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**MINUTES**  
**STATED MEETING OF HOLSTON PRESBYTERY**  
**First Presbyterian Church – Elizabethton, TN**  
**December 5, 2006**

Holston Presbytery met for its stated meeting at First Presbyterian Church in Elizabethton, TN on Tuesday, December 5, 2006. Rev. Harrison Taylor welcomed those gathered to the meeting with prayer and worship at 9:00 a.m. The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper was served by Rev. Harrison Taylor and elders of the church.

Vice Moderator for 2007, Rev. Robert Lowry was installed by Executive Presbyter, Rich Fifield, to preside over the meeting. Elder Donna Schwind welcomed everyone to the church. Commissioners and guests were welcomed with first time commissioners and guests recognized. Rev. Fred Niles, Reedy Creek, Kingsport and Meadowview Churches, was introduced as the newest member of Presbytery by Elder Mike Culbertson, Reedy Creek, Kingsport.

**MINISTERS PRESENT:** Earle Barron, Ike Brighton, David Cagle, Alan Chapman, Martin Christian, Daniel S. Clark, Harrell Cobb, Dan Donaldson, Charles Echols, Baron Eliason, John Everett, Rich Fifield, Craig Foster, Don Frederick, Barrett Gilmer, Bill Goforth, Jim Gray, David Hale, Barron Hopper, William D. Hyers, Greg Jordan, Phillip Kestner, Mark L. Knisley, Robert L. Lowry, Jim Mays, Tim Meredith, Russ Morgan, Charlie Murphy, Fred Niles, Tom Phillips, Richard Ray, Steve Rembert, George Rolling, Angus Shaw, Terry Sutherland, Harrison Taylor, Gordon Turnbull, Steve Weisz, David Welch, Brian Wyatt.

**MINISTERS ABSENT:** William Allen, Sharon Amstutz, Robert Armistead, Richard Austin, Gary Bement, Elmon Brown, Margaret Burkey, John Campbell, Greg Cartwright, Payne Cave, Catherine Clasen, Conrad Crow, John Dowling, Clarence Durham, Yale Gunn, Ted Hagen, II, David Hambrick, William Herd, Ira Howard, Ralph Hutchison, Gary Kelly, Lewis Lancaster, Jim Martin, John Martin, Jim McClanahan, Dennis Maxey, David Miller, Don Muncie, William Olson, Gradye Parsons, J. Wiley Prugh, David Sims, Errol Rohr, Raymond Saunders, Glenn Scruggs, Ed Shackelford, John Shuck, Andrew Spence, Fred Foy Strang, Charles Sydnor, Thomas Wade, Fred Walker, Russ Weekley, Katherine White, Ray White, Davis Whitesides, Beth Yarborough, William Young.

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

Amity –	Cedarview – Coy Klepper (P)	(A); Sue Farthing (V)
Bethany – Cheryl Wexler (P)	Chuckey –	Erwin – Andrew Davidson
Bethel, Dandridge –	Clinton –	(P); Alan Lewis (V);
Bethel, Kingsport –	Cold Spring – Roy Tester	Deborah Lewis (V)
Blountville – Charles Mays	(P); William Grubb (A)	Grays Chapel –
(P)	Colonial Heights – Barbara	Greeneville, First – Jann
Bristol, First – Barb	Kirk (P)	Mirkov (P)
Thompson (P); Peggy	Cove Creek -	Hebron –
Hill (V)	Covenant – C. B. Willis (P)	Hopewell –
Cedar Creek – Ron Nimick	Cross Anchor –	Jefferson City, First – Libby
(P)	Elizabethton, First – Cheri	Moser (A)
	Miller (P); Jim Miller,	Jennie Moore – Helen

Edwards (P)  
 Johnson City, First – Gilbert  
 Rosenberger (P); Kent  
 Pettit (A); Amy Larimer  
 (V)  
 Jonesborough –  
 Keystone –  
 Kingsport, First – Mary  
 Beggerow (P); Bill Ring  
 (P)  
 Leesburg –  
 Liberty –  
 Magill Memorial – Peggy  
 Burleson (P); Gloria  
 Baird (V)  
 Meadowview –  
 Morristown, First – Elizabeth  
 Campbell (P); Sally  
 Morrison (P)  
 Mountain City – Betty Sligar  
 (P); Selma Fifer (V);

Imogene Swift (V)  
 Mt. Hermon – Edward R.  
 Hutchinson, Sr. (P)  
 New Bethel –  
 New Ebenezer –  
 New Market –  
 New Providence –  
 Newport –  
 Oakland –  
 Old Kingsport –  
 Philadelphia –  
 Piney Flats –  
 Preston Hills – Robert W.  
 Miller (P)  
 Reedy Creek, Bristol –  
 Reedy Creek, Kingsport –  
 Mike Culbertson (P)  
 Rock Creek – F. B. White  
 (P); Don Lonon (A)  
 Rogersville –Eleanore Davis  
 (P)

Rosemont –  
 Salem – Santo Cicirello (P)  
 Shady Valley –  
 Shenandoah –  
 St. Paul –  
 Strawberry Plains – Excused  
  
 Tabernacle –  
 Timber Ridge – (P)  
 Tri City Korean –  
 Walkertown –  
 Watauga Avenue – (P)  
 Waverly Road – Charles  
 Foster (P)  
 Weaver Union –  
 West Ridge –  
 Whitesburg –  
 Windsor Avenue – Shirley  
 Pecktol (P)  
 Zion – Juanita Jones (P)

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

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS:** Bonnie Agner (Presbyterian Women); Jane Boyd (Institutions); Mary Lee Harmon (Congregational Life); Barbara Kelly (Nominations); Chuck King (Co-Chair, World Wide Missions)

**COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS:** Tom Burleson (Council Chair)

**CANDIDATES/INQUIRERS:** Glenda Hollingshead (Candidate, First, Jefferson City); Chris Larimer (Inquirer, First, Johnson City)

**VISITING MINISTERS:** Tom Bier (The Journey); Bert Carmichael (Cherokee Presbytery, Columbia Theological Seminary); James Carter (St. Paul/Whitesburg); Mun-Gye Lee (Tri City Korean)

**OTHER VISITORS:** Session Book Reviewers: Gladys Shackelford (West Ridge), Charlie Smith (Waverly Road); Mona Barron (Salem); Cameron Judd (Tusculum College); Norie Anne Young (Grandfather Home)

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

The Moderator presented the Consent Agenda which included:

- Approve enrollment
- Declaration of quorum
- Approve requests for excused absences
- Approve giving visiting ministers voice
- Approve Minutes of the September 12, 2006 Stated Meeting
- Appointment of Committee on Thanks: Craig Bell, Jim Kirkpatrick
- Appointment of the Bills & Overture Committee: David Hale, Barbara Kelly

- And, Adoption of the Docket

The Consent Agenda was approved.

**Declaration Of New Business:** None

**STATED CLERK'S REPORT:** Rich Fifield presented the Stated Clerk's report.

**INFORMATION:**

1. Received the minutes of the Commission to Install the Rev. Tim Meredith as pastor of the Cold Spring Presbyterian Church. ([see attached](#))
2. Received the October 17, 2006 minutes of The Journey Administrative Commission. ([see attached](#))
3. The proposed amendments to the Constitution, approved by the 217<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2006) will be discussed and voted on at the March 3, 2007 stated presbytery meeting. Copies of the proposed amendments will be distributed at the December 5, 2006 stated presbytery meeting and available online at: <http://www.pcusa.org/generalassembly/amend/proposed-amendments.pdf>. An analysis of the proposed amendments by the Association of Stated Clerks is also available online at: [http://www.statedclerks.org/Amendments/Analysis\\_Amendments- GA 217.pdf](http://www.statedclerks.org/Amendments/Analysis_Amendments- GA 217.pdf).
4. Received notice that the Session of First Presbyterian, Bristol has concurred with the overture from Cold Spring Presbyterian.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

5. The Stated Clerk nominates Paulette Thompson to serve as the Recording Clerk, effective January 1, 2007, for a term of one year. Approved.

**MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION** of Holston Presbytery to install **Reverend Tim Meredith** as the Pastor of the *Cold Spring Presbyterian Church, Bristol, TN*.

The Commission, according to the appointment of Holston Presbytery, met at Cold Spring Presbyterian Church on Sunday, September 24, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. Minister members included Rich Fifield, Angus Shaw, Gordon Turnbull and L. Wayne Meredith. Elders included Dr. Charles Owens, Roy Tester and Mary Beggerow.

Rich Fifield was elected moderator and clerk and opened the meeting with prayer. A quorum was declared. Responsibilities and procedures for the Service of Installation were reviewed, and the Commission recessed to be reconvened in the presence of the congregation at 5:00 p.m. with an agreement to adjourn at the benediction.

Elder Mary Beggerow gave the Call to Worship. Proclamation of the Gospel was done by Elder Roy Tester. Sermon and Scripture readings from Acts 4:32-37, 9:26-30, 15:36-41 were done by Reverend Dr. Angus Shaw. The Constitutional Questions to the Pastor-elect were delivered by Reverend Fifield. The Constitutional Questions to the Congregation were delivered by Elder Dr. Charles Owens. Installation Prayer was delivered by Reverend Dr. L. Wayne Meredith; Declaration of Installation by Rev. Fifield and Charge to the Pastor by Reverend Gordon Turnbull. Dr. Owens delivered the Charge to the Congregation. All questions being answered in the affirmative, Reverend Tim Meredith was installed as the Pastor of Cold Spring Presbyterian Church agreeably to the Word of God and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

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

The benediction was given by Rev. Tim Meredith to close the service. After the service, officers and

members of the church gave to their new Pastor an appropriate expression of cordial reception and affectionate regard.

Signed by Moderator/Clerk: *Rich Fifield*

**The Journey  
Administration Commission Meeting  
Minutes for October 17, 2006**

The Journey staff and the commissioners met on October 17, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at Sumo's Restaurant in Gray, TN. Those in attendance were: Tom Bier, Rhonda Bier, Lewy Cornett, Jerry Gehre, Rich Fifield, Kim Hammond, and Scott Wise. Tom Bier opened the meeting with prayer.

Business:

1. Tom began his report on the past few months' progress. Tom expressed excitement at two community requests. The Journey has been asked to help in two fund raisers, which means Tom and The Journey now have a new insight on how the community has accepted the role of the new church in the Gray area. The Journey has started to take on the role of a Church which is involved in the community and is now helping with events like fund raisers, college events, high school and civic events.

The Journey now holds weekly events which minister to adults, college age, and children, plus they continue to hold monthly community type events called the Taste and See Events. They have a volunteer staff in training for the Alpha Program which is planned to start in early 2007.

The contributions from the regular attendees are up in the last quarter. The average attendance remains about 40 to 50 on Sunday morning services. However, they minister to as many as 75 though the weekly programs such as prayer groups, cell groups of multi ages, music and community shared events. Tom provided a calendar of Taste and See Events which are scheduled through April 7, 2007.

2. The commission reviewed the Annual Progress Report which The Journey sent to the General Assembly Mission program.

Rich closed the meeting in prayer. The next meeting date is to be announced.

