

**MINUTES  
STATED MEETING OF HOLSTON PRESBYTERY  
September 14, 2010  
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**MINUTES**  
**STATED MEETING OF HOLSTON PRESBYTERY**  
**Holston Presbytery Camp & Retreat Center – Banner Elk, NC**  
**September 14, 2010**

Holston Presbytery met for its stated meeting at Holston Presbytery Camp & Retreat Center in Banner Elk, NC on Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. Moderator Gordon Turnbull welcomed those gathered for the meeting. The meeting was opened with worship and prayer by Commissioned Lay Pastors Tom Burleson and Marcie Cobb. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was served by Tom Burleson, Marci Cobb, Jim Foote and Mary Lee Harmon. An offering for Five Cents a Meal was collected in the amount of \$323.83. Commissioners and guests were welcomed with first time commissioners and guests recognized.

**Enrollment:**

MINISTERS PRESENT/ABSENT:

Name	Present	Absent
Allen, William E.		X
Amstutz, Sharon	X	
Armistead, Robert L.		X
Askew, Catherine Clasen		X
Austin, Richard C.		X
Barron, Earle		X
Bement, Gary		X
Bier, Tom		X
Brighton, Ike	X	
Brown, Elmon	X	
Burkey, Margaret		X
Cagle, David	X	
Campbell, John		X
Cartwright, Gregory	X	
Cave, Payne		X
Chapman, Alan		X
Christian, H. Martin		X
Clark, Dan	X	

Cobb, Harrell L.	X	
Crow, Conrad		X
Donaldson, Dan	X	
Dowling, John		X
Durham, Clarence		X
Echols, Charles W.	X	
Fifield, Richard L.	X	
Florence, Kaye	X	
Frederick, Donald		X
Gilmer, G. Barrett	X	
Goforth, Bill S.	X	
Gray, James L.	X	
Gunn, Yale	X	
Hale, David L.		X
Hambrick, Jr., David C.		X
Herd, William B.		X
Hopper, Barron	X	
Howard, Ira G.		X
Hutchison, Ralph		X
Hyers, William D.	X	
Imsande, Louis	X	
Jordan, Greg		X
Kelly, R. Gary		X
Kestner, C. Phillip		X
Knisley, Mark		X
Lancaster, Lewis		X
Lee, Mun-Gye		X
Lovell, Arnold		X
Lowry, Robert	X	
Martin, James		X

Martin, John L.		X
Maxey, Dennis		X
Mays, James	X	
McClanahan, Jr., James S.	X	
Meredith, Tim W.		X
Miller, David		X
Moore, Diana	X	
Murphy, Charles	X	
Niles, Fred		X
O'Connor, Hayley		X
Parsons, Gradye		X
Peake, Thomas	X	
Phillips, J. Thomas	X	
Prugh, J. Wiley	X	
Ray, Richard		X
Rembert, Steve	X	
Rohr, Errol		X
Rolling, George L.	X	
Saunders, Raymond	X	
Schmidt, Kyle		X
Scruggs, Glenn		X
Shackelford, Edgar P.		X
Shaw, Angus	X	
Shuck, John A.	X	
Sims, David H.		X
Smith, Shane	X	
Spence, Jr., Andrew E.		X
Strang, Fred Foy		X
Sutherland, Terry		X
Sydnor, Charles S.		X

Taylor, Harrison		X
Troyer, Elizabeth	X	
Turnbull, Gordon	X	
Wade, Thomas M. L.		X
Walker, Fred		X
Weekley, Russ	X	
Weisz, Stephen R.	X	
Welch, David	X	
White, Katherine		X
White, Ray		X
White, Robert G.	X	
Whitesides, Davis		X
Wing, III, William T.	X	
Wyatt, Brian	X	
Young, William		X

ELDER COMMISSIONERS:

Congregation	Principal	Alternate	Other
Amity			
Bethany	John Hurt		
Bethel, Dandridge			
Bethel, Kingsport	Harry Bentley		
Blountville	Charles Mays		
Bristol, First			Bill Wade
Cedar Creek	Marci Cobb		
Cedarview	Helen Jones		
Chuckey			
Clinton			
Cold Spring	Bud Smith	Kenneth Alfrey	
Colonial Heights	Ruby Larsen	Clara Hasbrouck	

Cove Creek			
Covenant	Charles Trifiletti		Hal Hunter, Andrea Sutter
Cross Anchor			
Elizabethton, First			
Erwin	Dean Masters		
Grays Chapel			
Greeneville, First	Mary Snowden	Mark Stokes	
Hebron			
Hopewell			
Jefferson City, First			
Jennie Moore			
Johnson City, First	Gilbert Rosenberger		Jim Kirkpatrick, DCE
Jonesborough	Jill Sauceman		Bob Riddle
Keystone	Spencer Pickel		
Kingsport, First	David Garriott		
Leesburg			
Liberty			
Magill Memorial			
Meadowview	Nancy Meadows	Rose Sorrell	
Morristown, First	Brian Wruck	Pat Helms	
Mountain City	Betty Sliger	Selma Fifer	Jeanette Lundy, Libby Talton, Ann Peake
Mt. Hermon			
New Bethel			
New Ebenezer			
New Market			
New Providence			Joe Tretola
Newport			
Oakland			

Old Kingsport			
Philadelphia			
Piney Flats			
Preston Hills	Jim Bell		
Reedy Creek, Bristol			
Reedy Creek, Kingsport	Mike Culbertson		
Rock Creek			
Rogersville	Rebecca George		
Rosemont			
Salem	Frank Huscroft	Peggy Huscroft	
Shady Valley			
Shenandoah			
St. Paul			
Strawberry Plains	Jane Davis		
Tabernacle			
The Journey			
Timber Ridge	Beth Morrell		
Tri City Korean			
Walkertown			
Watauga Avenue			Mike Miyamoto, Janis Miyamoto, Karen Foote
Waverly Road	Jack Lowe	Jim Skillen	Charlie Smith
Weaver Union			
West Ridge	Gladys Shackelford		
Whitesburg			
Windsor Avenue			
Zion			

PRESBYTERY STAFF: Craig Bell, Kim Fifield, Susan Smith, Paulette Thompson

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Hal Hunter (Camp), Sue O'Dell (Institutions), Judy Watkins (Presbyterian Women)

COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS: Anthony Barnett, Tom Burleson, Marcie Cobb, Mike Culbertson, Jim Foote, Mary Lee Harmon, Jeff Morelock, Jackie Riddle

VISITING MINISTERS:

VISITORS: Leslie Carter (Lees-McRae College); Caroline Hart (Lees-McRae College); Angie Dean (Tusculum College); Jim Swinkola, Mae Weed, Robert Wiltshire (Grandfather Home); Miller Lyons (Camp Board); Andrea Sutter (Youth & Young Adult Ministry); Carl Storm, Sandy Storm (Camp); Betty and Bill Cox (Camp); Christine Prugh (Camp); Carla Brown

### 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 June 5, 2010 Stated Meeting
- Appointment of Committee on Thanks: Yale Gunn, Hal Hunter
- Appointment of the Bills & Overture Committee: Tom Burleson, Mark Stokes
- Treasurer's Report
- And, Adoption of the Docket

## Holston Presbytery Treasurer's Report General Mission Budget

	<u>Jan - Jul 10</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
60160 - Unified Mission Designated Fund (Unified Mission Designated Fu)	16,759.87	27,000.00	62.07%
60500 - Unified Monies (Unified Monies)	280,639.79	485,000.00	57.86%
61905 - Interest Income (Interest Income)	<u>20,715.37</u>	<u>39,485.00</u>	<u>52.46%</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	318,115.03	551,485.00	57.68%
<b>Expense</b>			
70100 - Presbytery Council/Governing Bo (Presbytery Council/Governing)	65,548.96	110,026.07	59.58%
70200 - Committee on Ministry (Committee on Ministry)	1,165.33	1,500.00	77.69%



70300 · Committee Prep for Ministry (Committee Prep for Ministry)	15.25	2,500.00	0.61%
70400 · WW Mission Committee (WW Mission Committee)	0.00	750.00	0.0%
70500 · Congregational Life Committee (Congregational Life Committee)	2,354.63	6,500.00	36.23%
70600 · EIHN Committee (EIHN Committee)	61.88	750.00	8.25%
70700 · Church Development & Evangelism (Church Development & Evangelism)	8,235.11	15,550.00	52.96%
70800 · Committee on Institutions (Committee on Institutions)	11,250.00	20,000.00	56.25%
70900 · Administration & Planning Com (Administration & Planning Com)	211,485.15	367,850.25	57.49%
71100 · Stewardship & Budget Committee (Stewardship & Budget Committee)	72.24	0.00	100.0%
71200 · Holston Camp & Retreat Center (Holston Camp & Retreat Center)	29,675.91	45,000.00	65.95%
71300 · Youth & Young Adult Ministry (Youth & Young Adult Ministry)	12,850.01	20,000.00	64.25%
71400 · Trustees (Trustees)	22.25	0.00	100.0%
71500 · Nominations (Nominations)	0.00	0.00	0.0%
71600 · Representation (Representation)	0.00	0.00	0.0%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>342,736.72</b>	<b>590,426.32</b>	<b>58.05%</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-24,621.69</b>	<b>-38,941.32</b>	<b>63.23%</b>
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## Holston Presbytery Treasurer's Report September 14, 2010

Jul 31, 10

### ASSETS

#### Current Assets

#### Checking/Savings

10000 · CHECKING - CITIZENS BANK (Checking - Citizens Bank)	
10111 · Select Monies (Select Monies)	34,754.41
10211 · Hattie Farthing Fund (Hattie Farthing Fund)	2,235.36
10320 · Holston Seminary Student Fund (Holston Seminary Student Fund)	3,919.39
10410 · Global Mission Fund (Global Mission Fund)	1,614.36
10415 · Brazil Mission Trip (Brazil Mission Trip)	-7,945.47
10420 · 5 Cents-a-Meal Local (5 Cents-a-Meal Local)	489.11
10421 · 5 Cents-a-Meal International (5 Cents-a-Meal International)	3,360.96
10530 · Indian Ridge Payment (Indian Ridge Payment)	1,000.00
10531 · Youth Ministry Endowment (Youth Ministry Endowment)	1,250.00
10640 · EIHN - Restoring Creation (EIHN - Restoring Creation)	1,425.00
10712 · Ministry - Hawkins County (Ministry - Hawkins County)	8,125.00
10714 · Church Hill - Undesignated (Church Hill - Undesignated)	3,625.00

10752 · New Church Development/Designated (New Church Development/Design)	-7,500.08
10755 · Synod NCD Money (Synod NCD Money)	-0.08
11861 · Williams Capital Fund Interest (Williams Capital Fund Int.)	7,888.68
11862 · Williams Program Fund Interest (Williams Program Fund Int.)	9,839.69
11910 · Honoraria - EP (Honoraria - EP)	908.69
15000 · Charitable Gift Annuity (Charitable Gift Annuity)	-1,612.32
20000 · Citizens Bank (Citizens Bank)	
20210 · Pastoral Care (Pastoral Care)	3,144.20
20531 · Youth Triennium (Youth Triennium)	8.21
20710 · Church Development (Church Development)	308.87
20750 · New Church Development (New Church Development)	2,891.98
20780 · Evangelism (Evangelism)	8,906.99
20911 · Equipment Reserve (Equipment Reserve)	690.08
21810 · Devries Scholarship Fund a (Devries Scholarship Fund)	37.99
21820 · Grigsby Scholarship (Grigsby Scholarship)	5,595.43
21830 · Braziel Scholarship (Braziel Scholarship)	2,191.46
21840 · Dixon Scholarship (Dixon Scholarship)	2,194.29
21881 · Ninth Street Loan Fund - Hold (Ninth Street Loan Fund - Hold)	3,100.94
Total 20000 · Citizens Bank (Citizens Bank)	29,070.44
10000 · CHECKING - CITIZENS BANK (Checking - Citizens Bank) - Other	64,208.29
Total 10000 · CHECKING - CITIZENS BANK (Checking - Citizens Bank)	156,656.43
30000 · PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION (Presbyterian Foundation)	
30211 · Hattie Farthing Fund (Hattie Farthing Fund)	30,554.39
30710 · Church Development (Church Development)	25,890.62
30730 · Small Church Fund (Small Church Fund)	135,789.95
30750 · New Church Development (New Church Development)	59,719.69
31820 · Grigsby Scholarship (Grigsby Scholarship)	67,452.47
31830 · Braziel Scholarship (Braziel Scholarship)	34,558.08
31840 · Dixon Scholarship (Dixon Scholarship)	28,345.43
31870 · Pattie Bushong Fund (Pattie Bushong Fund)	1,723.11
31880 · Robinson Fund (Robinson Fund)	699.03
31881 · Ninth Street Loan Fund (Ninth Street Loan Fund)	10,635.50
31882 · Ninth Street Scholarship (Ninth Street Scholarship)	41,892.32
31883 · Tusculum College Endowment (Tusculum College Endowment)	89,096.79
Total 30000 · PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION (Presbyterian Foundation)	526,357.38
Total Checking/Savings	683,013.81
Other Current Assets	
40000 · The PFSA, Inc Grant-Restricted (The PFSA, Inc Grant-Restricted)	627,000.00
Total Other Current Assets	627,000.00
Total Current Assets	1,310,013.81
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,310,013.81</b>



## Accounting & Tax Professionals

*Stephen C. Stanfield, CEPS  
Robert M. Thomas*

August 24, 2010

Holston Presbytery, Inc.  
The Council  
1415 Waverly Road  
Kingsport, TN 37664

We have reviewed the statement of financial position of Holston Presbytery, Inc. (the "Presbytery"), a nonprofit Corporation, as of December 31, 2009, and the related statements of revenue and expenses for the year ended December 31, 2009. All information included in these financial statements is the representation of the management of the Presbytery.

