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STATED MEETING OF HOLSTON PRESBYTERY
March 7, 2015
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Tusculum College, Tusculum, Tennessee
March 7, 2014

Holston Presbytery met for its stated meeting at Tusculum College, Tusculum, Tennessee, at 9:00 AM. Moderator, Ruling Elder Bill Reese, welcomed those gathered for the meeting. The meeting was opened with worship and prayer, including the celebration of the Lord's Supper. The worship leaders were: the Rev. Terry Newland, Synod Executive; the Rev. Rodney Norris, Rogersville Presbyterian Church; the Rev. Diana Moore, Member-at-Large; Ruling Elder Julia Geiger, Rogersville Presbyterian Church; Moderator Ruling Elder Bill Reese, Jonesborough Presbyterian Church; Ruling Elder Mark Stokes, First Presbyterian Church, Greeneville and Chaplain, Tusculum College. An offering for Five Cents a Meal was collected in the amount of \$424.00. Ruling Elder Mark Stokes, Chaplain, Tusculum College, welcomed everyone on behalf of the college. Commissioners and guests were welcomed with first time commissioners and guests recognized.

ENROLLMENT:

TEACHING ELDERS PRESENT/ABSENT:

Name	Present	Absent
Allen, William E.		X
Amstutz, Sharon	X	
Armistead, Robert L.	X	
Askew, Catherine Clasen		X
Austin, Richard C.		X
Barron, Earle		X
Bement, Gary		X
Bier, Tom		X
Burkey, Margaret		X
Cagle, David	X	
Campbell, John		X
Cartwright, Gregory	X	
Cave, Payne		X
Chamberlain, Mike		X
Chapman, Alan	X	
Christian, H. Martin		X
Clark, Dan		X
Cobb, Harrell L.		X
Crow, Conrad		X
Donaldson, Dan	X	
Dowling, John		X
Fifield, Richard L.	X	
Florence, Kaye	X	

Gandy, Joan	X	
Goforth, Bill S.		X
Gray, James L.		X
Gunn, Yale		X
Hale, David L.		X
Hambrick, Jr., David C.		X
Helphinstine, Paul	X	
Hopper, Barron		X
Huff, Allen		X
Hutchison, Ralph		X
Hyers-Prentice, David		X
Hyers, William D.		X
Im, Seong Cheol		X
Imsande, Louis		X
Johnson, Deven		X
Jordan, Greg		X
Kelly, R. Gary	X	
Kestner, C. Phillip		X
Knisley, Mark		X
Lancaster, Lewis		X
LaPointe, Douglas	X	
Martin, James		X
Martin, John L.		X
Mays, James		X
Meredith, Tim W.		X
Miller, David		X
Moore, Diana	X	
Murphy, Charles		X
Norris, Rodney	X	
O'Connor, Hayley		X
Parsons, Gradye		X
Peake, Thomas		X
Phillips, J. Thomas	X	
Ray, Richard		X
Rolling, George L.	X	
Saunders, Raymond		X
Schmidt, Kyle		X
Scruggs, Glenn		X
Shackelford, Edgar P.		X
Shaw, Angus	X	
Sims, David H.		X
Smith, Shane		X
Spence, Jr., Andrew E.		X
Spoon, Eric	X	
Steinle, Marshall		X
Strang, Fred Foy		X

Sutherland, Terry		X
Sydnor, Charles S.		X
Taylor, Harrison		X
Troyer, Elizabeth		X
Turnbull, Gordon		X
Vogado, Chris		X
Wade, Thomas M. L.		X
Walker, Fred		X
Webster, Stan	X	
Weed, Sherrolyn G.		X
Weisz, Stephen R.		X
Welch, David		X
Whaley, Andrew		X
White, Katherine		X
White, Ray		X
Whitesides, Davis		X
Willard, Pat		X
Wing, III, William T.	X	
Wyatt, Brian	X	
Young, William		X

MINISTERS OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS PRESENT/ABSENT:

Name	Present	Absent
Blevins, Daniel		X
Hadden, John		X
Hutton, Mark		X
Rainwater, Robert		X
Roe, John P.		X
Verran, Kenneth		x

COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS PRESENT/ABSENT:

Name	Present	Absent
Baird, Carol		X
Baird, Gloria		X
Ballinger, Calvin		X
Barnette, Anthony		X
Cagle, Tracy		X
Catts, John		X
Cobb, Marci		X
Culbertson, Mike		X
Dalton, David		X
Dameron, Cliff		X
Doer, Eddie		X
Farmer, Mary Jane		X
Finley, Harold		X
Grimes, Robert		X

Harmon, Mary Lee	X	
Herndon, Chip		X
Light, David	X	
Maddox, Anna		X
Meadows, Bobby		X
Morelock, Jeff		X
Rice, Cheryl		X
Riddle, Jackie		X
Sauls, Con		X
Smith, Gene		X
Stevens, Betty		X
Stokes, Mark	x	
Tucker, John		X
Wise, Amanda		X
Wise, Scott		X
Wright, Kathleen		X

RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS:

Congregation	Principal	Alternate	Visitor/Other
Amity			
Barton Springs			
Bethel, Dandridge			
Bethel, Kingsport			
Blountville			
Bristol, First			
Cedar Creek			
Cedarview			
Chuckey			
Clinton			
Cold Spring	Gina Bentley		
Colonial Heights	Ann Johnson		
Cove Creek			
Covenant	Mary O'Keefe	Betsy Hagelberg	
Cross Anchor			
Elizabethton, First	Carol McElure		
Erwin			
Grays Chapel			

Greeneville, First	Heather Patchett		
Hebron			
Hopewell			
Jefferson City, First			
Jennie Moore	Helen L. Edwards		
Johnson City, First			
Jonesborough	Eva Garst		
Keystone			
Kingsport, First	John Pridemore Will Jennings		
Leesburg			
Liberty			
Magill Memorial	Erik Anderson		
Meadowview			
Morristown, First	Bob Schefter Becky Jo Moles		
Mountain City			
Mt. Hermon			
New Bethel			
New Ebenezer			
New Market			
New Providence			
Newport			
Oakland			
Old Kingsport			
Philadelphia			
Piney Flats	Mary Dabroance		
Preston Hills	Carol Russ		
Reedy Creek, Bristol			
Reedy Creek, Kingsport			
Rock Creek	Danny Ayers		
Rogersville	Julia Geiger		
Rosemont			

Salem	Tod Jablonski		
Shady Valley			
Shenandoah			
St. Paul			
Strawberry Plains			
Tabernacle			
Timber Ridge	Lisa Balabas		
Tri City Korean			
Valley Pike			
Watauga Avenue	Philip Brandt		
Waverly Road	Eileen Butler		
Weaver Union			
West Ridge			
Windsor Avenue			
Zion			

PRESBYTERY MODERATOR: Ruling Elder Bill Reese

PRESBYTERY STAFF: Kim Fifield, Craig Bell, Andrea Sutter

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Jim Amstutz, Lucretia Meece, Hal Hunter

VISITING/CORRESPONDING TEACHING ELDERS/MINISTERS: Don Steele (Pittsburgh Presbytery), Terry Newland (Sheppards and Lapsley Presbytery)

VISITORS: Mae Weed (Grandfather Home), Stephanie Davis, Spencer Pickel, Robert Armistead Jr., Kathy Hammond, Dr. Nancy Moody

CONSENT AGENDA

The below Consent Agenda was adopted:

- Approved enrollment
- Declaration of quorum
- Approved requests for excused absences
- Approved giving visiting ministers voice
- Approved Minutes of the December 2, 2014 Stated Meeting
- Appointment of Committee on Thanks: Kaye Florence and George Rolling
- Appointment of the Bills & Overture Committee: Dan Donaldson and Mark Stokes
- Adoption of the Docket
- Treasurer's Report

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business introduced.

Treasurer's Report
General Mission Budget
January – December 2014

	Jan - Dec 14	Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
60160 · Unified Mission Designated Fund	7,090.09	0.00	100.0%
60500 · Unified Monies	348,746.79	325,000.00	107.31%
60550 · Designated Reserve	14,007.20	48,500.00	28.88%
61900 · Other Forms of Income	5,552.26		
61905 · Interest Income	35,240.21	34,985.00	100.73%
Total Income	<u>410,636.55</u>	<u>408,485.00</u>	<u>100.53%</u>
Gross Profit	410,636.55	408,485.00	100.53%
Expense			
70100 · GMB/Ministries w/Councils	92,899.07	89,804.16	103.45%
70200 · Committee on Ministry	-8.74	1,500.00	-0.58%
70300 · Committee Prep for Ministry	900.00	1,500.00	60.0%
70400 · Mission & Evangelism	0.00	3,250.00	0.0%
70500 · Discipleship Committee	110,895.46	122,797.37	90.31%
70900 · Administration & Budget	205,855.61	192,857.44	106.74%
71400 · Trustees	22.25		
Total Expense	<u>410,563.65</u>	<u>411,708.97</u>	<u>99.72%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>72.90</u>	<u>-3,223.97</u>	
Net Income	<u><u>72.90</u></u>	<u><u>-3,223.97</u></u>	

Fund Balances as of December 31, 2014

	Dec 31, 14	Dec 31, 13
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
10000 · CHECKING - CITIZENS BANK		
10110 · Designated Reserve Unused	30,992.80	0.00
10111 · Select Monies	6,287.47	3,129.31
10211 · Hattie Farthing Fund	795.21	248.09
10320 · Holston Seminary Student Fund	6,124.30	5,637.72
10410 · Global Mission Fund	1,614.36	1,614.36
10420 · 5 Cents-a-Meal Local	0.07	-0.07
10421 · 5 Cents-a-Meal International	0.02	-0.02
10530 · Indian Ridge Payment	0.00	500.00
10531 · Youth Ministry Endowment	3,250.00	8,750.00
10630 · Presbytery Peacemaking	6,105.43	4,777.23
10640 · EIHN - Restoring Creation	1,425.00	1,425.00
10712 · Ministry - Hawkins County	15,000.00	13,375.00
10714 · Church Hill - Undesignated	5,500.00	3,875.00
10721 · TriCityKorean/KPC	0.00	400.00
11860 · Williams Transition Fund	8.82	8.82
11861 · Williams Capital Fund Interest	10,479.99	10,251.48
11862 · Williams Program Fund Interest	16,117.62	15,660.60
11910 · Honoraria - EP	2,093.74	1,785.79
15000 · Charitable Gift Annuity	-9,845.84	-7,447.84
20000 · Citizens Bank		
20210 · Pastoral Care	1,009.42	2,007.74
20531 · Youth Triennium	8.21	8.21
20710 · Church Development	309.64	309.52
20750 · New Church Development	227.20	227.08
20780 · Evangelism	981.17	980.81
20911 · Equipment Reserve	691.50	691.26
21810 · Devries Scholarship Fund	37.99	37.99
21820 · Grigsby Scholarship	10,823.66	10,184.43
21830 · Braziel Scholarship	5,059.82	4,732.50
21840 · Dixon Scholarship	4,391.04	4,122.47
21881 · Ninth Street Loan Fund - Hold	3,107.15	3,106.07
Total 20000 · Citizens Bank	26,646.80	26,408.08
10000 · CHECKING - CITIZENS BANK - Other	100,350.34	102,963.44
Total 10000 · CHECKING - CITIZENS BANK	222,946.13	193,361.99

