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MINUTES
STATED MEETING OF HOLSTON PRESBYTERY
First Presbyterian Church – Morristown, TN
March 5, 2005

Holston Presbytery met for its stated meeting at First Presbyterian Church in Morristown, TN on March 5. The Moderator, Tom Burleson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. A worship service opening with prayer was led by the Rev. R. Gary Kelly, Rev. Greg Cartwright, and Rev. Conrad Crow. Music was furnished by First Presbyterian Church's Sanctuary Choir, Westminster Bell Choir, organist Deborah Sanders and Minister of Music Margaret O. Lay. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated with Elders Chet LaFontaine, Elizabeth Campbell, Jim White and Barbara Kirby.

RULING ELDER NECROLOGY -- 2004

Clarence Harr, *Blountville Presbyterian Church*, died November 26, 2004 at the age of 77.

Frank Ernie Waldo, Sr., *Cedarview Presbyterian Church*, died November 29, 2004. He served his country and his Lord faithfully for many years.

Charles W. Keys, *Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church*, died on May 9, 2004 at the age of 91.

Marie Squibb, *Covenant Presbyterian Church*, died April 1, 2004 at the age of 92. Faithful supplier of communion bread.

Mrs. Otye King, *First Presbyterian Church, Bristol*, died February 2, 2004 at the age of 93.

Dean White, *First Presbyterian Church, Elizabethton*, died January 25, 2004.

Elizabeth Waddell, *First Presbyterian Church, Greeneville*, died June 22, 2004.

Katherine V. Lincoln, *First Presbyterian Church, Greeneville*, died November 23, 2004 at the age of 78.

Earl Tinsley, *First Presbyterian Church, Jefferson City*, died June 18, 2004 at the age of 92.

A. R. "Dick" Hubbs, *First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City*, died January 1, 2004 at the age of 80.

Henry "Steger" Preston, *First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City*, died on February 22, 2004 at the age of 87.

George Donald McCulley, *First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City*, died March 13, 2004 at the age of 89.

Francis B. Youmans, *First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City*, died September 6, 2004 at the age of 97.

Andrew J. (Andy) Bennett, *First Presbyterian Church, Kingsport*, died January 6, 2004 at the age of 86.

B. Clifford Boswell, Jr., *First Presbyterian Church, Kingsport*, died January 22, 2004 at the age of 82.

Lois Emily Lent Mitchell, *First Presbyterian Church, Kingsport*, died February 20, 2004 at the age of 85.

Minnie Ruth Meade, *First Presbyterian Church, Kingsport*, died April 26, 2004 at the age of 85.

Ruth Elizabeth Long, *First Presbyterian Church, Kingsport*, died July 3, 2004 at the age of 83.

Samuel Sherwood Benedict, *First Presbyterian Church, Kingsport*, died December 29, 2004 at the age of 97.

Robert Whiteside, *First Presbyterian Church, Morristown*, died September 9, 2004.

W. H. (Bill) Handel, *First Presbyterian Church, Morristown*, died October 10, 2004.

Samuel E. Guthrie, *Hopewell Presbyterian Church*, died December 21, 2004 at the age of 71.

Jane Hilbert, *Jonesborough Presbyterian Church*, died May 13, 2004.

Jimmy K. Chestnutt, *Liberty Presbyterian Church*, died in January, 2004.

Elmer Oakes, *New Market Presbyterian Church*, died August 8, 2004 at the age of 64.

John Martin, *Piney Flats Presbyterian Church*, died February 26, 2004 at the age of 82.

Margaret Harkins, *Preston Hills Presbyterian Church*, died January 25, 2004 at the age of 81.

John Jensen, *Preston Hills Presbyterian Church*, died April 14, 2004 at the age of 87.

Charles Cleek, *Reedy Creek Presbyterian Church, Kingsport*, died on October 4, 2004 at the age of 76.
A hard working farmer, dedicated family man and Christian gentleman, Charles served his church with wisdom and faithfulness.

Elizabeth (Betty) Portrum Robertson, *Rogersville Presbyterian Church*, died December 22, 2004 at the age of 93. Betty was very devoted to her church and her Lord. She was very active in the women's work and very generous to those less fortunate than she.

Georgia Geneva Jones, *Rosemont Presbyterian Church*, died July 1, 2004 at the age of 79. Georgia, wife of William Anson Jones, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, served her church as Elder, President and Enabler of the Presbyterian Women in Holston Presbytery.

Daryl Huffman, *Salem Presbyterian Church*, died March 20, 2004 at the age of 82.

John R. Frazier, *Strawberry Plains Presbyterian Church*, died January 22, 2004 at the age of 80.

Mrs. Bobbie Worthy, *Tabernacle Presbyterian Church*, died April 12, 2004 at the age of 89.

Darrell Rice, *Waverly Road Presbyterian Church*, died January 30, 2004 at the age of 75.

Maxine Young White, *Whitesburg Presbyterian Church*, died April 1, 2004. Mrs. White served as Sunday School teacher, Treasurer, Moderator of Presbyterian Women, and Elder.

Gary Kelly welcomed commissioners and guests to the meeting. First time commissioners and guests were recognized by the Moderator.

MINISTERS PRESENT: Gary Bement, Margaret Burkey, Greg Cartwright, Michael Chamberlain, Martin Christian, Daniel S. Clark, Harrell Cobb, Conrad Crow, Dan Donaldson, Clarence Durham, Charles Echols, Baron Eliason, John Everett, Rich Fifield, Donald Frederick, Bill Goforth, David Hale, William D. Hyers, R. Gary Kelly, Phillip Kestner, Robert L. Lowry, Dennis Maxey, John Mitchell, Don Muncie, Charlie Murphy, Tom Phillips, Richard Ray, Steve Rembert, Raymond Saunders, Angus Shaw, Gordon Turnbull, Fred Walker, Russ Weekley, Steve Weisz, Brian Wyatt, Beth Yarborough.

MINISTERS ABSENT: William Allen, Sharon Amstutz, Robert Armistead, Richard Austin, Earle Barron, John Campbell, Payne Cave, Alan Chapman, Sung Wook Chung, Cathy Clasen, John Dowling, Craig Foster, Barrett Gilmer, Jim Gray, Yale Gunn, Ted Hagen, II, David Hambrick, William Herd, Ira Howard, Ralph Hutchison, Greg Jordan, Hubert Kaylor, Lewis Lancaster, Jim McClanahan, Jim Martin, John Martin, Jim Mays, David Miller, Russ Morgan, William Olson, Gradye Parsons, J. Wiley Prugh, Errol Rohr, George Rolling, Glenn Scruggs, Ed Shackelford, David Sims, Andrew Spence, Terry Sutherland, Charles Sydnor, Thomas Wade, David Welch, Katherine White, Ray White, Davis Whitesides, Don Wood, William Young

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

Amity –

Bethany – Walter Kirby (P)
 Bethel, Dandridge –
 Bethel, Kingsport – Bill Sade
 (P); Donna Jackson (A);
 Ted Neeves (V)
 Blountville – Glen Feagins
 (P)
 Bristol, First – Bill
 Elderbrock (P); Pat
 Flannagan (V); Beth
 Flannagan (V)
 Cedar Creek –
 Cedarview – Coy Klepper (P)
 Chuckey –
 Clinton –
 Cold Spring – Richard Lewis
 (P)
 Colonial Heights – Joy Britz
 (P); JoAnne Cox (P)
 Cove Creek -
 Covenant – Cheryl Rice (P)
 Cross Anchor –
 Elizabethton, First –Bobbie
 Connelly (P)
 Erwin –
 Grays Chapel –
 Greeneville, First – John M.
 Beckett (P)
 Hebron –
 Hopewell – Jane M. Schule
 (P)
 Jefferson City, First –
 Carolyn Berryhill (P)
 Jennie Moore –
 Johnson City, First – Art
 Fowler (P); Judy Surface
 (P)
 Jonesborough – Joe Florence

(P)
 Keystone –
 Kingsport, First – Jeff
 Quillen (P); Marcia
 Porter (P); Mary Lee
 Harmon (A)
 Leesburg –
 Liberty – Mary Ruth
 Chestnutt (P); Susan
 McClanahan (A); Ruby
 Chestnutt (V)
 Magill Memorial – David
 Fleming (P); Peggy
 Burleson (A)
 Meadowview – Nancy
 Meadows (P)
 Morristown, First – Tom C.
 Thompson (P); Sharon
 Lucas (P); Roy Rankin
 (V)
 Mountain City –
 Mt. Hermon – Edward
 Hutchinson (P)
 New Bethel –
 New Ebenezer –
 New Market –
 New Providence –
 Newport –
 Oakland –
 Old Kingsport – George
 Cloud (P); Nancy Wolfe
 (A)
 Philadelphia –
 Piney Flats –
 Preston Hills – Martha H.
 Wolfe (P); Virginia P,
 Bryant (V)
 Reedy Creek, Bristol –

Reedy Creek, Kingsport –
 Rock Creek – Danny Ayers
 (P)
 Rogersville – Ben Chambers
 (V)
 Rosemont –
 Salem – Santo Cicirello (P)
 Shady Valley –
 Shenandoah – David Light
 (P)
 St. Paul – Mary Miller Ayers
 (P); Anne Charles (A)
 Strawberry Plains – William
 Hodges (P); Robert
 Redfow (V)
 Tabernacle – Anna N.
 Maddox (P)
 Timber Ridge – Charles
 Brumley (P); Marilyn
 Brumley (V); Oliver
 Burkey (V)
 Tri Cities Korean –
 Walkertown – Ruth
 Dinwiddie (P); Sherry
 Wills (A)
 Watauga Avenue – Robert
 Horton (P); Karen Foote
 (V)
 Waverly Road –Judi Easley
 (P); Carol Dillon (A)
 Weaver Union –
 West Ridge – Debbie Dykes
 (P); Brenda Bellamy (A)
 Whitesburg –
 Windsor Avenue – Shirley
 Pecktol (P)
 Zion – Jay Fanning (P); Nita
 Jones (A)

