	4	1												10
Church Development & Evangelism	5		3					1								9
Committee on Ministry	6		3	3												11
Congregational Life	3		2	4												9
Ethical Issues & Human Needs	3	1	4	3												11
Holston Camp & Retreat Center	4		6	2												12
Institutions	2		1	3												6
Nominations	1		1	3												5
Preparation for Ministry	2	1	3	3												9
Representation	1			1			1	1								4
Stewardship & Budget	3		8	1												12
Trustees			5	1												6
World Wide Missions	3		2	3					1							9
Youth & Young Adult Ministry	3		3	3												9
Serve on Synod	1		1					1								3
Serve on GA Board/Comm/Agency			1													1

CATEGORIES:

WMC white male clergy
 WFC white female clergy
 WML white male clergy
 WFL white female lay

BMC black male clergy
 BFC black female clergy
 BML black male lay
 BFL black female lay

AMC Asian male clergy
 AFC Asian female clergy
 AML Asian male lay
 AFL Asian female lay
 YTH youth
 Spec persons w/disabilities

*NEED TO ADD HISPANIC

HMC Hispanic male clergy

Ethical Issues & Human Needs Committee Report: John Shuck invited churches to hear Dr. Eusebius and briefly covered other issues the committee is working on.

INFORMATION:

1. Ethical Issues & Human Needs Committee has been assigned an International Peacemaker, **Dr. Vinita Eusebius** from India, to visit Holston Presbytery as part of the **International Peacemakers Program on September 25-October 1.**



Dr. Eusebius' presentation, "Water: Not for Profit" will touch on the mission of the Church in the context of endemic poverty in India, children at risk and violence against women. She has traveled widely in India and visited Hawaii, Fiji, Sydney, Jamaica, London, Egypt, Jordan and Israel. She has a Master of Science, Ph.D. in Zoology, B.C.S., and is currently pursuing a Master of Theology. Her work includes 32 years of teaching experience. She is the present chair of the Student Christian Movement of India, has conducted workshops on child rights and is an ordained deaconess of the Church of North India. She is married with two sons ages 22 and 26.

Churches wishing to have Dr. Eusebius visit with their congregation may contact Beth Flannagan to schedule a visit. As of this printing, Saturday, **September 26**; Monday, **September 28** and Tuesday, **September 29** are open to invite Dr. Eusebius to your church. Contact Beth (bethf@bvunet.net or 423.764.7875) for reservations and further information.

2. The deadline for applications through the **Five Cents a Meal** program was July 31 and the committee will be looking at those applications received at their next meeting. Thanks to the congregations within Holston Presbytery for their support of this program.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

Congregational Life Committee Report:

INFORMATION:

1. The Congregational Life Committee met August 10 at the presbytery office. We were saddened to learn that a member of our committee, **Craig Foster**, has accepted a call to First Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg, SC, where he will serve as the Associate Minister for Christian Education and Spiritual Growth. We wish Craig well in this new endeavor.
2. The committee also acted on a request for a scholarship from **Rev. Ray White**. Ray plans to attend the conference, *God's Holy Family* September 4, 2009. The scholarship was granted with the request that Ray report back to the committee about the conference.
3. This committee continues to seek out ways in which we can help the churches of Holston Presbytery. Along this line, **Deven Johnson** will convene a group of people who will sit down a time or two and discuss how to approach evangelism – perhaps, differently – in Holston Presbytery. This group will generate some ideas that can be used by the Church Development & Evangelism Committee, the Congregational Life Committee and others.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

Youth & Young Adult Ministry Committee Report: Jim Kirkpatrick reported.

It Was A Great Summer



For YYAM summer began when Holston attended the Montreat Youth Conference. Using the theme, *World on Fire*, 1200 youth and adults, hundreds of whom arrive early for worship (which lasts nearly two hours) came from across our denomination. For our young people this was a "mountain top" experience. The worship was outstanding. The atmosphere, liturgy, message, and most of all the music, made use of the richness the church has provided from about 1100 AD until now.

