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**MINUTES**  
**STATED MEETING OF HOLSTON PRESBYTERY**  
**Waverly Road Presbyterian Church – Kingsport, TN**  
**March 3, 2007**

Holston Presbytery met for its stated meeting at Waverly Road Presbyterian Church in Kingsport, TN on Saturday, March 3, 2007. Moderator Cheryl Rice welcomed those gathered to the meeting. Commissioned Lay Pastor David Petke and Rev. Tim Meredith opened with worship and prayer. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was served by Rev. Dan Clark, Rev. Ike Brighton, and elders Susan and Charlie Smith.

**2006 RULING ELDER NECROLOGY**

**Charles Ward, Bethany Presbyterian, died on August 6 at the age of 59; son of Bradley and Eloise Ward; a loyal member of this church.**

**Sam Owen, Bethel Presbyterian, Kingsport, died on November 3 at the age of 68.**

**Leslie Richmond, Bethel Presbyterian, Kingsport, died on March 23 at the age of 53.**

**Eleanor Collins, Cedar Creek Presbyterian, died on June 3.**

**Marianna LaRue, Cedar Creek Presbyterian, died on August 6.**

**Agnes Jaynes, Cedar Creek Presbyterian, died on October 9.**

**Ora Belle Waddell, Cedar Creek Presbyterian, died on September 26.**

**Joe K. Thomas, III, Cold Spring Presbyterian, died on September 11 at 61.**

**Dave Murray, Colonial Heights Presbyterian, died on April 13 at age 51.**

**Perry Newman, Colonial Heights Presbyterian, died on May 25 at age 89.**

**Harley Laek, Colonial Heights Presbyterian, died on July 27 at age 86.**

**Craig Hawley Caldwell, First Presbyterian, Bristol, died on January 15.**

**Joseph W. Rowell, First Presbyterian, Bristol, died on January 25.**

**Edward William "Bill" King, Sr., First Presbyterian, Kingsport, died December 7 at age 83.**

**R. Jack Hayter, First Presbyterian, Morristown, died December 3 at age 92.**

**Frances N. Cate, Hopewell Presbyterian, died on March 18 at age 88.**

**David Fleming, Magill Memorial Presbyterian, died on October 8 at age 72. At the time of his death, David was serving his church as Clerk of Session, Church Treasurer, Chair of the Property Committee, and, wherever else he was needed. David was a "master workman" for the Lord whom he loved dearly.**

**Robert (Bobbie) Zander, Mt. Hermon Presbyterian, died May 2 at the age of 70. He was an elder for more than 34 years.**

**Lewis May**, *Mountain City Presbyterian*, died on December 12 at age 85.

**William L. Rumgay**, *Preston Hills Presbyterian*, died May 31 at age 77.

**Dalene Wallace**, *Preston Hills Presbyterian*, died on August 24 at age 85.

**Andrew Scott**, *Preston Hills Presbyterian*, died December 31 at age 82.

**Jerry David Gentry**, *Rosemont Presbyterian*, died December 11, 2005 at age 55. He was a life member of Rosemont, served as an elder and as the church organist for 40 years.

**Mary McKinney Nelson**, *Rogersville Presbyterian*, died September 15 at the age of 79. Mary "Mac" was a dedicated member of the church. She served as Treasurer for the Sunday School and the Presbyterian Women (and Women of the Church before

that). She was the Historian for the women's organizations for many years.

**Carol Wilson**, *Watauga Avenue Presbyterian*, died October 2 at age 83.

**Estelle Moore**, *Watauga Avenue Presbyterian*, died November 24 at age 88.

**Alfred G. Minton**, *Windsor Avenue Presbyterian*, died April 29, 2005 at the age of 75.

**Jay L. Fanning**, *Zion Presbyterian*, died on July 7, at the age of 72.

**H. K. Waddell**, *Zion Presbyterian*, died on September 12, at the age of 85.

Rev. Ike Brighton welcomed everyone on behalf of the church. Commissioners and guests were welcomed with first time commissioners and guests recognized.

MINISTERS PRESENT: Earle Barron, Gary Bement, Ike Brighton, Elmon Brown, Margaret Burkey, David Cagle, Greg Cartwright, Alan Chapman, Martin Christian, Daniel S. Clark, Harrell Cobb, Dan Donaldson, Charles Echols, Baron Eliason, John Everett, Rich Fifield, Craig Foster, Don Frederick, Bill Goforth, Yale Gunn, Barron Hopper, William D. Hyers, Gary Kelly, Phillip Kestner, Robert L. Lowry, Jim McClanahan, Jim Mays, Dennis Maxey, Tim Meredith, Charlie Murphy, Fred Niles, Tom Phillips, Richard Ray, George Rolling, Raymond Saunders, Angus Shaw, Andrew Spence, Harrison Taylor, Gordon Turnbull, David Welch.

MINISTERS ABSENT: Sharon Amstutz, William Allen, Robert Armistead, Richard Austin, John Campbell, Payne Cave, Catherine Clasen, Conrad Crow, John Dowling, Clarence Durham, Barrett Gilmer, Jim Gray, Ted Hagen, II, David Hale, David Hambrick, William Herd, Ira Howard, Ralph Hutchison, Greg Jordan, Mark L. Knisley, Lewis Lancaster, Jim Martin, John Martin, David Miller, Don Muncie, William Olson, Gradye Parsons, J. Wiley Prugh, David Sims, Steve Rembert, Errol Rohr, Glenn Scruggs, Ed Shackelford, John Shuck, Fred Foy Strang, Terry Sutherland, Charles Sydnor, Thomas Wade, Fred Walker, Russ Weekley, Steve Weisz, Katherine White, Ray White, Davis Whitesides, Brian Wyatt, Beth Yarborough, William Young.

ELDER COMMISSIONERS: (P - Principle; A - Alternate; V - Visitor) Amity –

Bethany – Helen Doty (P)  
Bethel, Dandridge –

Bethel, Kingsport – Bill Sade  
(P); Donna Sade (V)

Blountville – Harold W. Barr  
(P)

Bristol, First – Charles Webb (P)	Kirkpatrick (P)	McCown (P)
Cedar Creek – Marci Cobb (V)	Jonesborough – Jackie Riddle (P); Robert Riddle (V); Kathy Schen (V); Bob Schen (V)	Reedy Creek, Bristol – Reedy Creek, Kingsport – Mike Culbertson (P)
Cedarview –	Keystone – Spencer Pickel (V)	Rock Creek – F. B. White (P); Don Lonon (A)
Chuckey – Elizabeth Love (P)	Kingsport, First – John Pridemore (P); Albert Tatchi (V); Caroline Babb (A)	Rogersville – Mary Jane Fink (P)
Clinton –	Leesburg –	Rosemont – Fern Nelson (P); Dawn Vinson (A)
Cold Spring – Dan Fetters (A); Suzanne Lawson (V); Mary Jane McClellan (V); Kenneth Alfrey (V); Bill Presley (V); Francia Presley (V)	Liberty –	Salem – Mona Barron (V)
Colonial Heights – Ted Hagen, Sr., (P); Charles Barrett (V)	Magill Memorial – Eric Anderson (P)	Shady Valley – Shenandoah –
Cove Creek -	Meadowview –	St. Paul –
Covenant – Jim Amstutz (P); Sally Nagel (V); Butch Carr (V)	Morristown, First – Sharon McAnear (P); Barbara Kirby (P)	Strawberry Plains – Tabernacle –
Cross Anchor –	Mountain City – Rudy Lucas (V)	Timber Ridge – Oliver Burkey (V); Harold Hayes (P)
Elizabethton, First – Cheri Miller (P)	Mt. Hermon –	Tri City Korean –
Erwin – Mike Reese (P)	New Bethel –	Walkertown – John Long (P)
Grays Chapel –	New Ebenezer –	Watauga Avenue –
Greeneville, First – Phil Hamblett (P)	New Market –	Waverly Road – Charles Smith (V); John Clasen (P)
Hebron –	New Providence –	Weaver Union –
Hopewell –	Newport –	West Ridge – Gladys Shackelford (P)
Jefferson City, First –	Oakland –	Whitesburg –
Jennie Moore – Mark H. Silver (P)	Old Kingsport – George Cloud (P); Dorthiea Williams (A)	Windsor Avenue – Shirley Pecktol (P); Anthony Barnett (V); Linda Reed (A)
Johnson City, First – Gil Rosenberger (P); Kelly	Philadelphia –	Zion
–	Piney Flats –	
	Preston Hills – Theodore V.	