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

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Don Brown (Administration/Planning); Ted Hagen, Sr. (Church Development/Evangelism); Mary Lee Harmon (Congregational Life; CLP);

COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS: Tom Burleson (Vice Moderator; Magill); James Foote (Watauga Avenue); David Light (CLP); Bobby Meadows (Meadowview); John Snyder (First, Greeneville); Amanda Wise (Windsor Avenue)

DIRECTORS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

INQUIRERS: Meg Flannagan (First, Bristol); Kaye Florence (Jonesborough)

VISITING MINISTERS: James Carter (St. Paul/Whitesburg); Gerald Kirby (Honorably Retired, PEVA); Robert Noble (Walkertown/Cross Anchor); J. B. Shelton (Mt. Hermon)

YOUTH OBSERVERS: Gary Arner (First, Johnson City); Emily Culvern (First, Morristown); Donna Hunter (Erwin);

OTHER VISITORS: Pegge Baughcum (Piney Flats; Medical Benevolence Foundation); Pierce Buford (Living Waters for the World; Synod Staff); Ruth Durham; Dr. Dolphus Henry (Tusculum College); Eddie Moore (Valley Pike Presbyterian); David Mutchmore (Grandfather Home); Rainey Ratchford (Grandfather Home); Mark Stokes (Tusculum College; First, Greeneville); Patricia G. Turner (Board of Pensions)

Consent Agenda

The Moderator presented the Consent Agenda which included:

- Approve enrollment
- Declaration of quorum
- Approve requests for excused absences
- Approve giving visiting ministers and youth observers' voice
- Approve Minutes of December 7, 2004 Stated Meeting
- Appointment of Committee on Thanks: Shirley Pecktol, Amanda Wise
- Appointment of the Bills & Overture Committee: Dan Donaldson, Angus Shaw, Jim McClanahan
- And, Adoption of the Docket

The Consent Agenda was approved.

Declaration Of New Business – None

Robert Lowry introduced Pat Turner, Board of Pensions Area Representative, who gave a brief report.

Stated Clerk's Report - Rich Fifield presented the Stated Clerk's report.

1. Pursuant to the *Book of Order* G-11.0100b. requiring that the number of resident ministers entitled to vote in the presbytery not be greater than the number of elders so entitled, as of December 31, 2004 Holston Presbytery had 62 resident ministers, with 69 elders so entitled, thus there is no imbalance that needs to be redressed. ([See attached Roll of Ministers](#))
2. The *Book of Order* D-5.0206b. reads that: *The stated clerk of the governing body shall keep a current roster of those members of the permanent judicial commission whose terms have expired within the past six years. The names shall be arranged alphabetically within classes beginning with the most recent class. Whenever the permanent judicial commission reports its inability to obtain a quorum, the stated clerk shall immediately select, by rotation from that roster, a sufficient number of former members of the permanent judicial commission to constitute a quorum. The stated clerk shall report the roster annually to the governing body.*

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

Class of 2004

Dick Johnson (Watauga Avenue) (E)

Doris Carson (Waverly Road) (E)

Class of 2002

David Hale (M)

Bill McRee (Bristol, First) (E)

Class of 2000

Tom Wade (M - HR)

3. Received a letter of appreciation from Clifton Kirkpatrick, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, for Holston Presbytery's full support of the 2004 per capita apportionment.
4. The 2003 Minutes of Holston Presbytery were approved with exception by the Synod of Living Waters.
5. Received the minutes of the Commission to Install the Rev. Gregory Cartwright as associate pastor of the First Church, Morristown. ([see attached](#))
6. Received the minutes of the Commission to Install the Rev. Charles Echols as pastor of the Bethany Church. ([see attached](#))
7. Received reports from the Synod of Living Waters Commissioners. ([see attached](#))
8. A Resolution was received from the Session of Bethel Church, Kingsport, and will be forwarded to the Bills & Overture Committee, appointed by the Moderator at the March 5, 2005 stated presbytery meeting. ([see attached](#))

Roll of Ministers as of December 31, 2004

Active (Resident) Ministers:

Sharon Amstutz
Earle Barron
Gary Bement
Margaret Burkey
Gregory Cartwright
Michael Chamberlain
Alan Chapman
H. Martin Christian
Sung Wook Chung
Dan Clark
Catherine Clasen
Harrell L Cobb
Conrad Crow
Dan Donaldson
Baron Eliason
John H. Everett
Richard L Fifield
Craig Foster
Donald Frederick
Bill S. Goforth
James L. Gray
Yale Gunn
Ted Hagen, II

David L. Hale
David C. Hambrick, Jr.
Ira G. Howard
Ralph Hutchison
William D. Hyers
Greg Jordan
R. Gary Kelly
C. Phillip Kestner
Robert Lowry
John L. Martin
Dennis Maxey
James Mays
James S. McClanahan, Jr
John Mitchell
Russell Morgan
Don R. Muncie
Charles Murphy
J. Thomas Phillips
J. Wiley Prugh
Steve Rembert
Errol Rohr
George L. Rolling
Raymond Saunders
Angus Shaw

David H. Sims
Andrew E. Spence, Jr.
Charles S. Sydnor
Gordon Turnbull
Fred Walker
Russ Weekley
Stephen R. Weisz
David Welch
Davis Whitesides
Brian Wyatt
Beth Yarborough

Active (Non-resident) Ministers:

William E. Allen
Robert L Armistead
Richard C Austin
John Campbell
Clarence Durham
Charles W Echols
G. Barrett Gilmer
William B. Herd
Hubert J. Kaylor

Lewis Lancaster
James Martin
David Miller
William Olson
Gradye Parsons
Richard Ray
Edgar P. Shackelford
Thomas M. L. Wade
Don Wood

**Member-At-Large
(Resident):**

Payne Cave
Terry Sutherland
Katherine White
Ray White

**Member-At-Large (Non-
Resident):**

John Dowling
Glenn Scruggs
William Young

**Ministers Laboring in
Holston**

Robert Noble
Harrison Taylor

**Ministers of Other
Denomination**

Daniel Blevins
James L. Carter
Thomas R. Peake
Robert Rainwater
J. B. Shelton
Kenneth Verran

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION of Holston Presbytery to install the **Reverend Greg Cartwright** as Associate Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Morristown, Tennessee.

The Commission, according to the appointment of Holston Presbytery, met at First Presbyterian Church on October 10, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. with Ministers The Rev. Fred Walker and The Rev. Gary Kelly and Elders Wanda Bowers of Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church, Charlie Foster of Waverly Road Presbyterian and Barbara Kirby of First Presbyterian, Morristown present.

Rev. Kelly opened the meeting with prayer and was elected Moderator. Elder Kirby was elected Clerk of the Commission. A quorum was declared. Responsibilities and procedures for the Service of Installation were reviewed, and the Commission recessed to be reconvened in the presence of the congregation at 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Kelly reconvened the Commission in the presence of the congregation and led the congregation in worship by preaching from Exodus 3:6-11, 1 Samuel 17:38-40 and Joshua 1:1-9. Elder Wanda Bowers propounded the Constitutional Questions for the associate pastor-elect, and propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Congregation. All questions being answered in the affirmative, Greg Cartwright was installed as Associate Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Morristown, Tennessee agreeably to the Word of God and the constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The prayer was led by Elder Charlie Foster.

Members of the presbytery and others then welcomed the newly installed minister into their fellowship in the ministry of the Word. Rev. Fred Walker delivered a charge to the Pastor. Elder Barbara Kirby delivered a charge to the congregation.

At the conclusion of the service the new minister of the church pronounced the benediction. After the service, officers and members of the church gave to their new Associate an appropriate expression of cordial reception and affectionate regard.

The minutes of the Commission were read and approved and the Commission adjourned with prayer by the Rev. Greg Cartwright.

Signed by Clerk: *Barbara W. Kirby*

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION of Holston Presbytery to install the **Reverend Charles W. Echols** as pastor of the Bethany Presbyterian Church, Kingsport, Tennessee.

The Commission, according to the appointment of Holston Presbytery, met at Bethany Church on Sunday, January 16, 2005 at 10:45 a.m. with the Reverends Rich Fifield and Angus Shaw and Elders Walter Kirby (Bethany) and Nancy Smith (Blountville) present. Elder Millie Wilson (First, Kingsport)

was absent. Reverend Rich Fifield opened the meeting with prayer and was elected Moderator. A quorum was declared. Responsibilities and procedures for the Service of Installation were reviewed, and the Commission recessed to be reconvened in the presence of the congregation at 11:00 a.m. and agreed to adjourn at the benediction.

Reverend Fifield introduced the commission to the congregation and offered scripture from I Samuel 3:1-19 and the sermon "God's Call." Reverend Shaw gave thanks with the Prayers of the People and the Prayer of Thanksgiving. Elders Walter Kirby and Nancy Smith participated in various parts of the worship service.

Reverend Fifield propounded the Constitutional Questions for the pastor-elect. Elder Kirby propounded the Constitutional Questions to the congregation. All questions being answered in the affirmative, Reverend Echols was installed as Pastor of the Bethany Presbyterian Church agreeably to the Word of God and the constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The pronouncement of installation and prayer were led by Elder Nancy Smith.

Members of the presbytery and others then welcomed the newly installed minister into their fellowship in the ministry of the Word. Reverend Fifield delivered a charge to the Pastor and Reverend Shaw delivered a charge to the congregation.

