

MINUTES
STATED MEETING OF HOLSTON PRESBYTERY
September 4, 2012
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Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center, Banner Elk, NC
September 4, 2012

Holston Presbytery met for its stated meeting at Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center in Banner Elk, NC at 9:05 a.m. Vice-Moderator, Mary Lee Harmon, welcomed those gathered for the meeting. The meeting was opened with worship and prayer, including the celebration of the Lord's Supper. The worship leaders were: Craig Bell, Director, Holston Presbytery Camp; Rev. Allen Huff, Pastor, First Presbyterian, Jonesborough; Hal Hunter, Chair, Holston Presbytery Camp Committee; Rev. Deven Johnson, Minister-at-Large, Holston Presbytery; and Rev. Shane Smith, Associate Pastor, Colonial Heights Presbyterian. An offering for Five Cents a Meal was collected in the amount of \$474.44. Craig Bell welcomed everyone on behalf of Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center. 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 |

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| Echols, Charles W. | X | |
| Fifield, Richard L. | X | |
| Florence, Kaye | X | |
| Frederick, Donald | | X |
| Gandy, Joan | 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 |
| Hopper, Barron | X | |
| Howard, Ira G. | | X |
| Huff, Allen | X | |
| Hutchison, Ralph | | X |
| Hyers, William D. | | X |
| Imsande, Louis | X | |
| Johnson, Deven | X | |
| Jordan, Greg | | X |
| Kelly, R. Gary | X | |
| Kestner, C. Phillip | | X |
| Knisley, Mark | | X |
| Lancaster, Lewis | | X |
| LaPointe, Douglas | | X |
| Martin, James | | X |
| Martin, John L. | | X |
| Maxey, Dennis | | X |
| Mays, James | | X |
| Meredith, Tim W. | | X |
| Miller, David | | X |
| Moore, Diana | X | |
| Murphy, Charles | X | |
| O'Connor, Hayley | | X |
| Parsons, Gradye | | X |
| Peake, Thomas | | X |
| Phillips, J. Thomas | | X |
| Ray, Richard | | X |
| Rohr, Errol | | X |
| Rolling, George L. | | X |
| Saunders, Raymond | | X |
| Schmidt, Kyle | X | |
| Scruggs, Glenn | | X |
| Shackelford, Edgar P. | | X |
| Shaw, Angus | X | |

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| Shuck, John A. | X | |
| Sims, David H. | | X |
| Smith, Shane | X | |
| Spence, Jr., Andrew E. | | X |
| Spoon, Eric | X | |
| Steinle, Marshall | X | |
| Strang, Fred Foy | X | |
| Sutherland, Terry | | X |
| Sydnor, Charles S. | | X |
| Taylor, Harrison | | X |
| Troyer, Elizabeth | X | |
| Turnbull, Gordon | X | |
| Wade, Thomas M. L. | | X |
| Walker, Fred | | X |
| Weed, Sherrolyn G. | X | |
| Weisz, Stephen R. | | X |
| Welch, David | X | |
| Whaley, Andrew | | X |
| White, Katherine | | X |
| White, Ray | | X |
| White, Robert G. | X | |
| Whitesides, Davis | | X |
| Willard, Pat | X | |
| Wing, III, William T. | X | |
| Wyatt, Brian | | X |
| Young, William | | X |

ELDER COMMISSIONERS:

| Congregation | Principal | Alternate | Visitor/Other |
|-------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|
| Amity | | | |
| Barton Springs | | | |
| Bethany | Jerry Hurt | | John Hurt |
| Bethel, Dandridge | | | |
| Bethel, Kingsport | Joe Davy | | |
| Blountville | Sue O'Dell | | |
| Bristol, First | Don Evans | | |
| Cedar Creek | Nancy Goins | | Karl Nimick |
| Cedarview | Coy Klepper | Bill Leedy | |
| Chuckey | | | |

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Clinton | | | |
| Cold Spring | Mary Jane Pope | | |
| Colonial Heights | Lisa Pecorini | Miller Lyons | |
| Cove Creek | | | |
| Covenant | Lynnea Hunter | | |
| Cross Anchor | Harold Smith | Fred Malone | |
| Elizabethton, First | Myra Elder | | Sandra Garrett |
| Erwin | Joe Chambers | | Ruth Dameron |
| Grays Chapel | | | |
| Greeneville, First | Liza Waldroupe | | Mark Stokes |
| Hebron | | | |
| Hopewell | | | |
| Jefferson City, First | Pat Patton | | M.E. Patton, Charles Wise, Dian Wise |
| Jennie Moore | | | |
| Johnson City, First | Gilbert Rosenberger Ann Herndon | | |
| Jonesborough | Linda Brothers | | Bob Riddle |
| Keystone | Spencer Pickle | | |
| Kingsport, First | Stewart Baggett | | Patsy Garriott |
| Leesburg | | | |
| Liberty | | | |
| Magill Memorial | Erik Anderson | | |
| Meadowview | Bobby Meadows | Nancy Meadows | |
| Morristown, First | Nellie Foust | | Kay LaFontaine Sandra Storms |
| Mountain City | | | |
| Mt. Hermon | | | |
| New Bethel | Richard Torbett | Denise Torbett | |
| New Ebenezer | | | |
| New Market | | | |
| New Providence | | | |