PRESBYTERY STAFF: Craig Bell, Kim Hammond, Bob Millard, Susan Smith, Paulette Thompson

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Bonnie Agner (Presbyterian Women); Jane Boyd (Institutions); Charles Brumley (Holston Camp & Retreat Center); Mary Lee Harmon (Congregational Life); Chuck King (World Wide Missions)

COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS: David Light (Shenandoah); David Petke; Kathleen Wright (Chuckey)

CANDIDATES/INQUIRERS: Deven Johnson (Colonial Heights, Inquirer); David Hunsicker (First, Bristol, Inquirer); Kent Petit (First, Johnson City, Inquirer); Pat Willard (Covenant, Candidate)

VISITING MINISTERS: Rev. James Carter (St. Paul/Whitesburg); Rev. Ronnie Duncan

(Walkertown/Cross Anchor); Rev. Robert Rainwater (Piney Flats); Rev. J. B. Shelton (Mt. Hermon)

OTHER VISITORS: Mark Stokes (Tusculum); Rev. Kathy Campbell (Lees-McRae); Jovanna Emerson (Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries); Norie Ann Young (Grandfather Home for Children)

### **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 December 5, 2006 Stated Meeting
- Appointment of Committee on Thanks: Margaret Burkey, J. B. Shelton
- Appointment of the Bills & Overture Committee: David Light, Beth Yarborough
- And, Adoption of the Docket

The Consent Agenda was approved.

**Declaration Of New Business:** None

**Stated Clerk's Report:** Rich Fifield presented the Stated Clerk's report.

### **INFORMATION:**

1. Pursuant to the *Book of Order* G-11.0100b. requiring that the number of resident ministers entitled to vote in the presbytery not be greater than the number of elders so entitled, as of December 31, 2006 Holston Presbytery had 68 resident ministers, with 69 elders so entitled, thus there is no imbalance that needs to be redressed. ([See attached Roll of Ministers](#))
2. The *Book of Order* D-5.0206b. reads that: *The stated clerk of the governing body shall keep a current roster of those members of the permanent judicial commission whose terms have expired within the past six years. The names shall be arranged alphabetically within classes beginning with the most recent class. Whenever the permanent judicial commission reports its inability to obtain a quorum, the stated clerk shall immediately select, by rotation from that roster, a sufficient number of former members of the permanent judicial commission to constitute a quorum. The stated clerk shall report the roster annually to the governing body.*

The current roster of members of the permanent judicial commission whose terms have expired within the past six years are:

Class of 2006

Ruth Robinson (Salem) (E)

Raymond Saunders (HR)

Class of 2004

Dick Johnson (Watauga Avenue) (E)

Doris Carson (Waverly Road) (E)

Class of 2002

David Hale (M)

Bill McRee (Bristol, First) (E)

3. Received the Commissioner's Report of the Synod of Living Waters ([see attached](#))
4. Received the Minutes of the Commission of Installation for Fred Niles ([see attached](#))
5. Received the Minutes of the Commission of Ordination for Mary Margaret "Meg" Flannagan ([see attached](#))
6. Received the Minutes of The Journey (NCD) Commission ([see attached](#))
7. The 2005 Minutes of Holston Presbytery were approved by the Synod of Living Waters with exception.

**Roll of Ministers as of December 31, 2006**

Active (Resident)

Ministers:

Sharon Amstutz

Earle Barron

Gary Bement

Ike Brighton

Elmon Brown

Margaret Burkey

David Cagle

Gregory Cartwright

Alan Chapman

H. Martin Christian

Dan Clark

Harrell L Cobb

Conrad Crow

Dan Donaldson

Charles W Echols

Baron Eliason

John H. Everett

Richard L Fifield

Craig Foster

Donald Frederick

Bill S. Goforth

James L. Gray

David L. Hale

David C. Hambrick, Jr.

Barron Hopper

Ira G. Howard

William D. Hyers

Greg Jordan

R. Gary Kelly

C. Phillip Kestner

Mark Knisley

Mun-Gye Lee

Robert Lowry

John L. Martin

Dennis Maxey

James Mays

James S. McClanahan, Jr

Tim W. Meredith

Russell Morgan

Charles Murphy

Fred L. Niles

J. Thomas Phillips

J. Wiley Prugh

Steve Rembert

Errol Rohr

George L. Rolling

Raymond Saunders

Edgar P. Shackelford

Angus Shaw

John A. Shuck

David H. Sims

Andrew E. Spence, Jr.

Fred Foy Strang

Charles S. Sydnor

Harrison Taylor

Gordon Turnbull

Fred Walker

Russ Weekley

Stephen R. Weisz

David Welch

Davis Whitesides

Brian Wyatt

Beth Yarborough

Active (Non-resident)

Ministers:

William E. Allen

Robert L Armistead  
Richard C Austin  
John Campbell  
Clarence Durham  
G. Barrett Gilmer  
Yale Gunn  
Ted Hagen, II  
William B. Herd  
Ralph Hutchison  
Lewis Lancaster  
James Martin  
David Miller  
William Olson  
Gradye Parsons  
Richard Ray  
Thomas M. L. Wade

Member-At-Large  
(Resident):

Payne Cave  
Don R. Muncie  
Terry Sutherland  
Katherine White  
Ray White

Member-At-Large (Non-  
Resident):

John Dowling  
Glenn Scruggs  
William Young  
Catherine Clasen

Ministers Laboring in  
Holston

None

Ministers of Other  
Denomination

Thomas M. Bier  
Daniel Blevins  
Paul Brewer  
James L. Carter  
Calvin Metcalf  
Robert Rainwater  
J. B. Shelton  
Warren Stewart  
Kenneth Verran

**Roll of Certified Christian Educators as of December 31, 2006**

Craig Bell  
Ike Brighton  
Craig Foster  
Jim Kirkpatrick  
Russ Weekley



## Roll of Commissioned Lay Pastors as of December 31, 2006

Level I:	Level II:	Level III:
Gloria Baird	John Catts	Carol Baird
Tracy Cagle	Mike Culbertson	Calvin Ballinger
Cliff Dameron	Bob Grimes	Tom Burleson
Christine Faust	John Long	Jim Foote
Harold Finley	Kathleen Wright	Mary Lee Harmon
James Graham		Chip Herndon, IV
David Petke		David Light
Cheryl Rice		Anna Maddox
Harold Rogers		Bobby Meadows
Ruby Rogers		Jeff Morelock
Jim Skillen		John Snyder
Gene Smith		Jim Swoager
Frances Waters		Amanda Wise
		Scott Wise

### Synod Commissioner's Report Annual Synod of Living Waters Meeting January, 2007

Dear Holston Presbytery Members and Commissioners,

The following is the report from the 2007 Synod of Living Waters meeting held at Rivermont Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

The meeting started with a worship and Holy Communion service. The proposed docket was then adopted. Introductions of the new commissioners, visitors, executive presbyters, and corresponding members were then announced.

The Reverend Charles Van Devender reported to the Synod body that the permanent Judicial Commission (PJC) is still reviewing a remedial case against the Presbytery of the Mid-South. Also, a case against the Presbytery of Mississippi is pending in civil court at this time, but the Synod PJC has no jurisdiction regarding this matter until the case is settled in civil court.

Chris Jones, representing the Nomination Committee, then made the nominations for the new Moderator and Vice-Moderator. Patrick Smith, Elder with the First Presbyterian Church in Sheffield, Alabama was nominated and later elected as the Moderator for the 2007 Synod meeting. Robyn Abel, pastor of Iroquois Presbyterian Church in Louisville, Kentucky was then nominated and elected as Vice-

Moderator for the 2007 Synod meeting.

Synod Executive Terry Newland reported a loss of \$20,752.52 on the 2006 year budget, but was quick to point out that the Synod's \$22,500.00 gain in 2005 was quickly approved to be forwarded to the Presbytery of Mississippi for help with Hurricane Katrina relief. Not counting the monies given for hurricane relief, the Synod actually was \$1,747.48 in the black for the 2006 year.

The executive committee then gave the following recommendations to the Synod body:

- That Synod adopt the 2007 proposed budget
- That the 2007 Living Waters for the World budget be adopted
- That Synod approve the roster of new commissioners
- That Synod approve the Greenway Trust be transferred to Transylvania Presbytery
- That the manual changes in the Synod standing rules be approved
- That the Nominating Committee bring to Synod as part of their report, nominations to all committees, allowing the Executive Committee to give recommendations as they see fit

All the preceding recommendations were approved. Also, after much discussion, the body of the Synod approved the proposed Special Administrative Review Policy, which allows a committee to make some decisions during the year on issues that require a timely action.

Many other reports were received including: two seminary reports, two ministry reports, and an update on Hurricane Katrina relief.

Thank you for allowing me to represent this presbytery in these important matters.

T. J. Freshour, Elder/Commissioner, Holston Presbytery, 2007

**MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION of Holston Presbytery to install Reverend Fred Niles as the Pastor of the *Reedy Creek Presbyterian Church, Kingsport, Tennessee and Meadowview Presbyterian Church, Bristol, Tennessee.***

The Commission, according to the appointment of Holston Presbytery, met at Reedy Creek Presbyterian Church on Sunday, December 10, 2006 at 2:45 p.m. Minister members included Rich Fifield, Robert Lowry and Martin Christian. Elders included Mrs. Judy Hicks (Reedy Creek) and Mr. Bobby Meadows (Meadowview).