A review consists principally of inquiries of Presbytery personnel and analytical procedures applied to financial data. It is substantially less in scope than an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with the cash basis of accounting which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

  
Stanfield, Thomas & Associates, LLC

The Consent Agenda was approved.

**Docketed New Business:** None

**Stated Clerk's Report:** Rich Fifield reported.

**INFORMATION:**

1. Received the minutes of the Commission to Ordain William Evan Walker as Minister of the Word and Sacrament on May 23, 2010. (See Below)
2. Received correspondence from Vennie Constant, National Registrar for the 2010 Presbyterian Youth Triennium, expressing appreciation to the Rev. Brian Wyatt for serving as the presbytery registrar for the event.
3. Received reports from the Holston Presbytery General Assembly Commissioners (See Below)

**MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION** of Holston Presbytery to ordain **William Evan Walker** as a **Minister of the Word and Sacrament of the Presbyterian Church (USA)**.

The Commission, according to the appointment of Holston Presbytery, met at *First Presbyterian Church* in *Johnson City, TN* on May 23, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. with ministers Louis Imsande, Earl Barron and elders Jeff Brunson (Jonesborough), Cheryl Rice (Covenant) and Gilbert Rosenberger (First, Johnson City) present. Reverend Imsande opened the meeting with prayer and was elected Moderator and Clerk of the Commission. A quorum was declared. Responsibilities and procedures for the Service of Ordination were reviewed. The Commission recessed to be reconvened in the presence of the congregation at 11:00 a.m. and agreed to adjourn at the benediction.

Reverend Louis Imsande reconvened the Commission in the presence of the congregation at 11:00 a.m. and opened the morning's worship service with prayer. A sermon "Watered Down Jesus, In or Out?" was delivered by Rev. Imsande with scripture from Revelations 3:15-20. The Service of Ordination was led by a Statement of Purpose from Elder Jeff Brunson. Elder Gilbert Rosenberger presented the candidate. Constitutional Questions to the Candidate were delivered by Rev. Imsande and answered in the affirmative by the minister-elect. A Prayer of Ordination was given by Elder Cheryl Rice and the Declaration of Ordination and Welcome by Rev. Imsande. Rev. Earl Barron delivered the Charge to the Minister.

The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Evan Walker and the meeting was concluded at approximately 12:00 p.m. After the service, the commission members and congregation offered an appropriate expression of cordial reception and affectionate regard.

Signed by Clerk: *Rev. Louis Imsande*

## Report from the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly

### Minister Commissioner, Brian Wyatt, Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church

Having been a Presbyterian for 37 years, and an ordained minister for 10, moderating numerous Session meetings (even a few contentious ones), I was amazed to discover how much was left to be learned about parliamentary procedures and the way overtures work their way through the General Assembly. However, I now feel confident in understanding the process for perfecting a substitute motion in order that the body may address whether the substitute motion should become the main, or in keeping up with the committee as we debated whether to approve an amendment to an amendment to a substitute motion.

However, I also came away from the Assembly with another important learning. Like perhaps many other faithful and interested Presbyterians, I have often found myself questioning decisions and actions that have come out of the GA. Oftentimes what I have heard or about the actions of the GA have seemed, in my opinion, to be at odds with the Church as I have experienced it. Because I know that whatever examples I might offer here will not be those which are called to the mind of my fellow Presbyterians, I will simply invite you to consider those actions of the GA which have led you to shake your head or question the direction of our beloved denomination, and to trust that many of us have shared such concerns.

I believe and trust Holston Presbytery elected me, along with my fellow commissioners and advisory delegate, not because we were the best candidates to push a particular agenda on behalf of the Presbytery, but because you trusted each of us to do the best we could to listen to the movement of the Holy Spirit and to faithfully serve the church we love so dearly. In every interaction I shared with my fellow commissioners and advisory delegates from across the country, I found the same sincerity of heart and singleness of purpose. We ALL came together seeking the best for the future of our church.

I cannot imagine any one of the 712 commissioners or 173 advisory delegates came away from the Assembly having seen every vote go the way he or she would have wished. On more than one occasion, the body decided in opposition to my vote, just as I voted with the majority opinion on other occasions (especially and most consistently when the motion was to move the previous question!) But in all things, I came away believing the best about my friends and colleagues, that, as every presbyter has vowed to do, we all wished to “be a friend among our colleagues in ministry.” And at those times the body did not decide as I voted, I have done my best to trust in the collective decision of my fellow Presbyterians and to believe that those decisions still represent the movement of the Holy Spirit within our church. As author and minister Joan Gray writes in *Presbyterian Polity for Church Officers*:

One of the historic principles of church order as stated in our Form of Government is “that there are truths and forms with respect to which men of good character and principles may differ” [G-1.0305]...Our form of church government is based on the idea that God’s Spirit moves in and through the actions of the church’s governing bodies. Debate, discussion, and orderly decision making are some of the ways we explore the will of God and hear God’s voice. We take seriously the idea that “where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them” (Matt. 18:20)...This theology requires that we respect the decision of the group, even though we may disagree with it. We bow to the will of the majority, believing that even if the decision is wrong, God can still bring something good out of our failure. (161)

By way of example, I share a couple of actions decided by the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. Conservative groups were dismayed by actions that would recommend to Presbyteries changing the language of G-6.0106b, the oft debated ordination standard lifting up “fidelity in marriage or chastity in singleness” as a requirement for ordained office, and substituting in its place the language of “lifting up

submission to the lordship of Jesus Christ” as the highest calling to ordained office. Likewise, many conservative groups were disappointed by a resolution urging the Board of Pensions to provide benefits to same sex partners and children of same sex couples. However, liberal groups were also discouraged when a motion to redefine marriage as a covenant between two people (as opposed to between a man and a woman) did not pass, nor did overtures to divest PCUSA assets from Caterpillar due to the use of its equipment in destroying Palestinian homes by the IDF.

Each commissioner (equally divided between ministers and elders representing all the Presbyteries) and advisory delegate (including young adult advisory delegates, theological student advisory delegates, missionary advisory delegates, and ecumenical advisory delegates) was randomly assigned to one of 19 committees which collectively acted on over 263 overtures and resolutions as they made their way to the Assembly floor. My particular assigned committee was Middle East Peacemaking, which dealt with the aforementioned Caterpillar issue as well as overtures regarding Iraq and Israel/Palestine. Many of these items proved contentious and resulted in heated and impassioned debates. However, I was heartened to be able to share coffee or a meal with fellow presbyters, including those who had spoken in opposition to me at times.

And this, I believe, is what our denomination is lacking—a spirit of trust and goodwill among our fellow Presbyterians, even those we do not know personally. Trust that those who differ from us in theological opinion still seek to be faithful to God’s will, still love the same church as we do. The actions of the GA represent the collective will of ministers and elders who are selected by their presbyteries, who are active in ministry in their churches, and who try to love God and neighbor as best as they are able. If I could share any encouragement to my colleagues in Holston Presbytery from my General Assembly experiences, it is this: As you consider the matters which have come out of this GA, some of which you may find yourself not in agreement with, take time to pray and to study the issues. Do not base your opinions on these matters solely on the reports of various advocacy groups who present only one sided, myopic views of controversial issues. Trust in the goodwill of our fellow presbyters, as well as in the process by which our denomination has sought God’s will for the Presbyterian Church since we first met in 1789 in Philadelphia convened by the Rev. John Witherspoon (and our ancestors in the faith since the first General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in December 1560!). And be willing to engage in open dialogue with your fellow Presbyterians, particularly those with whom you may disagree. And be open to having your opinion, whatever it may be, changed through the voice of the Holy Spirit as it may come through faithfully studying the Scriptures, engaging in prayer, and listening to our friends across the denomination. As our Book of Order reminds us, our Church “is not designed to work without trust and love.” (G-7.0103)

I also encourage my fellow presbyters to consider all of the additional, wonderful actions that took place at GA but which were often not controversial and therefore have not gotten the attention of other more publicized items. Several thousand Presbyterians from across the nation gathered on Sunday morning to celebrate the first ever baptism to have taken place at a General Assembly and to celebrate the Lord’s Supper together, a bond that transcends all our diverse theological differences. We celebrated the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UNICEF Trick or Treat offering, an outreach project started by a Presbyterian minister and his wife. We celebrated the voices and participation of young adults and missionaries in the life of our church. We passed on a new confession from our Reformed brothers and sisters from the church in South Africa (Belhar) as well as a new, and much more concise, Form of Government to our Presbyteries for consideration. If the Belhar Confession passes a super-majority of the Presbyteries, it will become the first new confession of our denomination added since a Brief Statement of Faith was commissioned by the reunion of the northern (PCUS) and southern (UPCUSA) Presbyterian churches in 1983.

I am grateful to Holston Presbytery for affording me this invaluable experience, and for trusting me as one of your minister commissioners to the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

### **Report from the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly**

#### **Minister Commissioner, Dan Clark, Waverly Road Presbyterian**

When I left for General Assembly I was a happy, young man. When I returned to Kingsport after committee meetings and plenary sessions that began at 9:00AM and ended at 11:00PM, I was old and grumpy. But it wasn't just the long meetings that made me feel that way. I served on the Civil Union and Marriage Committee. At our first meeting we spent some time getting to know each other. There were fifty-six members on our committee. Sitting right in front of me was another minister. He asked me if I had even been a commissioner to General Assembly before. I said, "Yes, in 1983." He responded, "I was one year old then." It was at that point I realized that 60 is not the new 40.

As I reflect on my experience at General Assembly I think that commissioners were trying to be faithful to what they believe to be the good news of Jesus Christ. But the left hand does not trust what the right hand is doing nor does the right hand trust what the left hand is doing. As long as that is the case, we will continue to struggle as a denomination.

One of the things we talked about in our committee was making decisions out of faith and not out of fear. There was an underlying current of hope that decisions would be made that would help to unify the church. There was also the realization that we could take action that might further divide the church. It was obvious that we would not agree on all issues because we interpret Scripture differently. We hoped there would be a way to agree to disagree, respect each other's views and remain sisters and brothers in faith.

It was a time of emotional ups and downs. There were times when it felt like people were really working for the unity of the church. There were times when it felt like decisions were being made that would further alienate people. And then there were the moments when it felt like the Holy Spirit was at work in this place among these people.

I think our denomination would like to be a shining light as to how God's people can work together, a continuation of the story of Peter and Cornelius, but we haven't figured out how to do that yet. I appreciate the willingness to discuss difficult issues that face all of God's people.

The Moderator of the PCUSA for the next two years will be Cindy Bolbach, an elder from First Presbyterian Church in Arlington, Virginia. She was the only elder running against five ministers and she won on the fourth ballot after many glitches in the voting process.

Getting to know the other commissioners from Holston Presbytery was a special part of the experience. Holston Presbytery was well served by Brian Wyatt, Tony Barnett, Gilbert Rosenberger and our Youth Advisory Delegate, Mary Beth Shults.