30000 · PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION		
30211 · Hattie Farthing Fund	38,407.51	37,080.11
30710 · Church Development	32,545.05	31,420.27
30730 · Small Church Fund	152,396.28	147,129.37
30750 · New Church Development)	75,068.88	72,474.47
31820 · Grigsby Scholarship	84,789.16	81,858.80
31830 · Braziel Scholarship	43,440.23	41,938.90
31840 · Dixon Scholarship	35,660.77	34,399.37
31870 · Pattie Bushong Fund	1,951.68	1,951.68
31880 · Robinson Fund	964.28	910.78
31881 · Ninth Street Loan Fund	15,319.81	14,367.40
31882 · Ninth Street Scholarship	33,426.60	60,050.49
31883 · Tusculum College Endowment	104,677.07	104,677.07
Total 30000 · PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION	618,647.32	628,258.71
Total Checking/Savings	841,593.45	821,620.70
Other Current Assets		
40000 · The PFSA, Inc Grant-Restricted	627,000.00	627,000.00
Total Other Current Assets	627,000.00	627,000.00
Total Current Assets	1,468,593.45	1,448,620.70
Other Assets		
80000 · Notes Receivable		
80100 · Indian Ridge Baptist Church	104,500.00	110,500.00
80200 · Hebron Presbyterian Church	24,993.48	29,007.48
Total 80000 · Notes Receivable	129,493.48	139,507.48
Total Other Assets	129,493.48	139,507.48
TOTAL ASSETS	1,598,086.93	1,588,128.18

STATED CLERK'S REPORT was given by Rich Fifield.

1. Pursuant to the *Book of Order* G-3.0301, the presbytery shall have a goal of numerical parity between teaching elders and ruling elders. As of December 31, 2014 Holston Presbytery had 68 resident teaching elders (active and members-at-large), and 70 ruling elders (commissioners, eligible CREs, and presbytery moderator) so entitled to vote, thus there is no imbalance that needs to be redressed. (See attached Rolls)
2. A report on the Synod of Living Water's 2014 annual meeting has been received. (See attached report.)
3. The 2013 Minutes of Holston Presbytery were approved by the Synod of Living Waters without exception.
4. Received from the Presbyterian Church (USA) Stated Clerk, as directed by the 221st General Assembly, a request that presbyteries discuss and take an advisory vote on Five

Peacemaking Affirmations, and send the results of those votes, along with a summary of the floor discussion, back to the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy by July 1, 2015, to help guide the preparation of a report on peacemaking directions for the 222nd General Assembly (2016). (See attached document.)

5. Who has voice and vote at Holston Presbytery meetings is summarized below:

Who can speak and vote at presbytery meetings:

- Active member, teaching elders
- Member-at-large, teaching elders
- Primary ruling elder commissioners
- The presbytery moderator, if they are a ruling elder
- Commissioned Ruling Elders who have completed Level II Training and who are under contract

Who can speak at presbytery meetings:

- Corresponding members
- Certified Christian educators
- Others permitted by the presbytery (e.g. committee moderators, staff, guests)

6. 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 2014

Mark Knisley (Teaching Elder)
Cheryl Rice (Ruling Elder—First, Kingsport)

Class of 2012

Jim Mays (Teaching Elder)
Gordon Turnbull (Teaching Elder)
Jane Scott (Ruling Elder – First, Kingsport)

Class of 2010

Chip Herndon, IV (Ruling Elder - First, Johnson City)
Pam Pope (Ruling Elder - Jonesborough)

Roll of Teaching Elders as of December 31, 2014

Active Ministers

(Resident):

Sharon Amstutz
Robert Armistead
Earle Barron
Gary Bement
Thomas M. Bier
Margaret Burkey
David Cagle
Gregory Cartwright
Mike Chamberlain
Alan Chapman
H. Martin Christian
Dan Clark
Harrell L. Cobb
Conrad Crow
Dan Donaldson
Richard L. Fifield
Kaye Florence
Joan Gandy
Bill S. Goforth
David L. Hale
David C. Hambrick, Jr.
Paul Helphinstine
Barron Hopper
Allen Huff, Jr.
William D. Hyers
Seong-Cheol Im
Louis D. Imsande
Deven Johnson
Greg Jordan
R. Gary Kelly
C. Phillip Kestner
Mark Knisley
Douglas LaPointe
John L. Martin
James Mays
Diana Moore
Charles Murphy
Rodney Norris
Tom Peake
J. Thomas Phillips

Richard Ray
George L. Rolling
Kyle Schmidt
Edgar P. Shackelford
Angus Shaw
John A. Shuck
David H. Sims
Shane Smith
Andrew E. Spence, Jr.
Eric Spoon
Marshall Steinle
Charles S. Sydnor
Harrison Taylor
Gordon Turnbull
Fred Walker
Stanley Webster
Sherrolyn Weed
David Welch
Andrew Whaley
Patricia Willard
Bill Wing
Brian Wyatt

Active Ministers

(Non-Resident):

William E. Allen
Catherine Clasen Askew
Richard C. Austin
John Campbell
John Dowling
James L. Gray
Yale Gunn
David Hyers
Lewis Lancaster
James Martin
David Miller
Hayley O'Connor
Gradye Parsons
Raymond Saunders
Chris Vogado
Thomas M. L. Wade
Stephen R. Weisz

Davis Whitesides
William Young

Member-At-Large

(Resident):

Payne Cave
Tim Meredith
Terry Sutherland
Elizabeth Troyer
Katherine White
Ray White

Member-At-Large

(Non-Resident):

Ralph Hutchinson
Glenn Scruggs
Fred Foy Strang

Inactive Ministers

(None)

Ministers of Other

Denominations

Serving in Temporary

Relationships:

Daniel Blevins
John Haddon
Mark Hutton
Robert Rainwater
John Roe
Warren Stewart
Kenneth Verran

Roll of Certified Christian Educators as of December 31, 2014

Craig Bell

Roll of Certified Associate Christian Educators as of December 31, 2014

None

Persons Added to the Rolls in 2014

Mike Chamberlain (transferred from Abingdon Presbytery)

Rodney Norris (transferred from Foothills Presbytery)

Christopher Vogado (transferred from East TN Presbytery)

Persons Removed from the Rolls In 2014

Elmon Brown (death, January 11, 2014)

Clarence Durham (death, May 28, 2014)

Chuck Echols (dismissed to EPC, August 20, 2014)

Dennis Maxey (transferred to East TN Presbytery)

Errol Rohr (transferred to Presbytery of the James)

Ike Brighton (transferred to Arkansas Presbytery)

Neil Arner (transferred to Wabash Presbytery)

Roll of Commissioned Ruling Elders as of December 31, 2014

Level I

Tracy Cagle

David Dalton

Cliff Dameron

Harold Finley

Cheryl Rice

Gene Smith

Betty Stevens

Level II

(None)

Level III

Carol Baird

Gloria Baird

Calvin Ballinger

Anthony Barnette

John Catts*

Marci Cobb*

Mike Culbertson

Eddie Doerr

Mary Jane Farmer

Level III Continued

Robert Grimes

Mary Lee Harmon

Chip Herndon IV

David Light

Anna Maddox

Bobby Meadows

Jeff Morelock

Jackie Riddle

Con Sauls

Mark Stokes

John Tucker

Amanda Wise

Scott Wise

Kathleen Wright

(* denotes under contract with a congregation)

Synod of Living Waters Commissioners' Report

The Synod of Living Waters met at First Presbyterian Church in Franklin, Tennessee on January 26, 2015. Rev. Harrell Cobb and CRE Carol Baird represented Holston Presbytery at the meeting. After the meeting was called to order and after worship, a quorum was declared, the docket was adopted, and introductions were made.

The first order of business was to elect and install a Moderator and Vice-Moderator. Donald Ray Payne, Ruling Elder Commissioner from the Presbytery of North Alabama was elected as Moderator and Rev. Ann Houston Kelly, Teaching Elder Commissioner from the Presbytery of St. Andrew was elected Vice-Moderator.

Next, the Rev. Greg Goodwiller led a discussion on the General Assembly actions related to Mid-Council Restructuring. GA voted to establish a new configuration of synod boundaries "through a collaborative process between the synods and presbyteries resulting in no more than up to 10 to 12 regional synods." The current number of Synods is 16. Commissioners at each table discussed how our Synod could be affected by restructuring including joining with another synod based on common missions or geography, dividing our Synod for the greater good, or making no change to our boundaries. A commissioner from each table shared the result of their discussion. The consensus was to recommend making no change to our boundaries based on the fear that a change could negatively affect our strong mission of Living Waters for the World and our strong Presbyterian Women's missions and activities. A motion was made to authorize the Synod Permanent Administrative Commission to act on behalf of the Synod regarding boundary issues and other issues, was seconded and passed unanimously.

After the lunch recess, the Synod Committees met. Carol is on the Communications committee and Harrell is on the Ministry Partnership committee. Next, the reports of the Stated Clerk, Executive, Treasurer, and the Permanent Administrative Commission were submitted and accepted including the Synod budget for 2015 and the Living Waters for the World budget for 2015. Reports were also received and accepted from Presbyterian Women, Living Waters for the World, and each standing committee (Nominating, Representation, Communications, Covenant Relations and Presbytery Partnerships). The Covenant Relations committee recommended that the Covenant between the Synod and Columbia Theological Seminary be renewed and it was unanimously approved.