Bob Lowry was elected moderator and opened the meeting with prayer. Rich Fifield was elected clerk. 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.

Reverend Rich Fifield welcomed the congregation. Prayer of Confession was given by Marlisa Osborne. Scripture readings from Psalm 27 and Philippians 3:12-16 were given by Elder Judy Hicks. Reverend Martin Christian gave the Sermon. The Constitutional Questions to the Pastor-elect and to the congregation were delivered by Reverend Fifield. The Charge to the Pastor Elect and Congregation and the Prayer of Installation were delivered by Reverend Robert Lowry. All questions being answered in the affirmative, Reverend Fred Niles was installed as the Pastor of the Reedy Creek, Kingsport and Meadowview Churches agreeably to the Word of God and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

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. Fred Niles 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: *Rich Fifield*

### **MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION of Holston Presbytery to ordain Mary Margaret Flannagan 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 Bristol, TN on January 21, 2007 at 10:45 a.m. with ministers James S. McClanahan, Richard A. Ray, Gordon A. Turnbull, and Brian C. Wyatt (Holston Presbytery) and visiting ministers Christopher Moore-Keish and Martha Moore-Keish (Presbytery of Greater Atlanta) and Elders Gary Arner, Nancy Cook and Jim Kirkpatrick present.

Gordon Turnbull opened the meeting with prayer, 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 11:00 a.m. and agreed to adjourn at the benediction.

Reverend Doctor Gordon Turnbull reconvened the Commission in the presence of the congregation. Elder Gary Arner led the congregation in the Prayer of Confession. Reverends Chris and Martha Moore-Keish led the congregation in worship. Scripture was read by Elder Nancy Cook and Reverends Moore-Keish from Ruth 1:6-9, 16-17, 22 and 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a. A Litany for Ordination was given by Elder Jim Kirkpatrick. Statement of Purpose was given by Rev. Turnbull. The Constitutional Questions to the Candidate were given by Rev. Brian Wyatt. All questions being answered in the affirmative, Mary Margaret Flannagan was ordained as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA) agreeably to the Word of God and the constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA). A Prayer of Ordination was given by Rev. Dr. James McClanahan. The declaration of Ordination was given by Rev. Wyatt.

Members of the presbytery and others then welcomed the newly ordained minister into their fellowship in the ministry of the Word. The Charge to the new minister was delivered by Rev. Doctor Richard Ray.

At the conclusion of the service Mary Margaret pronounced the benediction. After the service, officers and members of the church offered an appropriate expression of cordial reception and affectionate regard.

Signed by Moderator/Clerk: *Gordon A. Turnbull*

### **The Journey Administrative Commission**

**January 16, 2007**

#### **Minutes**

The Commission gathered at the "New Church Building" for lunch and our meeting. After a brief tour of the facility Bob Lowry blessed our food and our meeting. Present were: Tom & Rhonda Bier, Lewy Cornett, Rich Fifield, Jerry Gehre and Kim Hammond.

**Old Business:** 2006 Finances were reviewed. As of January 1, 2007 all bookkeeping is being done by Rhonda Bier and Christy (all received money). Rhonda's name has been added to the signature card. After some discussion, the commission will review how things are going after the first quarter of work. Tom will look into some one doing a financial review of the 2006 bookkeeping.

**Programs:** Lots of activity around with the new location. Outside groups are using the building along with all the activities of The Journey. The church wants to be a community oriented - sponsored church.

**New Business:** The Journey Church is now leasing a church building at 102 Old Stage Road in Gray. They have not signed any lease as of yet. They are waiting on the owner's lawyer for the paper work. As soon as the lease is ready a meeting will be called of the commission to look over all aspects of the lease.

**Next Meeting:** March 20, 2007 4:00 pm @ The Journey Church, 102 Old Stage Road, Gray, TN, 423-477-4040 for directions

Tom Bier closed the meeting with prayer.

Submitted by: Kim Hammond

**Treasurer's Report:  
Holston Presbytery  
Balance Sheet  
Cash Basis As of December 31, 2006**

	Dec 31, 06	Dec 31, 05
<b>Checking/Savings</b>		
10000 · CHECKING - CITIZENS BANK (Checking - Citizens Bank)		
10101 · Jonesborough Ministers Con Ed. (Jonesborough Ministers C...	0.00	262.51
10111 · Select Monies (Select Monies)	2,424.74	55,980.24
10160 · Westminster PC - Lease Monies (Westminster PC - Lease Mo...	0.00	16,390.82
10170 · Fairmount Property (Fairmount Property)	0.00	2,767.51
10171 · Fairmount Deposits - Renters (Fairmount Deposits - Renters)	0.00	1,100.00
10211 · Hattie Farthing Fund (Hattie Farthing Fund)	1,081.59	1,738.51
10410 · Global Mission Fund (Global Mission Fund)	11,714.36	12,377.07
10415 · Brazil Mission Trip (Brazil Mission Trip)	407.20	4,832.31
10420 · 3 Cents-a-Meal Local (3 Cents-a-Meal Local)	2,441.12	1,992.22
10421 · 3 Cents-a-Meal International (3 Cents-a-Meal International)	-57.54	231.51
10531 · Youth Ministry Endowment (Youth Ministry Endowment)	4,000.00	1,000.00
10640 · EIHN - Restoring Creation (EIHN - Restoring Creation)	1,425.00	1,500.00
10712 · Ministry - Hawkins County (Ministry - Hawkins County)	3,000.00	1,500.00
10714 · Church Hill - Undesignated (Church Hill - Undesignated)	2,000.00	500.00
10752 · New Church Development/Designat (New Church Development/...	8,333.32	25,000.00
10755 · Synod NCD Money (Synod NCD Money)	458.33	0.00
11810 · Devries Scholarship Fund (Devries Scholarship Fund)	0.00	628.85
11861 · Williams Capital Fund Interest (Williams Capital Fund Int.)	959.39	1,712.37
11862 · Williams Program Fund Interest (Williams Program Fund Int.)	5,264.65	3,606.54
11910 · Honoraria - FIFIELD (Honoraria - FIFIELD)	2,384.77	2,979.73
14000 · Grant Program Restricted (Grant Program Restricted)	21,379.49	3,107.79
15000 · Charitable Gift Annuity (Charitable Gift Annuity)	7,504.76	-1,333.12
20000 · Citizens Bank (Citizens Bank)		
20210 · Pastoral Care (Pastoral Care)	-1,500.81	864.79
20531 · Youth Triennium (Youth Triennium)	575.40	571.20
20710 · Church Development (Church Development)	304.06	301.81
20750 · New Church Development (New Church Development)	2,883.26	2,880.43
20780 · Evangelism (Evangelism)	8,751.96	8,679.51
20911 · Equipment Reserve (Equipment Reserve)	679.37	674.40
21810 · Devries Scholarship Fund a (Devries Scholarship Fund)	9.52	1,924.89
21820 · Grigsby Scholarship (Grigsby Scholarship)	14,760.99	12,362.09
21830 · Braziel Scholarship (Braziel Scholarship)	589.24	748.58
21840 · Dixon Scholarship (Dixon Scholarship)	9,067.03	8,036.46
21881 · Ninth Street Loan Fund - Hold (Ninth Street Loan Fund ...	1,824.29	1,802.83
Total 20000 · Citizens Bank (Citizens Bank)	37,944.31	38,846.99
10000 · CHECKING - CITIZENS BANK (Checking - Citizens Bank) – Other	251,754.03	246,554.59
Total 10000 · CHECKING - CITIZENS BANK (Checking - Citizens Bank)	364,419.52	423,276.44

30000 · PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION (Presbyterian Foundation)		
30211 · Hattie Farthing Fund (Hattie Farthing Fund)	33,894.34	33,364.19
30710 · Church Development (Church Development)	28,720.76	28,271.54
30730 · Small Church Fund (Small Church Fund)	184,600.33	181,712.94
30750 · New Church Development (New Church Development)	184,583.12	181,696.00
31820 · Grigsby Scholarship (Grigsby Scholarship)	74,825.82	73,655.45
31830 · Braziel Scholarship (Braziel Scholarship)	43,431.33	42,752.00
31840 · Dixon Scholarship (Dixon Scholarship)	31,443.92	30,952.10
31870 · Pattie Bushong Fund (Pattie Bushong Fund)	1,852.42	1,852.42
31880 · Robinson Fund (Robinson Fund)	686.43	658.65
31881 · Ninth Street Loan Fund (Ninth Street Loan Fund)	10,552.08	15,723.91
31882 · Ninth Street Scholarship (Ninth Street Scholarship)	47,793.87	45,196.38
31883 · Tusculum College Endowment (Tusculum College Endowment)	100,156.03	98,323.14
Total 30000 · PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION (Presbyterian Foundation)	742,540.45	734,158.72
Total Checking/Savings	1,106,959.97	1,157,435.16
Other Current Assets		
40000 · The PFSA, Inc Grant Program	627,000.00	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	627,000.00	0.00
Total Current Assets	1,733,959.97	1,157,435.16
TOTAL ASSETS	1,733,959.97	1,157,435.16
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	0.00	0.00