At the conclusion of the service the new minister of the church pronounced the benediction. After the service, officers and members of the church gave to their new Pastor an appropriate expression of cordial reception and affectionate regard.

Signed by Moderator: *Richard L. Fifield*

Report to Presbytery
Annual Meeting, Synod of Living Waters
Fellowship Presbyterian Church
Huntsville, Alabama
January 24 - 25, 2005

Business items of note receiving attention at the synod meeting were:

- Mrs. Ruth B. Collins, Mobile, AL, South Alabama Presbytery, was elected moderator of the synod for 2005.
- Rev. Tom Pickering, Somerville, TN, Western Kentucky Presbytery, was elected vice-moderator for 2005.
- A budget for the synod of \$1,120,306 was adopted for 2005. This is a reduction of \$3,264 from the 2004 budget of \$1,123,570.
- The Living Waters for the World 2005 budget of \$71,550 was also approved.
- The synod approved a Covenant Agreement with the Synod of the Peninsula of Yucatan, Mexico. Three members of the Synod of the Peninsula attended the Huntsville meeting.
- A recommendation to enter a partnership with the Synod of the Northeast to work toward establishing a second Clean Water U campus at Northeast's Stony Point Conference Center in New York State was approved.

The new Synod of Living Waters executive, Rev. Terry Newland was introduced to the attendees early in

the meeting.

Recently retired Synod Executive David Snellgrove was honored following dinner on Monday evening, January 24. Several persons "roasted" Snellgrove to his delight and that of the commissioners.

A model of the nine in-home water purification systems that have been installed in Holston Presbytery was displayed at the synod meeting. These units have been installed in homes in the Viking Mountain Community near Greenville and are providing pure water for the homeowners. These installations were the first projects ever undertaken by the Living Waters for the World Committee in the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Carroll, Elder Commissioner
2005 Meeting of Synod of Living Waters

Synod Meeting, 2005 / 2-05

To: Holston Presbytery
From: Rev. H. Martin Christian
Subject: Report of Service as Commissioner to Meeting of the Synod of Living Waters, 1/24-25/05
Date: 2/17/05

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus, the Christ.

I am grateful for the opportunity to attend and represent Holston Presbytery as commissioner at the meeting of the Synod of Living Waters, held in Huntsville, Alabama on January 26-27. I was assigned to our synod's Presbytery Ministry Partnership Committee, and will serve on that committee this year.

The meeting of Synod began with worship led by Rev. Warner Durnell, Rev. Rachel Winter, and Rev. John Herndon, the host pastor. The worship service included the installation of our new Synod Executive, Rev. Terry Newland. Reports from the various committees and institutions filled most of the time of assembly and the three working committees of Synod met briefly to organize their work for the coming year. The "Living Waters for the World" project continues to gain momentum and is clearly a central focus for our synod. The "First Call" events sponsored by our synod will be continued, but some restructuring is in work. The "Stewardship Partnership" program will not be continued. The Synod approved a relationship with the Synod of the Peninsula (Mexico) by way of a formal, signed agreement. Representatives from the Synod of the Peninsula were present for the signing, and were warmly welcomed by those present.

The worship, the manner in which the business was conducted and the business itself clearly communicated the connectional nature of our denomination. The business was conducted in a forthright and efficient manner. This was again very affirming for me as so often the divisions, the factions, the disputes and the bureaucratic inefficiencies of the institutional church claim the media spotlight.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. H. Martin Christian

RESOLUTION FROM BETHEL CHURCH, KINGSPORT, SESSION
RESOLUTION OF HOLSTON PRESBYTERY

05 March 2005

The members of Holston Presbytery hereby request:

- (1) that our Stated Clerk communicate by the proposed letter below to each Stated Clerk in the Presbyterian Church (USA) our position as a presbytery on the infallibility of the Bible as communicated in the following resolution, and
- (2) making the approved resolution an attachment to the State Clerk's letter, and
- (3) communicating to each Stated Clerk in the Presbyterian Church (USA) our sincere request that each presbytery join our affirmation and message to the culture that the Bible is the infallible Word of God with their words and their actions.

FROM: Holston Presbytery

SUBJECT: Biblical Authority

TO: All PCUSA Stated Clerks

Dear Fellow Stated Clerk,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!!!

During this season in our denomination of rifts, disagreements, disunity, impurity, and decline in disciples, I request you join me in unifying around the Word of God. The Holy Bible, this most precious gift from the Holy Spirit, is under attack from nonbelievers in our culture and even worse from a tiny minority of professing Christians in the Church. Our Christian response must be one of affirmation for the infallibility of the Bible. For this purpose of Christian response, I have attached a resolution that I pray you will present to your presbytery for approval, and that your presbytery will use as an educational tool for anyone with whom you may have the opportunity to discuss.

Accepting the Bible as true resolves every divisive issue we face today. Rejecting the Bible is rejecting Jesus Christ. Let us face the facts and be faithful to our Lord and Savior alone.

Rich Fifield,
Stated Clerk,
Holston Presbytery

ATTACHMENT:
05 March 2005 Holston Presbytery Resolution

RESOLUTION OF HOLSTON PRESBYTERY

05 March 2005

Whereas, There is a major attack on the authority of the Bible from our culture today,^A and

Whereas, There is miseducation and misinformation in our secondary schools, colleges, and universities including our seminaries that the Bible lacks authority over our lives, and

Whereas, There is continual hostility from the American media (television, newspapers, magazines, books, movies, websites, etc.) assaulting the veracity, the applicability, and the purity and accuracy of the Bible, and

Whereas, The major mind-molding segments of our society--entertainment, higher education, print and electronic media, and some segments of our government--reject the Bible as true and as authoritative and have replaced it with moral subjectivism which is no morality at all,^B and

Whereas, Christians believe God is the Author of the Bible and has given it, and not the Church, to direct the belief and behavior of His people,^C and

Whereas, Christians believe Bible is inspired or “God breathed” (2 Timothy 3:16), and therefore infallible and true,^C and

Whereas, The Westminster Confession of Faith, part of our Book of Confessions which serves as Part 1 of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA), gives us standards which “lift up the truth and authority of the Scriptures, as immediately inspired in Hebrew and Greek, kept pure in all ages, and known through the eternal witness of the Holy Spirit,”^D and

Whereas, Presbyterians “believe and confess the canonical Scriptures of the holy prophets and apostles of both Testaments to be the true Word of God, and to have sufficient authority of themselves, not of men,”^E and

Whereas, Presbyterians declare the denomination’s confessional statements as found in The Book of Confessions to be subordinate standards to the canonical Scriptures of the holy prophets and apostles of both Testaments,^F and

Whereas, the Presbyterian form of church government is based on The Bible and orders that since “Christ’s will for the Church is set forth in Scripture, it is to be obeyed,”^G and

Whereas, we submit our thoughts and moral standards to the Bible recognizing it cannot be subject to any person or group thereby freeing our consciences from human traditions and authorities,^C and

Whereas, We are called to give witness to Biblical teachings and encourage others to do the same, and

Whereas, The exhortations, warnings, and promises of the Bible preserve our faith,^H and,

Whereas, Fulfilled prophecies provide overwhelming and compelling evidence that the Bible is true, accurate, trustworthy, and authoritative,^I and

Whereas, Biblical Christianity provides intellectually solid answers to tough questions while rejection of the Bible gives a weak, tepid, erroneous spirituality,^J and

Whereas, The power of the Bible to reverse human thinking is compelling evidence of the heavenly, supernatural origin of the Word of God,^K and

Whereas, The Bible itself proclaims its own infallibility (such as 1 Thessalonians 2:13, “For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the Word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the Word of God,....”^F and

Whereas, There have been hundreds of intellectual giants and leaders of their time in history such as

Polycarp, William Tyndale, Hugh Latimer, Nicholas Ridley, and Thomas Cranmer who were so completely committed to the fact that the Bible is God's inerrant, infallible, indestructible, inspired Word, that they were willing to give their lives as martyrs rather than to reject or recant its words and authority,^L and

Whereas, There are many divisions within our denomination today which undermine our abilities to make disciples for Christ,^M and

Whereas, Any issue of division can be resolved by unification around the truths of the Bible as attested to by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and by submitting to the authority of the Bible over each human life,

Therefore, we members of Holston Presbytery, hereby resolve and affirm, that the Bible is the infallible, inerrant, and inspired Word of God, and for this reason we encourage the utmost reverence and obedience to this most precious gift from God, the Word of God. Amen.

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Report from the Bills & Overture Committee
On
The Preston Hills Session Overture (December 7, 2004)
March 5, 2005

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

At the December 7, 2004 stated meeting of Holston Presbytery, an overture from the Session of Preston Hills Church was introduced and referred to the Bills & Overtures Committee. The Bills & Overture Committee consisted of the following persons appointed by the Moderator: David Light; Walter Kirby and Millie Wilson. The Bills & Overture Committee announced that they would carefully consider the overture and report back to the presbytery at a future meeting.

Below is the full overture, followed by the Bills & Overture Committee's recommendation to the presbytery.

Comes now Preston Hills Presbyterian Church of Kingsport, state of Tennessee, to Holston Presbytery with an Overture to amend the *Book of Order* and The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

A defect has been found in the *Book of Order* with regard to discipline that could allow injustices to occur in the name of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and that could disrupt the purity and unity of the church.

BACKGROUND

I. The purview of church discipline

The *Book of Order* states¹

“Since ecclesiastical discipline must be purely moral or spiritual in its object, and not attended with any civil effects, it can derive no force whatever but from its own justice, the approbation of any impartial public, and the countenance and blessing of the great Head of the Church universal”.

Also²

“They [governing bodies] have only ecclesiastical jurisdiction for the purpose of serving Jesus Christ and declaring and obeying his will in relation to truth and service, order and discipline”.