One of the things I experienced on the way home was the realization that I love the church, the PCUSA. But, I also realized that could be a problem. Is it possible that I love the church more than I love Jesus. Rather than become anxious about the struggles of the church, is it possible that I need to love Jesus more?

## **Report from the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly**

### **Elder Commissioner Gilbert Rosenberger, First Church, Johnson City**

I appreciate the opportunity to represent Holston Presbytery at the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (GA), which was held in Minneapolis, MN July 3<sup>rd</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010. The theme was “Rivers of Living Water”, taken from John 7:38: “Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water”, using the logo shown above. There were 712 commissioners and 200 advisory delegates plus observers and visitors. Voting was conducted electronically with hand held devices, which sped up getting the results tabulated. Laptop computers were used during both Committee and GA meetings to keep track of items being discussed, and were intended to minimize the amount of paper used.

Commissioners from Holston Presbytery were Dan Clark (Waverly Road) and Brian Wyatt (Timber Ridge) as Minister Commissioners. Tony Barnette (Windsor Avenue) and Gilbert Rosenberger (First, Johnson City) were Elder Commissioners. Mary Beth Shultz (Erwin) was the Young Adult Advisory Delegate. Anna Maddox (Tabernacle), who was originally asked to serve as Elder Commissioner, was not able to attend.

The Assembly was hosted by the Presbytery of Twin Cities Area, in partnership with the Presbytery of Northern Waters and the Presbytery of Minnesota Valleys. They did an outstanding job of meeting the needs of the commissioners and other attendees. Also, they provided for a 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic Sunday evening on the banks of the Mississippi River from which we could watch the fireworks over Minneapolis.

The first events of the GA were pre-assembly workshops held the Saturday morning, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, in which presentations of larger topics were made. I elected to attend the workshop about the proposed new Form of Government. I came away from this workshop with the feeling that there is no plan to compromise our current standards with this proposal. The reason for the changes is to make it easier to meet the various standards, particularly for smaller churches that may not have sufficient personnel to fill all of the positions required by the current Book of Order. Sections of the Book of Order dealing with Ordination Standards and church property were ‘off-limits’ for changes, and are incorporated verbatim in the new Form of Government.

On Saturday afternoon and evening, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, there were two business meetings of the GA. The purpose of these meetings was to get commissioners familiar with the meeting procedures and the site in the Convention Center, and to elect a Moderator. There were six (6) candidates for Moderator. Elder Cynthia Bolbach from the National Capital Presbytery was elected after four votes. She and Stated Clerk Gradye Parsons did an outstanding job of running the GA meetings. All viewpoints were treated equally and given time to be heard. The one demonstration that occurred during a meeting was swiftly and cleanly handled.

On Sunday morning, July 4<sup>th</sup>, there was a Worship Service for the General Assembly, held in the Assembly Hall. The service was a ‘blended service’ which included music and dance of many styles and cultures, and a first-ever baptism at a General Assembly. Former Moderator, the Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow preached and expressed concern about the absence of young adult members of the denomination. An offering of \$33,189.58 was received to be distributed to the Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women, PCUSA Office of Collegiate Ministries, Presbyterian Student Advocacy Leadership Team, Presbyterian Student Fellowship, and Presbyterian Clearwater Forest.

The 19 Committees of the GA each met six (6) times Sunday afternoon through Tuesday afternoon for about 3 hours each meeting. I was assigned to Committee #15, Church Growth, Christian Education, Investment & Loan Program. We considered Overtures concerning unions and transfers of



churches, concurred with proposals for awards, approved the list of colleges and universities related to the PCUSA, and reviewed the report of the PCUSA Investment and Loan Program for 2008 and 2009. The Committee also participated in the "Traveling Light" Bible study series. We used Luke 10:1-11 and discussed it in small groups which were changed at each meeting. This allowed each participant to hear many different viewpoints and interpretations, which built up with each meeting. Other scripture which was recommended for this type of study was Genesis 12:1-3, Exodus 19:5-6, Isaiah 6:8, Matthew 28:18-20, John 20:21, and Acts 1:8. The Committee heard reports from the Youth Task Force, Community Building Task Force and Racial Diversity of Congregations Task Force.

Starting Wednesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, the General Assembly met in Plenary Session three times each day, morning, afternoon and evening to consider and vote on Overtures which were reported out of the various committees. Following is a list of 'hot topic' subjects with a brief discussion of each in generally the order that they were considered:

**Form of Government** – The GA voted 468 – 204 (70%-30%) to approve a massive revision of the Book of Order. The revisions are intended to make the Form of Government more missional and less regulatory. The GA also approved, by 566 – 104 (84%-16%), a middle governing body commission to act for the GA on realignment requests from synods and presbyteries. The commission may only act if there is a majority affirmative vote of the affected governing body.

**Doctrinal Statements** – The GA voted 525 – 150 (78%-22%) to approve sending the Belhar Confession to the presbyteries for their approval to be included in the Book of Confessions. This Confession was developed in the mid-1980s by the South African churches as their theological response to the racism of apartheid. The GA also voted to continue correcting the "incomplete and insufficient" translation of the Heidelberg Confession from the original German into English.

**Replacement of G-6.0106b of the Book of Order** – The GA voted 373 – 323 (53%-46%) to approve an amendment which removes this ordination standard and substitutes language that allows governing bodies to apply their own standards to individual candidates. This will be the fourth time that proposed amendments to this paragraph have been sent to presbyteries for their approval. These amendments have been rejected by the presbyteries each time so far.

**Civil Unions and Marriage** – The GA voted to maintain the current constitutional definition of marriage as "between a man and a woman", but voted 439 – 208 (68%-32%) to approve the report of its Special Committee. This report calls for further discussion and study of the issues surrounding marriage and unions. The GA also voted to send a minority report to presbyteries that defends the current stance against any sexual relations outside of heterosexual marriage. The Assembly also voted 366 – 287 (56%-44%) to urge the Board of Pensions to extend the same benefits to same gender couples as it does to married members.

**The Middle East** – The GA voted 558 – 119 (82%-18%) to approve the report "Breaking Down the Walls" from the Assembly's Middle East Study Committee which affirms Israel's right to exist and commends for study a statement by Palestinian Christian leaders that emphasizes hope for liberation, nonviolence, love of enemy and reconciliation. The GA also voted 529 – 135 (80%-20%) to refer a theological paper on the relationship between Christians and Jews back for revision. Opponents argued that this paper was flawed because Palestinian Christians were not included in its development. A paper on Christian-Muslim relations that calls for greater dialogue, understanding and cooperation was adopted 548 – 29 (95%-5%).

I have a copy of the documents "Breaking Down the Walls" and the proposed Revised Form of Government. I also obtained information about the new PCUSA Investment & Loan Program, agencies of

the General Assembly and PCUSA related Schools, Colleges and Universities. I will be glad to make any of these documents available upon request.

## **Report from the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly**

### **Young Adult Advisory Delegate – Mary Beth Shults, Erwin Presbyterian**

This summer from July 1-10, I had the chance to serve as your Y.A.A.D. (young adult advisory delegate) to our church's 219th General Assembly in Minneapolis. As a Y.A.A.D, I had the incredible opportunity to meet Presbyterians from all over the country and even the world to help our church be the best possible with God's guidance. I stayed with about 150 other Y.A.A.D.'s and became very close with several of them. It was amazing to see so many people of our denomination gathered together for the purpose of serving our church.

There is one thing that always amazes me about when a lot of so called "Frozen Chosen" get together as a group. We have energy. I saw people clapping, dancing, and best of all, YAADs leading "plenergizers!" (Traditional youth energizers that took place in the large meetings.) That Sunday morning worship was one of the most inspiring and fantastic things I have ever seen. The pastor was the outgoing moderator, Bruce Reyes-Chow, who spoke about the changing times and how we cannot let ourselves be afraid of this and how we, as a church, will have to let our young people lead us into these times.

Serving as a youth delegate is an exceptional experience. I became amazingly close to a group of people from all over the country that I had never met before. We found a huge amount of love and support in this small family, and we intend to stay in touch and continue to share this love. We also found a huge amount of love in commissioners we met. For example, I met an older commissioner in my small group that was able to pray for me in a way that I had not been able to verbalize. The other amazing thing to see as a youth was that sometimes it just takes one voice to influence a vote, and the youth can and did step into that role. It was fantastic to see that we can make a difference.

General Assembly is such a different experience from anything else, especially from things like youth rallies. Presbyterians' whole approach to our government is an amazing feat of discernment, discussion, and decisions, while continuously emphasizing the inter-connectedness of the P.C. (U.S.A.) In the main meetings of Plenary where there are approximately 700 delegates and commissioners to vote on various issues. The first thing that is always done is a small worship service and during the sessions prayers for discernment are unceasing. After hearing the issues, the guided discussion on the floor was almost always fair and civil. Our elected moderator, Cindy Bolbach, and her vice moderator, Landon Whitsit, were very good at leading balanced discussion and will be strong leaders for our church in these next two years.

The hardest thing about my committee, Mission Coordination, was facing the stark reality of the decline of funds. For example, requests would come to us to designate more funds to certain projects or requests would come to start programs that really are needed—for incarcerated people and also one for collegiate ministry, as well as one for the Young Adult Volunteer program. We had to figure out how we could possibly support these programs with a budget that needs to cut back. It was tough. Emotions ran high. It was hard to do our work well, with God's spirit and while trying to not hurt people.

At every General Assembly there are those few issues that present controversy and anger, the issues that no one can seem to agree on. However, my understanding is that this was one of those exceptional years where the debate was amazingly calm and reasonable for such emotion. It inspired me

personally as a YAAD to see the youth understand and accept each other's differing viewpoints on such issues while still meditating on our decisions personally.

A group of YAADS with Stated Clerk Gradye Parsons, Vice Moderator Landon Whitsit and Moderator Cindy Bolbach



Serving as a YAAD was one of the best experiences I have ever had. I was able to grow and learn in ways that I had never been offered before. In many ways, General Assembly makes me proud to be Presbyterian. It gave me a renewed enthusiasm that we don't always see in our denomination. It was encouraging to see the support that is given to youth; YAADS were told that we are also the church of today, and I would encourage us to not forget that. Thank you for all your support.

Mary Beth Shults,  
2010 YAAD for Holston



YAADs leading plenergizers!



The Moderator's Cross

Artwork done during the opening worship on Sunday.



10:00 AM – Group was dismissed to participate in Small Group time with members of the Council Task Force as co-leaders to field questions on the Task Force’s findings on mission priorities.

11:00 AM – Meeting was reconvened.

**Council Report:** Mark Stokes commended the Task Force on their work.

The meeting was held on Tuesday, August 31, 2010 at the offices of Holston Presbytery and was called to order by Moderator Mark Stokes at 3:00 p.m. with prayer and a devotional. A quorum was declared.

Present were: Sharon Amstutz, Craig Bell, Elmon Brown, David Cagle, Martin Christian, Dan Clark, Clara Hasbrouck, Bob Hart, Sandra Hogan, Hal Hunter, Barbara Kelly, Jim Mays, Sue O’Dell, John Shuck, Mark Stokes, Gordon Turnbull, Judy Watkins, Russ Weekley, Paulette Thompson, Rich Fifield, Kim Fifield, Susan Smith. Visitors from the Council Task Force on Mission Priorities included Dan Donaldson and Gary Kelly.

**Reports/Recommendations to Council:**

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

Treasurer’s Report: Kim Fifield noted the report in the packet.

Moderator’s Report: Gordon Turnbull reported no report.

Vice-Moderator’s Report: Clara Hasbrouck reported that CLP’s Tom Burleson, Marcie Cobb and Gloria Baird are planning the service and Tom will deliver the message.

**Committee Reports:**

1. Council Task Force on Mission Priorities –The Council asked questions of the Task Force members, taking action on the recommendations offered. (See the attached Task Force report and Council actions.) The Council Moderator expressed appreciation for the Task Force and their work.
2. Presbyterian Women – Request to celebrate the Lord’s Supper at the Presbyterian Women Fall Retreat and Spring Gathering. Approved
3. Stewardship and Budget – The audit of the 2009 Holston Presbytery financial statements and records, as required by G-11.0307, has been completed. The full report is on file in the presbytery office and is available upon request. (See auditor’s letter in Treasurer’s Report.)