**Holston Presbytery**  
**General Mission Budget**  
**Year End 2006**

	Jan - Dec 06	Budget
<b>Income</b>		
60160 · Unified Mission Designated Fund (Unified Mission Designated Fu)	86,586.60	230,967.00
60500 · Unified Monies (Unified Monies)	602,018.50	627,488.56
61900 · Other Forms of Income (Other Forms of Income)	96,574.35	
61905 · Interest Income (Interest Income)	<u>11,322.60</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	796,502.05	864,455.56
<b>Expense</b>		
70100 · Presbytery Council/Governing Bo (Presbytery Council/Governing)	114,312.13	114,610.79
70200 · E- Committee on Ministry (E- Committee on Ministry)	2,150.71	4,000.00
70300 · E-Committee Prep for Ministry (E-Committee Prep for Ministry)	13,945.58	11,800.00
70400 · WW Mission Committee (WW Mission Committee)	1,990.00	2,700.00
70500 · Congregational Life Committee (Congregational Life Committee)	7,782.67	12,800.00
70600 · EIHN Committee (EIHN Committee)	1,075.00	4,500.00
70700 · Church Development & Evangelism (Church Development & Evangeli)	94,566.67	131,840.00
70800 · Committee on Institutions (Committee on Institutions)	52,500.00	52,500.00
70900 · Administration & Planning Com (Administration & Planning Com)	385,936.17	405,371.47
71100 · Stewardship & Budget Committee (Stewardship & Budget Committee)	1,774.26	4,500.00
71200 · Holston Camp & Retreat Center (Holston Camp & Retreat Center)	87,999.93	88,000.00
71300 · Campus Ministry (Campus Ministry)	31,400.11	31,400.00
71400 · Trustees (Trustees)	<u>322.57</u>	<u>100.00</u>

<b>Total Expense</b>	795,755.80	864,122.26
<b>Net Income</b>	746.25	333.30

**Report of September 12, 2006 Stated Meeting Bills and Overtures Committee:** Dan Donaldson recommended the following substitute Resolution in response to the Cold Spring Overture. After discussion, the substitute Resolution was approved.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. The Bills and Overture Committee appointed at the Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Holston on September 12, 2006 recommends the adoption of the following action by Presbytery:

*Whereas* the Session of the Cold Spring Presbyterian Church in their action of August 6, 2006 ([see attached](#)) took seriously their responsibility to address issues of concern for the work of Holston Presbytery and its member congregations relative to the examination and ordination of Elders, Deacons and Ministers of the Word and Sacrament, and

*Whereas* the Presbytery through its Committee on Ministry is working to determine how to give guidance to the Session of the churches on the examination and ordination of elders and deacons and to establish a process for the examination, ordination and installation of Ministers of the Word and Sacrament, and

*Whereas* this issue is currently before other Presbyteries of the church which should provide greater clarity for this and other Presbyteries, and

*Whereas* “The law and government of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) presuppose the fellowship of women and men with their children in voluntary covenanted relationship with one another and with God through Jesus Christ. The organization rests upon the fellowship and is not designed to work without trust and love.” *Book of Order* G-7.0103, and

*Whereas* the Committee believes it important to affirm the current standards of ordination in the *Book of Order*,

Therefore be it resolved:

*That* the Holston Presbytery gives thanks to the Session of Cold Spring Presbyterian Church for their work in bringing this issue before the Presbytery,

*That* the Sessions of the Presbytery be reminded of the importance of the process and act in a manner that affirms its importance to the faithful witness of the work of the church,

*That* the Committee on Ministry be encouraged to continue to explore ways to give guidance to the Session of the churches of Presbytery on the examination process and develop a process for the Presbytery that is faithful to the current ordination standards of the church, and

*That* Holston Presbytery at its March 3, 2007 stated meeting affirms the historic ordination standards as expressed in Scripture and *The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA)*

Bills & Overtures Committee: Dan Donaldson, Barbara Kelly and Angus Shaw

### **Overture to the Holston Presbytery, August 6, 2006, from Cold Spring Presbyterian Church**

Whereas the 217th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) by an 81% vote retained all previous General Assembly Authoritative Interpretations and Definitive Guidance regarding matters of ordination and standards for church office; and

Whereas the constitutional standards and requirements for ordination and church office have not changed; and

Whereas an Authoritative Interpretation (AI) of G-6.0108 was passed by the 217th General Assembly at the proposal and recommendation of the Task Force on Peace, Unity, and Purity; and

Whereas said AI might open the door for governing bodies to ordain persons who depart from one or more of the standards and requirements in the Book of Order at the sole discretion of the ordaining body; and

Whereas said AI upholds the authority of Presbyteries to require the governing bodies within its bounds to comply with the standards in the Book of Order pertaining to matters of ordination and church office; and

Whereas the Holston Presbytery has consistently upheld and supported our constitutional standards for ordination and church office;

Whereas the report by the Task Force on Peace, Unity, and Purity, passed by the 217th General Assembly, strongly encourages ordaining and examining bodies to be thorough in its examinations; and

Therefore, the Session of Cold Spring Presbyterian Church, by unanimous approval overtures the Holston Presbytery to resolve to amend its by-laws to include the following:

For the peace, unity, and purity of the church, the Holston Presbytery resolves that all standards and requirements in the Book of Order for both the ordination and installation of candidates and the holding of church office are essential.

Under the guidance of Scripture and the Holy Spirit, the Holston Presbytery and the governing bodies within its bounds may grant *scruples of conscious* to candidates and officers over matters of church polity in the Book of Order.

The Holston Presbytery and the governing bodies within its bounds shall not grant to candidates for ordination and/or officers in the church any *exemption of compliance* or *exemption of practice* from standards and requirements in the Book of Order.

Presbytery Council, with the help of the stated clerk, may compile and maintain the list of the standards and requirements for church office in the Book of Order to assist governing bodies, inquirers, and candidates in the preparation and examination process.

The governing body charged with examining inquirers and candidates for church office shall give to its inquirers and candidates 1) a copy of this resolution and 2) the list of standards and requirements for church office compiled and maintained by Presbytery Council and/or the Book of Order itself. This shall be done for persons seeking ordination to the ministry of Word and Sacrament during the inquiry phase and shall be recorded in the minutes of the CPM. This shall be done for persons seeking ordination as elders or deacons no later than during the meeting in which said persons are examined for fitness to the office and shall be recorded in the minutes which also record the results of examination.

During the examination of candidates, whether by the Holston Presbytery or a session within its bounds, the moderator shall give the voting members of the governing body ample opportunity to question candidates regarding their faith and practice as it relates to Scripture and our Constitution. The moderator shall also give each candidate ample opportunity to state any scruple of conscious he or she might have with the doctrines and requirements of the Constitution. It is beholden upon each candidate to know the standards of the office for which he or she seeks and to state his or her scruples of conscious. All stated scruples shall be recorded in the same minutes of the governing body that report the fact and result of the examination.

All ordinations shall be deemed irregular in the Holston Presbytery which grants an exemption of practice

from standards and requirements in the Book of Order.

This resolved by the session of Cold Spring Presbyterian Church on August 6, 2006.

Moderator, Tim Meredith; Stated Clerk, Richard Lewis

**10:15 AM Panel Discussion on Proposed Amendments and Small Groups**

**10:58 AM Meeting Reconvened**

**11:00 AM Order of the Day – Vote on Proposed Amendments from the 217th General Assembly**

	AMENDMENTS	YES	NO
06-A.	Revision of Form of Government, Chapter XIV with Additional Amendments to Book of Order Preface and G-6.0500, G-6.0600, G-6.0700, G-9.0405, G-11.0405, G-11.0408 and G-11.0504. (Item 05-II A.1. & A.2.) <u>If A.1 is approved</u> , A.2 amendments shall also be approved. Changes shown in Amendments A.2a deal with advisory handbooks.	54	15
06-B.1.	Moving Ordination, Installation, and Commissioning Questions and Service Information to the Directory for Worship—On Amending G-14.0206 - .0209, G-14.0405, G-14.0510-0511, G-14.0801g & h, and W-4.4000.	60	11
06-B.2.	Adding Licensure of Candidates—On Amending G-14.0309.	31	39
06-B.3.	Removing Synod Approval of Extraordinary Exam Process— On Amending G-14.0313b.	59	12
06-C.	Enabling New General Assembly Council Structure— On Amending G-9.0703, G-13.0107, G-13.0201 and G-13.0202.	59	11
06-D.	Opening Committee On Ministry to Access by Commissioned Lay Pastors—On Amending G-11.0503.	66	5
06-E.	Members of the Synod—On Amending G-12.0101.	61	7
06-F.	Naming Certified Christian Educators as Mandated Reporters— On Amending G-14.0701.	51	19

**Council Report:**

Council Minutes

February 20, 2007

Present: Bonnie Agner, Ike Brighton, Elmon Brown, Charles Brumley, Dan Donaldson, Barron



Hopper, Barbara Kelly, Chuck King, Cheryl Rice, Harrison Taylor, Brian Wyatt, Rich Fifield, Kim Hammond, Paulette Thompson, Susan Smith, Jim Kirkpatrick

The February 20 meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the office of the Presbytery by Cheryl Rice sitting in for chair, Beth Yarborough. Cheryl opened the meeting with devotional and prayer.