And³

“They [governing bodies] may frame symbols of faith, bear testimony against error in doctrine and immorality in life, resolve questions of doctrine and of discipline, give counsel in matters of conscience, and decide issues properly brought before them under the provisions of the *Book of Order*”

Discipline within the church courts is then “purely moral or spiritual” and not the subject of civil or criminal statutes. Ecclesiastical courts focus on issues of doctrine and issues of immorality separate from criminal or civil issues of the state.

II. The purpose of church discipline

1 G-1.0308
2 G-9.0102 a
3 G-9.0102 b

The purpose of church discipline is plainly set forth in the *Book of Order*⁴,

“Thus, the purpose of discipline is to honor God by making clear the significance of membership in the body of Christ; to preserve the purity of the church by nourishing the individual within the life of the believing community; to correct or restrain wrongdoing in order to bring members to repentance and restoration, to restore the unity of the church by removing the causes of discord and division; and to secure the just, speedy, and economical determination of proceedings. In all respects, members are to be accorded procedural safeguards and due process, and its is the intention of these rules so to provide” [underline added]

Further, the *Book of Order* states⁵

“The power that Jesus Christ has vested in his Church, a power manifested in the exercise of church discipline, is one for building up the body of Christ, not for destroying it, for redeeming, not for punishing.” [underline added]

The *Book of Order* makes clear that the intent of discipline in matters of doctrine and immorality is to bring about repentance and restoration and not to punish, hurt, or harm.

III. Procedure

Chapters X and XI of the *Book of Order* discuss disciplinary cases, cases for which a church member or officer may be censured for an offense⁶. Chapter X outlines how a written statement of an alleged offense is referred to an investigating committee. The investigating committee is charged per D-10.0202 as follows:

- a. provide the accused with a copy of the statement of alleged offense
- b. make a thorough inquiry
- c. examine all relevant papers, documents, and records
- d. ascertain all available witnesses and inquire of them
- e. determine whether there are probable grounds or cause to believe that an offense was committed by the accused
- f. decide whether the charges filed can be reasonably proved, having due regard for the character, availability, and credibility of the witnesses and evidence available
- g. initiate alternative forms of resolution
- h. report to the governing body having jurisdiction whether or not charges will be filed.
- i. if charges are filed, appoint a prosecuting committee.

ARGUMENT

When the subject of the disciplinary action is immorality or errors of doctrine, the power to accuse is the power to destroy. Church officers accused of immorality or errors of doctrine, but particularly immorality, can find the trust needed to function as an officer evaporates with the accusation. Accusations, made in secret, do not stay confidential. The very secrecy under which the inquiry is conducted can allow for the corrosive effects of accusation to destroy reputations. Because the investigation committee can choose to accept any evidence proposed, even hearsay, rumor, and unsubstantiated claims, and because the investigation committee can on the basis of

4 D-1.0101

5 D-1.0102

6 D-2.0203

such evidence bring forth a public charge, the accused is inherently damaged before any trial occurs and will continue to be damaged even if acquitted in a trial. The presumption of innocence given the accused in the trial⁷ is inadequate to defend the whole reputation of the accused.

The *Book of Order* wishes due process to be afforded the accused, but fails to instruct the investigating committee to presume innocence for the subject person of the allegation. The burden of proof needs to be firmly set on the accuser. The accused is faced under the current procedures with the logic trap of trying to prove a negative, that an offense did not occur, rather than the accuser having to prove the offense did occur. One can rarely prove a negative, which is why secular courts find verdicts of guilty or not guilty, not verdicts of guilty or “innocent”. The burden of proof is on the accuser (the State) in the United States of America. This concept of jurisprudence is central to public perception of justice in the United States and should be part of the *Book of Order* for the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

Because accusations can be done maliciously and vindictively and because the purpose of church discipline is repentance and restoration, not punishment, the investigating committee needs also to assess the intent of the accuser. If the motivation for the allegation is other than repentance and restoration, the investigating committee should not proceed with filing charges. The courts of the church are not to be used for vendettas, personal attacks, or other unworthy activities.

Proposal

The following should be added to the *Book of Order*:

D-10.0202 e (1) The investigating committee must afford the accused the presumption of innocence during the investigation phase. The burden of proof rests on the accuser and the investigating committee to provide substantiation of the charge, not on the accused to prove innocence to the investigating committee. The investigating committee must determine that an offense did occur and that the accused is likely responsible for the offense. Inability to so determine must result in charges not being filed.

D- 10.0202 d (1) The investigating committee shall inquire after the motivation of the accuser including whether the accuser seeks repentance and restoration or does the accuser seek solely to punish, harm, damage, or falsely destroy the reputation of the accused. The latter motivations shall incline the investigating committee not to file charges.

We bring these proposed changes to the *Book of Order* in order to maintain the purity and unity of the church. We believe the changes proposed will work to correct a flaw and thus further restrain wrongdoing and bring about the repentance and restoration that is the intent of church discipline.

Preston Hills Presbyterian Church
Kingsport, Tennessee USA
November 14, 2004

By our signatures, we the Session of Preston Hills Presbyterian Church, having approved this overture and here do request Holston Presbytery to approve this overture and present it to the General Assembly for consideration to amend the *Book of Order*.

Earle Barron, Moderator

RECOMMENDATION:

⁷ D-11.0401

The 2004 Moderator, Dan Donaldson, appointed Water Kirby, David Light, and Millie Wilson to the Bills & Overture Committee at the December 7, 2004 stated meeting of Holston Presbytery.

The Committee met in session on February 22, 2005, with Walter Kirby and David Light present, for the express purpose of the consideration of an overture to Holston Presbytery from the Session of Preston Hills Presbyterian Church of Kingsport Tennessee. Said overture being to amend the *Book of Order* and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as it regards church discipline and in specificity the duties, responsibilities and actions of those involved in the investigative phase (preliminary procedures) of a Disciplinary Case. (D-10.0000, et. seq.)

The 9:00 a.m. meeting was opened with prayer by Stated Clerk Richard Fifield.

After much discussion of the attached overture and the attached relevant portion of the Book of Order (D-10.0000 et. seq.), the committee unanimously decided to recommend that Holston Presbytery not approve the overture.

This recommendation is based upon the following rationale:

1. Any and all proposed changes to the *Book of Order* and/or the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) are to be approached with caution and care and must therefore address only those matters that adversely affect the peace, unity and purity of the body of Christ, the church.
2. The additional language as contained in the proposed D-10.0202 e (1), while noble in intent, is already either implied or explicit within the *Book of Order's* sections dealing with Disciplinary Cases (section D-10.0000 e. seq.) and therefore must be considered unnecessary.
3. The additional language contained in the proposed D-10.0202 d (1), while also noble in intent, could, in effect, hamper the ability of the Investigating Committee to discharge its duty and responsibility to bring forth valid disciplinary charges should that be in order, and in the extreme could allow for the continuation of predatory actions or activities by either the accused or the accuser.

The recommendation from the Bills & Overture Committee regarding the Preston Hills Session Overture was approved.

Treasurer's Report
Holston Presbytery, Inc.
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2004

10000 · CHECKING - CITIZENS BANK (Checking - Citizens Bank)	
10101 · Jonesborough Ministers Con Ed. (Jonesborough Ministers Con Ed)	62.51
10111 · Select Monies (Select Monies)	19,199.22
10113 · Advanced Unified Giving (Advanced Unified Giving)	450.00
10160 · Westminster PC - Lease Monies (Westminster PC - Lease Monies)	10,287.81
10170 · Fairmount Property (Fairmount Property)	528.67
10171 · Fairmount Deposits - Renters (Fairmount Deposits - Renters)	600.00
10211 · Hattie Farthing Fund (Hattie Farthing Fund)	880.58
10410 · Frontera De Cristo (Frontera De Cristo)	13,693.79
10415 · Brazil Mission Trip (Brazil Mission Trip)	-5,373.94
10416 · WWM - Clean Water U Scholarship (WWM - Clean Water U Scholarsh)	900.00
10420 · 3 Cents-a-Meal Local (3 Cents-a-Meal Local)	-2,215.11
10421 · 3 Cents-a-Meal International (3 Cents-a-Meal International)	2,193.27
10531 · Youth Ministry Endowment (Youth Ministry Endowment)	4,250.00
10640 · EIHN - Restoring Creation (EIHN - Restoring Creation)	1,500.00
10650 · Viking Mtn Water Project (Viking Mtn Water Project)	1,040.00
10752 · New Church Development/Designat (New Church Development/Design)	50,000.00
11810 · Devries Scholarship Fund (Devries Scholarship Fund)	628.85
11861 · Williams Capital Fund Interest (Williams Capital Fund Int.)	1,343.33