Everyone was inspired and dealt with many issues both in the plenary sessions, and more intimately in their small groups. As usual living together in Hickory Lodge helped each person to grow closer with the other young people from Holston Presbytery, as we shared our faith, our problems, our concerns and our joys. Holston has participated in this event every summer since 1973. We are scheduled to return next year on June 13-19.

Those who attended were: Nik Hopkins and John Cary (Covenant); Martha Grace Burkey, Emily Morrell and Olivia Marenco (Timber Ridge); Sarah Knight (Jonesborough); Lauren Stratton and Alex Rembert (Erwin, FPC); Kyle Schmidt (Morristown); Kelly Kirkpatrick (Johnson City) and Jim Kirkpatrick (Holston Presbytery).



International Student Fellowship



Under the leadership of **Fadel Adoe** from Ghana the International Student Fellowship has flourished this summer. The format has been very relaxed with supper sometime between 7-8:00 each Friday and lots of fellowship afterwards often concluding by midnight. The big event was on July 31 when **Enni Fomumbod** from Cameroon headed up a fund raising dinner attended by over 30 internationals. Enni prepared a Cameroonian meal for ISF in August of 2004 just three days after arriving in America.

That October she went with many American students from our ministry to Gulfport, MS in response to hurricane Katerina, because she "wanted to give back to America." This past July she contacted many of the ISF alumni to solicit funds, and put together the fund raising dinner. Altogether her efforts raised over \$1300 for our endowment fund. This is the second largest donation made through the efforts of a single person.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None



W.O.W. was a joint program sponsored by Holston's Youth Council with the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, which involved nearly 30 people at 30 different mission sites throughout Charlotte, NC. Our presbyteries worked with the Cross Program sponsored by Myers Park Presbyterian church.



AJ Logan
(Morristown)



Lauren Stratton
(Erwin)



Luke Whiteside
(Morristown)



Mary Beth Shults
(Erwin)



Michael Cleary
(Morristown)



Tyler Logan
(Morristown)



Kyle Schmidt
(Morristown)



Jim Kirkpatrick (Holston)

Youth & Young Adult Ministry Financial Report – January-June, 2009

	<u>Jan - Jun 09</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Income				
Bank	22.46	9.98	12.48	225.05%
Facility Use	2,438.07	2,149.98	288.09	113.40%
FPC, Johnson City	666.68	499.98	166.7	133.34%
Holston Presbytery	14,740.02	14,499.98	240.04	101.66%
IDS Dividends	3.54	15	-11.46	23.60%
Meal Receipts	692	499.98	192.02	138.41%
Miscellaneous Receipts	486.99	99.98	387.01	487.09%
PFSA rate of return	7,383.84	5,384.22	1,999.62	137.14%
Presbytery of East TN	3,000.00	3,499.98	-499.98	85.72%
Synod of Living Waters	4,650.00	4,650.00	0	100.00%
Total Income	<u>34,083.60</u>	<u>31,309.08</u>	<u>2,774.52</u>	<u>108.86%</u>
Expense				
Cable TV, Internet, Telephone	923.72	949.98	-26.26	97.24%
Campus Labor	251	199.98	51.02	125.51%
Cell phone/Email	409.55	375	34.55	109.21%
Cleaning	275	250.02	24.98	109.99%
Electricity	2,726.23	2,200.02	526.21	123.92%
Food/Cleaning Supplies	3,233.92	2,749.98	483.94	117.60%
Gas	297.57	150	147.57	198.38%
Honorarium	0	0	0	0.00%
Miscellaneous	0	75	-75	0.00%
Office Supplies	1,378.10	799.98	578.12	172.27%
Payroll Expenses	9,180.32	10,671.50	-1,491.18	86.03%
Printing/Postage/Promotion	1,942.34	1,750.02	192.32	110.99%
Professional Expense/Intern	248.95	400.02	-151.07	62.23%
Repairs/Maintenance	2,431.67	1,999.98	431.69	121.59%
Special Events	96.05	1,000.02	-903.97	9.61%
Triennium	0	424.98	-424.98	0.00%
Van Expense	580.72	499.98	80.74	116.15%
Water	468	499.98	-31.98	93.60%
Youth Ministry	5,111.68	3,225.00	1,886.68	158.50%
Total Expense	<u>29,554.82</u>	<u>28,221.44</u>	<u>1,333.38</u>	<u>104.73%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	4,528.78	3,087.64	1,441.14	146.67%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
Annual carryover	0	0	0	0.00%
Total Other Income	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Net Other Income	0	0	0	0.00%
Net Income	<u><u>4,528.78</u></u>	<u><u>3,087.64</u></u>	<u><u>1,441.14</u></u>	<u><u>146.67%</u></u>