**Reports/Recommendations to Council:**

The Stated Clerk's Report was noted in the packet by Rich Fifield.

Session Minutes were reviewed in accordance with the *Book of Order*, G-10.0301:

The following Session Minutes were reviewed without exception: Bethany, Bethel (Dandridge), Bethel (Kingsport), Blountville, Cedarview, Colonial Heights, Covenant, Cross Anchor, First (Bristol), First (Elizabethton), First (Greeneville), First (Jefferson City), First (Johnson City), First (Kingsport), First (Morristown), Erwin, Grays Chapel, Hebron, Jennie Moore, Jonesborough, Keystone, Mt. Hermon, New Market, New Providence, Old Kingsport, Rock Creek, Rogersville, Rosemont, St. Paul, Strawberry Plains, Timber Ridge, Walkertown, Watauga Avenue, Waverly Road, West Ridge, Windsor Avenue, Zion

The following Session Minutes were reviewed with exception: Cedar Creek, Cold Spring, Hopewell, Magill Memorial, Mountain City, New Bethel, Preston Hills, Reedy Creek (Bristol), Salem

The following Session Minutes were not reviewed in 2006: Amity, Chuckey, Clinton, Cove Creek, Leesburg, Liberty, Meadowview, New Ebenezer, Newport, Oakland, Philadelphia, Piney Flats, Reedy Creek (Kingsport), Shady Valley, Shenandoah, Tabernacle, Weaver Union, Whitesburg.

Treasurer's Report was noted in the packet for review.

Moderator's Report – none

Vice-Moderator's Report – In the absence of Bob Lowry information was noted that Tim Meredith will deliver the message at the March meeting. Dan Clark and the congregation of Waverly Road are working on the worship service which will include Communion.

Administration & Planning: Elmon Brown noted the following:

In accordance with the Council's action at their November 14, 2006 meeting, an *Ad Hoc* Committee was formed – Pam Pope (Covenant), David Light (Shenandoah) and Don Raber (First, Kingsport) – to examine the presbytery's investment process, and the relationship between the presbytery and the Public Foundation for Stewardship Advancement (PFSA), and report to the Trustees, Council and Presbytery in the March 2007 meeting cycle.

The *Ad Hoc* Committee could not complete its report for the February 20, 2007 Council meeting due to the nature of the analysis being performed, but will report at the May 22, 2007 Council meeting.

Future Dates for Council and Presbytery meetings in 2007:

May 22, 2007	Saturday, June 2, 2007 – Cedarview, Kingsport
August 28, 2007	Tuesday, September 11, 2007 – Strawberry Plains
November 13, 2007	Tuesday, December 4, 2007 – King College, Bristol

There were no actions referred to Council by Presbytery at the December meeting. The Draft Copy of the Handout Packet for March 3, 2007 stated meeting of presbytery at Waverly Road Presbyterian, including proposed docket and committee reports to presbytery, was reviewed. Small groups were discussed with a panel to discuss the proposed amendments before Presbytery as part of the groups with Rich Fifield, Brian Wyatt, and an elder to be named.

There being no new business, Cheryl asked for the sharing of Concerns and Prayers. Cheryl closed the meeting with prayer at 7:45 p.m. The Minutes Committee met to approve tonight's minutes. The next meeting of Council will be **Tuesday, May 22 at 7 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted, Paulette H. Thompson

**Church Development and Evangelism Committee:** No report

**Presbyterian Women:** Bonnie Agner reported.

INFORMATION:

1. The **Spring Gathering** of Holston Presbyterian Women will be held at **Rogersville Presbyterian Church** on **April 21, 2007**. Our speaker will be Deidra Crosby, a student at Columbia Theological Seminary. New officers will be installed and Communion will be celebrated.
2. The **Fall Gathering** of Holston Presbyterian Women will be held **September 8** at **Watauga Avenue Presbyterian Church**.
3. Our annual **Spiritual Growth Retreat** will be held at Holston Presbytery Camp & Retreat Center in Banner Elk, NC on **September 21-23**.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

**Trustees Report:**

The Trustees met on Thursday, February 6, 2007 and

- Verified that Holston Presbytery does have property and liability insurance coverage as required by the *Book of Order*, G-11.0308
- Reviewed the property and investments of Holston Presbytery.
- Reviewed the Tennessee Corporation Annual Report.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

**Youth & Young Adult Ministry Committee Report:**

INFORMATION:

1. **Presbytery Youth Events** are scheduled throughout the year. The **Senior High Retreat**

is **March 23-25**, the **Montreat Youth Conference** is **June 10-16**, and the **Presbytery-Wide Mission Trip** is **June 24-30** to Metairie, LA. These events are especially practical for small-member congregations that cannot do “events” with their youth.

2. Concern for youth has led to a request for a Child Protection Policy to be put in place for Holston Presbytery. It has been referred to the Youth Ministry Committee.
3. The **Campus Ministry at ETSU** has a new student assistant at work at that campus. The group is planning to serve communion monthly—so ministers from Holston Presbytery can be expected to be called on to share with them in these fellowship meetings. Also, the Campus Ministry is attempting to do more with music in their worship.
4. The student fellowship at ETSU (among other things) met to watch a movie on religion and snake handling which they followed by a discussion on the topic. (There were no reported attempts to demonstrate this practice!)
5. A **Council for International Ministry** has been approved by Presbytery. This reflects the growing need of international students for help while in the United States and the growing opportunity for ministry to them. The International Students meet at the Presbyterian Campus House each Friday evening even when classes are not in session—and we are invited to get with them when we can.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

## Youth & Young Adult Ministry

### Presbyterian Campus Ministry Financial Report As of January 2007

	Jan 07	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
<b>Income</b>				
Bank	0.00	15.00	-15.00	0.0%
Facility Use	400.00	4,400.00	-4,000.00	9.1%
Holston Presbytery	2,616.67	31,400.00	-28,783.33	8.3%
The PFSA interest	1,456.40	10,768.44	-9,312.04	13.5%
IDS Dividends	7.26	15.00	-7.74	48.4%
Meal Receipts	0.00	1,800.00	-1,800.00	0.0%
Miscellaneous Receipts	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	0.0%
Presbytery of East TN	1,500.00	6,000.00	-4,500.00	25.0%
Synod of Living Waters	<u>775.00</u>	<u>9,300.00</u>	<u>-8,525.00</u>	8.3%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>6,755.33</b>	<b>65,198.44</b>	<b>-58,443.11</b>	<b>10.4%</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
Cable TV	199.46	1,200.00	-1,000.54	16.6%
Campus Labor	116.00	400.00	-284.00	29.0%
Cleaning	125.00	1,400.00	-1,275.00	8.9%
Electricity	694.72	3,500.00	-2,805.28	19.8%
Food/Cleaning Supplies	713.86	6,000.00	-5,286.14	11.9%
Gas	0.00	400.00	-400.00	0.0%
Miscellaneous	50.00	250.00	-200.00	20.0%

Office Supplies	119.90	2,200.00	-2,080.10	5.5%
Payroll Expenses	3,316.14	24,125.00	-20,808.86	13.7%
Printing/Postage/Promotion	473.28	4,300.00	-3,826.72	11.0%
Professional Expense/Intern	272.95	900.00	-627.05	30.3%
Repairs/Maintenance	202.57	5,000.00	-4,797.43	4.1%
Special Events	-0.96	800.00	-800.96	-0.1%
Telephone	482.82	1,500.00	-1,017.18	32.2%
Triennium	100.00	850.00	-750.00	11.8%
Water	113.10	900.00	-786.90	12.6%
Youth Ministry	0.00	6,350.00	-6,350.00	0.0%
<b>Total Expense</b>	7,051.05	60,075.00	-53,023.95	11.7%
Net Ordinary Income	-295.72	5,123.44	-5,419.16	-5.8%
Annual carryover	8,800.00	5,800.00	3,000.00	151.7%
Total Other Income	8,800.00	5,800.00	3,000.00	151.7%
Net Other Income	8,600.00	5,800.00	2,800.00	148.3%
Net Income	8,304.28	10,923.44	-2,619.16	76.0%

Youth & Young Adult Ministry  
Bank Balances as of January 31, 2007

Checking Account Balance	14,150.74
Checking Account Interest	1.37
<b>Total Checking Account</b>	<b>14,152.11</b>
<b>Usable Balance</b>	<b>14,152.11</b>
Less: Honorarium Funds	186.62
Received from Holston Presbytery/Camp and Campus Campaign 2007	975.75
Youth Triennium	1,699.99
Council for International Ministry	1,600.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,689.75</b>
Savings Account	3,187.59
Plus: Interest Earned	3.40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,190.99</b>

The PFSA, Inc	198,519.43
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By motion, the Committee decided to keep \$9000 in the operating budget, and amounts above that figure are to be moved to an interest-bearing savings account. When and if \$10000 accrues in the savings account, it will be placed in Certificates of Deposit for greater interest accumulation. The Campus Ministry staff will see if the bank will provide this service, and failing that, will provide for periodic oversight of our finances in this manner.