11862 · Williams Program Fund Interest (Williams Program Fund Int.)	2,672.03
11910 · Honoraria - FIFIELD (Honoraria - FIFIELD)	3,524.84
14000 · Grant Program Restricted (Grant Program Restricted)	13,448.16
20000 · Citizens Bank (Citizens Bank)	
20210 · Pastoral Care (Pastoral Care)	-773.94
20531 · Youth Triennium (Youth Triennium)	569.33
20710 · Church Development (Church Development)	300.79
20750 · New Church Development (New Church Development)	2,879.11
20780 · Evangelism (Evangelism)	8,646.70
20911 · Equipment Reserve (Equipment Reserve)	672.20
21810 · Devries Scholarship Fund a (Devries Scholarship Fund)	1,918.51
21820 · Grigsby Scholarship (Grigsby Scholarship)	10,431.26
21830 · Braziel Scholarship (Braziel Scholarship)	3,225.04
21840 · Dixon Scholarship (Dixon Scholarship)	7,428.83
21881 · Ninth Street Loan Fund - Hold (Ninth Street Loan Fund - Hold)	200.00
Total 20000 · Citizens Bank (Citizens Bank)	35,497.83
10000 · CHECKING - CITIZENS BANK (Checking - Citizens Bank) - Other	232,637.13
Total 10000 · CHECKING - CITIZENS BANK (Checking - Citizens Bank)	387,748.97
30000 · PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION (Presbyterian Foundation)	
30211 · Hattie Farthing Fund (Hattie Farthing Fund)	33,364.19
30710 · Church Development (Church Development)	28,271.54
30730 · Small Church Fund (Small Church Fund)	181,712.94
30750 · New Church Development (New Church Development)	181,696.00
31820 · Grigsby Scholarship (Grigsby Scholarship)	73,655.45
31830 · Braziel Scholarship (Braziel Scholarship)	42,752.00
31840 · Dixon Scholarship (Dixon Scholarship)	30,952.10
31870 · Pattie Bushong Fund (Pattie Bushong Fund)	1,852.42
31880 · Robinson Fund (Robinson Fund)	658.65
31881 · Ninth Street Loan Fund (Ninth Street Loan Fund)	23,723.91
31882 · Ninth Street Scholarship (Ninth Street Scholarship)	45,196.38
31883 · Tusculum College Endowment (Tusculum College Endowment)	98,323.14
Total 30000 · PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION (Presbyterian Foundation)	742,158.72
Total Checking/Savings	1,129,907.69

Holston Presbytery Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual January through December 2004

	Jan - Dec 04	Budget
Income		
60160 · Unified Mission Designated Fund (Unified Mission Designated Fu)	64,432.83	102,075.96
60500 · Unified Monies (Unified Monies)	602,176.86	614,190.00
60550 · Designated Reserve (Designated Reserve)	50,822.28	67,414.82
61905 · Interest Income (Interest Income)	4,058.31	3,600.00
Total Income	721,490.28	787,280.78
Expense		
70100 · Presbytery Council/Governing Bo (Presbytery Council/Governing)	113,814.25	113,691.36
70200 · E- Committee on Ministry (E- Committee on Ministry)	1,221.64	4,000.00
70300 · E-Committee Prep for Ministry (E-Committee Prep for Ministry)	4,942.28	5,000.00
70400 · WW Mission Committee (WW Mission Committee)	2,700.00	2,700.00
70500 · Congregational Life Committee (Congregational Life Committee)	15,574.63	19,800.00
70600 · EIHN Committee (EIHN Committee)	1,000.00	4,500.00
70700 · Church Development & Evangelism (Church Development & Evangeli)	75,651.09	135,440.00
70800 · Committee on Institutions (Committee on Institutions)	52,500.00	52,500.00
70900 · Administration & Planning Com (Administration & Planning Com)	320,035.76	336,775.85
71100 · Stewardship & Budget Committee (Stewardship & Budget Committee)	3,216.00	4,500.00
71200 · Holston Camp & Retreat Center (Holston Camp & Retreat Center)	88,000.04	88,000.00
71300 · Campus Ministry (Campus Ministry)	25,200.00	25,200.00

71400 · Trustees (Trustees)	0.00	100.00
Total Expense	703,855.69	792,207.21
Net Income	17,634.59	-4,926.43

Council Report: Dan Donaldson presented the recommendations.

Present: Dan Donaldson, Bonnie Agner, Charlie Barrett, Don Brown, Ted Hagen, Sr., Mary Lee Harmon, George Rolling, Anna Maddox, Gladys Shackelford, Rich Fifield, Paulette Thompson, Kim Hammond, Jim Kirkpatrick, Craig Bell.

The meeting was called to order at 7: 03 p.m. and opened with prayer and sharing of concerns and joys by Moderator Dan Donaldson. Members were introduced.

Reports/Recommendations to Council:

Stated Clerk’s Report: Rich Fifield presented the Stated Clerk’s report in the presbytery packet.

2004 Session Minutes Review in accordance with G-10.0301:

The following Session Minutes were reviewed without exception: Bethany; Bethel, Dandridge; Bethel, Kingsport; Blountville; Bristol, First ; Colonial Heights; Covenant; Cross Anchor; Elizabethton, First; Grays Chapel; Hopewell; Jennie Moore; Johnson City, First; Jonesborough; Keystone; Kingsport, First; Magill Memorial; Morristown, First; Mount Hermon; New Market; Newport; Preston Hills; Reedy Creek, Bristol; Rock Creek; Rogersville; St. Paul; Timber Ridge; Waverly Road; Watauga Avenue.

The following Session Minutes were reviewed with exception: Cold Spring; Erwin; Greeneville, First; Hebron; Jefferson City, First; Meadowview; Mountain City; New Bethel; New Providence; Old Kingsport; Reedy Creek, Kingsport; Rosemont; Salem; Shady Valley; Tabernacle; Walkertown; West Ridge; Zion; Windsor Avenue.

The follow Session Minutes were not reviewed in 2004: Amity; Cedar Creek; Cedarview; Chuckey; Clinton; Cove Creek; Leesburg; Liberty; New Ebenezer; Oakland; Philadelphia; Piney Flats; Shenandoah; Whitesburg; Weaver Union; Strawberry Plains.

Treasurer’s Report: Kim Hammond referred to the packet for the Treasurer’s reports.

Moderator’s Report: None

Vice-Moderator’s Report: Worship for the March 5 meeting is almost finalized.

Task-Force with Executive Presbyter Report: Dan Donaldson presented report as follows:

On December 13 a task force gathered with Rich to share in a dialogue about our partnership for the work of Presbytery and our common goals. It was a positive, engaging and upbeat conversation. Rich noted that he works from three areas of concern and focus: to support and encourage staff in the support of the churches and help them facilitate ministry; to provide support and help to churches – resources for ministry – to encourage them in ministry; to support work of presbytery itself – seeking to keep it relevant to congregations -- in touch with their ministry and needs. We need to continue to encourage Rich and support him as he provides leadership and continue to engage him in dialogue about the mission and ministry of Holston Presbytery.

Stewardship & Budget Committee: Dan Donaldson

1. **RECOMMENDATION TO PRESBYTERY:** That the 2005 General Mission Budget of Holston Presbytery be amended (increased) to \$855,851.61 to reflect actual projected expenses. **Approved**

At the March 5, 2005 stated meeting, the presbytery will consider the motion from the September 14, 2004 stated meeting that Holston Presbytery adopt the Charitable Income Strategy of Iona Charitable Planning Group. (Approved by Council with Ted Hagen abstaining.) Information about the Charitable Income Strategy will be included in the Supplemental Packet prior to the March 5, 2005 meeting.

MOTION POSTPONED FROM THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2004 STATED MEETING:

That Holston Presbytery adopt the Charitable Income Strategy of Iona Charitable Planning Group, LLC, and approve a mortgage of up to \$2,000,000 on the Holston Presbytery Camp & Retreat Center in Banner Elk, NC, and authorize the trustees of Holston Presbytery, Inc. to execute all related documents. Motion was discussed. **Not Approved.**

2. **RECOMMENDATION TO PRESBYTERY:** That, should Holston Presbytery adopt the Charitable Income Strategy, the proceeds from the strategy be invested and the income used in the presbytery General Mission Budget to be available to the entire presbytery. **No Action.**
3. **RECOMMENDATION TO PRESBYTERY:** That the Presbytery suspend the Manual of Administrative Operations to change the Stated Meeting of Holston Presbytery to meet on the first Tuesday after Labor Day, September 6, 2005. **Approved.**

Rationale: In planning the 50th Anniversary of the Presbytery's Camp & Retreat Center, the planning team saw the need to move the date. The Alumni Association of the Camp has been planning a 50th Anniversary Reunion over the Labor Day weekend from September 2-5, 2005. If this date of September 6 could be approved, the planning team for the 50th Anniversary could proceed with invitations.

Future Dates for Council Meeting in 2005:

Tuesday, May 31, 2005	Tuesday, August 30, 2005
	Tuesday, November 22, 2005

Proposed Future Dates for Council and Presbytery meetings in 2006:

<u>Council</u>	<u>Presbytery</u>
February 21, 2006	March 4, 2006 – First, Jefferson City
May 23, 2006	June 3, 2006
August 29, 2006	September 12, 2006 – Holston Camp
November 14, 2006	December 5, 2006

The Information Packet for the March 5, 2005 stated meeting of presbytery at First Presbyterian Church, Morristown, including proposed docket, small groups, and committee reports to presbytery was reviewed and approved.

Don Brown gave information from the Administration & Planning Committee on Committee Goals & Objectives.

There being no further business, the Council adjourned at 8:30 p.m. with prayer.

The next meeting of Council will be May 31, 2005 at 7 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted, Paulette H. Thompson

Trustees Report: Rich Fifield

INFORMATION:

The Trustees met on Tuesday, February 1, and took the following actions

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

Church Development & Evangelism: Ted Hagen, Sr. gave the recommendation.

INFORMATION:

1. A purpose statement was adopted to establish a closer relationship with our churches. Liaisons are to be appointed as needed to each church to communicate the needs of those churches and the services Presbytery can provide them.

RECOMMENDATION:

2. Church Development and Grant Reviews were held on February 6, 2005 with three churches represented. Requests for grants for 2005 were reviewed and the committee recommends the following: Weaver Union/Keystone \$ 7,000.00 **Approved.**

Committee on Ministry: Robert Lowry reported.