The Draft Copy of Handout Packet for the September 14, 2010 stated meeting of presbytery at Holston Presbytery Camp & Retreat Center in Banner Elk, NC, including proposed docket and committee reports to presbytery, was reviewed for changes.

**Future Dates for Council and Presbytery meetings in 2010/2011:**

Council

November 16, 2010  
February 22, 2011  
May 24, 2011  
August 30, 2011  
November 15, 2011

Presbytery

December 7, 2010 – Colonial Heights  
March 5, 2011 – First, Kingsport  
June 4, 2011 – St. Paul  
September 13, 2011 – Holston Camp  
December 6, 2011 – Open

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m. with prayer by Gordon Turnbull. The Council Minutes Committee met and approved the minutes following adjournment.

Respectfully submitted: Paulette H. Thompson

<b>COUNCIL ACTION</b>	<b><u>Council Task Force on Mission Priorities Report</u></b>
<p>REF to Youth &amp; Young Adult Com.</p> <p>REF to Youth &amp; Young Adult Com.</p>	<p>Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ and Members of the Council of Holston Presbytery:</p> <p><b>Introduction</b></p> <p>We the members of the Task Force have prayerfully and thoughtfully undertaken the task you have given us, that is to provide a recommendation from an unbiased group to “determine which programs, ministries, and committee activities are most relevant and vital in fulfilling our vision and mission” and “to insure that we are adequately funding our most critical programs.” We have sought to do this by listening to the staff and the members of Presbytery. We sent letters to each church in the presbytery, created a task force email account in order to receive communications, had a designated time at the June presbytery meeting for small group listening sessions, and made ourselves available to attend sessions or other groups who would like to express their sentiments on this issue. It was our prayer that we would be open and transparent and willing to hear the concerns of the churches and members of Holston Presbytery.</p> <p>Through this season of discernment we have drawn some interesting insights and conclusions. Although there were some differences of opinion, there did not seem to be a contentious spirit among the members of Presbytery and while priorities varied, we did find common ground. The general response to ‘What is the Mission of our Presbytery?’ fell into three categories. <b>The consensus we gathered was that we are called to serve God by sharing Jesus Christ and the gospel through the mission and ministry of the church which is undergirded by our connectional relationships.</b></p> <p>As we navigated our way through this course we continually attempted to focus on those things that we can do together as a Presbytery, but we cannot do alone as individual churches.</p> <p><b>Ministry</b></p> <p>Although there are a variety of ways to do ministry, we heard a strong sense of support for ministry to our Youth, Young Adults and our camp and conference center. In each of these areas we heard many creative suggestions for continuing these ministries within the confines of our diminishing resources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Employment of a part-time or shared position to coordinate and direct youth activities at the presbytery level or oversee duties assigned to existing personnel.</li><li>• Seek opportunities for more extensive use of the wonderful facility at ETSU through collaborative efforts with other ministries. Collaboration with other campus ministries on multiple campuses throughout the Presbytery could result in ultimately reaching more young adults currently limited by our one location.</li></ul>

REF to Holston Camp Com.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In addition to the traditional act of “camping,” the reconfiguration of current camp programs that could be made ‘portable’ and taken to local church or leadership training and other connectional events or those that could occur at our conference center.</li> </ul>
REF to Holston Camp Com.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rethink camp ministry from one in which the financial seems to prevail over mission. Mission should be paramount in the ultimate goal of camp ministry.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Mission</b></p>
	<p>Many churches expressed a need for Presbytery help in the area of Evangelism and Outreach.</p>
REF to Church Development Com. World-Wide Mission Com. Congregational Life Com. Ethical Issues Com.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A clear message to the task force was the importance of the Presbytery in support of efforts by individual churches to accomplish broader mission objectives. Suggestions included the following.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offer Presbytery-wide educational events on Evangelism and other areas of interest regarding mission and outreach. (How do we do evangelism? Teach us!)</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mindful that working together as disciples of Christ we can accomplish more, that we seek additional ways to do mission projects within the boundaries of our own Presbytery through facilitation by current staff. This could include <u>encouraging</u>, acting as <u>liaison</u> for or <u>facilitating</u> new mission initiatives (a Presbytery disaster response team always ready for action; interest groups for those with varied interests) or the combining of other mission initiatives currently ongoing in churches within the Presbytery (mission trips undertaken by multiple churches, 5 Cents a Meal).</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In order to more fully meet the mission of the church, review and consider redefining current committee structure to address the evolving denomination, being proactive about moving from a staff-driven organization to one driven by committee, incorporating the thought that committee membership be more task specific and time limited.</li> </ul>
REF to Admin. & Planning Com.	
	<p><b>Connectional Relationships</b></p>
	<p>Undergirding the Ministry and Mission of our church we heard a cry for building connections and relationships among our brothers and sisters in the presbytery, a hunger for better communication and the creation of a sense of connectional ministry. It is easy to say why this isn’t happening but some of the more thoughtful insights came from suggestions as to how to make it happen.</p>
REF to Committee on Ministry Current cluster groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The creation of Clergy Clusters would group pastors together in geographical clusters to meet regularly for support and the exchange of ideas. A similar effort for other church staff has been requested to support networking for children’s ministry, music, youth, etc.</li> </ul>
REF to Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make full use of time set aside for Presbytery meetings by allowing committees to meet in the morning, with plenary session to follow lunch.</li> </ul>
REF to Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alternatively or additionally, consider using time during Presbytery meetings for a stewardship or evangelism training event, a theologian in residence presentation, a mission fair/Grace Odyssey type event.</li> </ul>

<p>REF to Committee on Ministry</p> <p>REF to Stewardship Com.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is great affirmation for current ministries like the Commissioned Lay Pastors, the work of Committee On Ministry and the need to help support small churches and pastors.</li> <li>• Make the assistance available through the Presbytery more visible to the congregations. The Presbytery provides important spiritual and administrative support to churches <u>within</u> our geographic region as well as <u>from</u> our churches <u>to</u> the Synod and the ministries of the larger corporate church represented by the General Assembly. At the individual level within a church, this connection may not be known and understood, although some are able to give examples of how the Presbytery is critical to helping an individual church weather the loss of a minister or other events in the church's life where outside intervention was necessary. (i.e., Committee on Ministry, etc.)</li> </ul> <p><b>Budgetary Suggestions</b></p> <p>The following financial suggestions are made by the Task Force on the basis of the budgetary concerns that either the Task Force has identified or have been raised as an issue of concern during the discernment process. As such, the Task Force recognizes that the staff members of the Presbytery are dedicated, capable and seeking to serve the Lord through the ministry their positions afford them.</p> <p>In the current Presbytery budget, approximately 62% is allocated to salaries. The Task Force is making the following suggestions where savings might be found in this area, but the reallocation of the funding of the budget is ultimately left up to Presbytery's Council and Committees.</p>
<p>REF to Admin. &amp; Planning Com. Stewardship Com.</p> <p>APPROVED</p> <p>APPROVED AND REF to Congregational Life Com. for further study/action</p> <p>REF to Stewardship Com.</p> <p>REF to Stewardship Com. Admin. &amp; Planning Com.</p> <p>REF to Stewardship Com.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Campus Ministry/Youth Director - 2009 Budget Allocation \$74,438.48 - The Task Force recommends that the position be reconstructed as a part time (or possibly shared position) with a salary range of \$25,000.00 - \$35,000.00.</li> <li>• Director of Planned Giving - The Task Force recommends the elimination of this position.</li> <li>• HARC Director - The Task Force recommends that the position not be renewed after the retirement of Susan Smith.</li> <li>• Institutions Committee Budget - The Task Force recommends that we find creative ways to support our institutions thereby eliminating the monetary donations of \$20,000.00.</li> <li>• Financial Manager - The Task Force recommends that this staff position be restructured. Among the options to consider would be outsourcing the position, sharing the position with another church financial manager or making the position part time.</li> <li>• The Task Force recommends a freeze on all other salaries with the possibility of incremental decreases should budgetary resources continue to diminish.</li> <li>• Budget Year - Presbytery or Council might consider adjusting the budget year so that a balanced budget could be passed after the pledges are received and a more accurate assessment can be made of the funding for the budget.</li> </ul>

	<p>Taking action on the first four bulleted items would provide a savings in the current budget of approximately \$100,000.00. Additional savings might be gained if action is taken on the additional budgetary suggestions. All of the above suggestions are made in light of the narrative and bullet points that precede this section. It is the Task Force's suggestion that significant time and energy be devoted to realigning Presbytery's budget to reflect the priorities outlined in this report.</p> <p><b>Conclusion</b></p> <p>Although financial allocations should not define us, they do help us to focus on what is most important and what can we afford to do. It is the assessment of this Task Force that the Holston Presbytery sees as its <b>priorities the ministry to youth, young adults and the support of its camp and conference center; the challenge to reach out to the world through Mission and Evangelism; and the need to build stronger bonds of relational connections with one another.</b> We realize that the process will be ongoing and that current circumstances may call us to be creative about the way in which we do ministry, while assuring that ministry will continue to be done as we share the love of God through the good news of the gospel and seek to serve the one we all love and adore, our Lord Jesus Christ.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>Elder Wilsie Bishop, Colonial Heights, Kingsport  Rev Daniel Donaldson, First Presbyterian Greeneville  Elder Beth Flannagan First Presbyterian Bristol  Rev. Louis Imsande, First Presbyterian Johnson City  Rev. Gary Kelly, First Presbyterian Morristown  Elder Rebecca Nunley, First Presbyterian Elizabethton  Rev. George Rolling, Watauga Avenue Presbyterian Johnson City</p>
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**Stewardship and Budget Committee Report:** David Cagle verbally thanked the congregations for their continued financial support of the ministries and mission of Holston Presbytery, reminding the commissioners that a letter asking for their financial commitment toward the 2011 General Mission Budget will be forthcoming.

**Committee on Ministry Report:** Dan Clark reported on the retirement of Steve Weisz from his ministry at Tusculum College and Zion Presbyterian Church. Steve and wife, Gloria, were recognized and presented certificates. Steve recognized Erwin Presbyterian, in particular, for their contribution each month for the 24 years of his ministry with the students at Tusculum. Robert Lowry gave thanks for his ministry in Holston Presbytery.

**INFORMATION:**

1. Approved the Temporary Supply Contract between **the Rev. Kaye Florence** and **Bethel Church, Kingsport**, effective 7/1/10 through 6/30/11 with the following terms: Annual Cash Salary - \$12,500; Annual Housing Allowance - \$12,500; Annual SECA Allowance - \$956; Annual Employer-



provided 403b -\$2,750; Annual Reimbursed Travel at IRS Rate (50¢/mile) up to \$1,800; Vacation – 1 week/quarter; Continuing Education – 2 weeks/annually.