Scott Wise, Clerk

**Treasurer's Report  
Balance Sheet as of October 31, 2006**

	<u>Oct 31, 06</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
<b>10000 · CHECKING - CITIZENS BANK (Checking - Citizens Bank)</b>	
10111 · Select Monies (Select Monies)	14,594.83
10211 · Hattie Farthing Fund (Hattie Farthing Fund)	783.47
10320 · Holston Seminary Student Fund (Holston Seminary Student Fund)	2,205.17
10410 · Global Mission Fund (Global Mission Fund)	11,714.36
10415 · Brazil Mission Trip (Brazil Mission Trip)	435.10
10420 · 3 Cents-a-Meal Local (3 Cents-a-Meal Local)	25,313.75
10421 · 3 Cents-a-Meal International (3 Cents-a-Meal International)	15,779.20
10530 · Indian Ridge Payment (Indian Ridge Payment)	1,000.00
	1598

10531 · Youth Ministry Endowment (Youth Ministry Endowment)	3,000.00
10640 · EIHN - Restoring Creation (EIHN - Restoring Creation)	1,425.00
10712 · Ministry - Hawkins County (Ministry - Hawkins County)	2,500.00
10714 · Church Hill - Undesignated (Church Hill - Undesignated)	1,500.00
10752 · New Church Development/Designat (New Church Development/Design)	16,666.72
11309 · Synod - Campus Ministry Designa (Synod - Campus Ministry Monie)	2,325.00
11861 · Williams Capital Fund Interest (Williams Capital Fund Int.)	1,809.92
11862 · Williams Program Fund Interest (Williams Program Fund Int.)	4,939.91
11910 · Honoraria - FIFIELD (Honoraria - FIFIELD)	2,284.77
14000 · Grant Program Restricted (Grant Program Restricted)	81,206.34
15000 · Charitable Gift Annuity (Charitable Gift Annuity)	6,356.78
20000 · Citizens Bank (Citizens Bank)	
20210 · Pastoral Care (Pastoral Care)	-327.23
20531 · Youth Triennium (Youth Triennium)	574.26
20710 · Church Development (Church Development)	303.46
20750 · New Church Development (New Church Development)	2,882.50
20780 · Evangelism (Evangelism)	8,732.45
20911 · Equipment Reserve (Equipment Reserve)	678.03
21810 · Devries Scholarship Fund a (Devries Scholarship Fund)	5.70
21820 · Grigsby Scholarship (Grigsby Scholarship)	14,075.13
21830 · Braziel Scholarship (Braziel Scholarship)	205.19
21840 · Dixon Scholarship (Dixon Scholarship)	8,772.75
21881 · Ninth Street Loan Fund - Hold (Ninth Street Loan Fund - Hold)	3,818.74
<b>Total 20000 · Citizens Bank (Citizens Bank)</b>	<b>39,720.98</b>
10000 · CHECKING - CITIZENS BANK (Checking - Citizens Bank) - Other	115,807.07
<b>Total 10000 · CHECKING - CITIZENS BANK (Checking - Citizens Bank)</b>	<b>351,368.37</b>
30000 · PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION (Presbyterian Foundation)	
30211 · Hattie Farthing Fund (Hattie Farthing Fund)	33,894.34
30710 · Church Development (Church Development)	28,720.76
30730 · Small Church Fund (Small Church Fund)	184,600.33
30750 · New Church Development (New Church Development)	184,583.12
31820 · Grigsby Scholarship (Grigsby Scholarship)	74,825.82
31830 · Braziel Scholarship (Braziel Scholarship)	43,431.33
31840 · Dixon Scholarship (Dixon Scholarship)	31,443.92
31870 · Pattie Bushong Fund (Pattie Bushong Fund)	1,852.42
31880 · Robinson Fund (Robinson Fund)	686.43
31881 · Ninth Street Loan Fund (Ninth Street Loan Fund)	10,552.08
31882 · Ninth Street Scholarship (Ninth Street Scholarship)	47,793.87
31883 · Tusculum College Endowment (Tusculum College Endowment)	100,156.03
<b>Total 30000 · PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION (Presbyterian Foundation)</b>	<b>742,540.45</b>
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>1,093,908.82</b>
Other Current Assets	
40000 · The PFSA, Inc Grant Program	627,000.00
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>627,000.00</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>1,720,908.82</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,720,908.82</b>

General Mission Budget  
Actual v. Budget  
As of October 31, 2006

	<u>Jan - Oct</u>	<u>Budget</u>
	<u>06</u>	
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
60160 · Unified Mission Designated Fund (Unified Mission Designated Fu)	58,749.02	230,967.00

60500 · Unified Monies (Unified Monies)	433,939.75	627,488.56
61900 · Other Forms of Income (Other Forms of Income)	30,000.00	
61905 · Interest Income (Interest Income)	<u>9,356.39</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>532,045.16</b>	<b>864,455.56</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
70100 · Presbytery Council/Governing Bo (Presbytery Council/Governing)	95,051.06	114,610.79
70200 · E- Committee on Ministry (E- Committee on Ministry)	1,094.15	4,000.00
70300 · E-Committee Prep for Ministry (E-Committee Prep for Ministry)	13,095.58	11,800.00
70400 · WW Mission Committee (WW Mission Committee)	390.00	2,700.00
70500 · Congregational Life Committee (Congregational Life Committee)	7,339.37	12,800.00
70600 · EIHN Committee (EIHN Committee)	1,075.00	4,500.00
70700 · Church Development & Evangelism (Church Development & Evangelism)	31,024.90	131,840.00
70800 · Committee on Institutions (Committee on Institutions)	25,975.00	52,500.00
70900 · Administration & Planning Com (Administration & Planning Com)	315,981.16	405,371.47
71100 · Stewardship & Budget Committee (Stewardship & Budget Committee)	967.51	4,500.00
71200 · Holston Camp & Retreat Center (Holston Camp & Retreat Center)	80,666.67	88,000.00
71300 · Campus Ministry (Campus Ministry)	25,471.10	31,400.00
71400 · Trustees (Trustees)	<u>322.57</u>	<u>100.00</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>598,454.07</b>	<b>864,122.26</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-66,408.91</b>	<b>333.30</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b><u>-66,408.91</u></b>	<b><u>333.30</u></b>

**Report of September 12, 2006 Stated Meeting Bills and Overtures Committee:** Dan Donaldson reported that the Bill and Overtures Committee will have a report at the next meeting, March, 2007.

**10:00 AM                      Small Group Time**  
**10:45 AM                      Meeting Reconvened**

#### **COUNCIL REPORT:**

Jane Boyd, Elmon Brown, Mike Brown, Tom Burleson, Dan Donaldson, Ted Hagen, Sr., Mary Lee Harmon, Barbara Kelly, Chuck King, Bob Lowry, Cheryl Rice, Harrison Taylor, Gordon Turnbull, Rich Fifield, Kim Hammond, Paulette Thompson, Susan Smith, Jim Kirkpatrick, Craig Bell and visitor Barron Hopper.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. at the office of the Presbytery by Tom Burleson. The meeting was opened with devotional and prayer by Bob Lowry.

#### **Reports/Recommendations to Council:**

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

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

There was no Moderator's Report with the absence of Beth Yarborough.



Vice-Moderator's Report was given by Cheryl Rice. John Shuck and his congregation are working on the worship service which will include Communion at the December meeting.

The following postponed Motion from August 29, 2006 meeting was brought before Council:

*That a committee of at least three persons with recognized professional expertise in financial investments and fiduciary responsibility and knowledge of Presbyterian polity be appointed by the Committee on Administration and Planning; (it may be advisable for the ad hoc committee to be composed of people who do not have current responsibility on Presbytery committees or be employees of Holston Presbytery);*

*That this committee examine Holston Presbytery investment processes and report to Council and Holston Presbytery its findings and recommendations at the December meeting of Holston Presbytery;*

*That this committee examine the relationship between Holston Presbytery and Public Foundation for Stewardship Advancement (PFSA); and the apparent sponsorship of PFSA by Holston Presbytery;*

*That audits by a CPA be conducted of Holston Presbytery and the PFSA;*

*That any and all additional investments in PFSA be suspended while the committee and the auditors conduct their work;*

*Please include in Council minutes Marcia Porter's letter to the Trustees, the timeline, and the-questions as supporting documentation.*

The motion was amended as follows:

*That the Administration and Planning Committee, in consultation with the Trustees, appoint one committee (of at least three persons with recognized professional expertise in financial investments and fiduciary responsibility and knowledge of Presbyterian polity) to report to the Trustees, Council and Presbytery in the March, 2007 meeting cycle;*

*That this committee examine Holston Presbytery investment processes and;*

*That this committee examine the relationship between Holston Presbytery and the Public Foundation for Stewardship Advancement (PFSA.)*

The amended motion was approved. The motion was so moved and approved.

Trustees' Communication:

*In response to Marcia Porter's letter to the Trustees, dated August 5, 2006, and which was distributed to the members of the Council, the Trustees met and took the following action:*

*"To set up a separate and independent committee of people knowledgeable in prudent investment practices to help us address the concerns in the attachment."*

Administration and Planning Committee: Elmon Brown reported on the 2007 Committee Goals and Objectives received to date. Mr. Brown made the following recommendation to the Council following review of staff evaluations:

1. That the Council approve the 2007 staff salary recommendations. All were approved with appreciation expressed for the work of the staff toward the mission of Holston Presbytery.

Stewardship and Budget: Dan Donaldson

2. A request from the Wildcat Lake Committee to raise funds for the repair of Wildcat Dam was received and approved and is recommended for approval by the Council. Approved.

Youth and Young Adult Ministry Committee: Jim Kirkpatrick

3. The Youth and Young Adult Committee requests that the Presbytery Council form a task force to develop a comprehensive child protection policy for the presbytery as expediently as possible. The task force to be composed of pastors, youth workers, teachers, parents, police officers, lawyers, doctors, people who work with abused children, child protection advocates, and others who would be knowledgeable in this area. The motion was referred by Council to the YYAM Committee for further study.

Future Dates for Council and Presbytery meetings in 2006:

Council

Presbytery

December 5, 2006 – First, Elizabethton

Future Dates for Council and Presbytery meetings in 2007:

February 20, 2007

Saturday, March 3, 2007 – Waverly Road, Kingsport

May 22, 2007

Saturday, June 2, 2007 – Cedarview, Kingsport

August 28, 2007

Tuesday, September 11, 2007 – Strawberry Plains

November 13, 2007

Tuesday, December 4, 2007 – King College, Bristol

There were no actions referred to Council by Presbytery at the September meeting. The Draft Copy of the Handout Packet for December 5, 2006 stated meeting of presbytery at First Church, Elizabethton, including proposed docket and committee reports to presbytery was reviewed.

There being no new business, Tom asked for the sharing of Concerns and Prayers. Gordon Turnbull closed the meeting with prayer at 9:27 p.m. The Minutes Committee met to approve tonight's minutes. The next meeting of Council will be Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Paulette H. Thompson

**Youth & Young Adult Ministry Committee Report:** George Rolling reported.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Council for International Ministry, as described below, be approved. Approved.

**Purpose**

To improve the ministry of those churches around East Tennessee State University with international students by securing benevolent funds and coordinating the work of each member church with the Presbyterian Campus Ministry at ETSU.