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| Newport | | | |
| Oakland | | | |
| Old Kingsport | | | |
| Philadelphia | | | |
| Piney Flats | David Frizzell | | |
| Preston Hills | | | |
| Reedy Creek, Bristol | | | |
| Reedy Creek, Kingsport | Ernie Williams | | |
| Rock Creek | | | |
| Rogersville | | | |
| Rosemont | | | |
| Salem | Tod Jablonski | Linda Jablonski | |
| Shady Valley | | | |
| Shenandoah | | | |
| St. Paul | | | |
| Strawberry Plains | Newton Day | | |
| Tabernacle | | | |
| The Journey | | | |
| Timber Ridge | Thomas Carter | | |
| Tri City Korean | | | |
| Valley Pike | | | |
| Walkertown | | | |
| Watauga Avenue | Janice Howard | | |
| Waverly Road | Anne Garber | | |
| Weaver Union | | | |
| West Ridge | | | |
| Windsor Avenue | Randy Broyles | | |
| Zion | | | |

PRESBYTERY STAFF: Craig Bell, Kim Fifield, Andrea Sutter

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Ike Brighton (Preparation for Ministry); Martin Christian (Church Development & Evangelism); Dan Clark (Committee on Ministry); Hal Hunter (Holston

Camp); Deven Johnson (Congregation Life); Harold Rutherford (Administration & Planning); Shane Smith (Young Adult Ministry); Lucretia Meese (Presbyterian Women); Clara Hasbrouck (General Mission Board); Harold Rutherford (Administration and Planning Committee Chair)

COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS: Anthony Barnett, Marci Cobb, Cliff Dameron, Mary Lee Harmon, Jackie Riddle

VISITING/CORRESPONDING MINISTERS: Don Steele (Pittsburgh Presbytery);

VISITORS: Mae Weed (Grandfather Home for Children); Jim Swinkola (Grandfather Home for Children); Allison Norris (Lees-McRae College)

CONSENT AGENDA

The below Consent Agenda was adopted:

- Approve enrollment
- Declaration of quorum
- Approve requests for excused absences
- Approve giving visiting ministers voice
- Approve Minutes of the March 3, 2012 Stated Meeting
- Appointment of Committee on Thanks: Martin Christian and Charlie Murphy
- Appointment of the Bills & Overture Committee: Dan Donaldson and Mark Stokes
- Adoption of the Docket
- Treasurer's Report

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

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Treasurer's Report

General Mission Budget
January through July 2012

| | Jan - Jul 12 | Budget | % of Budget |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense | | | |
| Income | | | |
| 60160 · Unified Mission Designated Fund | 9,586.94 | 11,445.00 | 83.77% |
| 60500 · Unified Monies | 223,252.35 | 410,000.00 | 54.45% |
| 61905 · Interest Income | 20,583.79 | 35,485.00 | 58.01% |
| Total Income | 253,423.08 | 456,930.00 | 55.46% |
| Gross Profit | 253,423.08 | 456,930.00 | 55.46% |
| Expense | | | |
| 70100 · Presbytery Council/Governing Board | 60,777.77 | 101,943.69 | 59.62% |
| 70200 · Committee on Ministry | -72.15 | 1,500.00 | -4.81% |
| 70300 · Committee Prep for Ministry | 0.00 | 1,500.00 | 0.0% |
| 70400 · WW Mission Committee | 0.00 | 750.00 | 0.0% |
| 70500 · Congregational Life Committee | 0.00 | 2,500.00 | 0.0% |
| 70600 · EIHN Committee | 0.00 | 750.00 | 0.0% |
| 70700 · Church Development & Evangelism | 1,666.65 | 4,300.00 | 38.76% |
| 70800 · Committee on Institutions | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | 0.0% |
| 70900 · Administration & Planning Committee | 145,251.63 | 216,949.89 | 66.95% |
| 71200 · Holston Camp & Retreat Center | 63,713.96 | 114,807.61 | 55.5% |
| 71300 · Youth & Young Adult Ministry | 11,084.99 | 20,539.63 | 53.97% |
| 71400 · Trustees | 22.25 | | |
| Total Expense | 282,445.10 | 466,540.82 | 60.54% |
| Net Ordinary Income | -29,022.02 | -9,610.82 | 301.97% |
| Net Income | -29,022.02 | -9,610.82 | 301.97% |