2. Approved the Church Information Form for **Bethel Church, Kingsport**.
3. Approved the Church Information Form for **Cold Spring Church**.
4. Approved the request to renew the Interim Pastor Contract between **the Rev. Angus Shaw** and **Cold Spring Church**, effective July 1, 2010, through December 31, 2010, with the following terms: Monthly Cash Salary - \$2,500; Travel Reimbursement at IRS Rate; Vacation – one week per quarter.
5. Approved the request to dissolve the pastoral relationship between **the Rev. Glenda Hollingshead** and **First Church, Jefferson City**, effective July 31, 2010 in order that Rev. Hollingshead may accept the call as pastor of Colonial Heights Church, Colonial Heights, VA (Presbytery of The James), pending congregational approval.
6. Approved the request from **the Rev. Catherine Clasen Askew** to accept ministerial membership in the Anglican Church of England while engaging in her validated ministry with the Northumbria Christian Community in England (previously approved on 9/21/06) in accordance with G-11.0411.
7. Approved the retirement of **the Rev. Stephen R. Weisz**, effective July 31, 2010.
8. Approved the Temporary Supply Contract between **the Rev. Heath Pressley** (ordained Southern Baptist) and **First Church, Johnson City**, effective June 6, 2010 through June 6, 2011, with the following terms: Monthly Cash Salary - \$2,500.00; Monthly Housing Allowance - \$2,500.00; Full participation in the Board of Pensions Benefit Plan; Travel Reimbursement at IRS rate; Vacation – one week per quarter; Continuing Education – One-half week per quarter; and approved the Rev. Pressley to preside over the sacraments, and appointed a COM colleague.
9. Approved dissolving the pastoral relationship between **the Rev. Russ Weekley** and **First Church, Jefferson City**, effective August 1, 2010 with salary/housing and Board of Pensions benefit continuation until receipt of pastoral call or up through February 1, 2011, pending congregational concurrence on August 1, 2010.
10. Approved the call of **the Rev. Allen Huff** as Pastor of **Jonesborough Presbyterian Church**, effective October 4, 2010, with the following terms of call: Annual Salary - \$44,000; Annual Housing Allowance - \$16,000; Full participation in the Board of Pensions Benefits Plan; Annual Travel Reimbursement - \$2,000; Annual Continuing Education Reimbursement - \$1,500; Vacation – four weeks annually; Continuing Education – two weeks annually. (See attached documents.)
11. Approved the Interim Pastor Contract between **the Rev. Bob Shurden** (ordained Southern Baptist) and **First Church, Jefferson City**, effective September 1, 2010 through March 1, 2011, with the following terms: Monthly Cash Salary - \$1,000; Monthly Housing Allowance - \$1,000; Monthly Travel Reimbursement at IRS rate up to \$200; Vacation – one week per quarter; Continuing Education – One-half week per quarter; and approve the Rev. Shurden to preside in the sacraments of the Lord's Supper and Baptism. (See attached documents.)
12. Approved the Temporary Supply Contract between **the Rev. Mun-Gye Lee** and **Tri-City Korean Church**, effective September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2011, with the following terms: Monthly Cash Salary - \$1,650; Monthly Housing Allowance - \$1,000; Monthly Reimbursed Travel at IRS rate up to \$350; full participation in the Board of Pensions; Continuing Education – one week per quarter; Vacation – one week per quarter.

13. Approved the **2011 minimum effective salary** for all full-time, installed, pastoral calls to the minimum participation basis for healthcare benefits' dues. The 2011 minimum participation basis for healthcare benefits' dues is **\$34,385**.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** None

**Biographical Statement - Allen Huff**

I was born in Decatur, GA during my father's last months at Emory Medical School. I am my parents' second child and oldest son. The first memory I have of a particular place is Durham, NC, where we lived during Dad's fellowship at Duke. In Durham, my parents were active members of Westminster Presbyterian Church. My earliest memory of church, fuzzy as some ancient daguerreotype, is of one of my younger brothers' baptisms in the elementary school auditorium where Westminster met at the time. This is also one of my earliest overall memories. I am grateful that the memory is one of baptism, God's gracious initiative of welcome.

Not long before my 8<sup>th</sup> birthday, we moved to Augusta, GA, where my parents still live and remain active in Covenant Presbyterian Church. An extremely shy child, I had an almost Ninja-like capacity for invisibility. And while I nurtured that at school, church was a place of belonging and identity for me. My transformation began in 1979 while working as a Sr. High staff member at Camp Calvin (now Calvin Center) in Hampton, GA. Calvin is the camp and conference center for the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, and there I began to discover another self. This new Allen possessed gifts I'd never been aware of, gifts that others affirmed and welcomed into that community. The next three summers I spent at Bluestone Conference Center in Hinton, WV further developing and discovering this new-found quarry of capability and joy.

In the fall of 1981 I entered Presbyterian College in Clinton, SC determined to live as the new Allen Huff. During those four years I continued to grow socially. And while still a certified introvert, I enjoyed making and interacting with a wider variety of friends. The most notable of those friends was a girl from Sylvania, GA named Marianne Blackburn. That friendship grew and blossomed, and, I am delighted to say, last July 13<sup>th</sup> we celebrated our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

After graduating from PC and getting married to Marianne, we moved to Richmond, VA where I enrolled in Union Seminary. And that was about it. I was an enrollee. Aware of gifts for ministry, but still not sure what I wanted to do when I "grew up," I had simply run away to seminary with college friends in order to be taken care of. But by God's grace, seminary is not a place to be taken care of. So after a year and a half, I withdrew. Six months later we moved to Statesboro, GA where Marianne went to work on a master's degree. I eventually backed into teaching middle school (7<sup>th</sup> grade) in Marianne's nearby hometown. (Nepotism is alive and well – and, for me at that time, thankfully so.)

God met me in the middle school in the persons of two veteran teachers who took me under their wings to guide, encourage and love me. They also kept me laughing. I was one of their students no less than all those awkward 12 and 13 year-olds. Six years later, I had matured significantly, read more widely than ever before and become the father of two children, Ben and Elizabeth. I was ready to answer my re-call to the ministry. So we packed up and moved to Decatur where I finished my M.Div. at Columbia Seminary in 1996.

After serving pastorates in Mebane, NC and Shelby, NC, places and people that taught me more than any seminary ever dreamed of teaching, I come now to Jonesborough, TN and Holston Presbytery excited to enter into this next phase of life and ministry in which I seek to continue developing my God-

given gifts and allowing my life itself to be and become a response of gratitude and a journey toward wholeness of Spirit by loving God and neighbor, and growing ever closer to Christ our Lord.

### **Statement of Faith - Allen Huff**

“In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.”

When not using the Apostles’ or the Nicene Creed, I often turn to these words from “*A Brief Statement of Faith*” as a favorite place to begin affirming the beliefs of Christian theology and the purpose of Christian worship and the life of faith itself.

This succinct statement reminds us that out of the loving desire to be in relationship, God molds us from the goodness of the earth of God’s own creating and breathes life into us. And all that God creates, God calls *good*. Having been made in the image of God, we reflect that relationship-oriented goodness. Through surrendering our energies and holy imaginations to God, we help to create the worshipping and serving community called the Church. As imperfect as we have been, are and will be in the future, disciples of Jesus Christ strive to fashion and build the Church as a sacramental community, a welcoming, loving and forgiving family committed to experiencing, proclaiming and sharing the presence of Christ.

In following Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ, we acknowledge both the sinfulness that obscures the image of God within us, and God’s redeeming response to our willful unfaithfulness. In justifying grace and sanctifying love, Christ opens to us a future of renewed wholeness and transforming possibility.

Apart from Christ, we may yearn for such gifts, and we might even work effectively toward many honorable and altruistic ends. But only in and through Christ do we enter into the fullness of new relationship with God. In the life, death and resurrection of Christ, we see God’s living Word enfleshed. In Christ, we taste God’s living water poured out to quench the thirst of creation gone awry. In Christ, God takes on a face for us to see and reflect, a voice for us to hear and follow, and a story into which we are invited – the story of God’s new creation come to light.

Through the ever-present Holy Spirit, God lifts our hearts out of life-limiting idolatry and suffocating despair. The Holy Spirit empowers us to recognize when, where and how God is at work in our lives and in the world. We engage the Spirit through worship, service, fellowship and prayer. Prayer epitomizes the whole of the Christian life because it is not defined by any technique or discipline, but by the God to whom we listen and to whom we speak.

In closing, I turn again to “*A Brief Statement of Faith*” in order to claim and declare with gratitude and hope that “[w]ith believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

“Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.”

### **RESUME – Robert M. Shurden**

ADDRESS	1339 Clinch View Circle (Buena Vista) Jefferson City, TN 37760
BIRTHDATE	December 22, 1935
HOMETOWN	Greenville, Mississippi

SPOUSE Irene Long Shurden  
 Born: October 8, 1939  
 Married: December 21, 1958  
 Education: B. A. and M. A. in History  
 Mississippi College; Clinton, MS

DAUGHTER Sandra Renee Shurden Rowcliffe  
 Born: March 15, 1964  
 Hometown: Knoxville, TN  
 Children: Four: Three daughters and a son

CHURCH First Baptist Church (Since 1979)  
 Jefferson City, TN  
 Positions served: Deacon, Chair of Personnel Comm., Chair of Pastoral Search Comm., Chair of Comm. on Comm., Sunday School Teacher, Wednesday night bible study leader, pulpit Supply.

#### EDUCATION

HIGH SCHOOL Greenville, Mississippi High School 1953

COLLEGE Mississippi College; Clinton, MS, 1958-62  
 B.A. Degree with Distinction, 1962  
 Major in Religion; Minor in Latin

GRADUATE STUDY The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; B.D. (1965),  
 Th.M (1967), Ph.D. (1970)  
 Graduate Committee: William Hull (N. T. Literature), Frank Stagg (N. T. Language)- deceased, Wayne Ward (N. T. Theology), Dale Moody (Systematic Theology)- deceased

#### VOCATIONAL

SECULAR Firestone Tire and Rubber Company; 1954-57  
 Interstate Life and Accident Insurance; 1957-58

PASTORAL EXPERIENCE Student Pastoral Ministry -  
 Jennie Baptist Church, Jennie, Ark, 1959-1961  
 Union Hall Baptist Church, Brookhaven, MS 1961-1963  
 Buffalo Lick Baptist Church, Shelby Co., Ky, 1965-1969  
 Interim Pastoral Ministry -  
 Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Lincoln Co. MS, 1972  
 Northminster Baptist Church, Jackson, MS, 1973-74  
 Northside Baptist Church, Clinton, MS, 1976-77  
 Westview Baptist Church, Jackson, MS, 1978-79  
 Buffalo Trail Baptist Church, Morristown, TN, 1979  
 First Baptist Church, Rogersville, TN, 1979-80  
 Arlington Baptist Church, Knoxville, TN 1981  
 First Baptist Church of Concord, Knoxville, TN 1981-1982  
 South Knoxville Baptist Church, Knoxville, TN 1985-86  
 New Market Baptist Church, New Market, TN, 1989-90  
 First Baptist Church, Sevierville, TN, 1990-91  
 First Baptist Church, Maryville, TN, 1994  
 Rutledge Baptist Church, Rutledge, TN, 2008-09

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor-New Testament Greek 1968-69, Simmons University, Louisville, Ky

Instructor-New Testament Greek 1969-70, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky  
Asst. Professor of Biblical Studies 1970-72, John Brown Univ., Siloam Springs, Ark.  
Asst. Professor of Religion-New Testament 1972-77, Mississippi College, Clinton, MS  
Assoc. Professor of Religion-New Testament and Greek, Mississippi College, Clinton, MS 1977-79  
Assoc. Professor of Religion-New Testament and Greek, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, TN  
1979-84

Professor of Religion-New Testament and Greek, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, TN 1985-2000

#### HONORS, AWARDS, ORGANIZATIONS

Professor's Assistant-Dept. of Religion, Mississippi College, 1959-62  
Miles Dampeer Memorial Scholarship, 1961  
Eta Sigma Phi-Honorary Classical Fraternity, 1961-62  
Graduate Assistant-New Testament, Southern Seminary, 1965-68  
Civitan Outstanding Professor – Mississippi College, 1981  
Who's Who in Religion, 1977-78  
Excellence in Student Advising Award – Carson –Newman College, 1981  
Society of Biblical Literature  
National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion  
Outstanding Professor for Freshmen- Carson-Newman College, 1994  
Distinguished Faculty Award- Carson-Newman College, 1996  
Professor Emeritus of Religion and Greek-Carson-Newman College, 2000

#### THESES, DISSERTATIONS, WRITINGS

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Dr. J. Randall O'Brien, President of the College, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, TN 37760

Mr. Bill Powell, 2324 Ravenridge Trail, Jefferson City, TN 37760

Mr. Doug Smith, 14565 Lakeshore Drive, Rutledge, TN 37861

Mr. Richard Wallace, Rt 2 Box 120A, Sevierville, TN 37862

**Administration & Planning Committee Report:** Elmon Brown noted the change in the Manual of Operations which will be voted on in December.