Representatives from the GA Board of Pensions and Covenant Partners Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and Maryville College also made presentations. Kathleen Farnham from Maryville College announced the dates for Horizons (MC's Youth Theology Experience) as June 21-26, 2015. Horizons is one of the Lilly Endowment's 12 theological programs for high school youth on a college campus giving rising 10th, 11th and 12th graders an opportunity to explore their faith, plunge into service, build friendships and gain confidence with the end goal of preparing future leaders for the Church (maryvillecollege.edu/horizons). She also announced the dates for Find and Seek (Montreat Middle School Conference at MC) as July 22-26, 2015. Find and Seek is designed for youth who have completed fifth, sixth, seventh, or eighth grade by summer 2015, and for their group leaders (montreat.org/middle).

Carol Baird, CRE
Synod Commissioner

FIVE PEACEMAKING AFFIRMATIONS FOR PRESBYTERY DELIBERATION

As part of the process of peace discernment begun by the General Assembly in 2010, then following 9 years of war in Afghanistan and Iraq, the 221st General Assembly (2014) approved five affirmations for discussion, debate, and voting in the presbyteries. These affirmations were derived from work by 65 presbytery and congregational study groups and two consultations, one with seminary ethicists and one with Presbyterian college and university faculty, campus ministers and chaplains, and students.

This brief document contains the key action of the General Assembly and summarizes the background rationales for each of the five affirmations. The goal is to make this process as inviting as possible for presbytery discussion and voting. For those interested, the full set of study material is posted online: https://www.pc-biz.org/PC-Biz.WebApp_deploy/%28S%28xjl1wbkkr5lfzvuydpivwjg3%29%29/IOBView.aspx?m=ro&id=4795 and is also available from the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program. Presbyteries may wish to schedule information sessions on the affirmations before they vote, or may simply distribute this resource and announce the voting in advance.

Here is the action of the Assembly:

"Process of Discernment for Presbyteries: As the next stage in a six-year process of discernment, the 221st General Assembly (2014) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) directs the Stated Clerk to send to each presbytery, electronically and in print, the following five affirmations and supporting rationale with the request that they discuss and take an advisory vote on each affirmation and send the results of those votes, along with a summary of the floor discussion, back to the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy by July 1, 2015, to help guide the preparation of a report on peacemaking directions for the 222nd General Assembly (2016).

"The affirmations for churchwide discussion and advisory vote:

1. We affirm that peacemaking is essential to our faith in God's reconciling work in Jesus Christ, whose love and justice challenge hatred and conflict, and whose call gives our church a mission to present alternatives to violence, fear, and misused power.
2. We confess our complicity in the world's violence even as we pray for the Spirit's courage to "unmask idolatries," to speak truth about war and oppression, and to stand with those who suffer, and to respond to acts and threats of violence with ministries of justice, healing, and reconciliation.
3. We reclaim the power and authority of Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace and Reconciler, who proclaims God's reign, who inspires the prophetic church, forgiving, healing, and undoing violence, and who overcomes evil through the cross and resurrection.
4. We seek to understand the nonviolent revolutions and armed struggles of our time by drawing on the traditions of Christian pacifism, just war, just peacemaking and active nonviolence, and by cultivating moral imagination through prayer, study, and engagement with friends and enemies. Even as we actively engage in a peace discernment process, we affirm our responsibility of continuing the long tradition of

support by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) for our sisters and brothers who serve in the U.S. military, veterans, and their families.

5. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves earnestly to seek and promote loving, nonviolent responses to conflict in our daily lives, in our communities, and in our world, and to risk calling our nation back from the practices of empire to the highest ideals of our heritage, and to practice boldly the things that make for peace."

THEOLOGICAL BASIS: The title of the full General Assembly report is "Risking Peace in a Violent World." It invokes language from both the Brief Statement of Faith, acknowledging not only a "broken and fearful world," but a violent one, and the Confession of 1967's prophetic phrase, "This search [for peace] requires that the nations pursue fresh and responsible relations across every line of conflict, even at the risk to national security, to reduce areas of strife and to broaden international understanding" (*Book of Confessions*, 9.45). Each of the five rationale sections includes Biblical, theological, ethical, and historical analysis.

"Peace discernment" is the name given to a 6-yr. process of updating the peacemaking vision of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The process was initiated by seven presbytery overtures on the 30th anniversary of *Peacemaking: The Believers' Calling* (1980). A Steering Team was charged with a twofold mandate to "seek clarity as to God's call to the church regarding nonviolence as our fundamental response to the challenges of violence, terror, and war," and to examine "ministries of peacemaking and justice-seeking that honor the Gospel, the history of the church, and the movement of the Holy Spirit..." to develop recommendations for new policy and action (*Minutes*, 2010, p. 69). The study document, *Encountering the Gospel of Peace Anew* contained questions for members and groups to explore not simply the effectiveness of the church's peacemaking work and its threefold offering, but the basic nature and scope of the Gospel's mandate for peacemaking.

<http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/peace-discernment/>)

STATUS OF THE AFFIRMATIONS AND POSSIBLE MODIFICATIONS: The affirmations clearly build on each other, but presbyteries can decide whether to consider the five as a set or vote on them individually to assess the degree to which they may, or may not, represent that presbytery's views. The five proposed affirmations honor the range of viewpoints within the church while testing new directions; *they are not statements of policy but propositions for serious debate*. We respectfully ask presbyteries to make time on their busy dockets to consider the affirmations.

Our Presbyterian process values differences of opinion as efforts to speak the truth in love under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Voting is part of the work of the body to build consensus over time, and Presbyterians do not usually see unanimity or total agreement as necessary for decision. We both take corporate stands, believing that the church as a body should not be silent, and at the same time we affirm that "God alone is Lord of the conscience," making space for dissent. It is for those reasons we would like to see the vote tallies, but it is up to each presbytery to determine how to report, and some may wish to approve their own affirmations or amend the ones presented here. If a presbytery develops one or more affirmations of its own, we would appreciate a brief statement of rationale to explain the position or amendment.

The wording of this summary background piece draws freely on the language of the full report and all sources quoted are documented in its footnotes. Leaders of presbytery discussions are urged to be familiar with the cases made in each section.

1. Summary of Rationale for First Affirmation:

This affirmation would support the understanding in *Peacemaking: The Believers' Calling* that working for peace is not only an individual matter (such as conscientious objection) but a call of the whole Christian community, including those opposed to all war and violence and those who use categories of the "Just War" or justifiable war tradition. Former chief of chaplains, Kermit Johnson, in opposing nuclear warfare, writes, "Like pacifism, it [Just War] is rooted in the commandment: 'Thou shalt not kill.' It is a presumption against violence, 'the presumption in favor of peace and against war.'" Thus faithful Presbyterians may differ on whether there can be justified force, whether war is inevitable, and what the range from policing to maintain social peace to organized military campaigns may be. The point is: it is our responsibility to deal with these questions. Further, it is not enough to repeat old answers, but it is important to know what they have been. For example, strong majorities of the PCUSA presbyteries in 1936 and 1938 voted to remove Just War language from the Westminster Confession, though not attaining the supermajority necessary for constitutional change. This voting process recalls those votes prior to the adoption of The Book of Confessions. The full rationale section itself summarizes alternatives to violence and war in General Assembly social witness policy, particularly since WWII, and notes the support of more than 50% of PCUSA congregations for The Commitment to Peacemaking and the Peacemaking Offering at some point since 1980.

2. Summary of Rationale for Second Affirmation:

This affirmation asks us to be "honest patriots," owning our responsibility for the horrific consequences of the Afghan and Iraq wars, while recognizing the ways that structural and cultural violence permeate our society and those of others. The emphasis here is on honestly counting the costs of what we have done, and in the spirit of the Brief Statement of Faith, to consider whether we have succumbed to idolatries in our efforts for security and justice. The final clause of this affirmation, which speaks of how to respond to violence, was added by the General Assembly and is given support in the background to affirmations four and five. The word, "complicity," has both conscious and unconscious dimensions, and recognizes how embedded we all are in social structures that include unjust relationships. Prophetic self-criticism and repentance are basic parts of Christian life. This affirmation applies those principles not only to the large scale and deliberate violence of war, but to the roots of war. Members of presbyteries may want to look at the definitions of violence and of "structural violence," or forms of oppression that can prompt violence or self-destructiveness. As a church in the United States, how do we stand before not only the peoples of the countries which have suffered so much more than we, but before the Lord of history? Does this affirmation help us so stand?

3. Summary of Rationale for Third Affirmation:

This affirmation focuses on Jesus Christ in relation to war and violence and proposes a new emphasis for Reformed Christians, without denying our traditional linkage of the New Testament witness with Old (and some New) Testament justifications of force. This affirmation says it is essential to look at how the words and example of Jesus cohere with the rest of the “Gospel of Peace,” and suggests more attention to the earliest centuries of the church when Christians had no public power and largely chose nonviolence. Stating clearly that our faith is not based on scholarly reconstructions of Jesus’ life—of which there are many—nonetheless the preponderance of scholarship supporting a nonviolent interpretation of Jesus ministry bears attention. This affirmation does not answer the specific question of how much peace or nonviolence were the goal or method of Jesus’ ministry, and does not try to fit Jesus into a programmatic script. Yet it would urge the church not to get too far away from his example, lest we be coopted too easily into war for reasons of state or economic interest.

4. Summary of Rationale for Fourth Affirmation:

This affirmation proposes that our church’s social and ethical teaching give more attention to the nonviolent techniques of social change that have been more productive than violence in a surprising number of cases. That list would include the fall of the Berlin wall and other nonviolent transitions in Eastern Europe, the nonviolent revolution in the Philippines, the painstaking achievement of peace in Northern Ireland, the dramatic transformation of South Africa, and the initial successes of the Arab Awakening. In these cases many non pacifists by chose nonviolent tactics for their effectiveness in mobilizing people. Clearly there have also been incredibly savage wars and instigated religious/ ethnic tensions, with some countries funding forces in other countries as “proxies” for their interests. These point to the weakness of international diplomatic structures and difficulties of protecting minorities within countries, many of which have become refugees. The General Assembly added a sentence that could apply to all five affirmations, expressing concern for those in the military and veterans, and also added the category of “Christian pacifism” as well as nonviolence as a force for social change. The import of this affirmation is to diversify further the alternatives to force available for the church.

