

MINUTES
STATED MEETING OF HOLSTON PRESBYTERY
Bethel Presbyterian Church
Kingsport, Tennessee
September 10, 2002

Holston Presbytery met for its stated meeting at Bethel Presbyterian Church, Kingsport, Tennessee on Tuesday, September 10, 2002. The Interim Moderator, David Light, called the meeting to order with prayer at 9:10AM. A worship service celebrating the Churches United in Christ was led by David Light; Cathy Clasen, Candidate for Ordination; Jim Stewart, Lay Member of the General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); Lillian Shelton, licensed Lay Minister in the Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; and Reverend Lloyd Jones, Centenary United Methodist Church of Erwin. Music was provided by soloist Theresa Bellamy; Bruce Lyttle, Music Director, Bethel; Susan Harp, Organist. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was served.

Gary Bement, pastor of Bethel Presbyterian Church, welcomed commissioners and guests to the church.

MINISTERS PRESENT: Sharon Amstutz, Robert Armistead, Earl Barron, Gary Bement, Gary Bullard, Margaret Burkey, Alan Chapman, Harrell Cobb, Conrad Crow , Dan Donaldson, Baron Eliason, John Everett, Rich Fifield, David Fillpot, Bruce Ford, Tim Fulop, Bill S. Goforth, James Gray, Yale Gunn, Ted Hagen, Ira Howard, William D. Hyers, Gary Kelly, Phillip Kestner, Lewis Lancaster, Robert Lowry, John Martin, Jim Mays, Dennis Maxey, John Mitchell, Russell Morgan, Charlie Murphy, Dick Ray, Steve Rembert, George Rolling, Raymond Saunders, Ed Shackelford, David Sims, Andrew Spence, Gordon Turnbull, Steve Weisz, Katherine White, Brian Wyatt, Beth Yarborough.

MINISTERS ABSENT: William Allen, Richard Austin, John Campbell, Payne Cave, Sung Wook Chung, Elias Dantas, John Dowling, Clarence Durham, Charles Echols, Don Frederick, Barrett Gilmer, William Herd, Tully Hunter, Ralph Hutchison, Greg Jordon, Hubert Kaylor, Jim Martin, Anne McAnelly, Jim McClanahan, David Miller, Michael Mystic, William Olson, Gradye Parsons, Wiley Prugh, Errol Rohr, Glenn Scruggs, Charles Sydnor, Thomas Wade, Fred Walker, David Welch, Davis Whitesides, Don Wood, William Young.

MINISTERS EXCUSED: Martin Christian, David Hale, Don Muncie, Angus Shaw, Terry Sutherland, Ray White.

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

Amity -

Bethany – Charles Ward (P)

Bethel, Kingsport – Michael Whitt (P); Don Koth (A); Lee Carrico (V); Donna Jackson (V); Barbara Kelly (Former Presbytery Moderator); Ted Neeves (V); Bruce Lyttle (V); Theresa Bellamy (V); Susan Harp (V)

Bethel, Dandridge -

Blountville – Nancy Smith (P)

Bristol, First – Harold Rutherford (P); Karen Boone (P)

Cedar Creek – Ron Nimick (P)

Cedarview – Frank Waldo (P)

Chuckey –
 Clinton -
 Cold Spring –
 Colonial Heights – Charlie Barrett (P); Ann Barrett (P)
 Cove Creek -
 Covenant – Jim Starr (P); Harry D. Powell (A); Lattie Collins (V)
 Cross Anchor – Jean Susong (P)
 Elizabethton, First – Kathy Wing (P)
 Erwin – Jim Hager (P)
 Flag Pond -
 Grays Chapel - Herbert Winters
 Greeneville, First – James Morgan (P)
 Hebron -
 Hopewell – Donna Lee Trent (P); Ruth Morgan (V)
 Jefferson City, First – Debby Rinehart (P)
 Jennie Moore - Helen Saunders (P)
 Johnson City, First – Dick McCray (P); Florence McCray (A)
 Jonesborough – Carol Baird (P)
 Keystone – Spencer Pickel (P)
 Kingsport, First – Gordon Travis (P); Millie Wilson, (A); Cynthia Poortenga (P); Jane Scott (V)
 Leesburg -
 Liberty – Excused
 Magill Memorial – Tom Burlison (P)
 Meadowview – Bobby Meadows (P); Nancy Meadows (V); Delores Harr (V); Marlisa Osborne (V);
 Darlene Speer (V); Forest McClurg (V); Rena Kinkead (V); Rose Sorrell (V); Lillian Countiss
 (V); Mary Leonard (V)
 Morristown, First – J. B. Sams (P)
 Mountain City – Dorothy Pledger (P); Betty Sligar (A)
 Mt. Hermon –
 New Bethel – Denise Torbett (P)
 New Ebenezer -
 New Market -
 New Providence – Jessie Brown (P); Ann Pruitt (A)
 Newport – Edward Williams (P); Sandra Hogan (V)
 Oakland –
 Old Kingsport – George R. Cloud (P)
 Philadelphia -
 Piney Flats – Phyllis Hall (P)
 Preston Hills – Ted McCown (P)
 Reedy Creek, Bristol – Sam Wyatt (A); Patsy Wyatt (V)
 Reedy Creek, Kingsport – Mike Culbertson (P); Tom Carroll (A)
 Rock Creek –
 Rogersville –
 Rosemont – Fern C. Nelson (P)
 Salem – Santo Cicirello (P)
 Shady Valley – Wayne White (P)
 Shenandoah -
 St. Paul -
 Strawberry Plains – Ella Hodges (P); William R. Hodges (V)
 Tabernacle – Excused
 Timber Ridge – Oliver Burkey (P)
 Tri Cities Korean –
 Walkertown – Edith Hankins (A); Sandra Osborne (P)
 Watauga Avenue – Janice Howard (P)
 Waverly Road – Jim Skillen (P); Miklos Bus (V); Jane Skillen (V)
 Weaver Union -

West Ridge – Bobby Rakes (P); Gladys Shackelford (V)
Westminster –
Whitesburg -
Windsor Avenue – Joseph Stophel (P)
Zion –

PRESBYTERY STAFF: Craig Bell, Kim Hammond, Jim Kirkpatrick, Susan Smith, Paulette Thompson

VISITING MINISTERS: James Carter (St Paul/Whitesburg); Lloyd J. Jones (Erwin Centenary); Bob Noble (Walkertown/Cross Anchor); Thomas R. Peake (Shady Valley); J. B. Shelton (Mt. Hermon)

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Carol Baird (Ethical Issues/Human Needs/CLP); David Light (Council Moderator/CLP); Millie Wilson (Vice Moderator); Sharlene Presley (Chair, Nominating Committee); Pat Patton (Holston Camp & Retreat Center)

COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS: Christine Faust; Mary Lee Harmon; Jim Swoager

CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS:

INQUIRER/CANDIDATE: Cathy Clasen (Candidate), Russ Weekley (Inquirer/DCE)

OTHER VISITORS: Dr. James E. Dotherow (Lees-McRae College); John Manon (Lees-McRae College); Bob Millard (King College); Dr. Earl Robinson (Lee-McRae College, President); Thorold H. Bement, (First Church, Starke, FL); Bert Carmichael (Columbia Seminary); Susie Jones (Tusculum College); Jonathan Pflug (Sunset Gap); Rainey Ratchford (Grandfather Home); Mark Stokes (Tusculum College); Adam Suter (ETSU Campus Ministry); Jim Swinkola (Grandfather Home); Patty Swoager (Mountain City/Clinton); Jack Snider (King College); Lillian Shelton; Jim Stewart

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Moderator explained the new Consent Agenda proposed by the Council. The Consent Agenda included:

- Approve enrollment
- Declaration of quorum
- Approve requests for excused absences
- Approve giving visiting ministers' voice
- Approve minutes of June 1, 2002 stated meeting
- Appointment of Committee on Thanks: Dan Donaldson, Jim Gray, Spencer Pickel
- And Adoption of the Docket

The Consent Agenda was approved.

DECLARATION OF NEW BUSINESS: There was no New Business introduced.

Moderator David Light expressed appreciation to Cathy Clasen, Jim Stewart, Lillian Shelton, The Rev. Lloyd Jones, Theresa Bellamy, Bruce Lyttle, Susan Harp for their participation in the worship service today and to Rich Fifield for organizing the service.

Stated Clerk's Report: Rich Fifield reported.