#### **INFORMATION:**

1. The Committee is conducting its annual visit of presbytery committees to hear the committees' objectives for the coming year.
2. The Committee is conducting annual staff reviews.
3. The Committee received the resignation of Bob Millard, Director of Planned Giving, effective August 31, 2010.
4. For discussion and action at the December 7, 2010 stated presbytery meeting, the Committee is recommending the following changes to the *Manual of Administrative Operations*:

#### **12. COUNCIL**

- 12.1. Purpose: As directed in the *Book of Order* (G-9.0902 and G-11.0103v), the purpose of the Council is to facilitate the presbytery's work and to regularly review the relationship between the presbytery's structure and its mission.
- 12.2. Authority and Responsibilities: The Council functions under the authority and direction of the Presbytery. The Council is responsible for keeping under observation the total work of the presbytery, ensuring the fullest use of its resources both human and material and recommending and initiating action whenever needed.
- 12.3. Chairman: The Chairman of the Council shall be the immediate past Moderator of Presbytery. An elder elected Chairman of the Council shall be enrolled as a member of the Presbytery for the term of office, whether or not commissioned by his or her session. In addition to the usual duties of a chairman, the Chairman of the Council shall make short term appointments when the normal elective process cannot be followed.
- 12.4. Membership: The Council shall be composed of the Chairman of the Council, the current Moderator of Presbytery, the Vice-Moderator of Presbytery, the President of the Trustees, three members at-large (nominated by the Committee on Nominations), the chairman of all committees of Presbytery, and the President of the Presbyterian Women's Organization. Members without vote shall be the Executive Presbyter, the Stated Clerk, the Treasurer, other Presbytery staff persons, and the two representatives of Holston Presbytery on the Council of the Synod of Living Waters. The Permanent Judicial Commission is not represented on the Council.
  - 12.4.1. The members at large shall be elected for three year terms in three classes of one person each.

- 12.5. Meetings: The Council shall meet at least quarterly at the call of the Chairman of the Council or by direction of Presbytery.
- 12.6. Organization: The Council is responsible for its own organization. It shall have the authority to co-opt persons for special responsibilities, call in resource persons, and form task groups from outside its own membership when needed.
- 12.7. Quorum: Seven voting members of the Council shall constitute a quorum.
- 12.8. Functions: The Council shall...
  - 12.8.1. At the November meeting, review Presbytery goals for the next year and objectives of the committees in achieving the goals.
  - 12.8.2. Recommend to Presbytery the General Mission Budget as prepared by the Committee on Stewardship and Budget.
  - 12.8.3. Coordinate the work of the committees in carrying out the goals and objectives of Presbytery, including:
    - 12.8.3.1. Approve objectives and areas of responsibility.
    - 12.8.3.2. Review strategies and approve procedures.
    - 12.8.3.3. Review reports to Presbytery. Council may recommend to Presbytery a substitute report.
  - 12.8.4. Recommend the date, location, and items to be docketed for meetings of Presbytery.
  - 12.8.5. Continually monitor Presbytery meetings for effectiveness.
  - 12.8.6. Recommend to Presbytery position descriptions received from the Administration and Planning Committee for all presbytery elected staff after consultation with the appropriate agency of Synod.
  - 12.8.7. Recommend to the presbytery calls of the Holston Presbytery staff with concurrence of the Committee on Ministry after consultation with the appropriate agency of Synod.
    - 12.8.7.1. Approve the engagement of paid part-time persons on the recommendation of the Administration and Planning Committee in consultation with the Executive Presbyter when deemed appropriate to have certain functions usually performed by the presbytery staff supplied by part-time professional persons or by qualified volunteers. [NOTE: The Executive Presbyter or the chairman of the appropriate committee of Holston Presbytery will request funds for the payment of part-time persons from the Committee on Stewardship and Budgets; Also, reference Paragraph 31.3].
  - 12.8.8. Make recommendations to the presbytery about the deployment of persons and the use of property for the coming year together with any suggested improvements. Such recommendations shall originate in the Administration and Planning Committee.
  - 12.8.9. Assign responsibility for publicity and communication about the work of Presbytery.
  - 12.8.10. ~~Through the Administration and Planning Committee, d~~Develop, ~~and~~ maintain, review and adopt a Handbook of Policies and Procedures approved by presbytery containing:

12.8.10.1. ~~Procedures which have been approved by the presbytery.~~ Personnel policies and procedures recommended by the Administration and Planning Committee;

~~12.8.10.2. Procedures which have been established by Council.~~ Financial policies and procedures recommended by the Stewardship and Budget Committee;

12.8.10.3. Preparation for Ministry policies and procedures recommended by the Committee on Preparation for Ministry;

~~12.8.10.2.~~ 12.8.10.4. Committee on Ministry policies and procedures recommended by the Committee on Ministry.

12.8.11. Through the Church Records Subcommittee, regularly review Session Records.

12.8.11.1. Notify churches whose Session records are to be submitted for review of time and place.

12.8.11.2. Correspond with churches whose records were not submitted for review as requested; learn the reasons for such failure to submit records, and report reasons to the next stated meeting.

12.8.12. With the assistance of the Executive Presbyter, recommend to the Committee on Stewardship and Budget proposed monies to higher PCUSA governing bodies. Also, prepare the general benevolence request to higher PCUSA governing bodies.

## ~~28. YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY COMMITTEE~~

~~28.1. The work of the Youth and Young Adult Ministry shall be under the supervision of this committee consisting of 12 regular members, two student members from the Presbyterian Student Fellowship (PSF), two high school students, one representing the Youth Council and one a non-Council member, and two members from East Tennessee Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. At least half of the regular members shall be lay people. The regular members shall be nominated by the Committee on Nominations and elected under the same general rules as members of Holston Presbytery committees. The student members shall be nominated and elected by the regular members for one year terms. The members from the East Tennessee Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church shall be nominated and elected by that presbytery.~~

## 28. YOUTH MINISTRY COMMITTEE

28.1 The work of the Youth Ministry shall be under the supervision of this committee consisting of 6 regular members in three-year terms, two additional high school student members, (one representing the Youth Council). At least half of the regular members shall be lay people. The regular members shall be nominated by the Committee on Nominations and elected under the same general rules as members of Holston Presbytery committees. The student members shall be nominated and elected by the regular members for one year terms.

## 29. YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY COMMITTEE



29.1 The work of the Young Adult Ministry shall be under the supervision of this committee consisting of 6 regular members in three-year terms, one additional student member from the Presbyterian Student Fellowship (PSF), one additional student member from other colleges within Holston Presbytery that is an active member of a PCUSA congregation, and one additional member from the East Tennessee Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. At least half of the regular members shall be lay people. The regular members shall be nominated by the Committee on Nominations and elected under the same general rules as members of Holston Presbytery committees. The student members shall be nominated and elected by the regular members for one year terms. The members from the East Tennessee Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church shall be nominated and elected by that presbytery.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** None

**Presbyterian Women Report:** Judy Watkins encouraged women to join and to attend the events.

**INFORMATION:**

1. The Presbyterian Women are planning for the **Fall Gathering**. The theme is "Together in Service" with Rev Fred Foy Strang and will be Saturday, **September 11** at the **Piney Flats Presbyterian Church**.
2. Three representatives from Holston attended the **Presbyterian Women's Synod Gathering** in Huntsville, AL. Jackie Riddle was installed as Moderator of the Synod Presbyterian Women. Great instruction and information was given for the coming year.
3. Future plans are in the works for **The Fall Retreat** on **September 24-25** at Holston Camp & Retreat Center in Banner Elk, NC and the **PW Day at Sunset Gap Community Center** in Cosby, TN on **October 7**.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** None

**Holston Presbytery Camp & Retreat Center Committee Report:** Craig Bell and Mickey Shortt reported and shared a video. Craig Bell introduced those present for dedications for the Garland Room (Erwin); Cabin 5 (First, Johnson City); Cabin 4 (First, Kingsport); Shelter from the Storm (First, Morristown); and the Wiley Prugh Pavilion (Wiley Prugh). Following a word from Rev. Prugh, a prayer of dedication for his ministry was given by Gordon Turnbull.

**INFORMATION:**

We had a great summer with a wonderful staff. 160 Resident campers and 52 Day campers took part in our 5 week summer camp program. Our Day Camp was brand new and we worked with Arbor Dale Presbyterian for the use of their fellowship hall for the drop off and pick-up. Each week had a different theme for Day Camp. This program was a blessing to many local families who have needed a Christian Day Camp for their children.

Most of our High Adventure programs were filled and we had to add more.

Many thanks to First Kingsport for the use of their van two weeks this summer. We also borrowed the van from Arbor Dale and Banner Elk Presbyterian. Thanks go out to our volunteer chaplains: Jim Foster, Zoe Ann Cagle, Greg Cartwright, Amanda Wise, and Gary Bement. Thank you Drivers for keeping our campers safe on trips: Nic Clemmer, Melvin Holland, Bill Cox and Ruth Durham. Thanks to our youth who helped in the kitchen: Eric Lampley, Rachel White and Joe Rackowski. Thanks to our lifeguard Hunter Wilson. We also want to thank our adult volunteers who did a little of everything: Betty Cox, Sylvia Bement, and Judy Wilson.

Many lives were changed at camp this summer. We had a few homesick campers but noticed how other campers would help their fellow campers deal with it.

Finley was a shy boy and did not like to be in the spot light. While their group was climbing "Jeff's Wall" Gia was scared and wanted to give up. Finley encouraged her and said he would give her a silly band if she would climb to the top. She made it. He gave her a silly band.

Valerie, a camper, has been coming to camp for several years. She is a bit shy but a great leader and helper. Parker, one of Valerie's campmates, came to me and told me about how Valerie was so helpful, encouraged everyone and was so friendly. She asked if their group could do something for her. They did and she was given many handmade gifts from them as the "Camper of the Week".

We have had a very busy spring leading into our summer camp. Many thanks to First Presbyterian of Johnson City and of Kingsport for their donation for the new cabin additions. We dug the foundation and had the sub-floors ready for both churches to come up for several over night work days to build the additions. Lots of hard work went into those buildings. Many good times were had around the meal tables and in the lodge playing dominos, talking and relaxing.

Both Cabins 4 & 5 now have 2 tub showers and 2 toilets along with 2 sinks. We cannot wait for you all to use these newly renovated cabins.

Thanks to the Mooneyhan Family Foundation Grant we were able to purchase 80 new inner spring mattresses for all 5 cabins.

Following summer camp we had a very successful Camp Celebration weekend event with 50 adults and children. Great way to enjoy the cooler mountains as we climbed the wall, relaxed at Lake Lyons and had a great time around the evening campfire with songs, stories and s'mores.

Special program for next summer. July 3-5 we will be offering a special camp for anyone wanting to come to the mountains for the Fourth of July. You can reserve the lodge or cabins and enjoy some great cooking from Peggy, a Fourth of July cookout and fireworks, swimming, and much more. If you would like to stay longer and just enjoy going off during the day to sightsee to Grandfather Mountain, Mast Store, Blowing Rock, Linville Falls, etc. just let us know. We will have more details on our website soon.

Special dedications:

We want to thank the Erwin Presbyterian Church for the generous donation for the New commercial washer and dryer in the lodge. This room will be dedicated as the **Garland Room**.

Dedication of **Cabin 5** addition with thanks to the congregation of First Presbyterian Church of Johnson City.

Dedication of **Cabin 4** addition with thanks to the congregation of First Presbyterian Church of Kingsport.

Berta Cauvel was on staff for many years organizing and leading most of our adventure trip, backpacking and especially flat water and white water canoe trip. She provided funds for a new canoe trailer and 8 river canoes. These are stored in the newly dedicated "**Berta's Boat House**".

**Shelter from the Storm** – our new pavilion at the Barn Field. Thanks to the Carl Storm family of First Morristown Presbyterian Church.

Future projects and dedications:

**Wiley Prugh Pavilion** - First Presbyterian Church of Greeneville is spearheading the fund raising. Please contact them to make your contributions. They are trying raise \$4,200.

**Joe MacLeod trail and bridge.** Virginia MacLeod and family would like your help to make this project happen this year. The total cost for this project is \$4,000 for a 600 foot trail which will be gravel covered, a 20 foot by 8 foot wide bridge and then mulch on the trail to the sanctuary. If you would like to support this project please contact the camp office.

**Grigsby Hall** – named for our past Presbytery Executive Bob Grigsby, is in past need of a new roof. The cost is about \$5,500 for a 50 year green painted metal roof. If you would like to support this project please contact the camp office.

We have had many new groups enjoying the camp for Sewing groups, family reunions, weddings and school groups. Our staff stays busy preparing delicious food, keeping the place clean and in good repair. When you get a chance, please thank them. Patsy Laster-Ford our office manager. Peggy Crump our Food service manager. Donna Townsend our House keeper. Wayne Smith our Maintenance Man and Mickey Shortt our Marketing and Program director.

Financial concerns:

Your camp & retreat center is operating in the red. Your camp staff have taken cuts in their pay for the past two years. We reduced the summer camp rates because of the economy. We have received grants for special projects but no undesignated funds for general operations. We have no cushion of funds in the bank.