INFORMATION:

1. Approved the Commissioned Lay Pastor contract between **Elder Carol Baird** and **Chucky Church**, effective January 1, 2005 through June 30, 2005, with the following terms: Cash Salary - \$75 per week; Reimbursed Travel at IRS rate; and appointed Mrs. Baird as moderator.
2. Approved the Commissioned Lay Pastor contract between **Elder Jim Swoager** and **Mountain City & Clinton Churches**, effective January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005, with the following terms: Cash Salary - \$138 per week; Reimbursed Travel at IRS rate; and one week vacation per quarter.
3. Approved the Stated Supply contract between the **Rev. Paul Brewer** (ordained Southern Baptist) and the **Hebron Church**, effective January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005 with the following terms: Cash Salary - \$125 per week; and granted him permission to administer the sacraments; and appointed the **Rev. Dennis Maxey** as Moderator.

4. Approved the Interim Pastor contract between the **Rev. Errol Rohr** and **Cold Spring Church**, effective January 1, 2005 through May 8, 2005 with the following terms: Annual Cash Salary - \$25,000; Annual Housing Allowance - \$25,000; full SECA Allowance; Annual Deferred Compensation - \$6,200; full Board of Pensions; Annual Reimbursed Travel up to \$1,000; Annual Vacation – 4 weeks; Annual Study Leave – 2 weeks.
5. Approved the retirement of the **Rev. Errol Rohr**, effective May 8, 2005.
6. Approved the Interim Pastor contract between the **Rev. Angus Shaw** and **Cold Spring Church**, effective May 15, 2005 through December 31, 2005 with the following terms: Monthly Cash Salary - \$1,333.33; Monthly Reimbursed Travel up to \$583.33; Post-retirement Board of Pensions; Vacation – 1 week per quarter; and appoint Mr. Shaw as moderator.
7. Approved the retirement of the **Rev. Mike Chamberlain**, effective March 31, 2005.
8. Approved **Elder Joyce Tackett**, First Presbyterian Church (Johnson City), and retired Minister to Children and Adults, First Presbyterian Church (Johnson City), to supply preach.
9. Approved the Temporary Supply contract between the **Rev. David Sims** and **Marthina Chapel**, effective January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005 with the following terms: Weekly Cash Salary - \$250; Vacation – one week per quarter.
10. Approved **Bill Wade** as the COM Liaison of **Cold Spring Church**.
11. Approved **Hopewell Church's** search for a **designated pastor** – appointed Walter Kirby and John Everett to work with the PNC.
12. Approved the request from the **Rev. Beth Yarborough** for \$300 scholarship from the **Brazil Fund**.
13. Approved the Church Information Form for **Preston Hills Church**.
14. Approved the Church Information Form for **Holston Presbytery (Hopewell Church Designated Pastor)**.
15. Approved the CIF (Christian Educator search) for **Waverly Road Church**.
16. Approved a new employee and volunteer screening service.
17. Approved the Interim Pastor contract between the **Rev. Harrison Taylor** (Plains and Peaks Presbytery) and **First Church, Elizabethton**, effective February 1, 2005, with the following terms: Monthly Cash Salary - \$2,100; Monthly Travel Reimbursement – up to \$200; and appointed him as moderator.
18. Approved the retirement of the **Rev. John Mitchell**, effective July 1, 2005.
19. The annual report of CLPs showed that over 500 worship services were conducted by CLPs in 2004.
20. The CLP Spring Retreat, March 18-19, will be on the theme, “Planning Worship.” Currently 16 CLPs are enrolled in the Basic Preaching class.
21. Approved the changes in pastoral terms of call for 2005. ([see attached](#))

RECOMMENDATIONS:

22. That the request from the session of **Rosemont Presbyterian Church** as provided in the *Book of Order* G-14.0201b asking for a waiver of the requirements of G.14.0201a, the rotation of officers' terms be granted. (This was incorrectly reported as information at the December 7, 2004 stated meeting.) **Approved.**
23. That **Elder Bobby Meadows** be re-commissioned as a Commissioned Lay Pastor. **Approved.**
24. That **Elder Amanda Wise** and **Elder Kathleen Wright** be commissioned as Commissioned Lay Pastors. **Approved.**

Martin Christian came forward to lead the service for the commissioning of Amanda Wise and re-commissioning of Bobby Meadows. Kathleen Wright was not present having not completed her final class for commissioning which was currently in progress in Kingsport.

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Installed Pastors	Church	Salary	Housing	Manse	Utility	Manse Equity	SECA	Deferred	Dental	Add. Insurance	Flex Spending	BOP	Travel	CE	Other Reimb
Amstutz, Sharon	Covenant	\$19,405.00	\$19,405.00				\$2,969.00					\$12,031.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,300.00	
Bement, Gary	Bethel Kingsport	\$23,273.00	\$23,273.00				\$3,561.00		\$675.00			\$14,196.00	\$3,800.00	\$500.00	
Cartwright, Gregory	1st Morristown	\$26,000.00	\$10,000.00										\$4,500.00	\$500.00	
Chung, Sung Wook	Tri Cities Korean														
Clark, Daniel S.	Waverly Road	\$44,629.00	\$17,485.00				\$4,752.00					\$19,255.00	\$5,200.00	\$1,900.00	\$500.00
Cobb, Harrell	Cedar Creek	\$18,200.00	\$14,000.00	\$9,660.00			\$2,500.00					\$9,982.00	\$2,500.00		\$1,600.00
Donaldson, Dan	1st Greeneville	\$26,054.00	\$26,053.00				\$3,986.00					\$18,094.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,610.00	
Echols, Chuck	Bethany	\$19,000.00	\$19,000.00	\$1,200.00			\$2,998.80					\$12,152.00	\$3,000.00	\$600.00	
Eliason, Baron	1st Johnson City	\$23,772.00	\$23,772.00									\$14,738.64	\$414.00	\$2,910.00	
Everett, John	Blountville	\$32,500.00	\$9,750.00			\$600.00						\$13,283.54	\$4,300.00	\$200.00	
Foster, Craig	1st Kingsport	\$22,000.00	\$14,000.00				\$2,754.00		\$330.00			\$10,980.00		\$1,000.00	
Gray, James	Weaver Union/Keystone	\$26,000.00	\$7,800.00				\$2,585.70					\$10,309.00	\$2,000.00	\$500.00	
Hale, David	Rogersville	\$38,145.00		\$11,623.50		\$600.00						\$15,614.24	\$4,000.00	\$500.00	\$200.00
Kelly, Gary	1st Morristown	\$49,467.45	\$16,445.00		\$5,025.20		\$5,042.30					\$20,432.85	\$7,587.20	\$1,000.00	
Kestner, Phil	New Providence	\$3,436.50	\$3,436.50				\$1,113.69					\$6,984.25	\$600.00	\$100.00	
Maxey, Dennis	Strawberry Plains	\$32,500.00		\$9,750.00	\$4,035.00	\$600.00						\$14,534.35	\$2,900.00	\$500.00	
Mitchell, John	Amity/Timber Ridge	\$22,942.49		\$7,782.75		\$600.00						\$10,454.82	\$1,500.00	\$500.00	
Muncie, Don	1st Johnson City	\$47,741.00	\$23,880.00				\$2,186.00					\$22,202.51	\$2,060.00	\$2,122.00	
Murphy, Charles	Windsor Avenue	\$9,200.00	\$25,000.00				\$2,616.00					\$10,602.00	\$2,000.00	\$600.00	
Phillips, John Thomas	Colonial Heights	\$43,400.00	\$24,000.00				\$5,409.00	\$3,300.00				\$21,917.00	\$3,400.00	\$2,500.00	
Rembert, Steve	Erwin	\$26,460.00		\$11,520.00	\$11,340.00	\$600.00	\$3,773.00					\$15,289.00	\$3,600.00	\$3,000.00	
Rolling, George	Watauga Ave	\$29,713.00		\$9,876.00		\$675.00	\$3,028.00	\$2,324.00	\$0.00			\$12,481.00	\$1,500.00	\$500.00	\$2,533.00
Turnbull, Gordon	1st Bristol														
Weekley, Russell	1st Jefferson City	\$20,352.00	\$14,800.00				\$2,689.00					\$10,897.00		\$3,000.00	
Wyatt, Brian	Salem	\$22,110.00		\$8,253.00	\$4,800.00	\$600.00	\$2,690.00					\$11,770.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,442.00	
Yarborough, Beth	Jonesborough	\$20,740.00	\$20,740.00				\$3,173.00					\$12,859.00	\$2,600.00	\$1,500.00	\$600.00

Temporary Relationships	Church	Salary	Housing	Manse	Utility	Manse Equity	SECA	Deferred	Dental	Add. Insurance	Flex Spending	BOP	Travel	CE	Other Reimb
Baird, Carol	Chuckey	\$3,900.00											\$2,400.00	\$2,160.00	
Barron, Earle	Preston Hills	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00				\$1,468.80					\$2,160.00			
Blevins, Daniel	Cove Creek														
Brewer, Paul	Hebron	\$6,500.00													
Burleson, Tom	Grays Chapel														
Carter, James	St. Paul	\$26,400.00		\$7,920.00	\$1,800.00	\$400.00						\$6,400.00	\$2,235.00	\$335.00	
Carter, James	Whitesburg	\$10,500.00			\$700.00	\$200.00						\$6,400.00	\$800.00	\$250.00	\$2,950.00
Chamberlin, Michael	Hopewell	\$3,203.12	\$2,562.49									\$1,787.34	\$250.00		
Chamberlin, Michael	Newport														
Chapman, Alan	Rosemont	\$16,172.00	\$2,880.00				\$1,457.00					\$5,906.00		\$250.00	
Christian, H. Martin	Magill Memorial	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00											\$500.00	
Clasen, Catherine	Waverly Road	\$17,755.00	\$17,755.00				\$2,717.00					\$11,008.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,200.00	
Dameron, Cliff	Grays Chapel														
Gunn, Yale	New Market	\$1,800.00													
Hambrick, David	Old Kingsport	\$900.00	\$200.00										\$600.00		
Herndon, Chip	Philadelphia														
Hutchinson, Ralph	Bethel Dandridge														
Light, David	Shenandoah														
Lowry, Bob	Reedy Creek, Kingsport	\$5,198.00	\$14,273.00										\$2,800.00		\$2,750.00
Moran, Joe	Rock Creek	\$29,148.00											\$1,980.00		
Morelock, Jeff	West Ridge	\$7,600.00													
Noble, Bob	Walkertown/Cross Anchor														
Peake, Tom	Shady Valley														