1. Received a resolution from the Erwin Presbyterian Church Session dated June 3, 2002 requesting that Holston Presbytery grant Relief of Conscience to the Erwin Church. By granting such Relief, a portion of the dues paid to the Medical Plan of the Board of Pensions that would be available for abortion procedures would, instead, be deposited in the Board's Assistance Program to assist parents of adopted infants with uninsured medical expenses. The resolution was referred by the stated clerk to the Presbytery Council for action.
2. Received a request from Gray Chapel Presbyterian Church requesting they 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. The request was referred by the stated clerk to the Committee on Ministry for action.
3. Received a request from New Providence Presbyterian Church requesting they 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. The request was referred by the stated clerk to the Committee on Ministry for action.
4. Received the below letter from The Rev. Dr. Fahed Abu-Akel, Moderator, 214th General Assembly (2002) to all congregations regarding the occasion of the September 11th terrorist attacks.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Almost one year later, it is still hard to take in the events of September 11, 2001—a day that is painfully remembered by all of us. The attacks on the World Trade towers and the Pentagon, and the crash in Pennsylvania, sent a tremendous shock around the world. Many believe that our country and the world will never be the same.

Plans are being made in many towns and cities to remember September 11th in various ways. I want to encourage all of us in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to be among those who will be marking the occasion. It is important that we come together in prayer and community, especially when our sighs are too deep for words.

Open the doors of your church building for those in the community who are seeking a haven and a place to pray. Perhaps you would like to seek out your neighbors who are Muslim or Jewish and invite them to join you in an interfaith service. On our denomination's Web site, www.pcusa.org/september11, an outline for an interfaith service and other helpful resources can be found. Please consider doing some or all of the following on September 11th, as you are able: Observe a day of prayer and fasting. In your prayers, remember the victims of the attacks and their relatives; our nation and its leaders, especially President Bush and members of Congress; and the peoples of the world. Pray that swords will indeed become plowshares and that justice will roll down like an everflowing stream.

In his letter to the Romans, the apostle Paul wrote, "Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit,

because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God” (Rom. 8:26-27). Know that I continue to pray for you, for our church, for our nation, and for the world.

Peace/Salaam, The Rev. Dr. Fahed Abu-Akel, Moderator, 214th General Assembly (2002)

TREASURER’S REPORT: The following Treasurer’s Report was received as information.

Holston Presbytery		Jan - Jul 02
Profit & Loss - January through July 2002		
Income		
60150 · Designated Gifts		206,066.09
60500 · Unified Monies		345,429.03
61900 · Other Forms of Income		19,983.00
61905 · Interest Income		6,314.26
61910 · Lease Income		<u>3,000.00</u>
Total Income		580,792.38
Expense		
70100 · Presbytery Council/Governing Body		201,217.33
70200 · E- Committee on Ministry		2,721.01
70300 · E-Committee Prep for Ministry		1,509.68
70400 · WW Mission Committee		10,359.43
70500 · Congregational Life Committee		8,330.14
70600 · EIHN Committee		16,365.14
70700 · Church Development & Evangelism		29,951.12
70800 · Committee on Institutions		29,938.58
70900 · Administration & Planning Com		210,074.24
71100 · Stewardship & Budget Committee		306.94
71200 · Holston Camp & Retreat Center		51,366.42
71300 · Campus Ministry		45,500.00
71400 · Trustees		32.00
71800 · Scholarships & Grants		300.00
71900 · Miscellaneous		<u>1,632.15</u>
Total Expense		609,604.18
Net Income		<u><u>-28,811.80</u></u>

Balance Sheet
July 31, 2002

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

10000 · CHECKING - CITIZENS BANK (Checking - Citizen...

10101 · Jonesborough Ministers Con Ed.	500.00
10111 · Select Monies	1,238.31
10211 · Hattie Farthing Fund	303.62
10230 · CLP Training	100.00
10231 · Lay Institute	1,767.54
10311 · Young Ministers Library	1,901.00
10410 · Frontera De Cristo	12,605.98
10420 · 3 Cents-a-Meal Local	4,577.03
10421 · 3 Cents-a-Meal International	16,121.37
10510 · Ferguson Fund	17,314.00
10511 · Computer Education Project	64.06
10531 · Youth Ministry Endowment	10,627.53
10541 · Pentecost Offering	1,610.17
10550 · Grace Odyssey	729.27
10630 · Presbytery Peacemaking	1,743.49
10631 · Synod Peacemaking Grant	78.37
10640 · EIHN - Restoring Creation	600.00
10710 · Fairmount Payment	1,500.00
10711 · CDE Partnership - Hopewell	3,750.00
10712 · Ministry - Hawkins County	5,313.76
10713 · BCS Mutual Worker	7,208.84
10714 · Church Hill - Undesignated	5,313.76
10720 · Tri Cities Korean - MFP Synod	2,583.31
10730 · Small Church Forum	283.75
10751 · Church Development Task Force	1,623.74
10781 · BCS Evangelism Project	4,691.38
10805 · Camp & Campus Campaign	57,208.49
11310 · Campus Ministry Intern	7,378.81
11810 · Devries Scholarship Fund	200.96
11860 · Williams Transition Fund	34.01

11861 · Williams Capital Fund Interest	2,583.15
11862 · Williams Program Fund Interest	4,291.93
11910 · Honoraria - FIFIELD	928.23
11911 · Honoraria - FORD	81.50
10000 · CHECKING - CITIZENS BANK	<u>84,841.13</u>
Total 10000 · CHECKING - CITIZENS BANK	261,698.49

20000 · USB PAINWEBBER MONEY MARKET

20210 · Pastoral Care	1,927.90
20531 · Youth Triennium	2,050.51
20710 · Church Development	2,733.41
20750 · New Church Development	2,851.50
20780 · Evangelism	12,558.01
20911 · Equipment Reserve	3,140.96
21810 · Devries Scholarship Fund	1,874.45
21820 · Grigsby Scholarship	7,921.42
21830 · Braziel Scholarship	4,170.44
21840 · Dixon Scholarship	<u>6,747.96</u>
Total 20000 · USB PAINWEBBER MONEY MARKET	45,976.56

30000 · PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION

30211 · Hattie Farthing Fund	24,400.00
30710 · Church Development	14,257.91
30730 · Small Church Fund	145,499.53
30750 · New Church Development	164,214.18
31820 · Grigsby Scholarship	54,716.11
31830 · Braziel Scholarship	31,159.64
31840 · Dixon Scholarship	25,000.00
31870 · Pattie Bushong Fund	1,258.39
31880 · Robinson Fund	385.85
31881 · Ninth Street Loan Fund	4,900.49
31882 · Ninth Street Scholarship	<u>31,198.26</u>
Total 30000 · PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION	496,990.36

Total Checking/Savings	<u>804,665.41</u>
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Holston Presbytery
Camp & Campus Ministry Campaign Report

July 31, 2002

Church	Pledged	Gifts Received
Amity Presbyterian		
Bethany Presbyterian	\$10,000.00	\$2,500.00
Bethel - Dandridge		
Bethel - Kingsport	\$5,000.00	\$1,875.00
Blountville Presbyterian	\$5,000.00	\$1,875.00
1st Bristol Presbyterian	\$30,000.00	\$0.00
Cedar Creek	\$1,800.00	\$0.00
Cedarview Presbyterian		
Chuckey Presbyterian		
Clinton Presbyterian		
Cold Springs	\$16,000.00	\$4,000.00
Colonial Heights	\$28,000.00	\$10,500.00
Cove Creek		
Covenant Presbyterian		\$787.00
Cross Anchor		
1st Elizabethton Presbyterian		
Erwin Presbyterian		
Grays Chapel		
1st Greeneville	\$35,000.00	\$0.00
Hebron Presbyterian		
Hopewell Presbyterian		
Jennie Moore		
1st Jefferson City	\$8,000.00	\$2,867.00
1st Johnson City	\$50,000.00	\$19,791.73
Jonesborough		
Keystone Presbyterian		\$781.00
1st Kingsport	\$50,000.00	\$4,166.67
Leesburg Presbyterian		
Liberty Presbyterian		
Magill Memorial		\$300.00
Meadowview	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
1st Morristown	\$12,000.00	\$0.00
Mountain City		
Mount Hermon		
New Bethel Presbyterian	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
New Ebenezer		
New Market		

Newport Presbyterian		
New Providence		\$100.00
Oakland Presbyterian		
Old Kingsport		\$1,000.00
Philadelphia		
Piney Flats Presbyterian	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
Preston Hill Presbyterian		
Reedy Creek - Bristol		
Reedy Creek - Kingsport	\$2,500.00	\$1,250.00
Rock Creek Presbyterian	\$400.00	\$800.00
Rogersville Presbyterian	\$16,000.00	\$0.00
Rosemont Presbyterian	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Salem Presbyterian	\$1,000.00	\$1,050.00
Shady Valley		
Shenandoah		
St Paul Presbyterian		
Strawberry Plains	\$1,200.00	\$400.00
Tabernacle Presbyterian	\$200.00	\$55.00
Timber Ridge	\$7,368.00	\$3,295.00
Walkertown Presbyterian		
Watauga Ave.	\$8,000.00	\$3,166.66
Waverly Road	\$18,000.00	\$0.00
Weaver Presbyterian		
Westminster		\$1,000.00
West Ridge Presbyterian		\$400.00
Whitesburg Presbyterian		
Windsor Ave.	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
Zion Presbyterian		
Tri Cities Korean		
MISC SOURCES		\$250.00
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	\$316,068.00	\$63,810.06
Start up funds		-\$6,601.57
Available Funds		<hr/>
		\$57,208.49

SMALL GROUP TIME: The Presbytery recessed into small groups for discussions led by members of the Stewardship & Budget Committee at 10:15 AM to reconvene at 10:45 AM.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Vice-Moderator, Millie Wilson, presided over the meeting during the Presbytery Council Report, given by David Light.