We have saved the Presbytery and camp money over the past years: \$10,000 savings by changing insurance companies, \$20,000 savings in our food through the Trinity program, thousands of dollars have been saved by Wayne and Craig doing most of the building, electrical and plumbing, your year round staff saved the camp \$10,000 a year by cutting back on hours to 36. They received no pay increase for this year. We save and sell our scrap metals. We have kept our rates low knowing our Presbytery groups could not afford the regular rates. A typical outside group would pay \$110 a person to stay in the lodge while our Presbytery members only pay \$79.

There are 155 acres and many buildings that need to be kept up. We do not have the funds to make improvements and to keep them up. It is very difficult when we do not have the money and a water heater goes out during summer camp. Or exhaust fans in the bath house and lodge burn up and need to be replaced.

The Camp Committee will be sending out a letter this fall notifying "Friends of Camp" of this concern and asking for their Annual Contribution.

Please consider supporting your camp & retreat center this year so that we may continue to provide the ministry that you are use to.

We held our Alumni Reunion over Labor Day weekend with many past staff coming from far and wide. Many of our Alumni help support their camp through annual gifts. Several of them come up to help

volunteer. This reunion was to celebrate our 55<sup>th</sup> year of Outdoor ministry. It was a time to reminisce, see old friends, visit new spots at the camp, and sing songs and tell stories around the campfire. We had a special dedication of "Berta's Boathouse" during this special weekend.

Please let us know how we can help you and your church through your camping ministry at Holston Camp & Retreat Center in Banner Elk, NC. We would be glad to come to your church to talk about the camp. We could help you in making your retreat plans.

In February 2011 we will be sending materials out to each church regarding Summer Camp Emphasis Month. This material will have special newsletter articles and bulletin blips to help promote summer camp. We know at many churches help send their children to Holston Camp. Many families wait until the church helps with funds before registering. In 2011 we will ask each church to register their campers in February on a special sign up day. They will send in the registrations to the camp. The camp will then notify the families of any balance due. Our summer schedule will be available this fall, so please check our webpage for details.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** None

## Holston Presbytery Camp & Retreat Center Financial Reports September 14, 2010

### Balance Sheets – July, 2010

	<u>Jul 31, 10</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
100000 - Highlands Union Bk	
101000 - Savings	
Account	3,094.50
106000 - Operations	
Checking	52,342.30
107000 - Summer Camp	14,728.16
108000 - Unrestricted	
Gifts	-18,114.39
107000d - Sum. Camp	
Gifts (Designated)	-517.61
108500d - Directed Fds	
(Designated)	-8,888.76
109777d - Lake Project	
Bank Credit Line	-17,576.48
100000 - Highlands	
Union Bk - Other	-381.55
<b>Total 100000 - Highlands</b>	
<b>Union Bk</b>	<u>24,686.17</u>
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	24,686.17
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	
101200 - Accounts	
Receivable Deposits	-11,002.00
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	-11,002.00
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
1601 - Other Receivables -	
Sales Tax	2,650.84
PFSA Grant Program	
Camp Endowment	
Restricted	24,343.22
Multipurpose Bldg Gift	34,673.42
Hay Family Cabin Gift	44,933.99

Capital Campaign	88,580.84
Abingdon (Operation Investment)	15,682.02
PFSA Grant Program - Other	<u>1,041.07</u>
Total PFSA Grant Program	<u>209,254.56</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>211,905.40</u>
Total Current Assets	225,589.57
Fixed Assets	
Property & Equipment	
Construction In Process	114,722.89
Bldg-Depreciation Accumulated	422,102.69
Accum. Deprec.	
Furniture/Equipment	330,189.87
HPC-Furniture/Equipment	300,734.86
HPC - Building Values	974,701.29
HPC-Land Values	<u>53,600.00</u>
Total Property & Equipment	<u>691,466.48</u>
Total Fixed Assets	<u>691,466.48</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>917,056.05</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	0.00

Income & Expenses – July, 2010
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	<u>Jul 10</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
40000 - Operating	
Income	
406000 - Holston	
Support	3,981.48
406200 - Camp	
Store & Drinks	295.00
406350 - HUB	
Interest	<u>10.14</u>
Total 40000 - Operating	
Income	4,286.62
406400 - Retreat	
Income	
Special Event	
Income	140.00
Other Retreat Sleep	1,548.00
Other Retreat Food	5,848.00
406400 - Retreat	
Income - Other	<u>12,833.00</u>
Total 406400 - Retreat	
Income	20,369.00
407000 - Summer	
Camp Income	
407110 - Day Camp	
Fees	700.00
407100 - Camper	
Fees	6,270.00
407150 - Summer	
Cd's	490.00
407000 - Summer	
Camp Income - Other	<u>300.00</u>

Total 407000 - Summer Camp Income	<u>7,760.00</u>
Total Income	32,415.62
Expense	
6100 - paypal processing fee	-1.40
60000 - Overhead Expenses	
Utilities	1,314.47
Repair/Maintenance	308.38
Vehicle Upkeep	292.11
Administration	980.37
Board of Pensions	<u>6,470.60</u>
Total 60000 - Overhead Expenses	9,365.93
6560 - Payroll Expenses	26,819.81
64000 - Retreat Expenses	
Special Event Expenses	140.00
64000 - Retreat Expenses - Other	<u>264.38</u>
Total 64000 - Retreat Expenses	404.38
70000 - Summer Camp Expenses	<u>11,121.08</u>
Total Expense	<u>47,709.80</u>
	-
Net Ordinary Income	15,294.18
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
408000 - Unrestricted Income	850.00
408500d - Restricted - Directed Gifts	0.00
408500 - PFSA Grant	<u>1,041.07</u>
Total Other Income	1,891.07
Other Expense	
85510d - Restricted - Directed Expenses	5,944.82
9910 - Payments to Lake Lyons Loan	<u>73.65</u>
Total Other Expense	<u>6,018.47</u>
Net Other Income	<u>-4,127.40</u>
	-
	<u><u>19,421.58</u></u>

## Committee on Representation Report:

### INFORMATION:

#### Annual Report to Synod of Living Waters

1. Name of Presbytery: Holston
2. Name and address of Presbytery Committee on Representation chairperson: Anna Maddox, 113 Spring Street, Greeneville TN 37743
3. Date when Chairperson's Term Expires: December 31, 2011
4. Number of Committee on Representation Meetings held since last report: None
5. Member makeup of other Presbytery Committees: (See Attachment A)
6. List current year's goals and tell us how well you're doing in accomplishing them:
  - a. See that all committees are fairly represented. Members of committee meet with Nominations Committee each year to accomplish this.
  - b. Encourage all new members coming into presbytery to serve on a committee and continue a more active roll in presbytery work. Nominations Committee is given a list of new ministers along with their interests in serving certain committees. Ministers are approached and encouraged to participate.
7. List future goals and objectives (for next 3 years): Continue the goals set aside in #6
8. What is your Presbytery doing to recruit leaders who have special physical needs? All Committees are open to those with special needs. We encourage committees to meet in locations with easy access for those with these needs.
9. How do you evaluate your own committee's effectiveness? (Tell us how you do your evaluation and what you've discovered about your work.) Evaluation: excellent; continuing history of fair representation
10. How often does your committee report to Presbytery? Once a year  
What is the basic style of presentation—oral, written, visual, all of these? Written report to presbytery
11. What are your most significant achievements in accomplishing "fair representation" in your presbytery since your last report to the Synod? Continuing to involve more small membership churches and ethnic groups. Continuing to encourage participation by a growing population of Hispanics when they are known to be members of churches. The Afro-American congregations and Korean congregation are continuing to be called upon to serve.
12. On what date was this report presented to presbytery: The Presbytery of Holston heard and received the report of the Committee on Representation on September 14, 2010 at Holston Camp & Retreat Center in Banner Elk, NC

Signature: *Richard L. Fifield*, Stated Clerk

Report of the Committee on Representation

Attachment A

Presbytery of Holston

2010 – September 14, 2010

Unit	WMC	WFC	WML	WFL	BMC	BFC	BML	BFL	AMC	AFC	AML	AFL	YTH	Spec	*HMC	Total
Administration & Planning	3	2	6	1												12
Church Development & Evangelism	5	1	3	1				1								11
Committee on Ministry	5		2	4										1		12
Congregational Life	1		1	6												8
Ethical Issues & Human Needs	1	1	6	2												10
Holston Camp & Retreat Center	2		7	2												11
Institutions	3		1	2												6
Nominations	2		1	3												6
Preparation for Ministry	3	1	3	2												9
Representation	1			1			2	1				1				6
Stewardship & Budget	4		4	1												9
Trustees			4	1												5
World Wide Missions	5		2	3												10
Youth & Young Adult Ministry	5		4	3												12
Serve on Synod	1		1													2
Serve on GA Board/Comm/Agency				1												

CATEGORIES:

WMC white male clergy  
WFC white female clergy  
WML white male lay  
WFL white female lay

BMC black male clergy  
BFC black female clergy  
BML black male lay  
BFL black female lay

AMC asian male clergy  
AFC asian female clergy  
AML asian male lay  
AFL asian female lay  
YTH youth

\*NEED TO ADD HISPANIC

HMC hispanic male clergy

Spec persons w/disabilities



**Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report:** Sharon Amstutz encouraged those present to minister to youth interested in a call to the ministry as inquirers.

**INFORMATION:**

1. Annual Consultations were conducted for Candidates **Deven Johnson, Pat Willard and ChangWoo Lee.**
2. **Evan Walker** has received a call to the **First Presbyterian Church** in Sturgis, KY and was transferred to Western Kentucky Presbytery

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** None

**12:00 -12:26** – The Moderator recessed the meeting in order that the Rev. Dr. Wiley Prugh could receive emergency medical attention.

**Trustees Report**

**INFORMATION:**

The Annual Meeting of the Trustees of Holston Presbytery for 2010 was called to order and opened with prayer by Rich Fifield at 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 2, 2010, in the offices of the presbytery. Trustees present were Walter Kirby, Marcia Porter, Dorman Stout, and Bill Wade. Absent were Coy Klepper and Tom Wilson. Also present were Rich Fifield, Presbytery Executive, and Kim Fifield, Treasurer.

A quorum was found to be present. The minutes of the previous meeting of September 8, 2009, were read and approved. It was suggested that the Presbytery Nominating Committee should specify who was to be the chair of the Trustees and that the listing of the members in the Directory should indicate the dates when individual terms expire. Rich said that these matters would be considered by the Nominating Committee.

Rich explained that the purpose of the meeting was to fulfill the responsibilities of the Trustees in regard to their oversight of the properties of the presbytery and to meet Tennessee state requirements for annual meetings of corporations.

Rich provided information on the Indian Ridge Church mortgage, a promissory note secured by deed, which runs through May 2032, with payments of \$500 per month at 0% interest, the payments divided by action of the presbytery as follows: 50% to Youth Ministry Endowment; 25% to Hawkins County Ministry; and 25% to Church Hill Undesignated.

Rich presented copies of the presbytery financial reviews for the years ending December 31, 2008, and December 31, 2009. The distinction between a financial review and an audit was made in the statement by Stanfield, Thomas, and Associates, the firm which had prepared the review, and it was decided that this should be incorporated in the Minutes, as follows:

A review consists principally of inquiries to Presbytery personnel and analytical procedures applied to financial data. It is substantially less in scope than an audit in accordance with generally accepted financial standards, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Rich presented a Fund Balances sheet, showing the distribution of all funds held by Holston Presbytery as of July 31, 2010, and also documents showing that the presbytery has property, workers' compensation, and liability insurance coverage.

Following these presentations, Rich asked if there were other questions. There were none, and it was mutually agreed that the meeting should be adjourned, Rich closing the session with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, William J. Wade, Secretary

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** None

### **Church Development & Evangelism Committee Report:**

#### **INFORMATION:**

The Church Development and Evangelism Committee has met monthly since February of this year, including one four hour Saturday workshop. The Committee believes that evangelism and developing churches in the broadest sense, is at the very core of the Christian mission. In its first meetings the Committee decided to take a longer term approach to the mission of developing churches and evangelism in Holston Presbytery by intently seeking God's leading and direction through prayer and open, thoughtful dialogue. In that process of prayerful discernment the Committee has developed a Vision of Excellence for church development and evangelism in Holston Presbytery, along with a strategy for achieving that vision. The Committee is now in the process of identifying and action planning specific goals, objectives and projects for the Committee's action.