**Responsibilities**

- To solicit funds from the churches of Holston Presbytery, and particularly those of the member churches, to be used to help individual international students;

- Using the following guidelines will seek to help international students when they face financial needs;
- To be accountable to Holston Presbytery and the member churches.

### Guidelines

- The decision to help will be made by at least two members of the Council. Only one of those persons may be a staff person.
- If the individual in need is involved with a member church then the minister of that church is to be included in the decision making process.
- Ask them what their arrangements were before coming to ETSU.
- Ask them what are the circumstances that led to their need.
- Let them know that we will need to talk with Maria Costas (ETSU Office for International Students) in order to coordinate our services.
- If possible try not to give money, but instead help the student to manage their money.

### Structure

Membership: a member church must provide some funding and a person to serve on the Council. The Youth and Young Adult Ministry committee will have a representative to serve on the Council.

### Meetings:

- YYAM will help the Council to select from their membership a moderator whose term will continue for one year.
- Stated meetings will be once a year to oversee the funding. Otherwise, they will be “called” meetings for the purpose of dealing with situations/needs that may arise.

## Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Presbyterian Campus Ministry  
Financial Report  
January through October 2006

	Jan - Dec 06	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
<b>Income</b>				
Bank Interest	10.55	20.00	-9.45	52.8%
Facility Use	2,919.86	4,400.00	-1,480.14	66.4%
Holston Presbytery				
Triennium	566.64	850.00	-283.36	66.7%
Youth Ministry	4,233.86	6,350.00	-2,116.14	66.7%
Holston Presbytery - Other	16,485.85	24,200.00	-7,714.15	68.1%
Total Holston Presbytery	21,286.35	31,400.00	-10,113.65	67.8%
IDS Dividends	10.86	5.00	5.86	217.2%
Meal Receipts	1,124.35	1,800.00	-675.65	62.5%
Miscellaneous Receipts	1,070.00	100.00	970.00	1,070.0%
Presbytery of East TN	3,750.00	5,000.00	-1,250.00	75.0%
Synod of Living Waters	6,200.00	9,300.00	-3,100.00	66.7%

<b>Total Income</b>	<b>43,653.06</b>	<b>52,025.00</b>	<b>-8,371.94</b>	<b>83.9%</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
Cable TV	797.50	1,200.00	-402.50	66.5%
Campus Labor	240.00	400.00	-160.00	60.0%
Cleaning	860.00	1,300.00	-440.00	66.2%
Electricity	2,158.00	3,500.00	-1,342.00	61.7%
Food/Cleaning Supplies	3,587.00	4,000.00	-413.00	89.7%
Gas	92.73	400.00	-307.27	23.2%
Miscellaneous	15.69	500.00	-484.31	3.1%
Office Supplies	1,485.54	2,300.00	-814.46	64.6%
Payroll Expenses				
FICA	1,193.60	1,500.00	-306.40	79.6%
Salary/Intern	3,600.00	3,400.00	200.00	105.9%
Salary/International	5,200.00	7,850.00	-2,650.00	66.2%
Salary/Secretary	4,478.25	9,100.00	-4,621.75	49.2%
Total Payroll Expenses	16,393.85	21,850.00	-5,456.15	75.0%
Printing/Postage/Promotion	2,357.76	3,000.00	-642.24	78.6%
Professional Expense/Intern	585.17	1,000.00	-414.83	58.5%
Repairs/Maintenance	3,615.98	3,000.00	615.98	120.5%
Special Events	479.32	1,500.00	-1,020.68	32.0%
Telephone	1,343.91	1,500.00	-156.09	89.6%
Triennium	0.00	850.00	-850.00	0.0%
Water	637.89	900.00	-262.11	70.9%
Youth Ministry	4,004.20	6,350.00	-2,345.80	63.1%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>29,685.11</b>	<b>53,550.00</b>	<b>-23,864.89</b>	<b>55.4%</b>
Net Ordinary Income	13,967.95	-1,525.00	15,492.95	-915.9%
Other Income/Expense	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.0%
Net Income	14,067.95	-1,525.00	15,592.95	-922.5%

Youth & Young Adult Ministry  
Bank Balances as of September 30, 2006

Checking Account Balance	42,592.61
Checking Account Interest	1.64
<b>Total Checking Account</b>	<b>42,594.25</b>
<b>Usable Balance</b>	<b>42,594.25</b>
Less: Honorarium Funds	347.68
Received from Holston Presbytery/Camp and Campus Campaign 2006	27,911.96
Youth Triennium	1416.67
Council for International Ministry	550.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,367.94</b>
Savings Account	3175.19
Plus: Interest Earned	2.52
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,177.71</b>
H.P. Endowment Fund	<b>167,356.33</b>

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 \$10,000 accrues in the savings account, it will be placed in Certificates of Deposit for greater interest accumulation. The Campus Ministry staff will see if the bank will provide this service, and failing that, will provide for periodic oversight of our finances in this manner.

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

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

#### **INFORMATION:**

The camp has contracted with Run River Enterprises to help guide us through a strategic master planning as a faith process. We have already had one over-night retreat and will have four more. They will have met with many folk in the Presbytery about "their camp." They will help with the master planning, plan for marketing the future ministry, and implementation strategies for the plan. This planning process includes: an assessment of operations (governance, staffing, maintenance and finances), program, marketing, site and buildings, and requirements for capital funding. Members on the task force are from the local Banner Elk area, members at large in the Presbytery, as well as, members of the Camp Committee and Presbytery staff.

**Summer Camp** information will be coming out soon. For your convenience we will have on-line registration.

**Wanted: Summer Staff** – They need to have at least one year of college. If you know of any possible staff, please have them contact Craig Bell at [holstoncamp@skybest.com](mailto:holstoncamp@skybest.com) or call (828) 898-6611. Don't wait too long or the positions will be filled! Just think about the job: working with kids in God's great nature, singing, building fires and cooking meals out, hiking, swimming, canoeing, backpacking, rock climbing, outdoor worship, making new friends and having the best summer of your life. Now that is a job! Did I forget to mention that you also get free room and board, free staff shirts and laundry? Almost forgot, you also get paid.

**Camp Needs:** We need your prayers. We need your support. And, we need your presence. Plan your church retreat no matter how small or large and bring them to your Camp. Plan a Sunday School class retreat.

There are many projects that could be done with funding. We don't have the funds. Some past staff have pledged \$50 a month to their Camp for special or undesignated projects. Others have just sent in a check for \$100 to be used in anyway. A few have sent in \$1,000. We need your help to keep your camp in top shape. Consider giving to your camp this year. Your camp is a 501-C3 non-profit organization that helps hundreds of kids and makes a difference in those lives. Lives have been changed because of being at Holston Camp, even just for a weekend. Checks can be made to: Holston Presbytery Camp, P.O. Box 428, Banner Elk, NC 28604.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** None

**HOLSTON CAMP & RETREAT CENTER**

As of  
2006

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**HOLSTON CENTER**  
Profit & Loss--January-October,  
2006

October 31,

	<b>Jan - Oct 06</b>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
40000 · Operating Income	
406000 · Holston Support	3,750.00
406100 · Abingdon Support	2,461.71
406200 · Camp Store & Drinks	13,851.46
406300 · NC Tax Rebate	691.49
406350 · Savings Interest	0.00
40000 · Operating Income - Other	101,421.33
100000 · Highlands Union Bk	3,094.50
Total 40000 · Operating Income	111,369.00
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
406400 · Retreat Income	11,302.58
H/A Retreat Operations Checking	1,816.94
H/A Retreat Food	862.91
Other Retreat Sleep	51,750.00
108000 · Unrestricted Gifts	5,092.80
Other Retreat Food	28,252.00
406400 · Summer Camp Gifts (Designated)	6,213.42
406400 · Retreat Income - Other	3,434.97
Total 406400 · Retreat Income	17,509.92
407000 · Summer Camp Income - Other	-904.44
407100 · Camper Fees	95,840.50
Total 100000 · Highlands Union Bk	43,169.30
407150 · Summer Camp	200.00
407000 · Summer Camp Income - Other	200.00
Total 407000 · Summer Camp Income	43,169.30
407200 · Camper Scholarships	4,137.75
408000 · Unrestricted Gifts	10,198.00
Accounts Receivable	322,810.49
Expense	
101200 · Accounts Receivable Deposits	-16,601.86
80000 · Unrestricted Gift Expense	-1,509.01
60000 · Overhead Expenses	-18,101.86
Total Accounts Receivable	39,287.66
Utilities	10,459.70
Repair/Maintenance	3,922.14
Vehicle Unkept	38,087.60
Other Current Assets	29,452.20
Administration	24,342.21
Presbytery Grant	2,931.21
Board of Pensions	34,624.42
60000 · Overhead Expenses - Other	44,939.96
Total 60000 · Overhead Expenses	44,939.96
6560 · Payroll Expenses	32,901.75
64000 · Retreat Expenses	88,227.86
Capital Campaign	59,555.03
70000 · Summer Camp Expenses	15,584.84
Abingdon (Operation Investment)	207,861.54
Total Expense	207,861.54
Net Ordinary Income	207,861.54
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
408500 · Other Restricted Directed Gifts	207,860.51
408600 · Golf Income	5,197.00
408500 · Restricted - Directed Gifts - Other	38,032.51
Total Current Assets	232,027.96
Total 408500 · Restricted - Directed Gifts	43,229.51
408500 · Holston Grant Income	10,410.70
TOTAL ASSETS	232,928.40
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	0.00

<b>Other Expense</b>	
80555 - Holston Grant Expense	4,185.36
85510d - Restricted - Directed Expenses	
85610d - Golf Expense	2,080.12
85510d - Restricted - Directed Expenses - Other	29,188.87
<b>Total 85510d - Restricted - Directed Expenses</b>	<u>31,268.99</u>
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<u>35,454.35</u>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<u>18,185.86</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>-13,398.45</u></u>

**Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report:** Gordon Turnbull introduced Kent Pettit, Gloria Hollingshead and Chris Larimer as being under the care of this committee.

**INFORMATION:**

1. On November 6, 2006 the Committee on Preparation for Ministry received **Reese Stansberry** (Watauga Avenue) as an Inquirer in the process of preparation for ministry.
2. **Meg Flannagan** (Bristol First) has accepted a call and begun her ministry at First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin, FL. Meg anticipates a service of ordination at First Presbyterian Church, Bristol on January 21, 2007.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

3. The Committee on Preparation for Ministry endorses the application for candidacy of **Chris Larimer** (Johnson City First) and recommends he be examined by presbytery and, if approved, received as Candidate for Ministry of Word and Sacrament. [See [attached narrative material](#)]

Chris Larimer was called forward and examined as to faith, forms of Christian service, and motive for seeking the ministry. The Moderator asked for a vote from presbytery on approval to move Chris from Inquirer to Candidate and approval was received. No questions were asked from the floor. The Moderator asked the Constitutional Questions with each being answered in the affirmative. A brief charge was given by Baron Eliason.