**\$1000 invested in (1) \$1000 CD's**

**Holston Camp & Retreat Center Committee Report: Craig Bell**

INFORMATION:

On-line Registration is going great to register for summer camp. We already have quite a few campers signed up. Just a reminder to our churches:

1. *Contact* your church members who have camper age children and youth (ages 8-17) through your CE committee or Out Reach committee
2. *Offer* them scholarships to attend your Camp
3. *Plan* a camp information day and sign up
4. *Notify* your college students and remind them about summer staff opportunities
5. *Notify* your Senior Highs who are 15 and older about volunteering one week this summer at camp
6. *Post* in your bulletin about needing weekly van drivers
7. *Remind* your members to contact the camp for scholarships
8. *Use* your **CAMP NEWS** bulletin inserts
9. *Call* the Camp office – **(828) 898-6611** – and book a church retreat soon for 2007
10. *Plan* to help your camp out this spring before Camp starts by offering to do a Work Project; Craig Bell, a.k.a. the "List Master," has something to meet the needs of any group no matter how small or what experience you have

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

**HOLSTON CAMP & RETREAT CENTER  
BALANCE SHEET**

	Jan 07
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
40000 · Operating Income	
406000 · Holston Support	7,333.33

406200 · Camp Store & Drinks	235.00
406350 · HUB Interest	58.97
<b>Total 40000 · Operating Income</b>	<b>7,627.30</b>
<b>406400 · Retreat Income</b>	
H/A Retreat Sleep	575.00
H/A Retreat Food	27.16
Other Retreat Sleep	17,600.00
Other Retreat Food	9,473.70
406400 · Retreat Income - Other	1,500.00
<b>Total 406400 · Retreat Income</b>	<b>29,175.86</b>
408000 · Unrestricted Gifts	1,815.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>38,618.16</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
<b>60000 · Overhead Expenses</b>	
Utilities	3,422.55
Repair/Maintenance	225.77
Vehicle Upkeep	417.83
Administration	1,961.04
Board of Pensions	3,054.74
<b>Total 60000 · Overhead Expenses</b>	<b>9,081.93</b>
6560 · Payroll Expenses	9,040.45
64000 · Retreat Expenses	7,202.80
70000 · Summer Camp Expenses	292.93
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>25,618.11</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>13,000.05</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Other Income</b>	
408500d · Restricted - Directed Gifts	559.00
408500 · Holston Grant Income	5,123.83
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>5,682.83</b>
<b>Other Expense</b>	
85510d · Restricted - Directed Expenses	1,417.50
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<b>1,417.50</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>4,265.33</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>17,265.38</b>

## **Administration and Planning Committee Report: No Report**

**Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report:** David Welch introduced Deven Johnson (Colonial Heights) and David Hunsicker (First, Bristol) as Inquirers being under the care of the committee.

### INFORMATION:

1. On January 29, 2007 the Committee on Preparation for Ministry conducted a final assessment for **JoonHo Chang** (Tri-Cities Korean Church) and has certified him ready to be examined for ordination.
2. Acting upon request from **Jon Cox**, who has withdrawn from the process of preparation for ministry of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA), the Committee on Preparation for Ministry has deleted him from its rolls hereafter.
3. At its meeting on 26 February 2007, the Committee on Preparation for Ministry certified **Glenda Hollingshead** (First, Jefferson City) as ready to be examined for ordination.

### RECOMMENDATION:

4. The Committee on Preparation for Ministry endorses the applications for candidacy of **Deven Johnson** (Colonial Heights) and **David Hunsicker** (First, Bristol) and recommends they be examined by presbytery and, if approved, received as Candidates for Ministry of Word and Sacrament. Approved.

Deven Johnson (Colonial Heights) and David Hunsicker (First, Bristol) were examined as to faith, forms of Christian service, and motive for seeking the ministry. The Moderator asked for a vote from presbytery on approval to move Deven and David from Inquirer to Candidate status and approval was received. No questions were asked from the floor. The Moderator asked the Constitutional Questions with each being answered in the affirmative. A brief charge was given to Deven by Rev. Tom Phillips. A brief charge was given to David by Rev. Gordon Turnbull.

#### **Deven Johnson**

##### *1. Statement of Christian Vocation in a Reformed Tradition and my sense of call*

God has chosen us to be children of God and to serve faithfully. I believe there is a royal priesthood- that we are all servants of God. We serve because of the grace that has been given to us. "But to each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ" (Ephesians 4: 7 & 11-12).

In our tradition, we set apart offices for those called to be elders and ministers. The office of Word and Sacrament is an extraordinary calling of servanthood. I heard my call early in high school to serve the church. I emerged as a leader within the student ministry at my home church as well as the parachurch ministry, Young Life that I was involved with in High School. I came to Milligan College to study for Medical school and quickly realized I wanted to do ministry in college, making it near impossible (for me) to focus on studying as I needed to. As I worked with Young Life and studied Bible/Ministry I found my gifts were more than in youth ministry. I began to learn my tradition (independent Christian churches) did not recognize all gifts of women in ministry. My senior sermon at Milligan College was a *Holy Moment* for me, solidifying my plans for seminary. My family came to hear me preach along with students, staff, and faculty. One of the faculty members was my old Music Minister from my home church in Ohio. I'll never forget his words, "Deven, you need to forget youth ministry or even mission work, you need to preach." I knew at that moment I was on a much different road that I had ever anticipated when coming to Milligan.

At Emmanuel School of Religion, I further realized that not only did my tradition accept all my gifts because I

am a woman, but I differed greatly on many theological issues. Thankfully, with the help of the Holy Spirit I was led to the Reformed tradition. The PC(USA) has recognized that God gives both men and women equal gifts for ministry for almost 50 years. As I continued to serve in the local church, I realized I was a Presbyterian at heart! Throughout my calling for ministry, I and others have found preaching and pastoral care to be two of my gifts for ministry. I plan to use them by taking on the wonderful burden of proclaiming the word and administering the sacraments.

## *2. Statement of faith with an understanding of the reformed tradition*

I believe in the triune God, the creator of heaven and earth, of all that is visible and invisible. I believe God is like a father, running with open arms to the prodigal son. God is also like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child. I believe because of God's sovereign love; we are made in God's image, male and female, of every race and people to live in community with each other.

I believe in Jesus Christ, the son of the living God. He lived as a man, fully human and fully God. He was a great prophet & teacher of the gospel, preaching of the Kingdom of Heaven to the poor and oppressed. Because of our sinful nature, I believe God renewed God's covenant through Jesus' undeserved suffering, death, and resurrection. We have been forgiven and have the right to become children of God. I believe salvation is for all people throughout the ages. I believe "there is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of us are one in Christ Jesus and that if we belong to Christ, we are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise" (Galatians 3:23-24).

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the giver and renewer of life. Through the spirit, we are justified by grace through faith, set free to love God and our neighbor. I believe the Spirit moves through the prophets and apostles, engages us in the proclamation of the Holy Scripture, claims us in the waters of baptism, and feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. The Spirit moves us to work for justice and peace throughout the world. The Spirit calls and empowers both women and men to all ministries of the Church.

I believe in the Holy Scriptures as the inspired word of God. They were formed together by individuals and communities of faith and are useful for teaching and understanding our faith. As our Triune God is a mystery, so are the words of scripture without the Holy Spirit and a community of faith. The Scriptures should be read not as a history book or a novel, but as living words that are written beyond time.

I believe there is one holy, catholic Church. The church is one body, yet diverse all working to glorify and worship the Living God. I believe God works through the Church to bring wholeness to the world. I believe in one baptism, the communion of the saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

## **David Hunsicker**

### *1. Statement of Christian Vocation in a Reformed Tradition and my sense of call*

The concept of vocation cannot be separated from Christianity. That is to say, while the term commonly refers to one's life career, occupation or the preliminary training required for such endeavors (e.g. vocational institutions), its modern use is heavily tied to the Christian use of the term. Vocation, coming from the Latin word for voice, in a very literal sense is a "calling." Christians truly believe that they are called to live certain lives in a multitude of ways that glorify God and demonstrate his grace to the world. In this sense, the proper use of the term "vocation" can only really be understood within the Christian narrative of *Call and Response*. God calls us and we respond. This is the narrative of God's chosen people Israel – God calling Abraham out of Ur, God calling Israel out of Egypt, etc. As the church, a branch that was grafted into the tree, we believe that God calls to us and we are compelled to respond.