5. Summary of Rationale for Fifth Affirmation:

As amended by the General Assembly, this affirmation emphasizes that nonviolent methods should be chosen first in our personal and corporate efforts to resolve or transform conflict, and that on the national level our country should pursue international relations based less on military superiority and unilateral force. The background rationale here looks at the differences between national interests and principles (such as respect for universal human rights); it challenges the practices of “empire” on practical and even “realist” grounds, emphasizing the soft power of ideals and example, particularly in facing new kinds of global crisis (such as environmental disaster). The rationale also provides a range of “things that make for peace:” truth and reconciliation commissions, interfaith cooperation, accompaniment and nonviolent intervention, increased teaching of peacemaking. Three illustrative examples are given in conclusion: the Reformed village of LeChambon sheltering Jews during WWII, a personal

witness that prevented a mass shooting, and an international agreement to remove chemical weapons from Syria in 2013. This affirmation, then, would seek alternatives to military violence at every level.

SMALL GROUPS — the presbytery recessed for small group discussion.

GENERAL MISSION BOARD REPORT was given by Sharon Amstutz.

General Mission Board Meeting
March 3, 2015
Minutes

Call to Order at 3:01 PM by Sharon Amstutz, General Mission Board Moderator, who gave the opening devotional and prayer.

Present: Bill Reese, Presbytery Moderator; Sharon Amstutz; Diana Moore; Andrew Whaley; Tom Phillips; Jim Amstutz; ~~Shane Smith~~; David Light; Pam Pope; ~~Jackie Riddle~~; Hal Hunter; ~~Marshall Steinle~~; John Smith; ~~Ed Hutchinson~~; Kim Fifield; Craig Bell; Andrea Sutter; Rich Fifield.

The following Minutes of the February 24, 2015 Electronic Meeting of the General Mission Board were approved.

The regular meeting of the General Mission Board was postponed from Tuesday, February 24, 2015 to March 3, 2015 due to inclement weather.

An electronic (email) vote was taken to approve/disapprove the Information Packet/Proposed Agenda for the March 7, 2015 stated presbytery meeting, to be held at Tusculum College.

General Mission Board Members Voting: Bill Reese, Moderator; Sharon Amstutz; Diana Moore; Andrew Whaley; Tom Phillips; Jim Amstutz; Shane Smith; David Light; Pam Pope; Jackie Riddle; Hal Hunter; Marshall Steinle; John Smith; and Ed Hutchinson.

The Information Packet/Proposed Agenda was approved for the March 7, 2015 stated presbytery meeting.

Reports/Recommendations to the General Mission Board:

Stated Clerk's Report Rich Fifield

2014 Session Minutes Review Report:

2014 minutes reviewed without exception: Bethel, Kingsport; Blountville; Cedar Creek; Chuckey; Cold Spring; Colonial Heights; Covenant; First, Elizabethton; Erwin; First, Greeneville; Hopewell; Jennie Moore; First, Johnson City; Jonesborough; Keystone; First, Kingsport; Liberty; Magill Memorial; Meadowview; First, Morristown; Mountain City; New Market; Newport; New Providence; Piney Flats; Reedy Creek, Bristol; Rock Creek; Rogersville; St. Paul; Timber Ridge; Waverly Road; West Ridge; Windsor Avenue; Zion.

2014 minutes reviewed with exception: Barton Springs; First, Bristol; Cross Anchor; First, Jefferson City; New Bethel; Preston Hills; Watauga Avenue.

2014 minutes not reviewed: Amity; Bethel, Dandridge; Cedarview; Clinton; Cove Creek; Grays Chapel; Hebron; Leesburg; Mt. Hermon; New Ebenezer; Oakland; Old Kingsport;

Philadelphia; Reedy Creek, Kingsport; Rosemont; Salem; Shady Valley; Shenandoah; Strawberry Plains; Tabernacle; Weaver Union.

Treasurer's ReportKim Fifield

Moderator's Report Bill Reese

Vice-Moderator's Report Diana Moore

Committee Reports:

1. Administration and Budget Committee:

Recommendations to the General Mission Board:

- a. That the Devries Scholarship Fund (Account #21820, 12/31/2014 Balance of \$37.99) be closed and deposited into the Holston Presbytery Checking Fund (Account #10000).
- b. That the Proposed 2015 General Mission Budget \$403,795.30 remain unchanged.
- c. Regarding the Resignation of the Camp Director:
 - i. Accept the Camp Director resignation, effective June 15, 2015, with regret;
 - ii. That the General Mission Board appoint an Interim Camp Director Search Committee to fill the position after June 15, 2015;
 - iii. That the Interim Camp Director position description, responsibilities and compensation to be determined by the Administration and Budget Committee, in consultation with the Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center Committee;
 - iv. That the Administration and Budget Committee, in consultation with the Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center Committee, evaluate the Camp Director position and make recommendations to the General Mission Board related to the position.

Recommendations 1a, 1b, and 1c were approved by the General Mission Board.

It was moved and seconded, that one person from the Mission and Evangelism Committee, the Administration and Budget Committee, and the Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center Committee, along with the Presbytery Treasurer and Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk as *ex-officio* members, be appointed to the Interim Camp Director Search Committee and reported to the General Mission Board Moderator.

Other Business:

2. *Book of Order*, G-4.0206, Selling, Encumbering, or Leasing Church Property, states:
 - a. *Selling or Encumbering Congregational Property*

A congregation shall not sell, mortgage, or otherwise encumber any of its real property and it shall not acquire real property subject to an encumbrance or condition without the written permission of the presbytery transmitted through the session of the congregation.

b. Leasing Congregational Property

A congregation shall not lease its real property used for purposes of worship, or lease for more than five years any of its other real property, without the written permission of the presbytery transmitted through the session of the congregation.

The Session of Newport Presbyterian Church requests written permission of Holston Presbytery to lease a 60' x 60' portion of land, with landscape buffer and an Access and Utility Easement (estimated to be 30' x 80'), to Verizon for the purpose of erecting a 165' monopole cell tower. The lease is for a term of 25 years, with five-year renewable terms, at \$1,200 monthly, with a 3% annual escalation fee. (The leased land is behind the church building, at the southwest corner of the property, adjacent to Wiley Street.)

General Mission Board Recommendation to Presbytery: That Holston Presbytery approve the lease of a 60' x 60' portion of land, with landscape buffer and an Access and Utility Easement (estimated to be 30' x 80'), to Verizon for the purpose of erecting a 165' monopole cell tower, and that Verizon provide Newport Presbyterian Church and Holston Presbytery with a hold harmless agreement and a non-abandonment agreement for the tower.

The recommendation was approved by the presbytery.

Actions Referred to the General Mission Board by Presbytery — None

March 7, 2015 Stated Meeting Small Group Leaders: Diana Moore; and Hal Hunter.

Other Business / Sharing of Concerns and Prayers

Future Dates for the General Mission Board and Presbytery meetings in 2015 and 2016:

<u>General Mission Board</u>	<u>Presbytery</u>
May 19, 2015	March 7, 2015 (Sat) – Tusculum College
August 18, 2015	June 6, 2015 (Sat) – First Church, Kingsport
November 17, 2015	September 8, 2015 (Tue) – Holston Camp
	December 1, 2015 (Tue) – Piney Flats
February 16, 2016	March 5, 2016 (Sat) — (Open)
May 17, 2016	June 4, 2016 (Sat) — (Open)
August 23, 2016	September 6, 2016 (Tue) — Holston Camp
November 15, 2016	December 6, 2016 (Tue) — (Open)

Adjournment at 3:52 PM with prayer by Bill Reese.

General Mission Board Minutes Committee approved today's minutes. (Marshall Steinle; John Smith; Ed Hutchinson; Sharon Amstutz; Rich Fifield)

It was moved and seconded that concerns regarding the employment of the Interim Camp Director at the onset of the summer camp program be forwarded to the General Mission Board for their consideration. The motion was approved.

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY REPORT was in the Information Packet.

INFORMATION:

1. CPM hosted the final evaluation of Patrick Harley, candidate for ministry from First Presbyterian Church, Greeneville. The CPM approved Patrick certified ready to receive a call and circulate his Personal Information Form. The committee prayed for Patrick and wished that he continues to listen for God's Spirit as he moves forward.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT was given by Tom Phillips.

INFORMATION:

1. Approved the Temporary Supply Contract with a Minister of Another Denomination between the Rev. Warren Stewart (ordained United Methodist Church, Holston Annual Conference) and Mountain City Presbyterian Church, effective January 1, 2015 through March 31, 2015, with the following terms: Monthly Cash Salary - \$600; Monthly Travel Reimbursement up to \$200.
2. Approved the Temporary Supply Contract with a Minister of Another Denomination between the Rev. John Hadden (ordained Southern Baptist Church) and Barton Springs Presbyterian Church, effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, with the following terms: Monthly Cash Salary - \$1,500; Monthly Travel Reimbursement up to \$200.
3. Approved the Temporary Supply Contract with a Minister of Another Denomination between Kathy Hammond (~~ordained deacon~~ licensed local pastor in the United Methodist Church, North Dakota Conference) and Hopewell Presbyterian Church, effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, 30 hours/week, with the following terms: Annual Cash Salary - \$31,200; Member only participation in the Affiliated Benefits Program of the Board of Pensions; Monthly Travel Reimbursement up to \$125, Annual Vacation – 5 weeks. The sacraments will be administered by an ordained PC (USA) teaching elder or by a trained CRE. The Rev. Mike Chamberlain will moderate the session and provide interim and polity guidance to the session during the interim period.
4. Approved the Temporary Supply Contract between the Rev. Martin Christian and Magill Memorial Presbyterian Church, effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, with the following terms: Annual Cash Salary - \$4,212; Annual Housing Allowance - \$20,788; Monthly Travel Reimbursement at IRS rate; Annual Continuing Education Reimbursement = \$500; Annual Vacation – 6 weeks; Annual Continuing Education – 2 Weeks; and appointed Rev. Christian as moderator.