Presbytery Council – Minutes of August 27, 2002

Present: David Light, Council Moderator; Millie Wilson, Carol Baird, Gary Bement, Charles Bridwell, Dan Donaldson, Dennis Maxey, Bob Lowry, Yale Gunn, Bill Hyers, Wanda Morgan, Pat Patton, Sharlene Presley, Scott Wise, Jerry Nagel, Rich Fifield, Craig Bell, Kim Hammond, Paulette Thompson.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by the Council Moderator, David Light. The Council members divided into groups where prayer concerns were shared. Dennis Maxey let the Council in prayer for concerns of the individual groups.

Reports and Recommendations to Council:

Stated Clerk's Report:

Rich Fifield recommended that the Council schedule the following dates for the stated meetings of presbytery and accept the listed invitations to host the meetings:

- December 3, 2002 (Tuesday) - Bethany Church, Kingsport
- March 1, 2003 (Saturday) - First Church, Greeneville
- May 10, 2003 (Saturday) - Holston Camp & Retreat Center
- September 9, 2003 (Tuesday) - First Church, Johnson City
- December 2, 2003 (Tuesday) - Jonesborough Church
- March 6, 2004 (Saturday) - Tusculum College, Greeneville

The dates and locations were approved by Council.

Rich Fifield reported that a resolution from the Erwin Presbyterian Church Session dated June 3, 2002 requesting that Holston Presbytery grant Relief of Conscience to the Erwin Church. By granting such Relief, a portion of the dues paid to the Medical Plan of the Board of Pensions that would be available for abortion procedures would, instead, be deposited in the Board's Assistance Program to assist parents of adopted infants with uninsured medical expenses. The resolution was referred by the stated clerk to the Presbytery Council for action.

RECOMMENDATION: That Holston Presbytery grant Relief of Conscience to the Erwin Church as provided by the Board of Pensions. Approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Kim Hammond presented the Treasurer's Report that will be given at the September 10, 2002 presbytery meeting, and gave an update on the Camp & Campus Ministry (total pledges \$316,068, received-to-date \$57,208.49).

Staff Reports: The following were received as information.

Staff Report - Rich Fifield

Congregational Events

Preached at Old Kingsport Church (6/9/02)
Committee Meeting at Waverly Road
Church (6/10/02)
Session Meeting at First Church, Jefferson

City (6/12/02)
Session Meeting at Old Kingsport Church
(6/25/02)
Preached at Whitesburg Church (6/30/02)
Session Meeting at Old Kingsport Church
(7/7/02)
Session Meeting at Hopewell Church

(7/9/02)
Preached at Waverly Road Church (7/14/02)
Committee Meeting at Waverly Road Church (7/15/02)
Worship at Oakland Church (7/21/02)
Worship at St. Marks Church (7/21/02)
Preached at First Church, Bristol (7/28/02)
Preached at Bethel Church, Kingsport (8/11/02)
Committee Meeting at Waverly Road Church (8/12/02)
Session Meeting at Newport Church (8/14/02)
Preached at Hopewell Church (8/18/02)
Preached at Waverly Road Church (8/25/02)
PNC Meeting at Newport Church (8/28/02)
Preached at Watauga Avenue Church (9/1/02)
Preached at Bethany Church (9/8/02)

Other Governing Bodies Events

General Assembly (6/15/02-6/21/02)
PROMPT Seminar (7/17/02)
Lees-McRae President's Dinner (7/18/02)
Synod Living Waters Mission Partnership Funding Meeting (8/25/02-08/26/02)

Other Meetings/Events/Gatherings

Johnson City Ministers' Luncheon (6/6/02)
Presbyterian Foundation (6/12/02)
Nominations Committee (6/12/02)
Committee on Ministry (6/13/02)
Staff Planning Workshop (7/9/02)
Stewardship & Budget Committee (7/10/02)
Committee on Ministry (7/11/02)
Graveside Service for Hugh Simon (7/12/02)
Memorial Service for Hugh Simon (7/13/02)
Stewardship & Budget Committee (7/30/02)
Institutions Committee (8/15/02)
Stewardship & Budget Committee (8/19/02)
Administration & Planning Committee (8/20/02)
Nominations Committee (8/21/02)
Committee on Ministry (8/22/02)
Presbytery Council Meeting (8/27/02)

Nominations Committee Meeting (9/4/02)

Continuing Education with Alban Institute (7/22/02-7/26/02)

Vacation (7/29/02-8/4/02)

Comments

- It's hard to believe that my first year with you has almost past! I appreciate your ministry to me and my family—you have made the transition to Holston Presbytery wonderful.
- I continue to enjoy worshiping and meeting face-to-face with our congregations—their witness to Jesus Christ is inspiring!
- I appreciate my staff colleagues—Bruce Ford is a friend to all and will be missed tremendously by everyone!

Staff Report – Bruce Ford

What I Have Been Doing (May 15 – August 27):

Meetings with churches, sessions, pastors, DCE's, etc. - 22
Meeting with committee moderators - 7
Committee Meetings - 10
Staff Days - 1
Worship opportunities: Greeneville First, Cold Spring, Watauga Avenue, New Providence
Frontera de Cristo Mission Team Training
Synod of Mid Atlantic Face-to-Face, Richmond VA
General Assembly Orientation
Commissioner to General Assembly – Columbus, OH
Light wedding
Small Church Ministers Forum
Educator Certification Meeting – Russ Weekley

May 28 – October 13

May	28-30	Taking Stephen to College in Vermont
Sept	2	Office Closed
	3	Hunger Sub committee
	10	Presbytery meeting – Bethel
	11-16	Presbytery of Wyoming – COM, Council and Presbytery meeting
October	1-4	Vacation (actually will be moving)
	7-11	Vacation

Serving with you has been an incredible blessing. I will hold you in my prayers and ask that you do the same for my family. Take care, my friends. Bruce

Crafty Craig's Crazy Council Calendar

What have I been doing since the May 14 Council meeting?

May	15	Took Adventure Staff on a two day hike on Mountain to the Sea
	17	Set Up Tree Climb
	18-19	Took Adventure Staff on a 19 mile backpacking trip for Pack-N-Raft camp pre-trip planning
	20	Met with Miller Lyons at camp to discuss a job description for Wayne
	21-24	Adventure Training with Berta Cauvel and the Adventure Staff
		Tuesday – Rock of Ages climbing and rappelling
		Wednesday – Canoeing the New River
		Thursday – Wall Climb
		Friday – Eagle's Nest climb set up
	25	Took Adventure Staff on the Nantahala river to learn the river
	26	Becca's 5 th Birthday
	27	Leadership Staff Training begins and goes through Friday
	30	Summer staff comes in that night

- 31 First Aid and CPR for entire Staff
- June 1 Presbytery at Camp
- 2 Staff Training begins and first week ends Friday evening
- 9 Second half of Staff Training in Rustic and ends Friday evening
- 15 Attended Parker Sword and Katie Connor's wedding in Bristol
- 16 First Week of Camp begins
- 19 Took the Sampler Group Caving in Roberts Cave in VA
- 23 Week 2 of Camp
- 25 ACA visitation to Camp Merrimac and Timberlake
- 28 Dr. for a cholesterol check up
- 29 Mid Summer evaluation and work project
- 30 Family Camp begins
- July 1 Canoe Trip on the New River
- 2 Rock climbing on Rock of Ages, Wall Climb, BBQ Cook out. Homemade Ice Cream, and Fireworks
- 3 Closing of Family Camp Boy Scout Parent Day at Camp Daniel Boone
- 6 Summer Staff returns for in-service Training and cookout at my house
- 7 Week 3 of Camp
- 10 Took Sampler Camp Caving at Roberts Cave
- 14 Week 4 of Camp
- 15 Met with Sales person from Telephone Company about a possible new system
- 17 Took Sampler Camp Caving at Roberts Cave then drove to the Nolichucky River Outpost to spend the night with the Pack & Raft Group
- 18 Cooked a Dutch Oven breakfast for the group and then rafted the River
- 20 Attended the wedding of Alison Kreh at Colonial Heights
- 21 Week 5 of Camp
- 22 2:00 Administrative Sub-Committee, 3:00 Property Sub-Committee and Program & Publicity Sub-committee and then at 4:00 a Camp Board meeting at Camp.
- 24 Took Sampler Camp Caving at Roberts Cave
- 28 Week 6 of Camp
- August 2 Last Day of Camp
- 3 Staff cleans up and puts everything away and has a closing supper and program
- 4 Final Evaluation with Leadership Team
- 7 School Starts for Becca (kindergarten) Benjamin (8th Grade), and Tim (12th grade)
- Drove to Mom and Dad's to help get things ready for the Bell Family Reunion
- 9-11 Bell Family Reunion with 35 in attendance - My Mom is doing well after brain surgery for a tumor back in April. Still a little weak on the right side, losing hair in the front of her head, and uses a walker.
- 12 Began laying block for Cabin 3 Restroom addition
Lunch Meeting with John Manon
- 13 Continued to mix mortar and lay block
Meeting with Jessica Terry from LMC about Bonner Program
- 14 Meeting with the Skyline people again and attended a luncheon with Patsy regarding the Bonner program at LMC
- 15 Finished the block foundation for Cabin 3

- 19 Began building the sub-floor for the cabin
- 20 Picked up the tub/showers, sinks, and toilets and lumber for the walls and floor
- 21 Laid the floor and cut out the cinder block opening from the cabin and demolished the old bathroom
- 22 Built the new walls and cut out the roof to receive the new trusses
- 23 Installed the trusses and tubs
- 25 Boy Scout OA campout and Troop planning at Camp Daniel Boone
- 25 Lead Folk Dancing for VBS at Arbor Dale
- 26 Council meeting and shopping for camp

What will I be doing from Now until the November 12 Council Meeting?