Institutions Committee Report: Sue O’Dell introduced Dr. Scott Colley from Lees-McRae College and Rev. Richard Ray from Grandfather Home for their annual reports. Dick Ray introduced Tricia Wilson from Grandfather Home.

INFORMATION:

1. College Day, now known as **Colleges in Covenant with Holston Presbytery**, will be celebrated on **September 13**. King, Lees-McRae and Tusculum representatives will contact your church about speakers for that Sunday or for another date.
2. The Presbytery will hear reports from Grandfather Home for Children and Lees-McRae College at this meeting.
3. **Tusculum College** – Tusculum celebrated the return of students and the start of the fall semester August 24. **Dr. Nancy B. Moody**, President of the College, presided at the Opening Convocation on August 27. Veterans of all branches of the U. S. Military can get their bachelor’s or master’s degree at Tusculum tuition-free with the College’s participation in the federal **Yellow Ribbon** program. Other new programs slated to begin include a theater minor, a teacher-licensure option and a Quality Enhancement Plan focusing on integrating activities to boost reflective judgment skills into curriculum and campus life.

Dr. Al Staggs will lead the **2010 Theologian-in-Residence** lecture series on each Tuesday in February. His topics will be “A View from the Underside: The Legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer,” “Clarence Jordan and the God Movement,” “Laughter for Life” and a fourth program to be determined later. Dr. Staggs has a D.Min. from Austin Seminary and Master of Theology from Harvard Divinity and lives in Santa Fe, NM.

4. **King College** – Students at **Walter State** in Morristown/Sevier County may transfer into King’s Graduate & Professional Studies (GPS) program to complete bachelor’s degrees. King announced baccalaureate and master’s level classes this fall at the **Kingsport Center** along with Bachelor’s degrees with licensure in Elementary Education and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in Kingsport. The **Jack E. Snider Honors Program** has expanded offering honors students a vast array of opportunities to move their study beyond the classroom.

Dr. Moses Sinet Pulei, African Theologian and Professor at Whitworth College, will be the featured guest at King College’s **World Focus Week—September 21-27**. Dr. Pulei, a Maasai from East Africa, will assist Dr. Fred Foy Strang, King College Chaplain, in leading a student mission trip to Kenya and Tanzania in December. A grant from Holston Presbytery is making this rich exchange possible.

5. **Lees-McRae College** – Classes began on August 24 and many events are happening this year to enhance and expand student opportunities for spiritual growth, reflection and service. The **Fall Global Community Series** will focus on “*The Power of Compassion: Crossing Barriers and Bringing Hope.*” September 14, **Norman Conrad** will speak on “Life in a Jar: The Irena Sendler Project” and September 15, **Rabbi Brad Hirschfield**, author of “You Don’t Have to Be Wrong for Me to Be Right” will be featured. A play by Dr. Janet Speer “The Risks of Heroes: A Drama with Music and Dance” will conclude the series.