Price, Victor	Tabernacle																
Rainwater, Robert	Piney Flats	\$23,000.16															\$1,200.00
Rohr, Errol	Cold Spring	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00				\$3,825.00	\$6,200.00					\$17,422.00				\$1,000.00
Shaw, Angus	Cold Spring	\$15,999.96															\$6,999.96
Shelton, JB	Mt. Hermon	\$515.00															\$97.50
Sims, David	Marthina Chapel	\$13,000.00															
Snyder, John	Liberty																
Spence, Andrew	New Bethel	\$10,500.00	\$17,400.00				\$2,135.00						\$1,440.00			\$3,000.00	\$3,900.00
Swoager, James	Mt. City/Clinton	\$7,176.00															
Taylor, Harrison	Interim 1st Elizabethton	\$25,200.00															\$2,400.00
Verran, Kenny	New Ebenezer																
Weisz, Stephen	Zion																

Validated Ministries	Church	Salary	Housing	Manse	Utility	Manse Equity	SECA	Deferred	Dental	Add. Insurance	Flex Spending	BOP	Travel	CE	Other Reimb
Fifield, Rich	Holston Presbytery	\$35,085.96	\$35,085.96				\$5,368.15					\$21,753.30	\$7,200.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,100.00
Parsons, Gradye	PCUSA	\$73,706.53	\$21,600.00												

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Committee on Preparation for Ministry: Gordon Turnbull

RECOMMENDATION:

1. The Committee on Preparation for Ministry endorses the applications for candidacy of **Meg Flannagan** (Bristol First) and **Kaye Florence** (Jonesborough) and recommends that they be examined by presbytery and, if approved, be received as candidates for Ministry of Word and Sacrament.

Each in turn was examined as to faith, forms of Christian service, and motive for seeking the ministry. The Moderator asked for a vote from presbytery on approval of the two and approval was received. No questions were asked from the floor. The Moderator asked the Constitutional Questions of the Inquirers with each being answered in the affirmative. A brief charge was given by Gordon Turnbull (Meg Flannagan) and Beth Yarborough (Kaye Florence) and families attending were introduced. Moderator Tom Burleson closed with prayer.

2. On February 28, 2005, the Committee on Preparation for Ministry enrolled the following people as Inquirers under the care of Holston Presbytery: **Danny Henninger**, Meadowview; **Glenda Hollingshead**, Jefferson City First; **Deven Johnson**, Colonial Heights

Meg Flannagan

Christian Vocation and the Reformed Tradition

I understand vocation from the Reformed tradition to uphold a communion of saints. Within the vast multitudes that The Church is, each individual is called to share their gifts with each other, themselves, and God. These vocations are lived publicly, privately, as well as within and outside of the church's walls. Ultimately, the purpose of these vocations is to glorify God.

My own vocational call is blessed with an opportunity to serve God and God's people inside The Church as well as in the larger world. While I do not give extra weight to those who have been called to be ordained, I recognize the significance of the call historically and spiritually. I am honored that this vocation allows me the privilege of daily (and intimately) walking with fellow pilgrims and holding the Christ light on our journey. Everyone's individual call is shaped by the communal enactment; my call is not just about me, but also about The Church and our journey together.

Personal Faith Statement

I believe in the Triune God made of three equal parts: God the Parent, Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

I believe in Jesus Christ the Savior of the world. God: who became man, who came to free people from sin. Jesus came to earth out of love for humanity. He lived and died so that all peoples on earth might be saved from the inevitable death and destruction that is our sin. I believe in the Creative and Almighty powers of God, in that the world was formed by God and subjected to God. Each individual is made by and invited into relationship with God. All things seen and unseen are testament to the awesome and omniscient God: trees, mountains, music, love, joy, tears, and grief.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, a presence that has been felt since the first moments of creation (Gen 1:2).

This Spirit flows through the world in a continual breath of God among humanity, serving as an inspirer, protector, unifier, and nurturer.

I believe that we are destitute, broken people. That, without the presence of God, there would be no hope in our world. No matter how good our best is, we will always fall short of the glory of God. Nevertheless, God blesses us with grace and mercy, and brings salvation in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

I believe that our role as Christians and members of the PC(USA) is to live in this broken world. Knowing that we will not succeed, we must try to bring the peace of Christ and compassion of God to earth. We must work everyday to further the kingdom of God in a tangible and real way to each other and strangers.

I believe in the unifying power of God. Somehow, God is and will be able to sort through the violence and destruction of creation, and bring it to a pure and holy resolution. Glimpses of this unity are present on earth.

I believe that the Triune God has spoken through peoples of the ages who have revealed God's self in writings and Holy Scriptures. These words, ideas, individuals, and images are meant to inspire, guide, and challenge as we struggle to live as Christians.

Kaye Florence

1. Statement of my understanding of Christian vocation in the reformed tradition and how it relates to my sense of call

One definition of vocation is: An inclination, as if in response to a summons, to undertake a certain kind of work, especially a religious career; a calling. When I think of responding to a summons, I think of playing outside on a summer evening and beginning to hear each child called by name, called home by that voice of parental authority. Our first call as Christians is to become the adopted children of God through our baptism in Christ Jesus. This inclination is indeed a response to the summons of God calling us by name.

The call to God's children is the call to minister to one another as family. The mandate is the realization that we are of one family, through Christ. All of our gifts and talents, used as expressions of faithful living, emerge as a response to the unconditional love first offered to us.

Through the preparation process for ministry, I am reminded of the reformed tradition of the priesthood of all believers. As the Book of Order states, "All ministry in the Church is a gift from Jesus Christ. Members and officers alike serve mutually under the mandate of Christ who is the chief minister of all one who came 'not to be served but to serve.'"

2. Statement of personal faith which incorporates an understanding of the reformed tradition

The opening and concluding statements from A Brief Statement of Faith are particularly meaningful to me. "In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

I believe in God as creator, and source of all good gifts. Even death holds no power over God's grace and love toward humanity. We see Christ resurrected in the rhythm of our lives, when even nature itself shouts of promise, the hope of renewal, and of new life. We are not held by the weight of old sin but through God's transforming grace, we are born to new life, new possibilities and forgiveness. God is indeed a gracious God. The Holy Spirit continually calls us by name, children of God.

Institutions Committee: Phillip Kestner introduced Dr. Dolphus Henry from Tusculum College for his yearly report on the status of the college.

INFORMATION:

1. The Institutions Committee met February 8, 2005, at Holston Presbytery Office with all committee members and five institutional representatives present. Reports were given by Kathy Campbell of Lees-McRae, Jonathan Pflug of Sunset Gap, Rainey Ratchford of Grandfather Home, Cameron Judd of Tusculum, and Sylvia Musgrove of King.
2. Set a deadline of April 1 for grant proposals.
3. Set the next meeting for Tuesday, April 12, at Holston Presbytery Office to act on grant requests.
4. Presbytery will hear the report of Dr. Dolphus Henry, President, Tusculum College, at the March 5 meeting.

12:05 PM – Promotions

12:25 PM – Three Cents a Meal Offering – Word of Thanks and a brief word about the Three Cents a Meal Offering was given by Conrad Crow.

12:30 PM – Adjourned for lunch.

1:20 PM – Moderator, Tom Burleson reconvened the body.

1:25 PM – Order of the Day: Vote on General Assembly Proposed Amendments

04-A. Former COM Elder Moderating Meetings of Congregations—On Amending G-7.0306 (Item 04-13)	Yes
04-B. Proposed Amendments Concerning Immigrant Fellowships 04-B.1. Recognizing Immigrant Leaders as Elders—On Amending G-9.0503a(2) (Item 09-02)	Yes
04-B.2. Granting a Fellowship Voice and Vote—On Amending G-9.0503a(2) (Item 09-01)	Yes
04-C. Ending Parish Associate Relationships—On Amending G-14.0515d (Item 05-12)	Yes
04-D. Clarifying Time Limits—On Amending D-6.0306a, D-8.0302a and D-13.0302a (Item 04-03)	Yes

04-E. Proposed Amendments Resulting from Concern with Abuse	Yes
04-E.1.a. Minister Reporting Child Abuse—On Amending G-6.0204 (Item 04-08 – Recommendation 11.a.)	Yes
04-E.1.b. Elder Reporting Child Abuse—On Amending G-6.0304 (Item 04-08 – Recommendation 11.b.)	Yes
04-E.1.c. Deacon Reporting Child Abuse—On Amending G-6.0402 (Item 04-08 – Recommendation 11.c.)	Yes
04-E.2. Pastoral Inquiry—On Amending G-9.0503a (Item 04-08 – Recommendation 6)	Yes
04-E.3. Adding to the Rules of Discipline Preface—On Amending D-1.0101 (Item 04-08 – Recommendation 3)	Yes
04-E.4. Imposing Administrative Leave—On Amending D-10.0106 (Item 04-10)	Yes
04-E.5. Rights of Accuser—On Amending D-10.0202 and D-10.0203 (Item 04-08 – Recommendation 7)	Yes
04-E.6. Disclosure in Alternative Forms of Resolution—On Amending D-10.0202g (Item 04-08 – Recommendation 9)	Yes
04-E.7. Providing for Victim Impact Statement—On Amending D-11.0403e (Item 04-08 – Recommendation 4)	Yes
04-E.8. Voluntary Acts of Repentance—On Amending D-12.0103 and D-12.0104 (Item 04-08 – Recommendation 8)	Yes
04-E.9. Initiation of Appeal in a Disciplinary Case—On Amending D-13.0102 and D-13.0106 (Item 04-08 – Recommendation 5)	Yes

Youth & Young Adult Ministry Committee – Angus Shaw reported on the reorganizing process.