Taking a little time off through Labor Day and have a big neighborhood cookout at the house.

Celebrating Benjamin's 13th birthday with a Steak and Shrimp on the grill

Finish building the Cabin 3 restroom addition

Attending Presbytery

Directing the Southern Annual Recreation Workshop planning meeting in Montreat Sept. 12-14

Adding Gable end vents on the office

Digging and installing a new sewer line from Guenther Lodge to the man hole

Building a Boat storage shed for the lake canoes, fun-yaks, paddle boats, and row boats

Evaluating the 2002 Summer program

Working on the 2003 Summer brochure

Hosting the Fall Away weekend

Celebrating 20 years of marriage with Ann on October 9th

Building the new Craft pavilion

Attending a Program & Publicity meeting, Administrative sub-committee, Property Sub-committee and Camp Board

Attend the Presbyterian Camp & Conference Center Association board meeting and national Conference at Mo Ranch, TX

This has been a very busy year having to hire 28 new summer staff and cover so much new ground with the staff. They were excellent and so creative. I hope all of them are able to return next year. We are planning a Christmas Reunion for December 20-22 for the staff to come back for a turkey supper and gathering. This will be a time for them to pre-sign for summer camp 2003.

The Camp received a Grant of \$16,500 from the Mooneyhan Family Foundation for new pad and carpeting of Guenther Lodge, and for the Cabin 3 Tub/shower and toilet addition. This was requested last fall and received in January. We re-applied this spring and received an additional \$13,600 toward the new Craft pavilion, the boat storage shed and the renovation of the old craft building into a camp store. Many thanks to Ann Mooneyhan Utter and the Board for these generous gifts.

Many improvements were made to the Camp this summer, thanks to many adult and

youth volunteers. We cannot do the things we need to do for the children and families that come to this camp unless we have this kind of funding and support.

We ended the summer camping program having served 428 campers. This was down a little from the 471 of last summer. I want to thank the parents for allowing us the opportunity to have our lives touched by these special children and youth. This place continues to amaze me how much ministry goes on with children, staff, parents, volunteers, drivers, chaplains and kitchen helpers. We look forward to another great year for 2003.

Staff Report - Jim Kirkpatrick

What I have been doing: May 14 - August 24, 2002

<u>CAMPUS</u>		<u>YOUTH MINISTRY</u>	
Campus Ministry Committee	4	Meetings re Youth Ministry	7
Special Student Events	4	Consulting w/ local church	3
Presbyterian Student Fellowship	3	Youth Ministry Sub-Committee	2
Counseling situations	3	Congregational Life Com.	1
Campus Ministry Association	3	Cont. Ed. Event for Youth Prof.	1
Lunch w/ a student	2	Youth Council	1
Campus Staff	2	Meetings re Youth Council	1
Meetings re Campus Ministry	1	Youth Ministry Support Group	1
Special help to a student	1		
TCMB meeting	2 days	Montreat Youth Conf.	17 days
		Montreat Reunion	1 day
<u>HOLSTON PRESBYTERY</u>			
Vacation	10 days		
Staff Meetings	2		
Presbytery Council	1		

What I will be doing, - August 24 - November 9, 2002

<u>Regular activities:</u>			
Presbyterian Student Fellowship	10	Campus Ministry meetings/events	2
Faculty/Staff Lunch	9	Campus Ministry Committee	2
Thursdays at Perkins	5		
<u>Dated activities:</u>			
August 25		Montreat Project (Youth)	
August 29-30		Student Advance (Campus)	
September 4		Meet with Jonesborough church re youth ministry	
September 10		Presbytery Meeting	
September 22		Youth Rally	
September 26		Christian Educators gathering	
September 28-29		Youth Council	
October 4-6		Spiritual Retreat (Campus Ministry)	
October 15		Youth Minister's Lunch	
October 19		Middler Retreat Planning	

October 25-26	Youth Leader's Connection
October 26-27	Youth Council Training
November 4-6	APCE Event (continuing education)
November 8-9	Wheary Project (Tennessee Campus Ministry event)

Moderator's Report:

The Council appointed David Light as the interim Presbytery Moderator to fill the unexpired term of Presbytery Moderator Jack Raymore.

Vice-Moderator's Report:

Millie Wilson gave a brief report on the worship service for the September 10, 2002 presbytery meeting. The service will celebrate the Churches United in Christ, as directed by the Council.

Stewardship & Budget Committee:

Charlie Bridwell moved that the Presbytery Council approve the 2003 Challenge General Mission Budget for Holston Presbytery of \$925,000. The motion was approved by Council and recommended to the presbytery. The Council approved the Stewardship & Budget Committee's request to allow the small-group time at the September 10, 2002 presbytery meeting to be used to discuss the 2003 Challenge General Mission Budget.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Presbytery approve the 2003 Challenge Mission Budget of \$925,000. Approved.

Administration & Planning Committee:

Dan Donaldson reported for Administration & Planning Committee and recommended that the salaries and benefits for Jim Kirkpatrick, Director of Campus/Youth Ministry and for Craig Bell, Director of Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center come from the General Mission Budget of the Presbytery beginning January 1, 2003. The motion was approved.

The Council approved having a special gathering to celebrate the ministry of Bruce Ford. The event will be held on Thursday, September 26, at First Church, Greeneville, beginning at 6:00 PM. The Council approved the cost of \$8 per person to cover the food expense and will receive an additional offering as a gift to Bruce Ford.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Presbytery approve paying the salaries and benefits for Jim Kirkpatrick, Director of Campus/Youth Ministry and for Craig Bell, Director of Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center, from the General Mission Budget of the Presbytery beginning January 1, 2003. Approved.

Holston Camp & Retreat Center Committee:

Pat Patton reported for the Holston Camp & Retreat Center Committee and made the following motions:

1. Start Summer Camp Sessions one week earlier next year and end one week earlier. Begin June 8th; end July 25th in 2003.

2. Increase fees 7% to help offset the expenses of summer camp operations. (Remembering that we are still in the price range of other camps--or even a little less expensive). This year has been a very slow year for the operations of the camp. Retreat groups are still coming to the camp but the numbers in those retreat groups are smaller. Due to a warm winter season for the skiers or people staying closer to home, this means revenues are smaller but the bills still are the same or higher. And, since the Camp Business Plan must be revisited each year and the cost of living is 2 percent, a need to increase fees is seen.
3. Rates be increased \$1 across the board for Holston/Abingdon and Outside Groups (Effective dates for Holston/Abingdon groups are January 1 - January 1 of each year. Outside Groups effective dates are from March 15- March 15 of each year. All deposits and meal costs will remain the same. This cost is per person and includes 2 nights lodging and 3 meals.)

	Holston & Abingdon Groups		Outside Groups	
Lodge	First 25	\$67	First 25	\$87
	Last 21	\$35	Last 21	\$66
Dorm	First 12	\$51	First 12	\$69
	Last 4	\$30	Last 4	\$51
Cabin Each	First 12	\$44	First 12	\$61
	Last 4	\$28	Last 4	\$47

4. That the Committee be permitted to promote a November 2 golf tournament fundraiser and a Fall Away weekend, October 18-19.

The motions were approved by the Council and recommended to the Presbytery.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Presbytery approve the 2003 earlier Camp schedule, the 7% increase in 2003 summer camp fees, and the \$1 increase in 2003-2004 rental fees. Approved.

There were no other items referred to the Presbytery Council for action.

The docket for the September 10, 2002 stated meeting of Holston Presbytery was reviewed and recommended to the presbytery.

Suggestions and concerns were shared with the Administration & Planning Committee regarding the Associate Presbyter transition.

There being no further business, the Council was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. with prayer by Bob Lowry.