**Chris Larimer**

1. A STATEMENT OF HIS OR HER UNDERSTANDING OF CHRISTIAN VOCATION IN THE REFORMED TRADITION AND HOW IT RELATES TO HIS OR HER SENSE OF CALL

In creation, God dignified all areas of human inquiry and labor by establishing laws that govern all realms of enterprise; he then sealed them with honor by granting to humankind his likeness. Human vocation is a reflection of divine vocation for the same reason that humankind is in the image of God. Both who we are and what we do should reflect the Creator's call to be like Him.<sup>a</sup> Thus the Bible asserts that vocation is divine before it is human and that it is corporate before it is individual. Moreover, the vocation of any individual will always encompass aspects of the call of the whole human family. The human race has had a corporate calling from the beginning of its existence as God's

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<sup>a</sup> Leviticus 11:44, *et passim*.

image.<sup>b</sup> What this means is that vocation is the life-work of the whole human community – individually and corporately, in the breadth of time and space – of being in a right relation to God and reflecting God’s own manner of speaking and acting as we speak and act in the world he has created and is redeeming. For Christians, this takes on the specific dynamic of conformity to the image of the Son.<sup>c</sup>

There is one minister, the Lord Jesus Christ, and one ministry, the ministry of Christ (G-6.0101). All other ministries come from and are sustained by the threefold ministry of Christ.<sup>d</sup> The church is Christ together with his people called both to worship and to serve him in all of life.<sup>e</sup> Through the Church, the Lord continues his ministry. All members of the church are called to participate in Christ’s work in the world,<sup>f</sup> and all have been given gifts by God to edify the Church for this purpose.<sup>g</sup> Christians are initiated into this ministry through baptism, the sign and seal of their union with Christ and with his Church. The Church’s ministry begins with the worship of God, through which God sustains the life of the church. In union with Christ, the church prays for and works toward the healing and salvation of the world. While Christ calls all Christians to share in his ministry, he also ordains that there be specific and necessary forms of leadership and responsibilities within the ministry of the church.<sup>h</sup> Such “offices of ministry” are the means by which Christ orders ministry for the continual renewal and nurture of the church. To support the church in fulfilling its mission, God gifts and calls individuals to serve particular offices of ministry. In the Presbyterian churches, these offices are ruling elder, congregational deacon, and minister of Word and Sacraments (formerly teaching elder).

### My Own Call

I slowly grew into Frederick Buechner’s often-quoted, yet still instructive, definition of vocation as the place where “your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.” I am called by God, who is both the source of our giftedness and the one who sends us into the world to serve, by grappling with a variety of fundamental questions, such as “Who am I? What are my deepest convictions? What are my gifts? What are the world’s needs? Which needs can I address? How do I live out my vocation through my work?” When I was three, I told my mother that I would be a preacher. But between then and high school I had explored careers in forensic science, history, counseling, teaching, and medicine. Thus I began college with the intention of becoming a physician. I had been persuaded that medicine was the singular career that could wed my genuine desire to help with my intellectual ability, diverse interests, and sense of duty. While medicine is still of great interest to me, I began to see that I had gifts that were even more enjoyable than the ability to understand medical science. By 1997 I was leading Bible studies and theological discussions at the Campus House. After a large cadre of students graduated, leaving our numbers at three (3), my greatest joy came from being a leader in growing PSF up to a thirty member strong organization. At the same time, I was allowed to minister to youth in Rock Creek. The pastor sensed that I had strong gifts for ministry and undertook the task of mentoring me in discerning the voice of God in the gifting of God. By 1999 I was convinced that God was calling me to build up the body of Christ as a teacher and preacher.

After the birth of our first son, we decided to transfer membership to a church closer to our home and chose First Church of Johnson City. Though I’d felt the call to ministry, I wanted to test it and avoid any usurpation of the office;<sup>i</sup> thus I made no mention of my inner sense of call and determined to live out our common vocation in the life of the congregation. I joined the choir and attended the pastor’s Sunday School faithfully. Within a few months Don asked me to breakfast and asked if I’d ever considered going to seminary. This second affirmation of the inner sense of call was sufficient to convince me that I was truly called to labor in Word and Sacraments. From that moment on I began a more public living out of my call: worshiping heartily, teaching Sunday School classes, preaching evening services, and visiting the sick and friendless (the latter especially as a Deacon of the church).

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<sup>b</sup> Genesis 1:22.

<sup>c</sup> Romans 8:29.

<sup>d</sup> To whit, that of Prophet, Priest, and King (*Westminster Confession of Faith* VIII.1; *BoC* 6.043).

<sup>e</sup> *Scots Confession* XVI; *BoC* 3.16, *et passim*.

<sup>f</sup> 2 Corinthians 5:18f; *cf.* *BoC* 9.31.

<sup>g</sup> 1 Corinthians 14:26.

<sup>h</sup> *A Proposal for Considering the Theology and Practice of Ordination in the Presbyterian Church (USA)*. (Louisville: Office of the General Assembly, 1992), p. 51.

<sup>i</sup> *Second Helvetic Confession* XVIII; *BoC* 5.150.



I have long had a desire to honor God with the intellectual gifts he has bestowed. While I believe that this will culminate in graduate work someday, I am painfully aware of the dangers that exist when theological scholarship is taken up outside of the context of the Church.<sup>j</sup> I think we have largely lost some of the pastoral perspective that used to permeate theological training. Similarly, we have so crammed our schedules with tasks that the necessary theological reflection to be biblically pastoral has waned. My resolve to be a pastoral theologian and a theological pastor has only been strengthened by the opportunities I have had in my field education to be pastoral – both as a speaker and a listener. I am willing to go where God leads and to set aside every hindrance as the Spirit empowers. I cannot envision my ordained service outside of collegial relationship with a session and accountability to a presbytery for my life and doctrine.<sup>k</sup>

## 2. A STATEMENT OF PERSONAL FAITH WHICH INCORPORATES AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE REFORMED TRADITION

There is only one true God. God is eternal, incomprehensible, spiritual, invisible, immutable, infinite, almighty, perfectly wise, just, merciful, good, and the overflowing fountain of all good.

I know God by two means: general revelation and special revelation. The first, by the creation, preservation, and government of the universe which leads us to see clearly the invisible things of God, namely, his eternal power and deity (Rom. 1:20). These things are sufficient to convince even fallen humanity and leave them without excuse before their Maker. In the second, God makes himself more clearly and fully known to us by his holy and divine Word, as far as is necessary for us to know in this life, to his glory and our salvation. This Word of God is not of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit (2 Pet. 1:21). God shows his will to save us and to glorify himself in that he commanded his servants, the prophets and apostles, to commit his revealed word to writing to be the rule of faith and life.<sup>l</sup> Then, through his singular care and providence, God caused that Word to be delivered to us in the most reliable ancient textual tradition in existence. Because “the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately corrupt,”<sup>m</sup> we do not acknowledge these truths as they ought. While we ought to be convinced of its truthfulness on account of its manifold merit, “our full persuasion and assurance of the infallible truth and divine authority thereof” is the work of the Holy Spirit who guides us into all truth.<sup>n</sup> Therefore, I am fully convinced that the Old and New Testaments are the very Word of God and that there is no where else to go for the words of life.<sup>o</sup>

According to this truth and this Word of God, I believe in one God, who is single in essence yet three in persons, eternally distinct according to their incommunicable properties and eternally united being and purpose. Scripture reveals these persons as God the Father, and God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Fully self-sufficient and aware of his own goodness, this God condescended and mercifully spoke into being creatures that the knowledge of him might be enjoyed.<sup>p</sup> The Father is the cause, origin, and beginning of all things visible and invisible; the Son is the word, wisdom, and image of the Father; the Holy Spirit is the eternal power and might, proceeding from the Father and the Son. These persons are not divided, nor intermixed; for the Father has not assumed the flesh, nor has the Holy Spirit, but the Son only. The Father has never been without His Son, or without His Holy Spirit. For They are all three co-eternal and co-essential. There is neither first nor last; for They are all three one, in truth, in power, in goodness, and in mercy.

I believe and confess that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God, begotten from eternity, not made, nor created, but co-essential and co-eternal with the Father, the very image of his substance and the brilliance of his glory, equal to the Father in all things. He is the Son of God, not only from the time that he assumed our nature but from all

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<sup>j</sup> Romans 8:5-8 (RSV) “<sup>5</sup> For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law, indeed it cannot;”

<sup>k</sup> 1 Timothy 4:16 (NIV) “Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.”

<sup>l</sup> 2 Timothy 3:16; *Westminster Confession of Faith* I.1, 2, & 6 (*BoC* 6.001-005).

<sup>m</sup> Jeremiah 17:9 (RSV)

<sup>n</sup> John 16:13; *WCF* I.6 (6.005).

<sup>o</sup> John 6:68.

<sup>p</sup> Psalm 34:8.

eternity. Likewise, the Holy Spirit from eternity proceeds from the Father and the Son; and therefore neither is made, created, nor begotten, but only proceeds from both; who in order is the third person of the Holy Trinity; of one and the same essence, majesty, and glory with the Father and the Son; and therefore is the true and eternal God, as the Holy Scriptures teach.

I believe that the same good God, after he had created all things, did not forsake them or give them up to chance, but that he rules and governs them according to his inscrutable holy will, so that nothing happens in this world without divine appointment. His power and goodness are so great and incomprehensible that he orders and executes his work in such holiness and justice that God is neither the author of, nor can be charged with, the sins which are committed when devils and wicked men follow after their own unrighteousness.q

I believe that through the disobedience of Adam original sin is extended to all mankind; this is a corruption of the whole nature which even infants in their mother's womb suffer.r This radical corruption produces all sorts of sin, and is so vile and abominable in the sight of God that it alone, apart from any commission of sin, is sufficient to condemn all mankind. Neither is it altogether abolished or wholly eradicated even by the grace of regeneration, but by God's mercy it is forgiven. All the posterity of Adam has fallen into damnation and ruin by the sin of our first parents, yet God's character was made manifest to the entire creation as merciful and just. God is merciful in that he delivers and preserves all whom he, in his eternal and unchangeable counsel of mere goodness, has elected in Christ Jesus our Lord, in spite of their evil works.s God is just in leaving others to their own evil devices, storing up wrath for themselves.t Though God would have been justified in abandoning all his creatures to the consequences of their fallen nature and active rebellion, out of his most perfect love he sent his Son to assume that nature in which the disobedience was committed in order that he might make reconciliation between the Creator and the creation.u Offering himself up on our behalf as an expiatory sacrifice, Jesus Christ suffered the full punishment of sin in his passion and death. Upon his own Son, God poured out the wrath which we so richly deserved, laying our iniquities upon him in order to expiate our sins, and poured forth His mercy and goodness on us, giving his Son up to death for us, and raising the same for our justification. Thus we call God the just and the justifier.v Our salvation consists in the remission of our sins for Jesus Christ's sake, who saves us from the wrath to come.w In the same propitiation, we are counted righteous before the judgment seat of God, apart from our own works, and are embraced as obedient children on account of the imputed righteousness of Christ.x Ascribing all glory to God, humbling myself before Him, and acknowledging myself to be such as I really am, I am free to abandon trust in any merit in myself. Instead, relying *and resting* in the obedience of the crucified Christ alone, which is credited to me, I have peace with God and confidence before the throne.