5. Approved the CRE Temporary Supply Contract between CRE John Catts (Rock Creek Presbyterian Church) and Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, with the following terms: Weekly Cash Salary - \$110; Weekly Travel Reimbursement - \$40; Vacation – 1 Week/Quarter; Continuing Education – 1 Week/Annually; and appoint Mr. Catts as Moderator.
6. Approved the Temporary Supply Contract between the Rev. Larry Moore (ordained Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and Newport Presbyterian Church, effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, with the following terms: Monthly Housing Allowance - \$700; Annual Travel Reimbursement up to \$600; Annual Continuing Education Reimbursement up to \$1,000; Annual Manse Equity - \$600; Annual Vacation – 4 Weeks; Annual Continuing Education – 2 Weeks; and appoint Rev. Moore as Moderator.
7. Approved the Temporary Supply Contract between the Rev. Joan Gandy and Rock Creek Presbyterian Church, effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, with the following terms: Annual Cash Salary - \$32,760; Manse Provided; Monthly Travel Reimbursement up to \$250; Vacation – 2 Weeks/Quarter; and appoint Rev. Gandy as Moderator.
8. Approved the Watauga Avenue Presbyterian Church Ministry Information Form (Pastor).
9. Reviewed and approved the CRE Self-Paced Level II Class Module: “Avoiding Sexual Misconduct and CRE Self-Care”.
10. Approved the CRE Application of Paul Warhurst (First Presbyterian Church, Bristol).
11. Approved the Temporary Supply Contract between the Rev. George Rolling and Jennie Moore Presbyterian Church, effective April 13, 2015 through October 13, 2015, with the following terms: Weekly Cash Salary - \$100; and appoint Rev. Rolling as Moderator.
12. Dissolved the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Dan Clark and Waverly Road Presbyterian Church, effective May 15, 2015, pending the congregation’s concurrence on Sunday, March 15, 2015.
13. Approved the Ministry Information Form (Associate Pastor) for First Presbyterian Church, Greeneville.
14. Approved the Temporary Supply Contract with Minister of another Denomination between, the Rev. Mark Hutton (ordained minister of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church) and the Windsor Avenue Presbyterian Church, effective February 19, 2015 through August 19, 2015, with the following terms: Annual Cash Salary - \$5,000; Annual Housing Allowance - \$30,000; Annual Vacation – 4 weeks; Annual Continuing Education – 2 weeks.

RECOMMENDATION:

15. That Jennie Moore Memorial Presbyterian Church be granted a waiver on limitation of terms for ruling elders for up to three years, as provided in G-2.0404, because of their small membership. Approved.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN REPORT was given by Lucretia Meece.

- Like everyone else - we are anticipating SPRING - for us it means warmer weather and our Spring Gathering, Saturday, April 25, at Watauga Avenue Presbyterian Church.
- Also - if you have any youth in your church that you would like to see showcased at our Spring Gathering call.
- We are in the planning stages now and are busy trying to get the information needed for our 2015-2016 Directory. Please if you have had any changes in your Presbyterian Women leadership—names, address, telephone numbers—get the information to me within the next few days.
- My email is boja@embarqmail.com and telephone number is 423-926-0366.

DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE REPORT was in the Information Packet.

Presbyterian Campus Ministry/Youth Ministry Program Budget
January – December 2014

	Jan - Dec 14	Budget	% of Budget
Income			
60000 · Holston Presbytery (Holston Presbytery)	6,500.00	6,500.00	100.0%
60001 · Holston Presbytery Triennium (Holston Presbytery Triennium)	0.00	0.00	0.0%
60002 · Restricted Funds (Restricted Funds)	0.00	6,750.00	0.0%
60003 · Synod of Living Waters (Synod of Living Waters)	8,370.00	8,370.00	100.0%
60004 · The PFSA, Inc (The PFSA, Inc)	3,030.48	3,030.00	100.02%
60005 · Facility Use Income (Facility Use Income)	0.00	200.00	0.0%
60006 · Interest Income (Interest Income)	217.23	100.00	217.23%
60007 · Donations-Other Income (Donations-Other Income)	206.00		
60009 · Retreat & Event Fees (Retreat & Event Fees)	3,450.00	4,000.00	86.25%
60010 · Offerings-Pass Thru (Offerings-Pass Thru)	82.00		
Total Income	21,855.71	28,950.00	75.5%
Gross Income	21,855.71	28,950.00	75.5%
Expense			
70100 · Expenses Campus House			
70101 · Cable TV, Internet, Telephone (Cable TV, Internet, Telephone)	1,427.94	1,500.00	95.2%
70102 · Campus Labor (Campus Labor)	0.00	400.00	0.0%

70103 - Cleaning (Cleaning)	160.00	1,000.00	16.0%
70104 - Electricity (Electricity)	3,266.24	5,500.00	59.39%
70105 - Cleaning Supplies (Cleaning Supplies)	0.00	400.00	0.0%
70106 - Food/Student Fellowship Groups (Food/Student Fellowship Groups)	795.24		
70107 - Propane (Propane)	1,043.47	1,000.00	104.35%
70109 - Office Supplies (Office Supplies)	-21.61	3,000.00	-0.72%
70110 - Printing/Postage/Promotion (Printing/Postage/Promotion)	0.00	600.00	0.0%
70111 - Repairs/Maintenance (Repairs/Maintenance)	3,262.32		
70112 - Van Expense (Van Expense)	1,661.06	1,500.00	110.74%
70113 - Water (Water)	<u>1,613.97</u>	<u>1,200.00</u>	<u>134.5%</u>
Total 70100 - Expenses Campus House	13,208.63	16,100.00	82.04%
70200 - Expenses/Youth			
70202 - YM Retreats (YM Retreats)	2,872.08	4,500.00	63.82%
70203 - Montreat (Montreat)	3,254.82	3,500.00	93.0%
70204 - Youth Council (Youth Council)	378.52	750.00	50.47%
70205 - Youth Rally (Youth Rally)	189.64	600.00	31.61%
70206 - Regional Events (Regional Events)	0.00	2,000.00	0.0%
70207 - Background Checks (Background Checks)	141.00		
70208 - Misc (Misc)	<u>277.14</u>	<u>750.00</u>	<u>36.95%</u>
Total 70200 - Expenses/Youth	<u>7,113.20</u>	<u>12,100.00</u>	<u>58.79%</u>
Total Expense	<u>20,321.83</u>	<u>28,200.00</u>	<u>72.06%</u>
Net	<u>1,533.88</u>	<u>750.00</u>	

Presbyterian Campus Ministry/Youth Ministry
Fund Balances as of December 31, 2014

	<u>Dec 31, 14</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10000 - Citizens Bank (Citizens Bank)	<u>111,054.81</u>
Total Checking/Savings	111,054.81
Other Current Assets	
33000 - The PFSA, Inc. (The PFSA, Inc.)	<u>56,220.74</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>56,220.74</u>
Total Current Assets	167,275.55

TOTAL ASSETS

167,275.55

HOLSTON CENTER REPORT was given by Hal Hunter.

December 2014 I met with Executive Presbyter, Rich Fifield in Kingsport to turn in my resignation as Director of Holston Presbytery Camp & Retreat Center to be effective June 15, 2015. My daughter, Becca graduates from Avery High School in June. I will be moving to Kingsport to live fulltime with my wife Robin.

Things that I am working on in the next few months:

- List of responsibilities to the fulltime staff; part-time and seasonal staff; to the Camp Board; to the Presbytery and things in general.
- I am trying to complete projects: widening waterline trail, plans to build a dock in Lake Lyons, writing grants for support for camp projects, making improvements in the lodge and the dining hall and some cabins.
- I have been working with Tim Jones, our program director, to make sure things are in order for running the summer and day camps.
- I am interviewing and hiring our summer staff and have been involving Tim with this process.
- We are doing mission fairs and school camper recruiting.
- I have contacted our bank to see what needs to be done regarding the credit card. I have contacted Discover regarding that card as well.
- I am making sure all program areas for summer camp are in good shape and have all the supplies and equipment needed.

We are having a good winter with many ski groups. Still have room for more. We have a great working relationship with Sugar Mountain with them sending many groups our way.

All rates are based on two nights and 4 meals per person and double occupancy.

Every group has a free meeting space, free Wi-Fi, free parking, free firewood for campfires and seasonally free use of boats and lake.

Our rates for outside groups are:

Lodge \$120 for first 24 and then \$85 for each additional.

Cabins are \$98 for first 8 and then \$85 for each additional.

Rates for Holston Presbytery groups:

Lodge \$100 for first 24 and then \$85 for each additional.

Cabins are \$88 for first 8 and then \$80 for each additional.

Service Projects needing to be done:

1. Wood splitting and stocking wood sheds

2. Using Gators and golf carts to haul mulch to Bob's Hideaway trail, team building, new Water Line Trail, and water tank trail, archery and sling shot courses at Rocky Knob, around Dogwood trees at Barn field, around the bushes at lake Lyons and around the paintball course, across bridge to Sanctuary.
3. Build a dock in Lake Lyons.
4. Mike McCalmont and his crew from First JC will be up for 3 – 4 days May 18-21. Others can join them staying in the lodge as they make improvements including building a new boat shed at Lake Lyons.
5. Hanging the new nets at Archery (60 foot) and sling shots (40 foot) courses.
6. Cleaning out the lumber storage near Wildcat Lake and moving to the barn. Area is very swampy.
7. Finish staining the playground.
8. Removing and install new 4 x 4 posts at dining hall parking and putting up new taller fence to keep balls from going down the ravine.
9. Clorox spraying outside of lodge to remove mildew.
10. Painting the outside of Sarah's Rocking Porch.
11. Replacing the screen around Sarah's Rocking Porch from outside.
12. Make signs for plant ID around main camp.
13. Paint the insides of Cabins 1, 2, 4 and 5. Cabins 1 & 2 are 1970's paneling. Cabins 4 & 5 are the rough texture plywood.
14. Cleaning out the leaf mat in the rustic ditch before the spring rains wash the rustic road.
15. Relocate the fire circle at the barn field and install 7 bench seats around the fire area.
16. Drill holes thru telephone poles and secure in ground with rebar. These poles are in barn field parking lot to keep vehicles from going off hills.
17. Stain bench seats at Worship Point and fire circle
18. Stain fence at rustic entrance
19. Put up Rustic campsite signs
20. Chainsaw dead trees around camp
21. Clear foot path from Enoville to main road using chainsaw and loppers.
22. Install 6 inch pipe for drainage near wood yard
23. Put ground cloth under Gah Gah pits.