The Minutes Committee met immediately following adjournment and approved the Council Minutes.

Respectfully submitted, Paulette H. Thompson

Stewardship & Budget Committee Report: Charles Bridwell reported.

INFORMATION:

1. The Stewardship & Budget Committee is available immediately to Sessions and Finance Committees to provide stewardship resources and ways to assist congregations in their stewardship efforts. Contact Charlie Bridwell (423-323-8293) or the Holston Presbytery Office.
2. The Stewardship & Budget Committee is available to share with congregations a “Minute for Mission” in worship, along with a color bulletin insert, on how churches’ contributions are used throughout Holston Presbytery. Contact Lattie Collins (423-928-8428, email: lattie2@att.net) or the Holston Presbytery Office.
3. The Stewardship & Budget Committee authorized disbursing the Camp & Campus Ministry Mission Funds to the Holston Presbytery Camp & Retreat Center and Presbyterian Campus Ministry.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

Administration & Planning Committee: Dan Donaldson reported.

INFORMATION:

1. Staff review and evaluations will be taking place on October 22. The only staff member scheduled for a four-year review is Craig Bell. A revised form on which you may respond has been mailed to members of Presbytery’s Committees in the Class of 2002, Presbytery’s Council and to Clerks of Session. The form is also available to be downloaded from the Presbytery web site, www.holstonpresbytery.org or by request from the Presbytery Office. The completed form should be returned to the Presbytery Office by October 11.

Below is the updated schedule for the staff’s four-year reviews. The Committee has discussed the establishment of guidelines for a salary structure for the staff of the Presbytery and plans to evaluate the use of a four-year increment as the time period for reviews of staff for merit raises.

<u>Person</u>	<u>Last Four-Year</u>	<u>Next Four-Year</u>
Craig Bell	1998	2002
Paulette Thompson	1999	2003
Peggy Crump	1999	2003
Wayne Smith	1999	2003
Jim Kirkpatrick	2000	2004
Susan Smith	2000	2004

Patsy Laster-Ford	2000	2004
Kim Hammond	2000	2004

2. The Committee acknowledged with regret that Bruce Ford has accepted a call as General Presbyterian for the Presbytery of Wyoming and approved a schedule that allows Bruce vacation time as he transitions to his new job. A recommendation concerning the dissolution of the relationship between the Presbytery and Bruce follows.
3. Congratulations to Paulette Thompson who has completed her Level 2 Certification from Administrative Personnel Association of the Presbyterian Church. She will be receiving her certificate at a future meeting of the Association and subsequently her achievement will be acknowledge by Presbytery, most likely in September of 2003. ☺

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **That the relationship between Holston Presbytery and Bruce Ford as Associate Presbyterian be dissolved pending his reception by the Presbytery of Wyoming and his acceptance of their call as General Presbyterian. Approved.**
2. **That we hear the staff report of Jim Kirkpatrick, Director of Campus/Youth Ministry. Approved.**

Nominations Committee: Sharlene Presley reported.

INFORMATION:

1. Emmie Owens (Newport) replaces Kate Cagle in the Class of 2003 for the Representation Committee and as a youth delegate to the Synod.
2. John Everett (Blountville) replaces Robert Reno in the Class of 2002 for Committee on Ministry.
3. Katherine White replaces Ray White in the Class of 2004 for ETSU Campus Ministry.
4. Gary Bullard (First, Kingsport) has resigned as Commissioner to Synod of Living Waters and will be replaced by Alternate Commissioner, David Hale (Rogersville).

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **The Nominations Committee places the name of Robert Lowry (HR) before Presbytery for approval for the position of Committee on Ministry Chairperson (Class of 2004). Approved.**
2. **The Nominations Committee places the name of Dan Donaldson (First, Greeneville) before Presbytery for approval for the position of Vice Moderator of Holston Presbytery for the Class of 2003. Approved.**
3. The following recommendation is a proposed change to the Holston Presbytery *Manual*

of *Administrative Operations*, according to Section 39 **Method of Amendment**:

39.1 To amend this *Manual of Administrative Operations*, it shall be necessary to (1) propose the change(s) in writing at a stated meeting of Presbytery and (2) consider and vote upon the proposed change(s) at a subsequent stated meeting of Presbytery. A two-thirds vote of the members present and voting is required for approval.

That the *Manual of Administrative Operations* be amended as follows:

Section 16 Committee on Nominations

16.3. Functions – The committee shall:

16.3.4 Nominate commissioners to Synod and to the General Assembly ~~as directed in Standard Operating Procedure 101.~~

Discussion and vote of the motion will take place at the next stated meeting of Presbytery.

4. **That the Presbytery receive reports from the 214th General Assembly Commissioners.** The Presbytery then heard Bruce Ford's report as the principal minister delegate and a report by Kathy Wing, Elder Commissioner (Elizabethton 1st)

214th General Assembly Commissioner's Reports

LeAnna Hamer – Youth Advisory Delegate

After receiving itineraries filled with long meetings as well as thousands of pages of resolutions in the mail this spring, I wondered what I had gotten myself into as your Youth Advisory Delegate to the 214th General Assembly. I began to be afraid that I would have to take the week like a long dose of unsavory medicine – something I needed to do for the good of everyone but that I wouldn't enjoy much myself.

The reports *did* mean long hours of tedious reading, and some meetings *did* stretch us to the point of exhaustion, but I loved every minute of it! I was more than a spectator; I was a participant in the awesome responsibility of discerning the will of God.

Perhaps the most influential experience I had at General Assembly was the debate of my committee (Church Orders and Ministry) on issues relating to the ordination of gays, lesbians, and trans-gendered individuals. Needless to say, these issues provoked very moving responses from both sides and could easily have become heated, forceful, and unkind. However, the dignity and grace with which my fellow committee-members maneuvered through our very difficult discussion was wonderful to witness. With their aid, I learned how disagreement within the church can be achieved civilly, with great humility and respect.

In the plenary sessions as well as the committee meetings, I discovered that it is this freedom and ability to disagree with grace that makes us as Presbyterians unique. Discerning the will of God is a daunting and seemingly insurmountable task, but one that we commissioners and

advisory delegates were charged to achieve. How did we approach this intimidating assignment? In the same way that Presbyterians have been tackling it for years – we used our dignified disagreement to wrestle with uncomfortable questions and, thereby, grow as individuals and as a body. I also learned that this growth is not limited to GAs, for each time we debate issues on the floor of our synods, presbyteries, or sessions, we ensure that our beliefs and practices will not go unexamined and that our search for God’s will not stagnate.

This General Assembly completely altered my perception of myself as a Presbyterian. Because I was born into a Presbyterian family, I have not thought twice about what it means to be a Presbyterian and why I have remained a part of this denomination for twenty-two years. GA opened exciting new vistas of the PC(USA) for me, and I learned more about the denomination in a week than I had a lifetime. Whereas the choice of my denomination had originally been made for me by my parents (for which I will never be able to thank them enough), my experiences at the 214th GA led me to make the choice for myself: I belong in the PC(USA).

Thank you for giving me the chance to serve you as a Youth Advisory Delegate; it is an honor I will never forget. God bless your deliberations today and every other day!

Church Development & Evangelism Committee: Bruce Ford reported.

INFORMATION:

1. Church Development and Evangelism has scheduled a Natural Church Growth program with Ed White as the guest speaker on Saturday, October 19, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, at First Church, Johnson City.
2. The Church Development and Evangelism is happy to report a proposed covenant agreement between Weaver and Keystone Churches pending Presbytery approval.
3. The Officer training for the Korean Church is planned for late August and September.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **That the below covenant agreement between Weaver and Keystone Churches be approved. Approved.**

*Covenant Agreement
Weaver and Keystone Churches*

The Session/Council of the Weaver and Keystone Churches come together under the call of and through the grace given by God to share in Christ’s ministry. To accomplish this end and be faithful to God’s call, we covenant to call jointly a Minister of Word and Sacrament with the following agreements:

1. *The Minister will divide his/her work schedule as follows:*
 - a. *1/3 time at the Keystone church (1 1/2 office days plus Sunday)*
 - b. *2/3 time at the Weaver church (3 office days plus Sunday)*

- c. *Scheduled programmatic events and regular activities will be worked out in mutual negotiations between the two churches as to who does what and when.*
2. *Worship will be provided each Sunday for Weaver at 11:00 AM and for Keystone at 9:00 AM.*
3. *The terms of call for the pastor will be based on the Holston Presbytery guidelines for minimum terms without a manse relevant to the current year. (Copy attached) Weaver will be responsible for 2/3 of this entire package, Keystone 1/3.*
4. *The Weaver and Keystone churches will work together, having joint meetings of their Session/Council at least twice a year to review the work of the yoked ministry with the pastor, and providing fellowship and program opportunities for the churches to share in common ministry.*
5. *Inline with the covenant agreement in place for the Weaver church, ministers will alternate between the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the United Methodist Church as long as the way is clear for the yoke to be in effect.*
6. *Holston Presbytery (if approved) will provide program support for the duration of this yoked agreement up to five years as follows:*
 - Year 1- \$7,000*
 - Year 2- \$7,000*
 - Year 3- \$5,000*
 - Year 4- \$2,500*
 - Year 5- \$1,250*