The annual **Staley Distinguished Christian Scholar Lecture series** will feature **Dr. Tony Campolo** on September 28-29 and **Dr. Marcus Borg** on February 22-23, 2010. These lectures are open to the public.

In January, 2010, the college will make their fourth mission trip to Chinatal, in the remote Guatemalan rainforest, in partnership with the villagers and Guatemalan Presbyterian Young Adults Leaders from UNEC. The groups will spend two weeks and join forces to build a village well, sponsor medical services, share learning through VBS, provide children with shoes and toys and spend hours in happy recreation. Holston Presbytery's grant of \$5,000 is a major component in making this trip possible.

6. **Sunset Gap Community Center** – This summer of service for Sunset Gap began with a partnership, developed under the leadership of **Josh Dunn**, Director of Work Camps, with the **Cedar Creek Church** and pastor **Harrell Cobb** to establish a satellite campus in Greene County. Volunteers repaired many houses in this inaugural year of what promises to be a long-term partnership.

The Coker Co. campus continued a full summer of volunteers with Sunset Gap's reputation of work camp expansion winning acclaim and interest from all over the country. It is considered a premier work camp ministry. Josh, his staff and volunteers took one house that was beyond repair and, in three weeks, tore it down, installed a new septic system and constructed a brand new home with all materials and labor provided by the volunteers. Many groups have already signed up for next year.

The Fourth of July Event was well attended and \$2,500 was raised toward replacing the main building roof (estimate over \$12,000). The Thrift Shop remains open under the leadership of **Betty Williams** and **Tootie Breeden**. With a decline of funds this has been an uncertain time but they believe "God will provide!" and with partners like the churches of Holston Presbytery, Sunset Gap will find a way to continue its ministry to those in need with hopes of expanding the home repair ministry, making the Parent's Day Out program more financially stable and continuing the Thrift Shop operation.

7. **Grandfather Home for Children** – Grandfather serves 260 children throughout North Carolina. Last year, they celebrated adoption of 31 children into permanent, loving families. Construction of Campbell Cottage began this spring for completion in 2010 in Banner Elk to provide an innovative psychiatric residence and treatment facility for children with severe mental illness whose needs for personal safety and security were previously beyond their service capacities. This fall, Grandfather Academy (a public charter school) will welcome children from surrounding communities to participate in individualized education and treatment plans designed to help with adjustment or behavioral problems succeed and ultimately return to public schools.

Upcoming events include: • *Community Picnic* (free) at Wildcat Lake, September 5 from 10-2; • *19th Annual Children's Golf Classic*, October 11-12 at Elk River Golf Club, Banner Elk; • September 4, October 2, November 6 – *Circle of Courage*, public is invited for lunch and tour campus (no charge; reservations requested). Contact **Erin Carter** at 828.898.5465 (ext. 224) on above events.

8. **Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries** – The number of individuals currently being served in East Tennessee is approximately 80. This includes elderly individuals being supported in their homes as well as individuals with developmental disabilities. Evergreen has named an area supervisor for the Greeneville/Tri-Cities area. **Wyndi Patterson** will be responsible for clients served in the Greeneville, Johnson City and Kingsport. Evergreen is looking forward to its 50th year anniversary in October. Celebrations are being hosted in all the divisions throughout the six states in which Evergreen serves with a 50th anniversary celebration in East Tennessee in the fall.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

New Business: None

12:15PM – Promotions

Adjournment: Session Books were checked at this meeting by Gladys Shackelford, Charlie Smith, Dick McCray and Spencer Pickle and they were thanked for their commitment and diligence. The Committee on Thanks, Martin Christian and Greg Cartwright, reported. Mark Stokes delivered a prayer for adjournment and for the meal. The moderator dismissed the body at 12:20 PM.

_____ Mark Stokes, Moderator

_____ Richard L. Fifield, Stated Clerk

_____ Paulette H. Thompson, Recording Clerk