Summer camp staff recruiting. We still need a few good men on staff this summer. We have already hired all the females we can use. We are looking for college age guys who are Christian, love the out of doors, love to work with children and youth, have some outdoor skills, and able to share their faith and be a good role model for others. Contact the camp office: email – holstoncamp@gmail.com, (828) 898-6611 or go to our website for an application at holstoncamp.org.

Summer Camp Dates

May 26-June 3	Leadership/Adventure Training
June 4-12	Staff Training
June 14-19	Week 1 Resident and Day camp combined

June 21-26	Week 2	Resident and Day camp combined
June 28-July 3	Week 3	Resident and Day camp combined
July 5-10	Week 4	Resident and Day camp combined
July 12-17	Week 5	Resident and Day camp combined
July 20-24	Week 6	Day Camp
July 26-31	Week 7	Day Camp

Family Camp is May 15-17

The cost per person is only \$50. This includes 2 nights lodging in our cabins and 4 meals. This event is open for every one of all ages. We will begin at 7:30 p.m. Friday night with our check in at the dining hall. We will have snacks and games around the tables.

On Saturday we will begin the day with breakfast followed by Morning Watch (worship).

We will have morning and afternoon activities for everyone to choose from: Zipline, climbing, archery, canoeing, and mountain biking and more. Saturday evening we will have a big campfire with songs, stories and s'mores. Sunday morning we will close out the weekend with all camp worship at Worship Point.

If you have children who are too young (under 8) to come to camp for the summer then this is the perfect time to let them enjoy activities with their families. If a child has never been away to camp and wants to see what it is like before signing up for a week, then this is the time for them.

If you are just a big kid at heart and want to enjoy a camp weekend, then this is the time for you. Talk it up. We would love to fill the whole camp this year.

Cost for a week at Holston Camp stayed the same at \$399. Save \$50 if you recruit a new camper.

Day Camp price has stayed the same at \$99 for the week.

Activities we offer for our campers:

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| 1. Horseback riding | 12. Mountain biking |
| 2. Archery | 13. Survival skills |
| 3. Sling shot | 14. Indoor wall climb |
| 4. Three paintball courses | 15. Rock climbing on Rock of Ages and Eagles Nest |
| 5. Zip lines | 16. Swimming |
| 6. Mountain slide | 17. Fishing |
| 7. Canoeing | 18. Wild Field games |
| 8. Kayaking | 19. Camping out in Rustic |
| 9. White water rafting | 20. Team Building and Challenge courses |
| 10. Backpacking on the AT | |
| 11. Arts and crafts | |

Spiritual development at Holston Camp includes: Morning watch (worship) every morning including worship songs; cabin bible studies; Evening worship and praise songs; and cabin devotions. Campers will use their bibles several times a day.

Social Activities: All camp Raccoon hunt, dance night, Girls night in Rustic, Boys night in rustic, All camp field games, meals in the dining hall, and more.

Camp Changes Lives! So please help children and youth in your family, church and community to come to Holston Camp this summer.

Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center
Profit-Loss Statement

	Jan - Dec 14
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
40000 - Operating Income	
406000 - Holston Support	20,000.00
406200 - Camp Store & Drinks	3,756.34
406300 - NC Tax Rebate	8,605.93
406350 - HUB Interest	15.11
Total 40000 - Operating Income	32,377.38
 406400 - Retreat Income	
Archery	360.00
Paintball	1,200.00
Special Event Income	2,168.35
Holston Retreat Sleep	16,001.00
Holston Retreat Food	10,368.00
Other Retreat Sleep	151,662.06
Other Retreat Food	77,860.13
406400 - Retreat Income - Other	9,116.81
Total 406400 - Retreat Income	268,736.35
 407000 - Summer Camp Income	
407110 - Day Camp Fees	11,636.00
407100 - Camper Fees	63,238.22
407000 - Summer Camp Income - Other	16.00
Total 407000 - Summer Camp Income	74,890.22
407200d - Camper Scholarships	3,784.30
407300d - Camper Program Restricted Gifts	6,020.00
Total Income	385,808.25
 Expense	
60000 - Overhead Expenses	
6300 - Camp Store/Drink Machines	2,039.92

6700 · Compen for Program Dir (Tim)	4,360.00
Utilities	59,165.17
Repair/Maintenance	23,740.09
Vehicle Upkeep	4,942.64
Administration	38,652.75
Board of Pensions	<u>39,141.87</u>
Total 60000 · Overhead Expenses	172,042.44
6560 · Payroll Expenses	103,817.86
64000 · Retreat Expenses	
Climbing Wall Facilitator	30.00
GIC Session	30.00
Archery	15.00
Paintball Facilitator	510.00
Zipline Instructor Pay	678.00
Special Event Expenses	3,475.93
64000 · Retreat Expenses - Other	<u>85,773.45</u>
Total 64000 · Retreat Expenses	90,512.38
70000 · Summer Camp Expenses	
7700 · Programming-Summer	1,000.00
70000 · Summer Camp Expenses - Other	<u>51,302.08</u>
Total 70000 · Summer Camp Expenses	<u>52,302.08</u>
Total Expense	<u>418,674.76</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-32,866.51
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
408000 · Unrestricted Income	
Annual Fund Drive Income	870.96
408000 · Unrestricted Income - Other	<u>34,336.05</u>
Total 408000 · Unrestricted Income	35,207.01
408500d · Restricted - Directed Gifts	<u>17,238.31</u>
Total Other Income	52,445.32
Other Expense	
85510d · Restricted - Directed Expenses	<u>31,160.46</u>
Total Other Expense	31,160.46

Net Other Income	<u>21,284.86</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-11,581.65</u></u>

Bank Balance as of 1-31-15 \$32,064.53

Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center
Fund Balances

	<u>Dec 31, 14</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
200000 · First Citizens Bank	
209000 · Restricted Funds (Designated)	-23,273.55
208000 · Unrestricted Gifts	
208001 · Annual Fund Drive (TEAM 316)	382.16
208000 · Unrestricted Gifts - Other	<u>29,009.30</u>
Total 208000 · Unrestricted Gifts	29,391.46
207000 · Summer Camp	
207000d · Sum Camp Gifts (Designated)	1,764.00
207000 · Summer Camp - Other	<u>-11,551.47</u>
Total 207000 · Summer Camp	-9,787.47
206000 · Operations Checking	-3,248.92
200000 · First Citizens Bank - Other	<u>22,588.47</u>
Total 200000 · First Citizens Bank	15,669.99
100000 · Highlands Union Bk	
109888d · Cabins Reno Credit Line	-8,000.00
101000 · Savings Account	3,094.50
106000 · Operations Checking	-113,297.48
107000 · Summer Camp	29,567.93
108000 · Unrestricted Gifts	
108001 · Annual Fund Drive	28,974.79
108000 · Unrestricted Gifts - Other	<u>68,531.29</u>
Total 108000 · Unrestricted Gifts	97,506.08
107000d · Sum. Camp Gifts (Designated)	17,673.48
108500d · Restricted Fds (Designated)	-2,965.47

109777d · Lake Project Bank Credit Line	-15,576.48
100000 · Highlands Union Bk - Other	<u>-7,481.05</u>
Total 100000 · Highlands Union Bk	<u>521.51</u>
Total Checking/Savings	16,191.50
Accounts Receivable	
101200 · Accounts Receivable Deposits	<u>-22,674.50</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	-22,674.50
Other Current Assets	
1601 · Other Receivables - Sales Tax	<u>2,650.84</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>2,650.84</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>-3,832.16</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>-3,832.16</u></u>

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the proposed revisions to the Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center, Inc. By-Laws be approved.

Holston Presbytery Camp & Retreat Center, Inc. By-Laws

(Proposed Revisions, March 7, 2015 — added text underlined; deleted text ~~strike-through~~)

Article I. NAME.

The name of the Corporation shall be Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center, Inc. Holston Presbytery Camp & Retreat Center, Inc shall operate as a religious, 501(c)3 non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of North Carolina.

Article II. PRINCIPAL OFFICE.

The ~~principle~~ principal office of the corporation shall be at the Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center site in, 6993 Hickory Nut Gap Road, P.O. Box 428, Banner Elk, North Carolina 28604.

Article III. GOVERNANCE.

The Corporation shall be directed by an on site person whose official title shall be the Director of Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center. This person shall be employed by Holston Presbytery according to the Holston Presbytery personnel policy.

Article IV. COMMITTEE (BOARD of DIRECTORS) ELECTION.

The Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center Committee (Board of Directors) shall consist of ~~12~~ 9 members, divided into 3 classes consisting of ~~four~~ three members to be selected each year

to serve a three year term. The selection shall be made by Holston Presbytery upon recommendation of the Presbytery Nominations Committee.

Section 1. A committee member may serve 2 consecutive three year terms if elected by the Presbytery. They may not exceed 6 consecutive years.

Article V. COMMITTEE STRUCTURE.

There shall be Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 1. The Chairperson shall be a Committee member elected by Holston Presbytery upon recommendation by the Presbytery nominations committee. The Chairperson shall serve no more than three consecutive years.

Section 2. The Vice Chairperson shall be elected by the Committee.

Section 3. The Secretary shall be elected by the Committee.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall be elected by the Committee.

Article VI. SUB-COMMITTEES.

There shall be sub-committees which will be responsible for overseeing various aspects of the operation. These sub-committees shall be changed as deemed necessary by the Center Committee.

Article VII. MEETINGS.

The Committee chairperson and Sub-Committee Chairpersons are free to set time, date, and place for meetings. The Committee Chairperson should receive notification of all meetings of the sub-committees.

Article VIII. SOLICITATION OF FUNDS.

Section 1. The Committee shall have the right and authority to solicit funds as approved by Holston Presbytery ~~through Presbytery Council~~ for the construction of buildings, improvements, maintenance and general operation of the Camp and Retreat Center.

Section 2. The Treasurer shall receive such funds as shall come to the Center and shall deposit said funds into insured accounts for use by the Center.

Section 3. The books and accounts of the Corporation shall be audited annually.

Article IX. OPERATION OF CORPORATION.

Section 1. ~~The corporation shall operate as a non-profit entity.~~ The officers of the Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Committee shall serve as officers of the corporation. Surplus money of the Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center shall be used in the promotion of the program, capital improvements, or other needs as determined by the Committee.