Weaver will receive a 2/3 share, Keystone an 1/3 share of this program support.
7. *The Weaver and Keystone churches will work with the Church Development and Evangelism committee of Holston Presbytery as required for congregations receiving program support (see attached paper on Responsibilities and Expectations...)*
8. *Weaver and Keystone will evaluate their work together at the end of each year of the covenant agreement with the assistance of the appropriate Presbytery committee for as long as the yoke is in effect.*
9. *Weaver and Keystone will evaluate the covenant agreement and the status of the yoked ministry on an every two year basis to determine any changes that might need to be made in the agreement and to determine whether or not to continue in the yoked ministry together. If termination of the yoke is decided the two churches will work with the Presbytery Committee on Ministry to determine the responsibilities for each church in ending the agreement (such as questions around a minister and his/her salary).*
10. *At any time during the course of the yoked ministry, either church or both churches may call upon the assistance of the Presbytery Committee on*

Ministry to work with the churches to resolve issues that are deemed to make the ministry together or with the pastor a problem,

*J.C. Cage, Keystone, Clerk of Session
James W. Carlyle, Weaver, Clerk of the Board
Don Frederick, Moderator, Church Development and Evangelism Committee*

Addendum: It is agreed by the two congregations that a pastor will be called by the Pastor Nominating Committee only by an unanimous vote of the entire committee.

12:15 PM Promotions:

Russ Morgan: School of the Americas; Election information packet

Rainey Ratchford: Grandfather Home for Children

Bob Armistead: Living Waters for the World

Jim Kirkpatrick: Youth Rally, Youth Leaders Connection

Katherine White: Holston Home for Children

Mary Lee Harmon: Grace Odyssey

Craig Bell: Holston Camp Activities

Susan Smith: HARC

Kathy Wing: Interfaith dialogues at JCMC

Ed Shackelford: Worldwide Communion Sunday, Peacemaking Offering

Gary Bullard: Hunger

12:25 PM Three Cents a Meal Offering – Word of Thanks-Gary Bullard

12:30 PM Lunch

1:15 PM Meeting was reconvened.

Presbyterian Campus Ministry Committee: Reported by Jim Kirkpatrick

East Tennessee State University - Fall 2002

Last year we moved forward with our experiment with a student intern program. Kirsten Vreeland, a graduate student at Emmanuel School of Religion, also worked with our ministry with the intent of ministering more directly with students plus weekend programming. As a result we offered more Bible study opportunities; increased times of fellowship and took on several mission projects. Our programming included the weekly worship/fellowship; discussion group; movie night; evening Bible study and a faculty/staff lunch. In addition we participated in our own *spiritual retreat*; hosted TCMB Ski Retreat; spent three days doing repair work at our presbytery camp; plus three other mission projects.

We are very excited with our new student intern who will continue last year's programming, spend more time with students and lead us into a ministry with international students. Adam Suter, as was Kirsten, is also a participant in Emmanuel's *Student Ministry Experience* program. As a result we are able to help with the seminary education of a student

while receiving much needed help.

Our hope for the *student intern program* is that with the continuing development of the endowment program we will be able to work with PCUSA seminaries to provide a full time, year long program where their students will be able to gain practical experience doing campus ministry at a secular university, in youth ministry at the presbytery level and possibly working in a presbytery camp.

Ethical Issues and Human Needs Committee: Carol Baird reported.

INFORMATION:

1. EIHN Committee Matching Grant funds of \$500 are available for your mission project. Forms are available from the Presbytery office or from Carol Baird if you would like to submit your project for consideration.
2. Peacemaking Offering packets should have arrived at each church. Please plan now to take this offering on October 6, which is World Communion Sunday. Remember that 25% of the Offering will be used in your congregation to support the peacemaking activities of your congregation.
3. Don't forget to buy coffee from the Presbyterian Coffee Project. Brochures are available from the Presbytery office. Several congregations are interested in sharing the cost of bulk orders. Please contact Carol Baird or the Presbytery office if your church would be interested in doing the same.
4. Local Hunger grants were approved for:
 - a. Samaritan House of Jefferson City (Hopewell) - \$2000
 - b. Safespace of Newport (Hopewell) - \$2000

RECOMMENDATION: That Presbytery approve the following International Hunger grants:

1. **Agape/Food Relief- Croatia- ECO #047857** - well respected evangelical and Reformed relief organization working hard to ease the suffering caused by war in former Yugoslavia. Priorities include food and clothing distribution at 21 sites as well as livestock replenishment for local farmers. Grant amount is \$4000. Approved.
2. **Haiti Northern District Agricultural School - ECO #343102** - this two year agricultural training program at St. Barnabas School teaches soil management, irrigation, use of better seeds, use of appropriate fertilizers and animal husbandry to students and in the community in Haiti. Grant amount is \$4000. Approved.

Presbyterian Peace Fellowship Report – Russ Morgan

Committee on Ministry: Reported by Robert Lowry.

INFORMATION:

1. Approved the Rev. Yale Gunn as Moderator and Stated Supply of New Market Church.
2. Approved the pastoral dissolution between the Rev. Jack Raymore and Waverly Road Presbyterian Church, the new pastoral call of the Rev. Jack Raymore to Northminster Church, and transferred his membership to Sacramento Presbytery effective July 15, 2002.
3. Approved the pastoral dissolution between the Rev. Bob Reno and First Presbyterian Church, Jefferson City, the new pastoral call of the Rev. Bob Reno to Grace Church, and transferred his membership to the Greater Atlanta Presbytery effective August 1, 2002.
4. Approved the pastoral dissolution between the Rev. Michael Mystic and Hopewell Presbyterian Church, effective July 31, 2002, at the pastor's request.
5. Approved the dissolution between the Rev. Bruce Ford, Associate Presbyter, and Holston Presbytery - the new call of the Rev. Bruce Ford is to serve as General Presbyter of the Presbytery of Wyoming - and transfer of his membership to the Presbytery of Wyoming effective October 14, 2002, pending the concurrence of Holston Presbytery on September 10, 2002 and the Presbytery of Wyoming on September 14, 2002.
6. Appointed the Rev. Dennis Maxey as Moderator of First Presbyterian Church, Jefferson City.
7. Granted permission to Commissioned Lay Pastor Jeff Morelock to serve communion on Sunday, June 30, 2002 at the Oakland and Leesburg Churches.
8. Granted permission to Commissioned Lay Pastor Harold Finley to serve communion on the first Sunday of each month during the pre-interim period at First Church, Jefferson City.
9. Approved the request of the Rev. John Campbell to labor outside the bounds of Holston Presbytery to supply preach at Spindale Church, Spindale, NC, Presbytery of Western North Carolina.
17. The Committee on Ministry approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Tully Hunter and Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church, effective September 21, 2002 at the pastor's request, and transferred him to the Presbytery of Florida in order that he accept a new pastoral call with Grace Presbyterian Church, pending the concurrence of the Colonial Heights Church congregation on Sunday, September 8, 2002.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 10. That Grays Chapel 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.**

11. That New Providence 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.

12. That the presbytery approve the commission of The Rev. Gordon Turnbull, The Rev. Jim Mays, The Rev. Rich Fifield, Elder Linda Handel, First Church, Morristown; Elder William H. Inman, St. Paul Church, to install Gary Kelly as pastor of First Church, Morristown, on Sunday, September 22, 2002, at 10:30 AM. Approved.

13. Regarding Cathy Clasen:

- a. That the ordination examination of Cathy Clasen be sustained and she be approved for ordination as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament;
- b. That the presbytery approve the commission of The Rev. Sharon Amstutz, The Rev. Ted Hagen, Jr., The Rev. Rich Fifield, Elder Iva Winegarger, Bethel Church, Kingsport; Elder Yvonne Snapp, Waverly Road Church; Elder Jeanne Hagen, Colonial Heights Church, to ordain Cathy Clasen on Sunday, September 22, 2002, at 2:00 PM at Waverly Road Church; and
- c. That Cathy Clasen be enrolled as an active minister of Holston Presbytery.

All approved by a unanimous vote of Presbytery.

14. Regarding the Rev. Katherine Jackson:

- a. That the presbytery approve the call of the Rev. Katherine Jackson to serve as pastor of the Meadowview Church, effective November 3, 2002, with the following terms of call:

Cash Salary	\$18,250.00
Housing Allowance	\$18,250.00
FICA Allowance	\$2,792.25
Board of Pensions	\$10,402.50
Reimbursed Cont Ed	\$500.00
Reimbursed Travel (.365/mi)	\$1,825.00

- b. That the examination of Katherine Jackson be sustained and she be transferred from the active minister's roll of the Presbytery of the James to the active minister's roll of Holston Presbytery; and
- c. That the Committee on Ministry be permitted to appoint a commission to install the Rev. Katherine Jackson at a future time.