I believe and profess one catholic and apostolic Church throughout all ages, a holy habitation of believers who gather around the promises of God,y all expecting their salvation in Jesus Christ.z Ransomed by his blood from every tribe and language and people and nation, sanctified and sealed by the Holy Spirit, this Church has been from the beginning of the world,aa and will be to the end. And this holy Church is preserved and empowered by God against the rage of the whole world.bb The marks (*notae*) by which the true Church is known are these: the gospel is preached; the sacraments are administered as instituted by Christ; and church discipline is exercised both in rebuking sin and training in

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q Psalm 145:17, Acts 4:27*f*, Romans 9:21, James 1:13*f*, *et alia*; Augustine, *Enchiridion* ch. 100; Calvin, *Inst.* I.18.3.; *WCF* III.7 (6.020).

r Job 5:7; Psalm 51:5; 58:3; Romans 5:12*ff*.

s *WCF* III.6 (6.019).

t Romans 2:5.

u John 3:16; Romans 5:11.

v Romans 3:25*f*.

w Nahum 1:2; 1 Thessalonians 1:10; 2 Thessalonians 1:9; Revelation 7:10.

x Romans 9:8.

y Romans 9:4-8.

z John 8:56*ff*.

aa *The Scots Confession* XVI (3.16).

bb Matthew 16:18; Jude 1.

righteousness unto sanctification.cc In short, if all things are managed according to the pure Word of God, all things contrary thereto rejected, and Jesus Christ acknowledged as the only Head of the Church, there exists the Church despite any deficiencies it may suffer. Jesus Christ builds up his church through the Spirit-empowered ministry of the Word and the Sacraments, of which there are only two, viz. Baptism and the Lord's Supper.dd By baptism, the administration of water in the name of the triune God, we are received into the Church of God and marked with the sign of redemption. It is a testimony to all who experience it that they are children of our gracious God and Father. Christ re-presents himself to us in the Supper, nourishing and supporting those whom he has already regenerated and incorporated into his family, the Church. As certainly as we receive and hold this sacrament in our hands and eat and drink the same with our mouths,ee we also do as certainly receive by faith the true body and blood of Christ our Savior in our souls, for the support of our spiritual life.ff

Finally, I believe when the time appointed by the Lord is fulfilled and the number of the elect complete, that our Lord Jesus Christ will come from heaven, corporally and visibly, as he ascended, with great glory and majesty to declare himself Judge of the living and the dead.gg All men and angels will personally appear before this great Judge.hh Then the books shall be opened, and the dead judged according to what they shall have done in this world, whether it be good or evil.ii All men shall give account of every careless word they have spoken.jj They that were passed over by God's mercy and condemned themselves by their own action will experience the wrath of God's silencing justice in fire that cannot be quenched – the hell prepared for the devil and those angelic beings who cast their lot with him.kk The faithful and elect, on the other hand, shall be crowned with glory and honor;ll and the Son of God will confess their names before God His Father and His elect angels (as surely as they have confessed His);mm all tears shall be wiped from their eyes.nn Therefore I hope for that great day when I may fully enjoy the promises of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen, come, Lord Jesus. (Rev. 22:20)

**Ethical Issues & Human Needs Committee Report:** Harrison Taylor gave report.

#### **INFORMATION:**

1. The committee has not found its task and purpose easy to define and implement. Most of the committee's time is spent addressing the human needs which are clearly identifiable with the ample applications of suffering that come to the committee. The dedication and experience of members such as Susan Foster and Larry Childress has been necessary and appreciated. Ethical issues have been difficult and perplexing with the committee and members of the Presbytery suggesting topics for reflection and recommendation. Among topics suggested are taxes on food

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cc *The Scots Confession* XVIII (3.18); *WCF* XXV.4 (6.143). Calvin notes that the right hearing of the Word is also a *signa*.

dd Alternatively known as Holy Communion, the Eucharist, the Lord's Supper, the Sacrament of the Table of the Lord, and the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of the Lord.

ee As Calvin says in his commentary on John 5:37, God "puts on a visible form in the sacraments, so that he may be known by us according to our own measure." *Commentaries*, edd. Joseph Haroutunian and Louise Pettibone Smith. Library of Christian Classics, XXIII. (Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1960), p. 400.

ff *BoC* 6.167.

gg Acts 17:31, 2 Peter 3:12.

hh 1 Corinthians 6:3; 1 Thessalonians 4:16, Jude 6.

ii Philipians 4:3; Revelation 3:5;

jj Matthew 12:36.

kk Matthew 25:41; Mark 9:8; Revelation 20:15; 21:8.

ll Psalm 8:5;

mm Matthew 10:32; Luke 12:8.

nn Revelation 7:17; 21:4.

for people in poverty and government's sponsorship of military training for the purpose of regime changes in foreign countries.

2. The committee examined the Public Foundation for Stewardship Advancement with Rich Fifield leading a thorough discussion of the history and purpose of PFSA. Members of EIHN expressed appreciation for the information, work and dedication of Rich and the Presbytery staff.
3. The committee extends a plea to the congregations of Holston Presbytery for increased giving for the remainder of this year and for 2007. Requests for help are increasing. Giving is not increasing. If all grants received in 2006 are approved, a plea is needed before the end of the year so that giving might increase above the anticipated \$55,000 in order to prevent a deficit of \$3,300 going into 2007. The committee will extend this message at Presbytery meetings, in publications and in Minutes for Missions at individual churches.
4. The committee has approved the following additional local grant requests:

Sunset Gap Pantry & Bread Basket (Newport)	\$ 1,000
Sunset Gap Community Center (Hopewell)	\$ 1,500
Of One Accord (Rogersville)	\$ 2,000
Samaritan House (Hopewell)	\$ 2,000
5. One need received in Ghana through the Three Cents a Meal international program lacked a **sponsoring congregation from Holston Presbytery**. If your church would like to partner with this need in Ghana, contact **Harrison Taylor** for information.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

6. That the Three Cents a Meal grant distribution be: local grants, 65%, and international grants, 35%, for 2006 only. Approved.

The distribution of Three Cents a Meal grants is designated by the presbytery as: local grants, 60%, international grants, 40%, (*March 10, 2001, pg. 754*). The presbytery has also mandated that all Three Cents a Meal funds be distributed in the year that they are received (*June 5, 2004, pg. 1244*). The committee has no control over the amount of Three Cents a Meal funds received or the number of Hunger Grant Requests received during the year. So, in order to meet the Hunger Grant Requests received and distribute all Three Cents a Meal funds received in 2006, the committee is asking for a waiver of the distribution split for 2006.

**World Wide Missions Committee Report:** Steve Rembert

#### **INFORMATION:**

1. The Committee requested that every church fill out the **Church Involvement Report** (see attachment) and return to the Presbytery office or to Steve Rembert at the address on the form.
2. All church Youth Directors need to register for the **Gatlinburg Mission Conference**. Dates are **February 22-25, 2007**. This is for high school age youth. You may register at [www.gatlinburgmissions.org](http://www.gatlinburgmissions.org)

3. We are looking forward to **Frank and Nancy Dimmock** being our guests at the June 2, 2007 Presbytery meeting. They are serving our Lord in southern Africa.
4. Please encourage your congregation to assist (adopt) an **International College Student** in your area. Contact Jim Kirkpatrick for more information.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** None

**Congregational Life Committee Report:** Mary Lee Harmon

**INFORMATION:**

1. Holston Presbytery welcomed **Dr. James Logan** on October 13-14. Dr. Logan talked about being in the church – being in the PCUSA – at this time and what our challenges are. Although attendance was not as hoped, those who did hear Dr. Logan were not disappointed. He spoke on Friday evening at **First Presbyterian Church, Greeneville** and, again, on Saturday morning at **Watauga Avenue Presbyterian Church** in Johnson City.

On Saturday, the morning with Dr. Logan was capped off with the opportunity – coordinated along with the World Wide Missions Committee – to enjoy lunch with **Marge Carpenter**, a former GA Moderator and World Missions advocate, who was in Johnson City for the Mission Conference at First Church.

2. The Congregational Life Committee welcomes suggestions for any spiritual growth events and for educational events. Please contact committee chair, Mary Lee Harmon, [mlharmon@chartertn.net](mailto:mlharmon@chartertn.net) / 423.288.5652 or the Presbytery office [susan@holstonpresbytery.org](mailto:susan@holstonpresbytery.org) / 1.888.674.0009 (toll free) with your suggestions.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** None

**Committee on Ministry Report:** Martin Christian introduced Rev. Mun-Gye Lee, Temporary Supply for the Tri City Korean Church. Martin introduced the following as having completed Commissioned Lay Pastor training: Elder Gloria Baird (Magill Memorial) (Level I); Elders Kathleen Wright (First, Greeneville), John Catts (Rock Creek), Robert Grimes (Rock Creek), Mike Culbertson (Reedy Creek, Kingsport) and John Long (Walkertown) for completing training for Level II. Those present, Mike and Gloria, were asked to step forward and were commissioned as their respective Level I and Level II.

**INFORMATION:**

1. Approved **Elder Anthony Barnett** (Windsor Avenue Church) and **Elder Jack Hansel** (Watauga Avenue Church) as Commissioned Lay Pastor candidates.
2. Approved **James Foster** (Watauga Avenue Church) and **Reese Stansberry, Jr.** (Watauga Avenue Church) for study only in the Commissioned Lay Pastor training.
3. Approved the call and examination of **the Rev. Fred Niles** as pastor of the **Reedy Creek and Meadowview Churches** effective November 1, 2006 with the following terms of call: Annual Cash Salary - \$22,750.00; Annual Housing Allowance - \$8,000.00; Annual Manse Value - \$9,405.00; SECA Allowance - \$3,071.86; Annual Manse Equity - \$600.00; Travel Expense

Reimbursement at the IRS rate up to \$3,000.00; Continuing Education Reimbursement up to \$500.00; Full Participation in Board of Pensions; Vacation – four weeks annually; Continuing Education – two weeks annually; and enroll Rev. Niles as a member of Holston Presbytery. (See attached [Faith Journey](#) and [Statement of Faith](#).)