Section 2. No dividends shall be paid to any person.

Section 3. No compensation shall be paid to Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Committee members.

Article X. AMENDING BY LAWS.

- Section 1. By Laws may be amended and are subject to the approval of Holston Presbytery.
- Section 2. Editorial changes may be made by presenting needed changes to the Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Committee; these changes would not require a vote.
- Section 3. No by-laws may be approved that are in conflict with the *Manual of Operations of Holston Presbytery* or the *Book of Order* of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

The proposed revisions to the Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center, Inc. By-Laws were approved.

MISSION AND EVANGELISM COMMITTEE REPORT was given by Jim Amstutz.

INFORMATION:

1. 2014 5¢-a-Meal Hunger-Relief Grant Funding:
 Total 2014 local grant applications received – (37) \$74,000
 Total international grant applications received – (10) \$20,000
 Total 2014 5¢-a-Meal contributions - \$54,450.15
 All 2014 grants were funded at 57.9%. (See below.)
2. The Committee reviewed the Five Peacemaking Affirmations for Presbytery Deliberation approved by the (2014) 221st General Assembly. (The Five Affirmations are included in the Stated Clerk’s Report.) The Committee agreed to present the Affirmations to the presbytery for consideration during the March 7, 2015 stated presbytery meeting, ask for discussion during the small group time at the June 6, 2015 stated presbytery meeting, and seek a vote by the presbytery at the June 6, 2015 stated meeting.

Local				
Church	Project Name	Program Use	Requested Amount	2014 Allocation
			\$74,000.00	\$42,865.01
Covenant	Good Samaritan Ministries, Inc.	GSM responds to the food needs of the poor in Johnson City and Washington County through three programs: 1) Daily Meals served to walk ins at The Melting Pot 2) Monthly food boxes from their food pantry to qualified recipients, 3) Seasonal food boxes at Thanksgiving and Christmas.	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51
Mt. City	Feed My Lambs	Helps provide Food Vouchers in Emergency situations for the elderly and families with small children.	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51
Hebron	Backpack for Kids/Mt. Horeb Elementary School	To purchase food from Second Harvest. The School will identify student in need of food and will provide those students with food packs for the weekend.	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51
Rock Creek	Care & Share	The grant will be used to purchase/provide groceries for those in Unicoi county who are less fortunate as approved by the Board of Care & Share.	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51

Hopewell	Blue's Backpacks Food for Kids	Provides kid friendly foods from the four basic food groups. The children are identified at risk for hunger by their teachers and or school administrators. The backpacks are filled with items for each child in the house and delivered to the school on Friday mornings. We serviced 169 children this 2013/2014 school year	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51
Hopewell	Dandridge Ministerial Association Food Pantry	The mission of the DMA Food Pantry is to provide a supply of the basic food groups to area people who have fallen on hard times. There has been a steady increase these past years as people have been affected by unemployment, single-parent families and disabled.	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51
Hopewell	Sunset Gap Community Center	SSGap serves the people in an economically depressed mountain community in Cocke & Sevier Counties. Education is lacking and there are many long-term unemployed households. This mission center offers a "hand-up" providing clothing, food and school supplies plus a sense of community with spiritual support.	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51
Hopewell	Safe Space	Safe Space provided essential services at no cost to victims of domestic violence and their children, who come in need of sanctuary. The necessary resources provide emergency shelter and assistance and empower the victims to seek safety, peace and independence from lives of abuse.	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51
First Jefferson City	Jefferson Co. Neighborhood Service Center Food Pantry	Sufficient food for several days is distributed to anyone in an emergency situation. Non-perishables are regularly dispersed to the unemployed with children, the elderly, those with temporary needs such as transitioning from homelessness to shelter. This food pantry also serves those who do not qualify for other services provided in the community at large.	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51
First Elizabethton	Food for the Multitude	The funds will be used to purchase food for meals served by Food for the Multitude for those needing assistance in Carter Co. These meals are served each Saturday by 5 area churches on a rotating basis. Approximately 200 meals are prepared each week.	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51
Blountville	Blountville Area Ministerial Association Food Bank	The BAMA Food Bank provides food for needy people in the Blountville area. The Food Bank is located at First Baptist Church and is open each Monday afternoon. Four local churches are in BAMA and it is always a struggle to provide enough food for the number of people in need.	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51

First Bristol	Bristol Emergency Food Pantry	BEFP is the city's major hunger relief organization working to end food poverty. Last year almost 12,000 hungry men, women and children received assistance with a three day provision of food. Referrals come through other local agencies, with whom BEFP coordinates services.	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51
First Bristol	Abuse Alternatives, Inc.	Abuse Alternatives provides all necessary groceries for 3 meals a day for those who are given temporary emergency shelter in times of crisis.	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51
First Bristol	Haven of Rest Rescue Mission, Inc.	Haven of Rest has a homeless shelter, a rehab program, and a shelter for women and children. All three programs provide 3 meals a day, 7 days a week. Food boxes for the poor are also provided.	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51
Waverly Road	WRPC Food Pantry	A standard bag of non-perishable groceries with supplemental food (based on availability and household size) is distributed to clients on a monthly basis.	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51
Zion	Greeneville/Greene County Ministries	One third of the residents of Greeneville/Greene County need help in meeting their basic food needs. This ministry is instrumental in helping to meet these needs.	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51
First Jefferson City	Appalachian Outreach Food Pantry	Appalachian Outreach operates a food pantry among other services, that in 2013 provided 4373 food baskets to 1546 Jefferson County families (4471 individuals, 41% of whom were children). The food pantry serves families throughout Jefferson County on a regular basis and on an emergency basis. In addition, AO Samaritan House provided 11,145 hot meals during 2013 to residents and other in the community.	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51
Erwin	Summer Food Program	Funds will support the food needs of Unicoi County students in the summer months	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51
Watauga Ave	Appalachia Service Project Cup of Cold Water	This project was established to provide wells and indoor plumbing to families in need. The project includes installing safe electrical pumps to bring well water into the home. The project also provides safe upgrades to basic plumbing for families in need.	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51
Watauga Ave	First TN Human Resource Agency Nutrition Program- Meals on Wheels	This program is for elderly and disabled. This past year the program provided 290,856 meals throughout eight counties in NE TN. The meals are planned by a registered dietician and are delivered by volunteers. All who receive the meals are assessed by the Aging Resource Connection. The grant will be used to help provide healthy and nutritious meals to homebound elderly or disabled people in the community.	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51

Watauga Ave	Safe Passage	Serves Washington County and surrounding counties as a shelter for victims of domestic violence. Safe Passage provides a safe, secure and confidential haven for women, men and children who are victims. They also provide food and clothing as well as transportation when needed.	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51
Watauga Ave	Salvation Army of Johnson City/Center of Hope	This project provides warm and safe shelter to those who are homeless and hot meals to those who are hungry. In 2013 they served 57,489 meals to hungry people in the community and 15,600 nights of care to homeless men, women and children. The funds will be used to provide year round meals in addition to the special Christmas meal.	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51
Rogersville	Community Aid Services Agency Food for the Hungry Program of United Way	This agency provides food boxes for the poor people with acute conditions of hunger. Some of the funds will be used to provide a food check for milk, bread and fruit in addition to the food box the needy person will receive. Only the very neediest will receive the food check for milk and bread.	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51
First Elizabethton	Shepherd's Inn- Emergency Shelter- Safe House	This program is for women and their children seeking housing as a result of domestic violence or temporary homelessness. The fund help with the food operations for those who have nowhere or no one to whom they can turn to. Shepherd's Inn is a 501(c)(3) not for profit and operates 24/7.	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51
First Elizabethton	ARM Assistance & Resource Ministry	We live in such a poor country and our clients depend on the food we provide to them monthly	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51
First Bristol	Fairmount Elementary School	These students face several food and hunger issues when they are out of school on extended breaks. More than 80% of students receive free or reduced lunch during the school year due to poor economic status. These funds would give students the ability to not dread the long breaks that take place during the school year and will allow them to focus on academics. The school would support 10 families and have 4 distributions during the school year. They spend \$50 on each distribution for a total of \$2000 for the year.	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51
Tabernacle	Tabernacle Mission Soup Kitchen	The funds will be used to purchase food, kitchen supplies and various services needed in order for the soup kitchen to provide wholesome healthy meals, on a consistent basis to the underserved and economically disadvantaged population in the communities surrounding the church.	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51

Cold Spring	Sharing Christ Mission	Barbara Knoll, with a host of volunteers provides a meal on Saturday night and breakfast on Sunday morning for homeless folks in Bristol. The need they have for food is almost never fully met. While volunteers donated food for Saturday night most all food for Sunday morning breakfast is purchased. They serve 80-100 people each week.	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51
Waverly Road	Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee	Funds will be used to support food purchase. Second Harvest is a member of Feeding America, The Nation's Food Bank Network. Second Harvest distributes products through our 200 partner agencies and direct service programs within a 8 county service area of NETN. Our partner agencies distribute to food directly to hungry individuals and families.	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51
Chuckey	Second Harvest Food Program-Local Community	This program comes the first Thursday of the month. We pay \$5 for each family. Our numbers are increasing but our congregation remains the same. In June we fed 46 families and in July we fed 45 families.	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51
First Morristown	ALPS Adult Day Services	Monies will be used to offset cost of meals for program participants. We serve 2 meals per day and snacks. In 2013 we had 4554 service days	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51
First Morristown	Tennessee Food on Foot Foundation, Inc.	The funds will be used to make food bags that are given out on Friday nights to over 100 children and on Saturdays to over 250 adults and children who would otherwise have nothing to eat over the weekend. This is done every week, so it is a very costly venture. We include in the bags nutritious snack items including a meat item, canned fruit and a fresh fruit item, cereal and breakfast items along with juice and crackers and soup items. If possible and if funds permit we like to include two fresh fruit items.	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51
First Morristown	Emergency Food Pantry	The Emergency Food Pantry provided food to over 25,000 individuals in Hamblen County in 2013. Over 500,000 lbs. of food was received and gleaned from grocers, farmers and food factories in 2013.	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51
First Morristown	The Daily Bread community Kitchen	Anyone who is hungry is welcome to eat free of charge, no questions asked. We prepare ten meals per week and serve hot nutritious meals to the needy in our area.	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51
First Morristown	M.A.T.S., Inc.	MATS will feed over 450 people next year in the Lakeway area. We will feed, shelter and clothe, free of charge, men, women and children from Hamblen, Jefferson, Greene, Cocke, Hawkins, Grainger, Union, Unicoi, Sevier and Claiborne counties.	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51