All approved.

15. For 2003, that a cost-of-living increase be added to the Minimum Terms of Call for full-time, permanent pastoral calls in Holston Presbytery as follows:

- a. Cash Salary \$26,000.00
- b. Housing (Manse Value or Housing Allowance) \$7,800.00
- c. Manse Equity (Ministers with Manse) \$600.00

d. FICA Allowance	.0765 x Lines a+b
e. Board of Pensions	.285 x Lines a+b+c
f. Reimbursed Cont Ed	\$500.00
g. Reimbursed Travel	36.5 cents per mile
h. Vacation	4 Weeks
i. Continuing Education	2 Weeks

Approved.

16. For 2003, that the recommended honorarium for pulpit supply be as follows:

- a. Ministers of the Word and Sacrament—\$100.00 plus mileage reimbursement at the standard IRS rate. Approved.**
- b. Commissioned Lay Pastors—\$75.00 plus mileage reimbursement at the standard IRS rate. Approved.**

Faith Journey
Cathy Clasen

My faith journey begins with the gift of growing up in a very loving and supportive family (immediate and extended) and an especially warm and nurturing church. I was baptized at age three at Waverly Road Presbyterian Church, where I am now serving.

A significant turning point in my faith occurred the summer before my senior year of high school during my Chrysalis Flight, a special weekend sponsored by the United Methodist Church intended to be a short course in Christianity.⁷ I was definitely a Christian before I went on Chrysalis, but I had not consciously surrendered my life to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. I still cannot explain what happened that weekend, but I came away believing, for what felt like the first time, that I was a really a sinner, and was really desperate for God, and that God really did love me. I also tasted like never before the joy of Christian community, the beauty the Communion, and the power of prayer. I had truly spread my wings and begun to fly with my faith.

At the time I feared the change in me and the commitment I made to God might not have staying power; however, time has shown just the opposite. Ever since this experience, despite time of doubt and times of grief during periods where God felt absent from my life, faith has been the central aspect of who I am and the lens through which I view all of life.

My initial sense of call was also quite a turning point. For several weeks after Chrysalis, I spent a good deal of time each day praying about my future and specifically about what God wanted for me to do with my life. One Saturday night I finished a book about angels (a topic I had never thought much about before) and was surprised at Sunday school the next morning when the topic was also angels. Our teacher said half-jokingly that he thought there are people on this earth who are angels in disguise, and no one knows they are angels except them and God. Immediately an image of an older woman at Waverly Road popped into my head. I thought.

“Aha! I have figured her out!” After the church service that same woman, whom I did not even know that well at the time, came up to me with tears in her eyes and said, “Cathy. I was praying for you this morning and thought to myself, ‘This young lady needs to be a Director of Christian Education.’” Something inside me clicked at that moment, and I knew she was on to something. Tears of joy and surprise streaked my face this first moment I began to be aware of my calling. I know that this woman is a human being, but for that moment she ‘was an angel: God had a message to communicate to me through her.

This realization was timely because when I knew that I wanted to work in Christian Education, Presbyterian College easily became my top choice for a college. Without the work of applying to and visiting many different schools, I poured myself in to the life of the Church my senior year, participating in and leading programs at both a Methodist and Presbyterian Church in town. Many beautiful people saw my desire to grow and as a result offered me friendship and guidance in the Christian faith.

I grew a tremendous amount at Presbyterian College. The PC community was a safe place for me to be myself but also challenged and stretched who that “self” was. My calling developed over those four years through dear and eternal friendships; caring and wise professors; and many opportunities to explore my faith and use my gifts inside and outside the classroom. Through college classes and an internship in Christian Education, I quickly learned my calling was in fact to serve in the Church, but I was much better suited to do this as a Minister of Word and Sacrament than as a Christian Educator.

After college, I longed to be a missionary overseas before entering seminary, but my poor health kept this dream from coming true. Instead I spent a year working with PC students and at-risk youth and learning how to better take care of myself. In that year, I also discerned a call to attend Princeton Theology Seminary where I graduated from in May 2001. My training at seminary rooted me more deeply in the Reformed Tradition as well as gave me many exciting hands-on ministry experiences, including serving at Nassau Presbyterian Church, doing a CPE, and working with both international and prospective students. I also became more involved with issues of social justice and was deeply affected by Christians I met living together in intentional Christian communities in the inner-cities of New York and Philadelphia. Their witness led me to participate in protests, learn more about economic issues, and even to travel to Calcutta to serve alongside the Missionaries of Charity. Seminary also nurtured my contemplative nature, and I began turning to some of the mystics and saints of the Church for guidance in the Christian life. My prayer time includes more silence than before, and I appreciate the “lectio divino” style of meditating on Scripture.

After an interesting turn of events at the end of my time at Princeton, I was called to serve at my home church as a part time youth director. This position was intended to last only one year, but God surprised me again by calling me to stay with the increased capacity of being the Interim Associate Pastor with an emphasis on youth ministry. I could not be happier in this call. Although each day brings new challenges, each day also brings more growth and opportunities to joyfully serve God in the ways I am created to do so.

Statement of Faith Cathy Clasen

I believe in God, the Creator of the universe, who chose the people of Israel and called

them out of Egypt into the Promised Land. This same God continues to be at work in the world with steadfast love, faithfulness, justice, and mercy to lead the people of God from captivity to freedom.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, who is the Word made flesh among us. By being fully God and fully human Jesus revealed God's nature to humanity, His life, death, and resurrection are the way to experience the joyous salvation and promises of eternal life intended for all people. I believe that all human beings have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. I also believe that at the core of our identity as human beings is the truth that we are made in the image of God and called to be God's children. As sinners we violate the image of God in ourselves and in others, but we can be redeemed and restored by grace through faith.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Breathe of God and Giver of Life, who enables us to receive God's unique revelation in Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit also illuminates the Holy Bible to make it a Living Word, I believe the Bible is the divinely inspired human witness to the revelation of God in Jesus Christ and is inerrant in truth. What is more, the Holy Spirit empowers the Church to be God's covenant community through worship, exhibiting the Kingdom of God, social justice, truth preservation, proclamation of the Gospel, and care of God's children with shelter and nurture. I believe there is no such thing as a solitary Christian. To be a Christian means to be part of the body of Christ, and to be the body of Christ is to be the Church. The Church is grounded in grace and must always be reformed by the Word of God. The call of the Church is to be a sign of a new reality in and for the world and must move forward in this mission, even at the risk of losing its own life.

I believe the Triune God, while defying logic by being Three in One, teaches us that at the heart of God, God is a relationship of mutual self-giving love. Thus, part of being God's people is to be in a love relationship with God, others, and ourselves. The characteristics of mutuality and self-sacrifice expressed in the Trinity ground the call of every Christian, as a member of the priesthood of all believers, to be a partner in God's mission in the world.

Faith Journey Katherine C. Jackson

I was born into a family of Cumberland Presbyterians from West Tennessee. From my maternal grandmother I learned at an early age my Bible stories, and experienced through her the unconditional and accepting love of God. My maternal grandfather taught me through his leadership as an elder the importance and value of Presbyterian theology and polity.

I spent my adolescence in a Southern Presbyterian congregation in a small town in West Tennessee. From dedicated and selfless lay leaders I continued to grow in my understanding of who I was in relationship to Jesus Christ and God's plan for my life. I was blessed during my teenage years to experience the greater church as a youth leader at both the presbytery and General Assembly levels.

When I ventured off to college I had already begun to feel a call to ministry. However, having never seen or heard of "women preachers," I began to explore the possibility of answering God's call through Christian Education. Wise college professors challenged me to look at God's call as inclusive of, but not exclusive to, education. Therefore, after a brief tenure as a public school teacher I ventured to Richmond, Virginia, where I could explore the possibility of

both ordained pastoral ministry and the ministry of Christian Education through graduate work at Union Theological and the Presbyterian School of Christian Education.

As I attended classes and did field work I was continually led and affirmed in my ministry as pastor, therefore, I sought to be ordained as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament. Upon graduation I accepted a call as associate pastor of a downtown, urban church in Southside Virginia. There I ministered for 8 years preaching, teaching visiting, and leading the youth and Christian education ministries of that congregation. While at this church I married, became a step-mom and a mom.

Since leaving that associate's position, I have served as an interim pastor for six months and as pastor for 8 years for two small, rural congregations in Southside Virginia. It is through this ministry that I know God has called me to be a small church pastor. I appreciate and value the work of small congregations which embody each day of their Christian journeys the understanding that where 2 or 3 are gathered there Jesus Christ is present also. Small churches operate as family and the Jacksons have been blessed to be nurtured and loved by these Bodies of Christ. We look forward to this new beginning and the opportunities which await us here in Holston Presbytery.