Our response is not some sort of contractual obligation.<sup>a</sup> It is not the case that we must fulfill a particular vocation in order to continue in God's grace. Instead, God's grace precedes even the call. God acts graciously towards humanity in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Second person of the Trinity. Because God calls us to participate in the Triune life of the Godhead by grace freely offered, we are compelled to respond freely. Our vocational response is not in any sense a personal sacrifice or reduction of freedom (though of course at times we are called to make sacrifices). On the contrary, responding to God's calling for our lives means participating in *true* freedom.

That God calls me to the vocation of Minister of the Word and Sacrament does not change the nature of this concept of vocation at all. Though I believe it to be a high calling, it is in no actual way higher than any calling God gives. Luther and Calvin both remind us, when speaking of the sacraments, that it is not the one presiding over the sacraments that holds any particular importance, instead it is the presence of the Holy Spirit whom invites us to participate in the Body of Christ.<sup>b</sup> This is a sober reminder that the calling to Ministry is a humbling one. The temptation to take on the yoke of ministry and appear in the community as an "authority" on all things Christian will plague my entire life. As Paul reminds us, the body is edified best when all members are working to serve callings God gives each one. Let none of us be so selfish as to think that we function as the head of the body in some way superior to our brothers and sisters in Christ whom are called to different vocations!

## 2. *Statement of faith with an understanding of the reformed tradition*

The Reformed tradition throughout the ages affirmed many different confessions, catechisms, etc. as being authoritative doctrinal statements that guide our interpretation of scripture and our definition of what it means to be Christian. The most predominant examples of which are the Apostles and Nicene creeds, the Scots and Second Helvetic confessions, and the Heidelberg and Westminster Catechisms. These can be found today in the *Book of Confessions* of the PC(USA).

Explicitly confessed is the doctrine of the of the Triune God – Father, Son, Holy Spirit – who acts in unity of being as creator, redeemer and sustainer. Humanity, created in the image of God, is totally depraved after the Fall. The Son, the second person of the Trinity, became incarnate in the Person of Jesus Christ, entering into human history and assuming sinful flesh. He was "crucified, dead and buried" as the creed says. And three days later he was resurrected from death. His victory over death means that we no longer fear death (which is called by Paul "the wages of sin"). He appeared to the disciples and to several other people, as testified to by Holy Scripture before he ascended into heaven on the day of Pentecost. Now, we believe, he sits at the right hand of God, the Father. We patiently and hopefully await his second coming, and the resurrection of our bodies in the life everlasting.

Despite the strong contributions these traditional statements make in guiding the thought and formation of the church, the Reformed tradition has always held that these are all subordinate to the Word of God, Jesus Christ. The Word of God is testified to in the words of God, Holy Scripture as canon. The Old and New Testaments together bear witness to the Word of God and provide a canonical framework for us to interpret scripture as a whole. When we approach scripture, we do it from an explicit understanding of scripture as a word about the Triune God as revealed in the Word. Likewise, our study of scripture provides a basis for understanding scripture itself, it is the "norming norm." Even further, scripture provides the essential framework for making, upholding and critiquing doctrinal statements of faith.

It is through the revelation of the Trinitarian God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) in the incarnation of Jesus Christ that we are able to speak truthfully "about God, [humanity], and the world."<sup>c</sup> It is Jesus Christ, the Word of

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<sup>a</sup>This is a point James B. Torrance, one of our kinsfolk from the Church of Scotland, makes forcefully. *cf.* "Covenant and Contract, a Study of the Theological Background of Worship in seventeenth-century Scotland", *Scottish Journal of Theology* 23 (1970): 51-76.

<sup>b</sup> *cf.* Luther's "On the Councils and the Church", or Calvin's "Mutual Consent as to the Sacraments".

<sup>c</sup>"The Confession of 1967", in *The Book of Confessions*, 9.07.

God, who through the Holy Spirit, illuminates the scriptures, the words of God. In so far as the creeds, confessions and catechisms proclaim Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, to be the starting point for all theological language, they speak the truth. Furthermore, confessionally, these statements remind us that the subject matter of Scripture is Jesus Christ. Therefore, our approach to scripture necessarily comes through the revelation of God in Jesus Christ, and our readings of scripture are corrected by reading scripture against scripture in order to determine how the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ may best be understood in any given passage of scripture.

This two-way relationship between scripture and doctrine –scripture informing and regulating doctrine, the doctrine of the revelation of the Word of God reminding us how to read scripture – can only be understood in relation to the Holy Spirit, who Jesus Christ sends to be with his Church. The Spirit guides our reading of scripture, sanctifying the “earthen vessels” that are the clergy and the communities that approach scripture as sinners, so that we may be able to hear the Word of God.

Alongside of the Holy Scriptures, God has given the Church two sacraments by which divine Grace is made visible. These sacraments, baptism and eucharist, are “visible words”<sup>d</sup> which do not add anything to the proclaimed word. Instead, they are accommodations to the ineptitude of human comprehension.

Further questions of doctrine and ecclesiastical practice, of which there are many, may be answered in accordance with the above statements of faith. This, I choose not to do here, but will do so where deemed necessary.

### **Nominations Committee Report:** Ike Brighton

#### INFORMATION:

1. The following vacancies have been filled by the Committee:  
Church Development & Evangelism (Class of 2009) – Scott Wise (L)  
Committee on Ministry (Class of 2009) – Dan Clark (M)  
Holston Camp & Retreat Center (Class of 2008) – Gil Rosenberger (L)  
Trustees: President of Corporation – Tom Wilson  
Secretary of Corporation – Bill Wade
2. There are openings on Committee on Ministry, Representation, Church Development & Evangelism, Congregational Life, Ethical Issues & Human Needs, Stewardship & Budget and the Synod Nominations Committee. Contact Chair Ike Brighton or any member of the committee if you feel led to serve.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

**Committee on Representation:** No Report

**Ethical Issues and Human Needs Report:** Harrison Taylor reminded all of the need for a church sponsor for a Uganda International request.

#### INFORMATION:

The committee met January 30, 2007 at the Presbytery office with eight members present. After introduction of new members and discussing its purpose and function the committee broke into sub-committees. These sub groups identified the following tasks:

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<sup>d</sup> Augustine’s words, as quoted by Calvin in *Institutes of the Christian Religion*.

1. Ethical Issues will request the churches of the Presbytery to list their top five issues for the committee to study (see attached Survey).
2. Human Needs will continue to organize and implement the distribution of the Three Cents a Meal offering received from the churches.
3. Human Needs sub-committee has received another request for an International Grant that has no Holston Presbytery **church sponsor**. If your church is interested in sponsoring this grant from Uganda, please contact Susan Foster (lucky@chartertn.net or 423.245.0882) for further information.
4. An **acknowledgement card** will now be sent to the churches when an application form for local or international Hunger Grants is received at the Presbytery office. This is to let you know that the form has been received and will be forwarded to the chair of the sub-committee. If you do not receive a card of acknowledgement within a reasonable time, please contact the Presbytery office immediately to see if your form has been received.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

### ETHICAL ISSUES & HUMAN NEEDS SURVEY

To all churches:

In order to prioritize our work in the Ethical Issues and Human Needs Committee, we would like our churches in Holston Presbytery to list the **top 5 ethical issues** they feel need to be addressed by this presbytery.

Churches can email – [paulette@holstonpresbytery.org](mailto:paulette@holstonpresbytery.org) – responses back to the presbytery office or bring their list to the March Presbytery meeting. We appreciate your participation in this endeavor.

Examples of ethical concerns (please feel free to come up with your own):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> crisis in Darfur<br><input type="checkbox"/> US participation in foreign military training<br><input type="checkbox"/> marriage (marriage amendment)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Israel<br><input type="checkbox"/> Posting the Ten Commandments (religious freedom in general)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Just War<br><input type="checkbox"/> Sanctity of life (abortion, euthanasia, embryonic stem cells)<br><input type="checkbox"/> medical marijuana | <input type="checkbox"/> citizenship; Christianity's role in government and vice versa<br><input type="checkbox"/> sexual orientation<br><input type="checkbox"/> socialism versus capitalism<br><input type="checkbox"/> faith essentials<br><input type="checkbox"/> peacemaking (Biblical)<br><input type="checkbox"/> welfare<br><input type="checkbox"/> persecuted Church<br><input type="checkbox"/> Biblical authority |
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Thanks!