The Vision and Strategy for Church Development and Evangelism in Holston Presbytery is as follows: Our "Vision of Excellence" of how things will be when CD&E is doing God's will is:

**"The Church Development and Evangelism Committee leads the people of Holston Presbytery to be transformative communities of faith, empowered by the Holy Spirit to live, proclaim and teach the Good News of Christ with urgency and relevance."**

CD&E will set out to achieve our vision through our "strategic intent" to: **"Create a missional culture involving people in the mission of Christ"**

By doing these things (Elements of Strategy):

- **Call upon the Holy Spirit to guide and empower us in our efforts.**
- **Seek out and identify opportunities, prayerfully discerning the Spirit's leading in each case.**
- **Identify potential resources, both material and human, which could be employed in God's work.**
- **Develop, challenge and engage the resources which God provides, linking them to the opportunities identified.**
- **Role model, nurture, and develop a missional culture in each congregation.**
- **Promote and develop partnerships for this work within Holston Presbytery and beyond.**

Respectfully submitted,

H. Martin Christian, Chair,  
Church Development & Evangelism Committee

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** None

**Nominations Committee Report:** Jim Mays reported. The Moderator asked for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, the nominees for Presbytery Moderator and Presbytery Vice Moderator for 2011 were elected.

### **INFORMATION:**

The committee has begun their work to fill vacancies for all presbytery committees for the Class of 2013 and other openings. If you would like to serve a particular committee or know someone in your church who would be a good candidate to work toward furthering the mission of Holston Presbytery, contact Chair Jim Mays.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Nominate **Elder Clara Hasbrouck** (Colonial Heights) as Presbytery Moderator for 2011. Approved.
2. Nominate **Rev. Dr. Brian Wyatt** (Timber Ridge) as Vice Moderator of Presbytery for 2011. Approved.

**Youth & Young Adult Ministry Committee** – Russ Weekley thanked those who were volunteering in the campus ministry program.

YYAM Financial Report, September 14, 2010, shown below on next page.

	<u>Jan - Jun 10</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
Bank	6.07	20.00	-13.93	30.35%
Facility Use	1,550.00	4,300.00	-2,750.00	36.05%
FPC, Jefferson City	450.00	1,000.00	-550.00	45.0%
FPC, Johnson City	416.65	1,000.00	-583.35	41.67%
Holston Presbytery	11,420.01	20,000.00	-8,579.99	57.1%
IDS Dividends	2.73	20.00	-17.27	13.65%
Meal Receipts	323.00	1,000.00	-677.00	32.3%
Miscellaneous Receipts	110.00	200.00	-90.00	55.0%
PFSA rate of return	6,241.20	10,786.44	-4,545.24	57.86%
Presbytery of East TN	3,000.00	6,000.00	-3,000.00	50.0%
Synod of Living Waters	4,311.80	5,454.50	-1,142.70	79.05%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>27,831.46</b>	<b>49,780.94</b>	<b>-21,949.48</b>	<b>55.91%</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
Cable TV, Internet, Telephone	927.27	1,324.81	-397.54	69.99%
Campus Labor	40.00	400.00	-360.00	10.0%
Cell phone/Email	99.51	99.51	0.00	100.0%
Cleaning	350.00	750.00	-400.00	46.67%
Electricity	2,325.90	4,500.00	-2,174.10	51.69%
Food/Cleaning Supplies	3,150.38	5,000.00	-1,849.62	63.01%
Gas	421.38	421.38	0.00	100.0%
Miscellaneous	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
Office Supplies	658.70	1,600.00	-941.30	41.17%
Payroll Expenses	6,371.76	9,858.85	-3,487.09	64.63%
Printing/Postage/Promotion	879.47	2,500.00	-1,620.53	35.18%
Professional Expense/Intern	780.00	900.00	-120.00	86.67%
Repairs/Maintenance	1,609.01	4,000.00	-2,390.99	40.23%
Special Events	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Triennium	4,092.83	850.00	3,242.83	481.51%
Van Expense	714.80	1,500.00	-785.20	47.65%
Water	470.77	1,000.00	-529.23	47.08%
Youth Ministry	1,868.77	5,999.98	-4,131.21	31.15%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>24,760.55</b>	<b>41,354.53</b>	<b>-16,593.98</b>	<b>59.87%</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>3,070.91</b>	<b>8,426.41</b>	<b>-5,355.50</b>	<b>36.44%</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Other Income</b>				
Annual carryover	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>3,070.91</b>	<b>8,426.41</b>	<b>-5,355.50</b>	<b>36.44%</b>

**Ethical Issues & Human Needs Committee Report:** John Shuck reported.

**INFORMATION:**

1. The Ethical Issues & Human Needs Committee is excited to welcome **Rev. Probe Augustin Mukendi Kabongo** to Holston Presbytery **October 1-8, 2010**. Rev. Kabongo is an International Peacemaker from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Here is Rev Kabongo's schedule so far:

- Sunday morning, 10/3 – Covenant PC in Johnson City
- Tuesday evening, 10/5 – Presbyterian Student Fellowship, ETSU
- Wednesday, 10/6 – all day in Greeneville at Rural Resources, Tabernacle Soup Kitchen; First Church, Greeneville for evening program

It will be updated as we hear from congregations. Prime times are going quickly! Contact **John Shuck** at **423.543.7737** or [johnashuck@embarqmail.com](mailto:johnashuck@embarqmail.com) to put him on your schedule or for ideas of how he might fit with your congregation's programming. Of course, the guy needs to eat and sleep, so think about hosting options as well! Augustin is willing to speak to women's groups, to a Bible Study or Sunday School, youth and college students, preach a sermon, go on the radio – pretty much whatever you have going!

**About Augustin:** *I have been married for 16 years and have three biological daughters (ages 15, 14 and 9) as well as three adopted children (1 girl, 2 boys; ages 18, 13, 10). I graduated from the Sheppards and Lapsley University seminary in Kananga, DR Congo, and have been a pastor at Dikongayi Church since completing my seminary studies. I have been the Executive Secretary of the Presbytery of Tshibashi since 2001. I am also the co-founder and current CPC Coordinator for APCS (Presbyterian Action Against HIV/AIDS) and have traveled throughout the Congo providing AIDS prevention and education with SANRU, a national community health and development organization and also with Training for Transformation, a Global Health Action program that focuses on women's issues and community development.*



2. The Spiritual Practices & Cultural Diversity Working Group will present a free lecture series "Faith's Impact on Health in Southern Appalachia" September 13, 20, 27 at Votaw Auditorium at ETSU's Palma Robinson Center. The purpose is to inform health and pastoral care givers of the unique role of faith in healing in Southern Appalachia. Topics on September 20 are "Melungeons, Spirituality & Health Care" and "The Impact of the Pentecostal movement in Southern Appalachia on Health Care"; September 27 – "Understanding Spiritual Practices to Gain Better Cooperation in Improving Patient Outcomes" and "Spirit and Spirituality: The Same but Otherwise."

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** None

12:30 PM - **Institutions Committee Report:** Sue O'Dell introduced Jim Swinkola, Director, Grandfather Home for Children, for their annual report and he introduced Robert Wiltshire who will work with Mae Weed with churches. Caroline Hart, Vice President of Advancement, from Lees-McRae College, gave their report. Those present were invited to tour Grandfather Home following lunch.

#### **INFORMATION:**

1. **Lees-McRae College's** representative will give their annual report.
2. **Director Jim Swinkola** will give **Grandfather Home for Children's** annual report. Tours of Grandfather Home will be available to those wishing to tour the grounds immediately following lunch.
3. **Grandfather Home for Children** – 2010 giving from Holston Presbytery churches is ahead of 2009 and, for this, GFH sincerely thanks you. ♦ GFH is looking for recommendations of persons from Holston Presbytery interested in serving as Trustees on their Boards. Recommendations would be submitted to the Boards' nominating committees and, if nominated, they would be elected and serve as individuals—not as official representatives of the presbytery. ♦ Campbell Cottage was dedicated August 27 with construction complete and final inside touches in process. ♦ Wildcat Lake has been visited by over 12,000 persons this summer. ♦ As of June 1, 256 children are being served by all campuses with 14 at the Hayes Banner Elk Campus; 200 are in foster care; 9 are receiving Day Treatment and 42 receive other services. The Home maintains a total staff of 110.
4. **Tusculum College** – began its 216<sup>th</sup> academic year on August 23 with the return of students and Opening Convocation on September 2. Increased enrollment has led to unique housing arrangements for some upperclassmen with students occupying 29 rooms at the Comfort Inn for the fall semester and, perhaps, through the 2010-11 year. ♦ **Dr. Steve Weisz** retired July 31 after 29 years of service to the College. ♦ Tusculum has been approved as an ACT Residual Testing Site to offer the tests at times other than the six nationally scheduled testing dates being presented to the Board of Trustees most likely in October.
5. **Evergreen Ministries** – Approximately 82 Individuals are served in East Tennessee which includes 70 in the elderly program living in Greeneville, Kingsport and Johnson City. Twelve individuals with intellectual disabilities are served in the traditional program. The biggest challenge in the elderly program is finding qualified staff to support elderly clients in rural areas and to adequately train them. ♦ Evergreen is proud to spotlight the accomplishments of Mr. Pope, a special client who has lost 63 pounds on a program set up and overseen by Evergreen staff. He, happier and healthier, has put in the hard work and been rewarded with the purchase of much needed new clothes out of grant money. ♦ East Tennessee is eagerly awaiting arrival of two handicap-accessible vans from the Department of Transportation's Section 5310 grant program. Nashville also received two vans. ♦ Evergreen was awarded a grant to train professionals across the state in skills necessary to implement adaptive yoga for individuals with disabilities. Yoga is proven to improve and maintain muscle strength, flexibility, balance and endurance. It is more cost-effective than individual therapies; and, done in groups, is beneficial to those who feel socially isolated and provides emotional and mental benefits to relieve stress and anxiety.
6. **King College** – has signed an articulation agreement with East Tennessee State so students will

have the opportunity to participate in a joint Bachelor of Arts and Doctor of Pharmacy program. After completing King's three year pre-pharmacy program and meeting ETSU's Pharmacy College admission requirements, students will be considered priority applicants for the Doctor of Pharmacy program. ♦ King has been named by U. S. News & World Report among the Best Baccalaureate Colleges in the South for their 21<sup>st</sup> consecutive appearance. For the second time, King has been named a "Military Friendly School" by G. I. Jobs honoring schools doing the most to embrace veterans as students. ♦ Marilyn Chandler McEntyre will be the speaker at Convocation for the beginning of the 2010-2011 Buechner Institute lecture series on September 6. On August 17, King College celebrated the grand opening of their newest instructional site in Knoxville. For additional information, go to [www.king.edu](http://www.king.edu).

7. **Lees-McRae College** – Effective June 1, 2010, Barry M. Buxton was named president of the College with his inauguration set for Homecoming weekend October 1-3. Visit [www.lmc.edu](http://www.lmc.edu) for details. ♦ The college has welcomed 280 first-year students in August; the third largest in their history as a four-year institution. ♦ The Staley Lecture series will begin October 19 at 7 pm with Bart Ehrman relating "The Greatest Stories Rarely Told: Biblical Scholars and the Discrepancies of Scripture." ♦ Thursday, September 23 at 4:30 pm, Paul Cuadros will speak in the Social Justice Series, a free event. As an award-winning journalist and author of *A Home on the Field*, he chronicles his time interacting with Hispanic immigrants working on poultry farms in North Carolina—and coaching their children in soccer to a state championship. ♦The Campus Ministry mission statement is "You are here to be light. Bringing out the God colors in the World. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public..." (Mat 5:14 msg) They are welcoming fall students with Bible Studies, Worship on Wednesday night, Sunday afternoon fellowship time, a pancake dinner, pastoral counseling and an ongoing chaplain ministry provided by area pastors. ♦ The office of student development is planning a "Vision Team" of students in leadership roles with future events planned for retreats, mission opportunities, a prayer night and re-establishment of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and more.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** None

12:45 PM: Promotions

**Adjournment:** Hal Hunter gave the Committee on Thanks report. Gordon Turnbull delivered a prayer for adjournment and for the meal. The body was dismissed at 12:55 PM.

\_\_\_\_\_ Gordon Turnbull, Moderator

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

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