Statement of Faith Katherine C. Jackson

The God in which I believe is all knowing and all powerful and is experienced by God's People as Creator (Father), Redeemer (Son), and Sustainer (Holy Spirit).

As Creator I understand God to be the maker of all that is good in this world. We human beings who were made in God's image continually rebel against God and break God's commandments. Because of our sin, God is justified in condemning us, but because God is merciful and loving our Creator redeems us.

As Redeemer I know God to be Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ, the only Son of God, the Creator (Father). Being born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus was completely human and completely divine. Jesus was tempted just like every human being, but he never yielded to that temptation. Jesus suffered and died on the cross for the sins of all humanity. God, whom Jesus called Father, raised Jesus from the dead. In that resurrection Jesus' sinless, righteous life was vindicated; the power of sin, evil, and death was forever overcome; and we were given life eternal.

The personal salvation brought by the righteous and faithful life, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus is for all people. While God seeks and chooses us through the power of the Holy Spirit which convicts us of our sin, we are responsible for turning toward God and embracing the salvation God in Christ offers.

As Sustainer, God's Holy Spirit, gives and renews my new life in Jesus Christ. The same Holy Spirit which inspired the first disciples inspires every Christian. It is the Holy Spirit that gives me the strength to pray for and the courage to witness to others what Christ has done in my life.

Worship is central to what we do as Presbyterians, it is an opportunity, both corporately and individually to give praise and thanksgiving for God's presence in the world and in our lives

through Jesus Christ. In worship we hear God's claim on us and we respond by offering ourselves and all that we have to God so that we are then empowered for service in the world.

As Presbyterians we celebrate two sacraments, baptism and the Lord's Supper. In baptism I believe that God welcomes us as children to the family through the Son, our brother, Jesus Christ. At our Lords table we remember his sacrifice for our sins and are fed for the journey God has planned for us.

I believe the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments are by the power of the Holy Spirit, God's unique and authoritative Word to me as an individual and to the Church worldwide. The Holy Scripture is our first and primary resource. All other books and confessions are informed by Scripture.

God has acted throughout history. And those actions which are related to us in Scripture shape the Church's mission and our personal witness. The Church is the Body of Christ. Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church. Any mission undertaken by the church should always reflect God's activity in the world as seen in the life and witness of Jesus, our Savior.

Regardless of what we might experience in our daily lives, I believe that nothing can separate me from the love of God in Jesus Christ my Lord. I know that God is in control and has always had a plan for creation. Those of us who call ourselves "Christian" are to be about the daily task of serving Christ as we pray and act, ever watchful for Jesus' second coming.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry: Reported by Gordon Turnbull

INFORMATION:

At a called meeting on June 17, 2002, the Committee on Preparation for Ministry took the following actions:

1. Received Joon-Ho Chang of Tri-Cities Korean Presbyterian Church and David Hunsicker of First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, as Inquirers in the process of preparation for ministry under the care of Holston Presbytery.

At its stated meeting on August 26, 2002, the Committee on Preparation for Ministry took the following action:

2. Received Kirk Weisz of Zion Presbyterian Church as an Inquirer in the process of preparation for ministry under the care of Holston Presbytery.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

Congregational Life Committee: Dennis Maxey reported.

INFORMATION:

1. Natural Church Growth Event – October 19, 2002 with Ed White leading. This is a very useful and unique look at helping churches to grow.
2. Grace Odyssey – Saturday, April 12, at Tusculum College
 - a. A task force is being appointed to coordinate the event. Members so far include: Mary Lee Harmon (Ch), Amy Brickey, Susie Jones.
 - b. The keynote speaker will be Freda Gardner, who will speak on the topic “The Future of Christian Education in the Church.”
 - c. Committees are encouraged to develop workshops for the event. Workshop plans need to be submitted by December 15.
3. Senior High Retreat -The Nurture Sub-Committee contributed \$500 from its portion of the committee budget to help the Youth Sub-Committee bring Keith and Kevin Harris to the Fall Senior High Retreat.
4. Prayer Calendar – Please remember to enter onto the prayer calendar any special events in your congregation for which you would like the prayers of the presbytery.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

WORLD WIDE MISSIONS:

1. Presbytery received as information a flyer on an Informational Meeting Thursday, October 17, at First Church, Johnson City for those interested in working with a Hispanic Ministry.

NEW BUSINESS – None

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS: THANKS - Dan Donaldson, Jim Gray, Spencer Pickel reporting.

Meeting in its September Stated Meeting of 2002, the Presbytery of Holston gives thanks for:

Bethel Presbyterian Church – its pastor, Gary Bement; its officers and members for their preparation for the meeting; for the refreshments and food and those who prepared it; for their invitation and hospitality.

Thanks be to God.

The Staff of Holston Presbytery -- dedication and hard work; and especially for the work and leadership of Bruce Ford. We pray God’s blessing on him and his family as they go to new opportunities of ministry.

Thanks to Bruce and Thanks be to God.

For worship and all those who provided leadership and called us to remember our unity in Jesus Christ -- Cathy Clasen, Jim Stewart, Lillian Shelton, Reverend Lloyd Jones, Theresa Bellamy, Bruce Lyttle, and Susan Harp.

Thanks be to God.

For our Institutions and the work in the name of Jesus Christ – Dr. Earl Robinson from Lees-McRae and Jonathan Pflug from Sunset Gap.

Thanks be to God.

For the small group leaders who reminded us of our stewardship and the ministry of this Presbytery.

Thanks be to God.

For our General Assembly Commissioners -- Bruce Ford and Kathy Wing and YAD LeAnna Hamer on their reports on the work of the Assembly.

Thanks be to God.

For our Interim Moderator, David Light and his willingness to guide us through our work and worship.

Thanks be to God.

For Cathy Clasen and Katherine Jackson who join us in the ministry of Christ in this Presbytery.

Thanks be to God.

Adopted this day, September 10, 2002

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the Moderator adjourned the meeting with prayer at 2:30 PM.

Rich Fifield, Stated Clerk

David Light, Moderator

Beth Yarborough, Recording Clerk

Index of Important Motions

<u>Agape/Food Relief- Croatia- ECO #047857</u> - well respected evangelical and Reformed relief organization working hard to ease the suffering caused by war in former Yugoslavia. Priorities include food and clothing distribution at 21 sites as well as livestock replenishment for local farmers. Grant amount is \$4000. Approved.....	1009
<u>Haiti Northern District Agricultural School - ECO #343102</u> - this two year agricultural training program at St. Barnabas School teaches soil management, irrigation, use of better seeds, use of appropriate fertilizers and animal husbandry to students and in the community in Haiti. Grant amount is \$4000. Approved.....	1009
Regarding Cathy Clasen:	1011
Regarding the Rev. Katherine Jackson:	1011
That a cost-of-living increase be added to the 2003 Minimum Terms of Call for full-time, permanent pastoral calls in Holston Presbytery as follows:	1011
That Grays Chapel Presbyterian Church be granted an exception as provided in the <i>Book of Order</i> G-14.0201b waiving of the requirements of G.14.0201a, the rotation of officers' terms. Approved.....	1010
That Holston Presbytery grant Relief of Conscience to the Erwin Church as provided by the Board of Pensions. Approved.	995
That New Providence Presbyterian Church be granted an exception as provided in the <i>Book of Order</i> G-14.0201b waiving of the requirements of G.14.0201a, the rotation of officers' terms. Approved.....	1010
That the below covenant agreement between Weaver and Keystone Churches be approved. Approved.....	1006
That the Presbytery approve paying the salaries and benefits for Jim Kirkpatrick, Director of Campus/Youth Ministry and for Craig Bell, Director of Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center, from the General Mission Budget of the Presbytery beginning January 1, 2003. Approved.....	1001
That the Presbytery approve the 2003 Challenge Mission Budget of \$925,000. Approved. ..	1001
That the Presbytery approve the 2003 earlier Camp schedule, the 7% increase in 2003 summer camp fees, and the \$1 increase in 2003-2004 rental fees. Approved.....	1002
That the presbytery approve the commission of The Rev. Gordon Turnbull, The Rev. Jim Mays, The Rev. Rich Fifield, Elder Linda Handel, First Church, Morristown; Elder William H. Inman, St. Paul Church, to install Gary Kelly as pastor of First Church, Morristown, on Sunday, September 22, 2002, at 10:30 AM. Approved.	1010
That the Presbytery receive reports from the 214 th General Assembly Commissioners	1005
That the recommended 2003 honorarium for pulpit supply be as follows:	1011
That the relationship between Holston Presbytery and Bruce Ford as Associate Presbyter be	

dissolved pending his reception by the Presbytery of Wyoming and his acceptance of their call as General Presbyter. Approved. 1004

The Nominations Committee places the name of Dan Donaldson (First, Greeneville) before Presbytery for approval for the position of Vice Moderator of Holston Presbytery for the Class of 2003. Approved. 1004

The Nominations Committee places the name of Robert Lowry (HR) before Presbytery for approval for the position of Committee on Ministry Chairperson (Class of 2004). Approved. 1004