4. Adopted the policy that all documents related to a pastoral candidate (Personal Information Form, Statement of Faith and Faith Journey) be received by the Committee one week prior to the examination.
5. **The Rev. Catherine Clasen** will be serving in ministry the Northumbria Christian Community in England and will continue as a Member-at-Large of Holston Presbytery.
6. Sustained the examination of **the Rev. Mun-Gye Lee** (Temporary Supply at **Tri-City Korean Church**) and transferred his membership from The Presbyterian Church of Korea to The Presbyterian Church (USA). (See attached [Faith Journey](#) and [Statement of Faith](#).)
7. Approved **James Morgan as the Commissioned Lay Pastor of Leesburg and Oakland Churches**, effective 11/1/06 through 4/30/07, with a weekly housing allowance of \$100.
8. Approved the dissolution of the temporary pastoral relationship between **the Rev. Joe Moran** (Southern Baptist) and **Rock Creek Church**, effective 10/18/06, and appointed **the Rev. George Rolling** as moderator.
9. Approved the dissolution of the temporary pastoral relationship between **the Rev. Warren Stewart** (United Methodist) and **Mountain City Church**, effective 12/31/06.
10. Approved the Interim Pastor Contract between **Newport Church** and **the Rev. Calvin Metcalf** (Southern Baptist), effective 12/01/06 through 12/01/07, with the following terms: Monthly Housing Allowance - \$900; Monthly Reimbursed Travel up to \$250; Monthly Health Insurance - \$750; Other Monthly Professional Expenses - \$50; and one week vacation per quarter.
11. Dismissed **the Rev. Dr. Sung Wook Chung** to the Presbytery of Denver where Dr. Chung is teaching at Denver Seminary.
12. Approved **the Rev. Bob Noble** as Pastor Emeritus at **Cedar Creek Church**.
13. Approved the Ordination Commission of **Meg Flannagan, Associate Pastor of First Church, Dunedin, Florida** (pending her successful examination for ordination by the Presbytery of Tampa Bay), on Sunday, January 21, 2007, at 11:00 AM, with the following members: the Rev. Dick Ray, the Rev. Brian Wyatt, the Rev. Gordon Turnbull, the Rev. Jim McClanahan; Elder Nancy Cook (First Church, Bristol) and Elder Gary Arner (First Church, Johnson City).
14. Approved the Installation Commission of **the Rev. Fred Niles, Pastor of Reedy Creek (Kingsport) and Meadowview Churches**, on Sunday, December 10, 2006, at 3:00 PM, with the following members: the Rev. Martin Christian (Magill), Elder Judy Hicks (Reedy Creek, Kingsport), the Rev. Robert Lowry, Elder Bobby Meadows (Meadowview), the Rev. Rich Fifield.
15. Approved **Elder Gloria Baird (Magill Memorial)** as Commissioned Lay Pastor (Level I); and **Elders Kathleen Wright (First, Greeneville), John Catts (Rock Creek Church), Robert Grimes (Rock Creek Church), Mike Culbertson (Reedy Creek, Kingsport, Church) and John Long (Walkertown Church)** as Commissioned Lay Pastors (Level II).

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

16. That the presbytery exempt **Rev. Mun-Gye Lee**, temporary supply of the **Tri-City Korean Presbyterian Church**, from taking the ordination exams as provided in G-11.0404b, which reads: *“The presbytery shall not waive any of the foregoing requirements except in extraordinary cases, in which the presbytery shall follow the same procedure required in G-14.0313, for extraordinary circumstances, except that, for ministers of other Reformed churches ordained for five or more years, the exemption for some or all of the examinations required of candidates for ordination shall be by two-thirds vote of presbytery.”* Approved.
17. That the presbytery approve the request from the session of **Grays Chapel 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. Approved.
18. That the presbytery approve the request from the session of **Reedy Creek (Bristol) 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. Approved.
19. That the presbytery approve the request from the session of **New Providence 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. Approved.

### Faith Journey

The Rev. Fred Niles

How does one summarize one’s faith journey of nearly 56 years and at the same time keep it simple. God’s grace is indeed sufficient; Great is God’s faithfulness even when we were not being faithful; God works through people and has had a plan for our lives from the very beginning of time; Community matters!: These phrases summarize my journey of faith and affirm for me that my faith journey has been an adventure to be lived, not a problem to be solved. This journey has included many travelers and partners along the way.

As a child, my Grandmother was my spiritual mentor, always taking time to tell me stories about Jesus and instilling in me a heart for mission, even though I was not aware of it at the time. Grandma ministered to the hoboes that hopped freight trains in her hometown. They were fed physical food, were provided shelter, and were fed spiritual food. No one was turned away.

I can relate to the story about the man who claimed as a child and youth that he had a drug problem. His parents drug him from church to church. My greatest joy as a child & youth was the opportunity to attend Vacation Bible School. It was there I first came to the realization that I was a part of the family of God, that God loved me, and that community mattered.

Graduating from High School in June of 1969, I volunteered to serve my country by joining the U.S. Army. Shortly thereafter, I found myself attached to the Fourth Infantry Division in Vietnam. It was there that I learned the value once again of family unity, brotherhood, team ministry, compassion, loyalty, etc. I will not discuss the horrors of war that I experienced but the one thing I can say is that there are no winners in a war. To say That I learned much about human suffering and compassion would be an understatement. On the ~ of September 1970, my tour of duty in Vietnam was over. I was critically wounded in an ambush, lost many friends, left many friends behind. I was broken in body, mind and spirit. It took several years to heal from the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual scars that brought me to a valley of despair thinking that life was hopeless. Little did I know that I was surrounded by God’s mercy and protected by prayer. Only by the grace of God in Jesus Christ and only through the support of numerous Christian individuals and church families was I able to let go and let God give me the keys to his Kingdom of love, peace and joy.

In 1980 I experience what I firmly believe was a call from God to be a Minister of Word and Sacrament and

like most of us I resisted that call for nearly 4 years, when by the grace of God, a fine Christian Presbyterian Preacher and Teacher at Missouri Valley College in Marshall, Missouri confronted me one morning and simply said, "Fred, have you ever felt that God was calling you to the ministry. I replied, "Yes, but I'm not interested. I'm studying to become a Psychologist, Family Therapist, Addiction Counselor, etc." and my friend Tim replied, "Well, I really feel that God is calling you to the ministry and by the way do you have a church home. If you don't I invite you to join us for worship at the First Presbyterian Church in Marshall, Missouri."

And now for the rest of the story. I became a member of First Presbyterian Church in Marshall, Missouri, and a faithful Christian Presbyterian as a result of Tim's witness and the witness of a loving church family who supported me and encouraged me to follow God's call. I will always be grateful. Once again I learned the value of being a part of the family of God and that community matters.

Four years of education at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, much time spent in prayer, much support being given by family, peers, instructors, etc. By the grace of God I was ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament on September 18, 1994. Glory be to God in the highest! Again, I must insist that God is always faithful even when we may not be as faithful. God has been with me on the mountaintops of life and the valleys of life, and I have learned that for the most part, growth takes place in the valley.

Having served three churches in the last 12 years (small churches defined as 200 members or less) I have come to believe the following: God continues to bless us with His abundance of grace and reveals His will for His people in the Scriptures and in the community of faith; God gives each of us individually and collectively the gifts, talents and resources we need to minister to our church family, our neighbors, and the strangers in our midst Each congregation has its own identity, its own sense of mission, and gifts to be respected and affirmed; Strong, dedicated, faithful leadership that affirms Christ and seeks to lead a congregation in his faith and life in such a way that it glorifies God is necessary if a congregation is to become all that God would have it become; Team ministry is what God intends for the church; Continual reconciliation, renewal, transformation are earmarks of a healthy church. Change & resistance to change is expected and inevitable; Individual & collective prayer for the church and its mission are vital to the life of a congregation; Fellowship, Open Communication among church leadership and the congregation as a whole allow for healthy spiritual growth; Visitations to homebound, those in hospitals & nursing homes, and to the congregation as a whole are also vitally important to the life and faith of the church; Fellowship with other clergy who are supportive of one another is a must if a clergy person is to adequately care for himself or herself; Bible Study groups and other Christian Education opportunities enable the congregation and pastor to stay firmly rooted in the Word of God: These are but a few of the learning experiences I have had a privilege of being involved in over the last 12 years, and I look forward to more.

In concluding, let me simply say that there are no perfect pastors and there are no perfect churches. We simply do the best we can with what God has given us and we seek more and more every day to be and become what God would have us be and become.

### **Statement of Faith**

The Rev. Fred Niles

I believe in the one God who created humanity in God's image. God is the omnipotent, all-loving, all-knowing, all-powerful ruler of the universe who loves and cares for all of creation. God as Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer is worthy of our adoration, praise, and service.

I believe that God's love for us is expressed in God's sending Jesus Christ, God's own Son to redeem us from our sins. Jesus in his earthly ministry taught God's will for humanity and showed us how to live our lives in obedience and faithfulness to God. In Jesus' suffering and death on the cross, our sins were washed away and we were given new life in Christ Jesus Christ, fully human and fully divine, is the life of the world and the world's hope for the future.

I believe in the Holy Spirit who works through people in the world, expressing God's love for creation. God's Spirit is ever present in our lives uniting us to Christ and His ministry of love and reconciliation. God's gift of grace is made known to us through the Holy Spirit who leads us, nurtures us, and sustains us in our faith journey.

I believe that we as a people of God are called to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism and The Lord's



Supper:

Baptism is a sacrament, ordained by Christ, which symbolizes the washing away of sin and the receiving of God's grace. It marks the one being baptized as a child of God and a member of the Christian community. The community of faith, by their presence and witness, also acknowledge the need for redemption by God's grace, and the inclusion of the person (s) being baptized into the family of believers, the body of Christ. Baptism is a renewal in Christ, and a token of our union with Christ

The privilege of celebrating the sacrament of Lord's Supper is a direct result of faith. Through the Supper, I am assured that in the union, I am one with Christ and the Body of Christ, that I have eternal life, and am therefore freed from the bondage of sin.

When I participate in the sacraments, I am making a public announcement of what God has and will continue to do for me. I am also testifying that an inward change has taken place within my very being, which I solely attribute to the love of God. By participating in these sacraments, I am continuing to renew my faith in the God of my understanding whose presence is felt in the community of faith.

I believe that the Bible is God's Word, expressing God's promise of grace in Jesus Christ to all humanity. The Bible with the guidance of the Holy Spirit tells us about who God is, revealing God's will and purpose for our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. God speaks to us in the Scriptures of peace and justice and commands us to love our neighbor. The Bible helps us to understand our Christian faith and our relationship to one another as children of God.

I believe that the Church is the covenant community of God, under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit. We are called to witness our faith in our relationship with others, sharing the Good News and serving others in God's world. We worship, fellowship and minister together in giving thanks to God for the gift of life and we respond to God's love by following Jesus in carrying out His ministry.

### **Faith Journey**

The Rev. Mun-Gye Lee

It gives me great pleasure to be able to share my faith journey. I believe myself a blessed man because of the opportunities given to me to serve God and God's people. I was born on February 20, 1970 from a non-Christian background. My father used to conduct the ceremony for the worship of my ancestors about once a month in accordance with Confucian custom. As the eldest son of the family, it was my responsibility to learn how to lead in the worship of my ancestors. In this situation, it was very difficult for me to become a Christian.

Fortunately, one day, my eldest sister happened to persuade my sisters and my younger brother to attend the worship service on Sunday at Songdo Presbyterian Church in my district. My eldest sister had already believed in Jesus at her office at that time. When my sister requested that I also attend the Christian services, I strongly resisted her request because I was obsessed with my responsibility to hold the memorial services for my ancestors as required of the first born son.

Nevertheless, I would hear the stories of the Bible and things about the church from my sisters. During this time, the pastor of the Songdo Presbyterian Church also invited me to attend Church as my sisters and brother were doing. In spite of my repeated refusal to his invitations, the pastor continued to request that I should attend the church and believe in Christ. One morning, I had some mysterious feelings, and my heart became very responsive to consider going to Church. I told my sisters that I would like to accompany them to the Church that day. That was the first time for me to attend the Christian Church.