First Morristown	Vital Visits	The program provides a hot home-delivered meal Mon-Fri for 15-19 clients daily. The clients are 60 years or older with limitations that causes them to have difficulty preparing meals. Most are homebound and dependent on others. We also provide meals for the disabled who are under 60 years old.	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51
First Greeneville	Rural Resources Mobile Farmers Market	We will use the funds to purchase and distribute food locally grown and from the Rural Resources garden as well as seeds, plants, and containers to residents of public housing and to other who are in need. Additionally unsold but high quality food from the Rural Resources garden will be donated to the Greeneville -Greene Co. Ministerial Food Bank and Tabernacle's Soup Kitchen.	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51

International				
Church	Project Name	Program Use	Requested Amount	2014 Allocation
			\$20,000.00	\$11,585.14
Rock Creek	India Evangelistic Relief & Fellowship	IERF operates an orphanage in Ongole, India which provides for living and nutrition for 200+ orphans or children who cannot be provided for by the impoverished families who have left the children at the doors. The grant will help provide nourishment for these at the orphanage.	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51
WRPC	Osman Hope, Inc.	Osman hope has four children shelters in severely impoverished areas around San Pedro Sula, Honduras. The 180 children receive two meals and two healthy snacks each day. In many cases this is the only nutrition they get on a daily basis.	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51
Hopewell	Forman Christian College	This college in Lahore Pakistan provides an excellent education to students of all backgrounds. The control of the college is under the control of the PC(USA) and fear & intolerance have been replaced by a spirit of open inquiry and mutual acceptance. Here, future Christian leaders may develop & grow in Pakistan!	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51
Hopewell	Living Waters for the World	LWW is celebrating 20 years of bringing & installing clean water systems to places all over the world. Over 1600 volunteers have been trained and over 550 clean water systems installed. Four people, mostly children, die each minute from drinking contaminated water. This is incomprehensive!	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51

First Bristol	Western Wollega Bethel Synod, Ethiopia	Retired elderly ministers living within the Western Wollega Bethel Synod have requested help from the synod because of their great need for food. Because of advanced age & infirmity, they are unable to farm or make a living that will sustain there.	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51
First Bristol	Bethel School/IPI Felipe Camarao Natal, Brazil	Funds will support provisions of midday meals to over 100 elementary student each weekday. Church and school are located in an impoverished section of Natal, a city in northeast Brazil. Bethel School is a social project of the Small Presbyterian Congregation in Felipe Camarao, by which the church engages the community in holistic, transformative ministry	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51
First Elizabethton	Boroko Primary School, Kenya	Due to a serious drought there will be a food shortage at Boroko this year. This grant will purchase 20 sacks of maize and 10 sacks of beans-enough for 13 weeks which would take them to the next rainy season. This food will provide lunch at the school- a major motivation for many of the girls and boys to attend on a regular basis.	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51
Cold Spring	Good Samaritan Schools - New Delhi, India	This school in New Delhi has about 1500-2000 students who are very poor. They offer a meal to the children each school day. All dollars will be used to fee the students.	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51
First Greenville	Keep It Campaign for Ivory Park	These funds will go to continue to support a sustainable hunger relief program in Ivory Park, South Africa. Providing regular food parcels for the most impoverished grandmother and grandfather who are part of the community programs.	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51
First Kingsport	Los Conchas School Nutritional Supplement Program- Guatemala	At this school a nutritional supplement program provides the key source of protein and vitamins to over 400 children. As the school has grown, it has been difficult to meet the demand. The funds will be used to undergird the program, which costs over \$500 a month	\$2,000.00	\$1,158.51

ADMINISTRATION AND BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT was given by David Light.

1. The ministry of Holston Presbytery is funded by the voluntary contributions of its congregations. Thank you for your generous financial commitment to the General Mission Budget which serves local congregations and their ministries, church leaders, and the wider church!
2. A reminder to all presbytery committees: all presbytery expenses must be paid by voucher (with supporting documentation) upon approval of the presbytery committee moderator and subsequent review of the Administration and Budget Committee moderator.

3. A reminder to all congregations and church treasurers: a statement detailing your congregation's designated and undesignated financial gifts to Holston Presbytery are sent each quarter. Your review of the quarterly statement is an important internal financial control of the presbytery's finances. Please immediately report any discrepancies to the presbytery office or to the Administration and Budget Committee moderator.
4. Things to know about the General Assembly and the Synod of Living Waters per capita:
 - a. The General Assembly per capita is \$7.07 (2015) and \$7.12 (2016) per church member, as recorded on your annual statistical report. (Read more about it here: <http://oga.pcusa.org/section/departments/per-capita/>)
 - b. The Synod of Living Waters per capita is \$3.62 (2015) per church member, as recorded on your annual statistical report.
 - c. The combined General Assembly and Synod of Living Waters 2015 per capita is \$10.69 per church member. Holston Presbytery is required by the *Book of Order* to give the full per capita to the General Assembly and the Synod of Living Waters—even when congregations withhold their giving to the presbytery.
 - d. For 2015, Holston Presbytery will give nearly \$80,000 in combined per capita (based on the total reported 2013 church membership of 7,437)—which is 25% of all anticipated congregational contributions in 2015!
5. A report of the congregational giving to the Holston Presbytery General Mission Budget for the year end of 2014 is below.

Congregational Contributions to the Holston Presbytery General Mission Budget

	Jan - Dec 2014
Amity Presbyterian Church	\$0.00
Barton Springs Presbyterian Church	\$1,500.00
Bethany Presbyterian Church	\$0.00
Bethel (Dandridge) Presbyterian Church	\$700.00
Bethel (Kingsport) Presbyterian Church	\$1,500.00
Blountville Presbyterian Church	\$5,000.00
Cedar Creek Presbyterian Church	\$0.00
Cedarview Presbyterian Church	\$2,000.00
Chuckey Presbyterian Church	\$160.00
Clinton Presbyterian Church	\$0.00
Cold Spring Presbyterian Church	\$0.00
Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church	\$47,400.00
Cove Creek Presbyterian Church	\$400.00

Covenant Presbyterian Church	\$20,400.00
Cross Anchor Presbyterian Church	\$500.00
Erwin Presbyterian Church	\$8,000.00
First (Bristol) Presbyterian Church	\$10,000.00
First (Elizabethton) Presbyterian Church	\$14,500.00
First (Greeneville) Presbyterian Church	\$12,500.00
First (Jefferson City) Presbyterian Church	\$12,341.00
First (Johnson City) Presbyterian Church	\$3,333.32
First (Kingsport) Presbyterian Church	\$70,000.00
First (Morristown) Presbyterian Church	\$39,416.63
Grays Chapel Presbyterian Church	\$0.00
Hebron Presbyterian Church	\$0.00
Hopewell Presbyterian Church	\$8,443.00
Jennie Moore Memorial Presbyterian Church	\$1,700.00
Jonesborough Presbyterian Church	\$15,000.00
Keystone Presbyterian Church	\$400.00
Leesburg Presbyterian Church	\$0.00
Liberty Presbyterian Church	\$1,100.00
Magill Memorial Presbyterian Church	\$2,253.00
Meadowview Presbyterian Church	\$446.88
Mountain City Presbyterian Church	\$3,668.52
Mt. Hermon Presbyterian Church	\$200.00
New Bethel Presbyterian Church	\$1,000.00
New Ebenezer Presbyterian Church	\$148.96
New Market Presbyterian Church	\$125.00
New Providence Presbyterian Church	\$575.00
Newport Presbyterian Church	\$0.00
Oakland Presbyterian Church	\$0.00
Old Kingsport Presbyterian Church	\$244.72
Philadelphia Presbyterian Church	\$100.00
Piney Flats Presbyterian Church	\$3,255.76
Preston Hills Presbyterian Church	\$600.00
Reedy Creek (Bristol) Presbyterian Church	\$1,000.00
Reedy Creek (Kingsport) Presbyterian Church	\$1,200.00
Rock Creek Presbyterian Church	\$1,085.00
Rogersville Presbyterian Church	\$10,000.00
Rosemont Presbyterian Church	\$0.00
Salem Presbyterian Church	\$1,000.00
Shady Valley Presbyterian Church	\$0.00
Shenandoah Presbyterian Church	\$400.00
St. Paul Presbyterian Church	\$500.00

Strawberry Plains Presbyterian Church	\$0.00
Tabernacle Presbyterian Church	\$0.00
Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church	\$1,200.00
Tri-City Korean Presbyterian Church	\$900.00
Watauga Avenue Presbyterian Church	\$1,550.00
Waverly Road Presbyterian Church	\$35,000.00
Weaver Union Presbyterian Church	\$1,000.00
West Ridge Presbyterian Church	\$3,000.00
Windsor Avenue Presbyterian Church	\$1,000.00
Zion Presbyterian Church	\$1,000.00
Total	\$348,746.79

Note: Contributions received after the fifth business day of the month are credited when received.

TRUSTEES REPORT (no report).

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT was given by Angus Shaw.

INFORMATION:

1. The Nominations Committee appointed Ruling Elder Miller Lyons to the Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Committee, Class of 2015.
2. The Nominations Committee appointed the Rev. Andrew Whaley to the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Moderator, Class of 2017.
3. The Nominations Committee appointed Ruling Elder John Smith to the Holston Presbytery Trustees, Class of 2020.
4. The Presbytery Past-Moderator, the Rev. Sharon Amstutz, appointed the following person to the Nominations Committee: the Rev. Charlie Murphy (Class of 2016).

A REPORT ON Tusculum College was given by Dr. Nancy Moody, President, Tusculum College.

PREVIOUSLY DOCKETED NEW BUSINESS FOR TODAY: None.

PROMOTIONS were shared with the presbytery.

THE COMMITTEE ON THANKS reported.

ADJOURNMENT: Moderator Bill Reese delivered the prayer of thanks for the meal and the Moderator adjourned the meeting at 11:56 am.

_____ Bill Reese, Moderator

_____ Richard L. Fifield, Stated Clerk