INFORMATION:

1. The former Campus Ministry and Youth Ministry Committees are working their way through a reorganization process. Subcommittees will need to be utilized to oversee youth & campus activities. Youth Council will find a home within the respective subcommittee. The subcommittees will meet monthly or more often, as needed, while the committee of the whole (affectionately known as YYAM) will meet less frequently.

Bank Balances as of December 31, 2004

Checking Account Balance	10026.41
Checking Account Interest	.35
Total Checking Account	10026.76

Usable Balance	10026.76
Less: Honorarium Funds	-3.63
TOTAL	10023.13
Savings Account	3131.63
Plus: Interest Earned	1.24
TOTAL	3132.87
H.P. Endowment Fund	118,003.06
Received from Holston Presbytery/Camp and Campus Campaign 2004	102,864.11

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

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

**Campus Ministry
Financial Report
As of December 2004**

	Jan - Dec 04	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
Bank Interest	7.31	6.00	1.31	121.8%
Checking Account Carryover	0.00	280.00	-280.00	0.0%
Facility Use	2,830.00	3,600.00	-770.00	78.6%
Holston Presbytery	25,200.00	25,200.00	0.00	100.0%
IDS Dividends	10.21	14.00	-3.79	72.9%
Meal Receipts	1,262.20	1,400.00	-137.80	90.2%
Miscellaneous Receipts	1,018.29	2,510.00	-1,491.71	40.6%
Presbytery of East TN	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	100.0%
Synod of Living Waters	10,841.49	8,300.00	2,541.49	130.6%
Total Income	46,269.50	46,310.00	-40.50	99.9%
Expense				
Cable TV	1,194.11	1,320.00	-125.89	90.5%
Campus Labor	523.00	300.00	223.00	174.3%
Cleaning	1,165.95	1,300.00	-134.05	89.7%
Educational Supplies	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
Electricity	2,787.61	3,100.00	-312.39	89.9%
Escrow for Capitol	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
Food/Cleaning Supplies	6,177.50	4,800.00	1,377.50	128.7%
Gas	286.89	300.00	-13.11	95.6%
Miscellaneous	858.50	1,000.00	-141.50	85.9%
Office Supplies	2,448.41	2,580.00	-131.59	94.9%
Payroll Expenses				
FICA	865.80	1,600.00	-734.20	54.1%
Intern2 Salary	-1,978.81	1,200.00	-3,178.81	-164.9%
Salary/Intern	8,908.00	11,000.00	-2,092.00	81.0%
Salary/Secretary	8,919.92	8,660.00	259.92	103.0%
Total Payroll Expenses	16,714.91	22,460.00	-5,745.09	74.4%
Printing/Postage/Promotion	3,198.66	3,000.00	198.66	106.6%
Professional Expense/Intern	1,187.86	900.00	287.86	132.0%
Repairs/Maintenance	2,807.19	2,000.00	807.19	140.4%
Special Events	947.79	1,000.00	-52.21	94.8%

Student Council	173.56	200.00	-26.44	86.8%
Telephone	1,584.75	1,400.00	184.75	113.2%
Water	550.24	800.00	-249.76	68.8%
Total Expense	42,816.84	47,610.00	-4,793.16	89.9%
Totals	3,452.66	-1,300.00	4,752.66	-265.6%

Holston Presbytery Camp & Retreat Center Committee: Craig Bell reported on Summer Camp and plans for the 50th Anniversary celebrations.

INFORMATION:

Holston Camp Committee held it organizational meeting on January 8th with all members present.

We are extremely thankful for the new members elected to our committee. God has blessed us with new talents that should prove to be very helpful in achieving some of the goals, priorities and meeting the needs of the camp.

Winter has been a mixed bag of warm and cold weather causing some cancellations from ski groups. We are still hopeful that the season will be an overall success. We do not have the final audit numbers for last year but it appears that we were able to finish the year in pretty good shape.

We are continuing to work on a Personnel Policy Manual. We do have a first draft for discussion. We hope to finish this by mid year. This became necessary when the employees of Holston Camp ceased to be considered employees of Presbytery.

As most of you know the Summer Camp brochures have been mailed and we are looking forward to Summer Camp already. Craig is busy working on getting his staff together already. We have just begun a new program for "ONLINE REGISTRATION". We believe this will help us be more efficient. There is a \$10 discount if you use this new online registration.

We are establishing a "Speakers Bureau" at the camp and once we get this together we will have folks that will be available to come visit the churches in both Abingdon and Holston Presbyteries to promote the programs and facilities being offered by our camp and retreat center. We are also looking to establish some new programs designed to achieve our ministry mission. All ideas are appreciated. Forward to Craig at the camp.

We are hosting our Annual Golf Tournament again this year. The tournament will be held May 7, 2005 at The Crockett Ridge Golf Club in Kingsport, TN. Please watch for the information and please promote it within your church.

We are also planning a 50th Anniversary Celebration for this year in September. More information about these plans will follow soon.

**Holston Camp & Retreat Center
Balance Sheet – January 31, 2005**

	Jan 31, 05
ASSETS	
Checking/Savings	
1220 · Operations - HUB	22,146.28
1221 · ER Savings - HUB	3,094.50
1222 · Summer Camp - HUB	8,041.32
1223 · Directed Fd -HUB	28,860.40
1224 · A/B Funds - HUB	14,256.38
1225 · In House Camp Endowment Fd	4,649.00
1226 · Campaign \$ -HUB	80,528.04
12000 · HUB - Other	396.14
Total 12000 · HUB	161,972.06
1000 Restricted Invested Funds	86,625.46
Total 1000 · Bank Cash	86,625.46
Total Checking/Savings	248,597.52
Accounts Receivable	
1200 Accounts Receivable (deposits)	-42,556.21
Total Accounts Receivable	-42,556.21
Total Current Assets	206,041.31
Fixed Assets	
1600 · Construction in Progress	3,614.72
Other Assets	
1401 · Endowment Covenant Funds	7,295.80
HPC Assets	631,575.78
Total Other Assets	631,575.78
TOTAL ASSETS	848,527.61
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	87,556.79
Liability Other	-65,507.28
Total Other Current Liabilities	22,049.51
Total Current Liabilities	22,049.51
Equity - Fund Balances	-4,155.00
3110 · Fd Balance-Restricted	
3115 · Mooneyhan Foundation	13,600.00
3114 · Defriecce Foundation	30,000.00
3113 · Endowment Fd	1,610.49
3112 · Capital Campaign Fund	33,282.99

3111 · Hay Family Cabin	<u>38,877.61</u>
Total 3110 · Fd Balance-Restricted	117,371.09
3200 · Retained Earnings	664,451.21
Net Income	<u>26,761.29</u>
Total Equity	<u>826,478.10</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	 <u><u>848,527.61</u></u>

**Holston Camp & Retreat Center
Financial Report – December 31, 2004**

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Operating Income	102,526.07
Retreats	153,276.15
Summer Camp	<u>132,791.36</u>
Total Income	<u>388,593.58</u>
Expense	
Operating Exp.	223,467.26
Retreats	39,031.64
Summer Camp	119,031.52
Restricted Fd Exp.	<u>4,101.40</u>
Total Expense	<u>385,631.82</u>
Net Income Ordinary(Loss)	2,961.76
Other Income (Expense)	
Wishlist Gifts	4,084.29
Restricted Fds	
Permanent	7,795.80
Capital	(8,803.87)
Other Temporary	<u>56,808.13</u>
Total Other Income/Exp.	<u>59,884.35</u>
Income	62,846.11
Debt Retirement (truck)	<u>(5,703.72)</u>
	<u><u>57,142.39</u></u>

World Wide Missions Committee: Pegge Baughcum and David Mutchmore were introduced by Don Muncie.

INFORMATION:

1. Nearly 70 seats have been reserved so far for this year's Brazil Mission Trip planned for July 7-20.
2. Pegge Baughcum will report on the work of the Medical Benevolence Foundation.
3. David Mutchmore, who recently joined Grandfather Home as the new foster family recruiter for Tennessee, will give a report on that program.

Congregational Life Committee – Mary Lee Harmon reported.

INFORMATION:

1. **Grace Odyssey** will be on **August 20, 2005** at Tusculum College. A planning team is being formed and plans have begun for this important event. Workshops and activities will be available for clergy and laypeople of all ages.
2. A presbytery-wide workshop is being planned to instruct, explain, and then experience, the use of a labyrinth for prayer and meditation. The workshop date and other information will be sent to the churches of the presbytery.
3. A coordinator is needed to work with churches in our presbytery to provide activities for our seniors.

Ethical Issues & Human Needs Committee: Russ Weekley reported.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That \$2,000 be approved from Three Cents a Meal International Funds for Tsunami Relief through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (DR-000167). **Approved.**

Report of Bills & Overtures Committee: In reference to the Resolution from the Bethel (Kingsport) Session: discussion and action on the overture was postponed until the June 11, 2005 stated meeting.

New Business: None

Report on the Standing Committee on Thanks – Amanda Wise and Shirley Pecktol gave the report.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Moderator Tom Burleson adjourned the meeting with prayer at 2:33 PM and dismissed the body.

_____ Tom Burleson, Moderator

_____ Richard L. Fifield, Stated Clerk

_____ Paulette H. Thompson, Recording Clerk