At last, I came to believe in Jesus Christ, while attending a worship Service on Sunday. I was a fourth grader in elementary school. As I entered the Church on that day, my heart was filled with joy. After that, the pastor's passionate teaching and ministry enabled me to change my thought gradually from the Confucian worldview to the Christian way of thinking, strengthening the foundation of my faith in Jesus Christ. I became very enthusiastic about learning the Bible, hymns, and gospel songs on Sundays. Especially, Summer Bible School gave me an opportunity to study and memorize the Apostle's Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the stories of the Bible. Later on, my pastor began suggesting that I study theology after graduation from high school and university. I did not agree

because my family's background was not Christian.

However, the more I prayed, the more I became convinced of God's calling. So I planned to decide once for all, after much prayer during summer training conference in 1985. That was the time when I was freshman at high school. After the retreat, my feelings of deep gratefulness for being redeemed from despair and misery grew stronger and stronger. The passion to devote myself to God's ministry was filling my heart. Even though I had a lot of obstacles such as difficult financial situations, my father's opposition, and contempt of friends, nothing could quench my passion to love Jesus Christ and to devote my life to Him. In the long run I made up my mind to commit myself to mission, ministry and theological study, praying that God might be with me today and always in my life.

In 1996, after graduating from Soong Sil University, I entered Presbyterian Theological Seminary in the Master of Divinity program. Finishing the first semester, I took part in Sinai Mountain Missionary Assembly to be absorbed in the Bible study and discipline of prayer. I had prayed all night on almost every Friday with my group members for four years. For two years, I served at Sinai Mountain Missionary Assembly as a driver and a clerk. It was very helpful for me to develop fellowship with God and for theological reflection.

While these experiences and theological background shaped my faith, my ministry developed my spirituality as a Christian as well as a pastor. In Korea I worked in several Presbyterian churches from 1996 to 2003: Hongik, Ansan-Sihung, and Chungwoon Presbyterian church. Hongic Presbyterian Church belongs to Seoul Presbytery in the Presbyterian Church of Korea. HPC was established about forty-three years ago and his members hast eight hundred. I worked as director of the youth group at the church from 1996 to 2000. My marriage was also solemnized by the officiating senior pastor, Tae Bok Kim, in 1999 at this Church. I was invited as a special preacher for a women's devotional worship service just before I left Korea for studying abroad in America in 2003. Many members of HPC are still praying for us today. My activities at HPC can be classified into various fields: worship service, education, home mission work, foreign mission work, service to society, fellowship with the poor, the aged, and the disabled.

In December 2000, I started ministry at Ansan-Syheung Presbyterian. At this church, from dawn to evening, I had a lot of ministry experiences such as parish ministry, preaching for middle and high school students, and even detailed work as secretary to the senior pastor. May 8th of 2001, I was ordained in the Presbyterian Church of Korea and began to work as an associate pastor at ASPC. Thankfully, my father began to take part in the worship service of a local church on Sunday. Even though we had a lot of work and prayer meetings three times every day that made me immensely tired, I still enjoyed my ministerial work, learned the importance of the philosophy of ministry, and began to understand the heart of lay people with spiritual thirst and need. Moreover, I keenly felt the necessity of true love, gentle care, purity of mind, transparent mode of financial management, humiliation, balanced theology, and God's full empowerment in successful pastoral ministry. In particular, during a holiday trip in the summer, I visited a friend of mine who is a missionary in Beijing, China, for a week, and experienced the real situation of China and Asia missions. This tour enabled me to develop a mind for missions and a wide perspective to see the world and the future.

From January 2002 to July 2003, I worked at Chungwoon Presbyterian Church in Seoul as director of youth ministry. With three thousand members CPC not only supports many missionaries in the world, but also helps small churches in our own country. Through my ministry by God's grace, I am what I am. I not only enjoyed meeting with many teachers and deacons in the church school, but I also shared sincere fellowship with them. During my ministry the youth membership increased about two-fold. We visited an orphan asylum and a home for the aged in Seoul. We had good opportunities to learn the meaning of life and how to share the love of Jesus Christ with the weak. Indeed, I gave much thanks to God for giving me opportunities to learn ministry and how to care for lay people with sincerity and faithfulness under the supervision of a respectable and saintly senior pastor.

In 2003, studying abroad and the birth of my twins provided me new challenges and growth of my spirituality. For three and half years after our marriage we had no child, but God gave us our twin babies in the early morning of November 10, 2003 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Raising my babies, I could not only deeply learn the love of parents and God, but also felt the value and fear of life as well. It is very helpful for my spiritual life and my ministry.

Studying in the U.S.A, I visited many American and several Korean Churches and attended the Korean

Presbyterian Church of Metro Detroit. For me, this was a good experience in getting to know the real situation of the Korean churches. This is also closely related to the reason I would like to transfer my membership from the Presbyterian Church of Korea to the PCUSA. I have felt that the Korean churches in America has much difficulty and spiritual poverty that result from not experiencing the joy of the gospel, grace and the peace from God, while only focusing on the fellowship with others. In this situation, they need to systematically learn the meaning of the gospel based on the life of Jesus Christ, the importance and meaning of the church, and the faithful Christian life. Many Koreans in the U.S.A tend to overlook the relationship with God, neglecting the learning of the God's word. They just attend worship service to be with Koreans, to eat Korean food, and to overcome their loneliness in their immigrant lives. Even though it is important to get together with other Korean immigrants, I felt the necessity that they should have fellowship with God.

I believe that for me, here is a mission field in a spiritual wilderness, even though there are many American Churches. Some Koreans are member of American Churches, but many want to attend Korean Churches because of their language barrier and different culture. With the heart of missionary I came here in order to proclaim the gospel and the reign of God according to the instruction of the Bible. For these reasons, I believe that my mission here is meaningful. By the power of the Holy Spirit I hope my theological learning and pastoral experience from Korea and the U.S.A will be applied to ministry here for the spiritual renewal and growth of God's people, especially the Koreans.

### **Statement of Faith**

The Rev. Mun-Gye Lee

I believe the Bible, which consists of the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments, is the written Word of God. The Bible has supreme and final authority in all matters because it was fully inspired by the Holy Spirit. It also reveals the triune God, who is existing eternally and simultaneously as three distinct persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. All three persons in the Godhead share equally and completely the one divine nature. They are the same God who has equal power, nature, and glory.

I believe God created human beings in His image, but by their sins, which broke God's law, truly fell. All humans, including me, are in miserable state under God's condemnation. Nevertheless, I trust that the triune God's love is unchangeable to humans, because He sent His only son for my salvation.

I believe that my salvation comes not from any works of mine but only by God's free grace. God gives me faith in the power of the Holy Spirit so that I can trust that Jesus is Christ as well as my Savior. I believe that all humans can go to God only through only Jesus Christ because Jesus Christ is both truly God and truly man. He was crucified for all of us, but raised by the power of God. Through his salvific works Jesus Christ, who is the only mediator between God and humanity, reconciles all creatures, including humans, to God.

I believe that the Holy Spirit, who is the Spirit of the Son and the Father, provides me faith, heavenly wisdom and understanding for my justification and sanctification. I believe that I am united to Jesus Christ in my faith through the Holy Spirit. By the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit, I also imitate Jesus Christ, who is the same exact image of God. Through the practice of spiritual discipline and through life in the church empowered by the Holy Spirit, humanity becomes truly human in Jesus Christ.

I believe that Jesus Christ is the Head of the church and the church is the spiritual body of Jesus Christ. I believe that the Holy Spirit provides various gifts to serve the church of God according to the good pleasure of his will. The function of the church is to proclaim God's love toward humans through the power of the Holy Spirit. One of the central goals of the church is to preach the gospel and the reign of God as revealed in the life, cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The faith community of believers is made up of people who are neither perfect nor sinless, but by grace their lives are coming more and more under the control of the Holy Spirit, expressing His love, joy, and peace. The faith community is the primary agency through which Christians can develop the patterns of the Christian life in relation to family and society. It is also essential for Christians to be faithful to their identity, because it strengthens the Christian life through liturgical practices such as baptism and Eucharist.

I believe the Lord Jesus Christ will return to this earth in order to consummate God's salvific history and eternal plan. As the sovereign Lord, God will resurrect and judge all humanity. In the Holy Spirit humans will

participate in the life of the Triune God.

I believe Jesus Christ is the only way of salvation. I also believe that because Christ has commissioned his people, the church, to go into all the world to disciple, to baptize, and to teach all people everywhere to obey his Word, I would like to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to everybody in the power of the Holy Spirit. I believe that the goal of my life is to do all things for the glory of God because I belong to our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Stewardship & Budget Committee Report:** Dan Donaldson encouraged the churches of the Presbytery to send in their Intention forms for 2007 if they have not already done so.

#### **INFORMATION:**

1. The Committee recommended the 2007 proposed budget which depends on a 2% increase in undesignated congregational contributions. The Committee hopes that each church will give serious consideration to increasing their level of support of the work of the Presbytery as they are making budget decisions for next year. As of the date of the Committee's meeting, only 16 of the 66 churches had responded with their 2007 commitment with an increase of less than ½ of 1%.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** None

**Presbyterian Women of Holston Presbytery Report:** Bonnie Agner thanked those present for getting the word out about PW events.

#### **INFORMATION:**

This has been an active year for the women of Holston Presbytery as they have worked individually and collectively to do the work of our Lord here where He has put us. Some of the highlights have been:

1. The **Spring Gathering** was held at **Cold Spring Presbyterian Church** in Bristol with the theme "*Bloom Where You Are Planted.*" **Joyce Tackett** was very inspirational and asked, "Are you a servant leader or a self-serving leader?" 125 women were present with 15 first-timers.
2. June 5-6 **Bonnie Agner**, Moderator, and **Jackie Riddle**, Vice Moderator, were able to attend an informative meeting for the **Synod's Coordinating Team** in Franklin, TN.
3. **The Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women** was held in Louisville, KY July 7-11. Nine of our women (**Jackie Riddle, Peggy Torbett**, voting delegates; **Anna Maddox, Judy Neas, Iva Winebarger, Suzanne Lawson, Mary Jane McClellan, Lee Smith** and **Bonnie Agner**) attended this meeting of over 3,000 Presbyterian Women. The event is held every three years and was the first time that some were able to attend. It is encouraged that everyone go and see what occurs at these meetings.
4. **First Church, Kingsport** was gracious in hosting the **Fall Gathering** on September 9 with the theme "*Creation Celebration*" which emphasized our new study book for 2007 on Genesis. **Susan Smith**, HARC Director, gave a brief overview of the new study. **Gladell Crum** read from "*God's Trombone, The Creation Story.*" 119 attended with seven first-timers.
5. The annual **Spiritual Growth Retreat** was held September 22-24 at our beautiful Camp in Banner Elk. **The Rev. Katherine White** was our leader. Thirty-nine women attended. This was an increase from previous years!

6. October 12 was the annual **Presbyterian Women's Day at Sunset Gap Community Center** in Cosby, TN. Last year at this event, the Holston Presbyterian Women were challenged by me to get more women than East Tennessee Presbytery in attendance in 2006. We did it! It was close; but, Holston had more ladies stand so I was pleased about the interest in this worthwhile Mission of the Church.
7. **Judy Neas** and **Jackie Riddle** attended the **Executive Board Meeting** of the **Columbia Friendship Circle** in Decatur, GA during the month of October. They brought back information about that cause and it is hoped that more women of Holston will become involved in this work.
8. **Holston Presbyterian Women** contribute much to the work of the Lord in their local congregations besides what they contribute to as a unit. As of this date as a unit, they have given:
 

<b>\$3,843 – Thank Offering</b>	<b>\$742 – Least Coin Offering</b>
<b>\$4,254 – Birthday Offering</b>	<b>\$1,503 – Living Waters for the World Project</b>

The Women of Holston Presbytery are a very active and vital part of the Church!