Members of Ethical Issues & Human Needs Committee

**World Wide Missions Committee Report:** Chuck King and Gordon Turnbull reported.

INFORMATION:

1. We are looking forward to hosting **Frank and Nancy Dimmock** at the June 2, 2007 Presbytery meeting. They are serving our Lord in southern Africa. If you would like the Dimmock's to visit with your congregation, please contact Steve Rembert at **423.743.3431** or **rembert@naxs.net**.
2. The Committee requests that every church fill out the **Church Involvement Report** and return to the Presbytery office or to Steve Rembert at the address on the form.
3. If your group is planning a Mission Trip in the future, please let the committee know. WWM may be able to help.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

## **Mission Ideas and Opportunities from the churches of Holston Presbytery**

### **Activities**

- Pray for World Missions, especially those supported by your congregation
- Support, pray for, and communicate with missionaries. Publish in bulletins/newsletters the names and location of missionaries you support
- Include children in activities related to the One Great Hour of Sharing
- Involve congregation in the Heifer Project
- Make available the annual Mission Yearbook of the PCUSA in your congregation
- Invite mission speakers for presentations in your church
- Conduct a missions-themed Vacation Bible School
- Lead an annual mission study series
- Participate in local homebuilding projects for Habitat for Humanity
- Pray for a particular people group (e.g., the Nenets of Eastern Siberia)
- Conduct a Mission Festival in your church to share the stories, learn about needs, and inspire your congregation!
- Become aware of hunger- and mission-grant opportunities within Holston Presbytery (e.g., Three Cents a Meal local and global grants)

### **Mission Projects**

Purposeful dedication of significant funds to engage members in a variety of mission experiences, including inner-city Charlotte, NC, Arizona/Mexico border ministry, Presbytery of Brazil, Guatemala, Malawi, and Zambia (Erwin)

Partnership with congregation in northeast Brazil with church members invited to donate individual scholarships for students at the partner church's preschool. Secured a Three-Cents-a-Meal grant from Holston Presbytery for the church's weekly soup kitchen

(Bristol First)

Provide support for health clinic in remote region of Ethiopia, in partnership with the Western Wollega Bethel Synod, with grant from Holston Presbytery Global Mission Fund (Bristol First)

### **Congregational Life Committee Report:**

INFORMATION:

1. This committee is working to provide opportunities in answer to the question, *What can we do to glorify God and nurture the people of Holston Presbytery?* We are working with a list of strong possibilities for events, workshops, available resources, small groups, etc.

2. HARC will make available to our congregations materials from *The Thoughtful Christian*, an online PCUSA resource center providing study materials for adults.

Congregations will receive information regarding this new resource. Information regarding *The Thoughtful Christian* can be found at [www.thethoughtfulchristian.com](http://www.thethoughtfulchristian.com)

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

**Committee on Ministry Report:** Bob Lowry reported.

INFORMATION:

1. Approved the Interim Pastor Contract between **Old Kingsport Church** and **the Rev. David Hambrick**, effective 12/01/06 through 12/01/07, with the following terms: Monthly Salary - \$1,300; Monthly Reimbursed Travel up to \$50; and one week vacation per quarter.
2. Approved the Commissioned Lay Pastor Contract between **Cedarview Church** and **CLP James Swoger**, effective 12/01/06 through 12/01/07, with the following terms: Weekly Salary - \$150; Reimbursed Travel at 44.5¢ per mile; and one week vacation per quarter.
3. Approved the request by **the Rev. Don Muncie** to dissolve the pastoral relationship with **First Church, Johnson City**, effective December 4, 2006 with salary continuation and Board of Pensions benefits through July 17, 2007. The congregation, in a duly called meeting, approved the dissolution on Sunday, December 17, 2006.
4. Approved the request of the Board of Pensions to host a **Retired Ministers' Luncheon** for ministers and spouses.
5. Approved the Temporary Supply Contract between **Walkertown Church** and **the Rev. Ronnie Duncan** (ordained Cumberland Presbyterian Church), effective March 4, 2007 through March 1, 2008 with the following terms: Monthly Cash Salary - \$1,300, and appoint him as Moderator.
6. Approved the Temporary Supply Contract between **Cross Anchor Church** and **the Rev. Ronnie Duncan** (ordained Cumberland Presbyterian Church), effective March 4, 2007 through March 1, 2008 with the following terms: Monthly Cash Salary - \$700, and appoint him as Moderator.
7. Approved the Temporary Supply Contract between **Hebron Church** and **the Rev. Paul Brewer** (ordained Southern Baptist), effective January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007 with the following terms: Weekly Cash Salary - \$125.
8. Approved the Temporary Supply Contract between **Reedy Creek Church (Bristol)** and **the Rev. Dr. Ira Howard**, effective January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007 with the following terms: Weekly Cash Salary - \$100.
9. Approved the Temporary Supply Contract (CLP) between **Reedy Creek Church (Bristol)** and **CLP Christine Faust**, effective January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007 with the following terms: Weekly Cash Salary – 75.
10. Approved the Temporary Supply Contract (CLP) between **Oakland Church** and **CLP Robert Grimes**, effective December 17, 2006 through March 16, 2007 with the following terms: Weekly Cash Salary – 100.

11. Approved the validated ministry of **the Rev. Gradye M. Parsons**, with the Presbyterian Church (USA), Louisville, Kentucky, effective January 1, 2007 with the following terms of call: Annual Cash Salary and Housing Allowance - \$101,110.70.

12. Approved the Church Information Form of **Salem Presbyterian Church**.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

13. That **Jennie Moore Presbyterian Church** be granted an exception as provided in the *Book of Order G-14.0201b* waiving of the requirements of G.14.0201a, the rotation of officers' terms. Approved.

14. That the presbytery appoint an Administrative Commission to aid in the revitalization and governance of the **Chuckey Church** to include: the Rev. Martin Christian; the Rev. Dan Donaldson; the Rev. Tom Phillips; the Rev. Rich Fifield; Elder Jerry Ward (First, Greeneville); (two additional elders will be appointed by the COM.). Approved.

**Stewardship & Budget Committee Report:** Dan Donaldson reported.

INFORMATION:

1. At its meeting on January 25, the Stewardship and Budget Committee reviewed the 2007 budget commitments from the churches of Presbytery. An update on the commitments will be given at the Presbytery meeting.
2. The Committee adopted the following goals for 2007:
  - Develop a Stewardship Theme for 2007 and 2008 and subsequent years
  - Develop a strategy for asking churches for commitments earlier in the year
  - Develop a plan for stewardship education and support of congregations
3. The Committee appointed a Sub-Committee of David Cagle, Rich Fifield, and Chuck Green to explore issues that the Committee felt were important to its work with churches in support of their ministry and seeking the churches support for the work of the Presbytery. This committee will be discussing the following as well as additional concerns:
  - the need to identify within each member church a key person who may be influential in the giving level decision
  - dates when the churches begin forming budgets and, therefore, giving levels
  - the possible need to begin the Presbytery budgeting process earlier in the year

**Institutions Committee Report:** Jane Boyd introduced Rev. Kathy Campbell, Chaplain for Lees-McRae College, and Jim Swinkola, Grandfather Home for Children, and to give their annual reports.

INFORMATION:

1. Despite inclement weather, Institutions Committee met to allocate funds to our six covenant partners. These disbursements total \$52,500 to enable these institutions to continue the mission and ministry of Holston Presbytery.

INSTITUTION	PROJECT	\$ REQUEST	\$ AWARD	DATE PAYABLE
Evergreen	Client personal needs: dental care,* clothing, utility and housing deposits	\$8,000	\$6,000	\$3,000 June, 2007 \$3,000 October, 2007 Earlier payment can be made if client need arises  Provide quarterly reports
Grandfather	Bedroom furniture for cottage	\$7,216.29	\$8,250	May, 2007
King	Mission trip to Kenya	\$6,500 or more	\$10,000	March, 2007
Lees-McRae	Mission trip to Guatemala  Mission trip to Mexico	\$7,000  \$3,000	\$10,000	February, 2007
Sunset	Operating expenses; * Construction supplies for summer; Work camps *	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$2,500 quarterly (March, June, September, December)  Provide quarterly report
Tusculum	Theologian-in- Residence	\$6,000	\$8,250	December, 2007

\* Document how money is spent with quarterly reports. 2007 funds available \$52,500

2. Rev. Kathy Campbell, Chaplain at Lees-McRae, and Jim Swinkola, Grandfather Home, will give reports at the March meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

**12:15 PM - Promotions**

**12:20 PM - Three Cents a Meal Offering – Word of Thanks – Harrison Taylor**

**12:30 PM - Lunch - Adjournment:** There being no further business, Moderator Cheryl Rice announced that the meeting would be adjourned following lunch and the report of the Committee on Thanks. Meeting was closed with prayer.



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Cheryl Rice, Moderator

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Richard L. Fifield, Stated Clerk

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Paulette H. Thompson, Recording Clerk