Bonnie Agner, Moderator

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** None

**Church Development & Evangelism Committee Report:**

**INFORMATION:**

1. Applications for the **Virginia Williams Grant** were reviewed and granted as follows:
  - a. Reedy Creek, Kingsport (\$ 1,000) – Provide and install chair lifts for new pastor arriving November 15.
  - b. Magill Memorial (\$ 500) – Reseal and mark church parking lot
  - c. Strawberry Plains – The committee will look for additional funds. It is requested that they state how much their request is for since not noted on application.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** None

**Institutions Committee Report:** Jane Boyd introduced Greg Jordan, President of King College, to give his annual report. Richard Ray was introduced to share information about King's recent connection with Princeton Seminary.

**INFORMATION:**

1. The committee has begun a review of the relationship with Cannon Hospital which has been receiving only grant money for several years.

The covenant with Cannon, undated, was no longer applicable. Minutes of Presbytery in March, 1999 stated that Cannon had changed its Trustees with none being from Holston Presbytery; therefore, Cannon would no longer receive direct support but would be eligible for grant money for a period of time.

The committee asked that Bill Farthing discuss with Cannon administration and trustees for their input on a covenant which furthers the missions of Cannon and Holston – a mutually beneficial relationship. A proposal should be submitted by January, 2007.

2. Bill Farthing has reported that: “the **Cannon Hospital** Board has decided not to renew their relationship with Holston Presbytery. While the hospital has enjoyed the covenant relationship with the presbytery, they felt that discontinuing the covenant was more equitable to the presbytery.”
3. **C. Martin Riley** will assume the role of part-time Executive Director on January 1, 2007 at **Sunset Gap Community Center** in Cosby, TN. He will be available to speak to church groups about the work done at the Gap. The Board of Directors will operate Sunset Gap with a Management Team of long time employees for day-to-day activities. This team will be under Rev. Riley’s supervision and in constant contact.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

4. That Presbytery hear the annual report by Greg Jordan, President of King College. So moved.

**Nominations Committee Report:** Barbara Kelly submitted the following slate of nominees.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. That the following nominees be elected. The motion was approved. New members were asked to stand for an installation service led by Moderator Robert Lowry.
2. That the Committee be authorized to fill vacancies and report them to the next Presbytery meeting. Approved.

	Class of 2009	Class of 2008	Class of 2007
Committee on Ministry	<i>Chip Herndon, IV (E) First, Johnson City</i> <i>Doris Carson (E) Waverly Road</i> <i>Steve Weisz (M)</i> <i>Don Muncie (M)</i>	John Everett (M) Rebecca Nunley (E) First, Elizabethton Tom Phillips (M) David Light (E) Shenandoah	Barbara Kelly (E) Bethel, Kingsport Mary Ann Smith (E) Colonial Heights <i>* Robert Lowry (M)</i> Martin Christian (M)
Representation	<i>Anna Maddox (E) Tabernacle</i> <i>* Ira Howard (M)</i>	Brian Dulaney (L) First, Kingsport Hae K. Estep (L) Tri City Korean	VernElla Hayter (L) First, Morristown Victor Price (CLP) Tabernacle
Administration & Planning	<i>Shirley Pecktol (L) Windsor Avenue</i> <i>Pam Pope (L) Covenant</i> <i>George Rolling (M)</i> <i>Davis Whitesides (M)</i>	Conrad Crow (M) David Hale (M) John Porter (L) First, Kingsport Charles Moore (L) First, Bristol	Doris Carson (L) Waverly Road Robert Curtis (L) First, Elizabethton Ted Hagen, II (M) <i>* Elmon Brown (M)</i>
Youth/Young Adult Ministry	<i>Joyce Paar (L) Colonial Heights</i> <i>Rick Mabe (L) Covenant</i> <i>Donna Hunter (L) Erwin</i> <i>Tim Meredith (M)</i>	Russ Weekley (M) Herbert Van Nostrand (L) First, Bristol Keith Hampton (L) First, Johnson City Clark Lewis (L) Covenant	Angus Shaw (M) Charles Echols (M) <i>* Barron Hopper (M)</i> Alan Kobs (L) First, Greeneville

Church Development & Evangelism	Vacancy (L) <i>* David Light (L) Shenandoah</i> <i>David Hambrick (M)</i> Vacancy (M)	Baron Eliason (M) Bill Hyers (OM) Jim Morgan (L) First, Greeneville Ted Hagen, Sr. (L) Colonial Heights	Joyce Johnson (L) First, Greeneville Gary Bement (M) Harrell Cobb (M) Ben Chambers (L) Rogersville
Congregational Life	<i>Deven Johnson (L) Colonial Heights</i> <i>Jim Pahrís (L) Jonesborough</i> <i>Errol Rohr (M)</i> <i>* Mary Lee Harmon (L) First, Kingsport</i>	Charles Murphy (M) Bill Hyers (M) Ray White (M) Starr Owens (L) Meadowview	Vacancy (L) Bobbie Carroll (L) Covenant Craig Foster (M) Jim Gray (M)
Ethical Issues & Human Needs	<i>Elizabeth Ann Hay (L) Colonial Heights</i> <i>Beth Flannagan (L) First, Bristol</i> <i>Katherine White (M)</i> <i>Jim Mays (M)</i>	Gary Kelly (M) Susan Foster (L) Waverly Road Ted Neeves (L) Bethel, Kingsport John Shuck (M)	Mike Bus (L) Waverly Road Larry Childress (L) Jonesborough Craig Terry (L) Cold Spring <i>* Harrison Taylor (M)</i>
Holston Camp & Retreat Center	<i>Ike Brighton (M)</i> <i>Katie Sword (L) First, Bristol</i> <i>Pat Patton (L) Jefferson City</i>	<i>* Charles Brumley (L) Timber Ridge</i> Mark Knisley (M) Charles Faust (L) First, Elizabethton	Greg Cartwright (M) Bobby Meadows (L) Meadowview John Hurt (L) Bethany
Institutions	<i>Iva Winebarger (L) Bethel, Kingsport</i> <i>Jim McClanahan (M)</i>	Alan Chapman (M) Sue O'Dell (L) Blountville	<i>* Jane Boyd (L) First, Kingsport</i> Phil Kestner (M)
Preparation for Ministry	<i>Peg Lincoln (L) Waverly Road</i> <i>Sharon Amstutz (M)</i> <i>* Brian Wyatt (M)</i>	Mark Stokes (L) First, Greeneville David Welch (M) Mary Lee Harmon (L) First, Kingsport	Gale Manley (L) Preston Hills Earle Barron (M) <i>Tom King (L) First, Bristol</i>
Stewardship & Budget	<i>Don Raber (L) First, Kingsport</i> <i>Gene McFarland (L) Bethany</i> <i>Dennis Maxey (M)</i> <i>Ira Howard (M)</i>	Russ Morgan (M) David Cagle (M) <i>Liza Howle (L) First, Kingsport</i> Peggy Hill (L) First, Bristol	Charlie Smith (L) Waverly Road <i>* Dan Donaldson (M)</i> Dan Clark (M) Chuck Green (L) Waverly Road
World Wide Missions	<i>Gordon Turnbull (M)</i> <i>Bill Goforth (M)</i> <i>Scott Wise (L) Windsor Avenue</i>	Fred Foy Strang (M) Sarah Hauk (L) Reedy Creek, Kingsport <i>Tom Burleson (L) Magill Memorial</i>	<i>* Chuck King (L) Cold Spring</i> <i>* Steve Rembert (M)</i> <i>Vickie Hodges (L) New Bethel</i>
Council At-Large	<i>Barbara Kelly (L) Bethel, Kingsport</i>	<i>Ed Hutchinson (L) Mt. Hermon</i>	Anna Maddox (L) Tabernacle
Nominations	Mark Knisley (M) Richard Burow (L) Preston Hills	<i>* Ike Brighton (M)</i> Jim Skillen (L) Waverly Road	Jane Scott (E) First, Kingsport Peggy Hill (E) First, Bristol
Ordination Exam Readers	<i>To be elected in 12/08</i>	<i>To be elected in 12/07</i>	<i>Mary Lee Harmon (L) First, Kingsport</i> <i>Dan Clark (M)</i> <i>Brian Wyatt (M, Alternate)</i> <i>Carol Baird (L, Alternate)</i> <i>Jonesborough</i>
Institution Trustees	Class of 2009	Class of 2008	Class of 2007
Grandfather Home		Dan Dietrich First, Kingsport	
King College	William G. Adams First, Kingsport Richard Ray (M)		

Lees McRae College			Alan Rothwell First, Kingsport
Sunset Gap Com. Center		George Large First, Morristown Jerry Ward First, Greeneville	Iva Winebarger, Bethel, Kingsport Mary Jane McClelland Cold Spring Julian Culvern First, Morristown
Tusculum College	Hugh Jaynes Don Raber First, Kingsport	Wiley Prugh (life member) (M) Martha Bachman First, Greeneville Jane Piloni First, Greeneville	Dan Donaldson (M) Angus Shaw (M)
	<i>Class of 2011</i>	<i>Class of 2009</i>	<i>Class of 2007</i>
Synod Commissioners	<i>To be elected in 12/10</i>	<i>To be elected in 12/08</i>	<i>T. J. Freshour (E) Cedar Creek</i> Martin Christian (M)
	<i>Class of 2012</i>	<i>Class of 2010</i>	<i>Class of 2008</i>
Trustees	<i>Bill Wade (E) First, Bristol</i> <i>Walter Kirby (E) Bethany</i>	Tom Carroll (E) Reedy Creek, Kingsport <i>* Tom Wilson (E) First, Kingsport</i>	Dorman Stout (E) First, Johnson City Marcia Porter (E) First, Kingsport
Permanent Judicial Committee	<i>Jim Mays (M)</i> <i>Gordon Turnbull (M)</i> <i>Jane Scott (L) First, Kingsport</i>	Bob Millard (E) First, Bristol Chip Herndon, IV (E) First, Johnson City	Don Frederick (M) Linda Handel (E)
General Assembly Commissioners	<i>To be elected in 12/11</i>	<i>To be elected in 12/09</i>	<i>To be elected in 12/07</i>

\* Designates Chair or Co-Chair of Committee

**Bold/Italics:** New members to be elected by presbytery

**12:10 PM - Promotions**

**12:20 PM - Committee on Thanks:** Craig Bell and Jim Kirkpatrick gave their report of thanks.

**12:25 PM - Lunch - Adjournment:** Harrison Taylor reminded the members to give to 3 Cents a Meal and offered prayer. There being no further business, Moderator Bob Lowry announced that the meeting would be adjourned following lunch and prayer by Jim Gray.

\_\_\_\_\_ Robert Lowry, Vice Moderator

\_\_\_\_\_ Richard L. Fifield, Stated Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_ Paulette H. Thompson, Recording Clerk