Fund Balances as of July 31, 2012

Jul 31, 12

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

| | |
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| 10000 · CHECKING - CITIZENS BANK (Checking - Citizens Bank) | |
| 10111 · Select Monies (Select Monies) | 57,839.20 |
| 10211 · Hattie Farthing Fund (Hattie Farthing Fund) | 3,571.95 |
| 10320 · Holston Seminary Student Fund (Holston Seminary Student Fund) | 3,919.39 |
| 10410 · Global Mission Fund (Global Mission Fund) | 1,614.36 |
| 10420 · 5 Cents-a-Meal Local (5 Cents-a-Meal Local) | 0.04 |
| 10421 · 5 Cents-a-Meal International (5 Cents-a-Meal International) | 0.02 |
| 10530 · Indian Ridge Payment (Indian Ridge Payment) | 3,500.00 |
| 10531 · Youth Ministry Endowment (Youth Ministry Endowment) | 3,000.00 |
| 10630 · Presbytery Peacemaking (Presbytery Peacemaking) | 2,284.54 |
| 10640 · EIHN - Restoring Creation (EIHN - Restoring Creation) | 1,425.00 |
| 10712 · Ministry - Hawkins County (Ministry - Hawkins County) | 10,500.00 |
| 10714 · Church Hill - Undesignated (Church Hill - Undesignated) | 6,000.00 |
| 11860 · Williams Transition Fund (Williams Transition Fund) | 8.82 |
| 11861 · Williams Capital Fund Interest (Williams Capital Fund Int.) | 11,221.04 |
| 11862 · Williams Program Fund Interest (Williams Program Fund Int.) | 15,599.70 |
| 11910 · Honoraria - EP (Honoraria - EP) | 2,407.05 |
| 15000 · Charitable Gift Annuity (Charitable Gift Annuity) | -4,648.32 |
| 20000 · Citizens Bank (Citizens Bank) | |
| 20210 · Pastoral Care (Pastoral Care) | 4,228.80 |
| 20531 · Youth Triennium (Youth Triennium) | 8.21 |
| 20710 · Church Development (Church Development) | 309.26 |
| 20750 · New Church Development (New Church Development) | 1.72 |
| 20780 · Evangelism (Evangelism) | 976.36 |
| 20911 · Equipment Reserve (Equipment Reserve) | 690.84 |
| 21810 · Devries Scholarship Fund a (Devries Scholarship Fund) | 37.99 |
| 21820 · Grigsby Scholarship (Grigsby Scholarship) | 8,553.30 |
| 21830 · Braziel Scholarship (Braziel Scholarship) | 3,481.21 |
| 21840 · Dixon Scholarship (Dixon Scholarship) | 3,437.11 |
| 21881 · Ninth Street Loan Fund - Hold (Ninth Street Loan Fund - Hold) | <u>3,104.23</u> |
| Total 20000 · Citizens Bank (Citizens Bank) | 24,829.03 |
| 10000 · CHECKING - CITIZENS BANK (Checking - Citizens Bank) - Other | <u>83,278.69</u> |
| Total 10000 · CHECKING - CITIZENS BANK (Checking - Citizens Bank) | 226,350.51 |
| 30000 · PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION (Presbyterian Foundation) | |
| 30211 · Hattie Farthing Fund (Hattie Farthing Fund) | 34,017.98 |
| 30710 · Church Development (Church Development) | 28,825.59 |
| 30730 · Small Church Fund (Small Church Fund) | 134,979.44 |

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| 30750 · New Church Development (New Church Development) | 66,489.54 |
| 31820 · Grigsby Scholarship (Grigsby Scholarship) | 75,098.91 |
| 31830 · Braziel Scholarship (Braziel Scholarship) | 38,475.59 |
| 31840 · Dixon Scholarship (Dixon Scholarship) | 31,558.68 |
| 31870 · Pattie Bushong Fund (Pattie Bushong Fund) | 1,818.76 |
| 31880 · Robinson Fund (Robinson Fund) | 814.47 |
| 31881 · Ninth Street Loan Fund (Ninth Street Loan Fund) | 12,204.00 |
| 31882 · Ninth Street Scholarship (Ninth Street Scholarship) | 49,524.04 |
| 31883 · Tusculum College Endowment (Tusculum College Endowment) | <u>94,159.75</u> |
| Total 30000 · PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION (Presbyterian Foundation) | <u>567,966.75</u> |
| Total Checking/Savings | 794,317.26 |
| Other Current Assets | |
| 40000 · The PFSA, Inc Grant-Restricted (The PFSA, Inc Grant-Restricted) | <u>627,000.00</u> |
| Total Other Current Assets | <u>627,000.00</u> |
| Total Current Assets | 1,421,317.26 |
| Other Assets | |
| 80000 · Notes Receivable (Notes Receivable) | |
| 80100 · Indian Ridge Baptist Church (Indian Ridge Baptist Church) | 122,500.00 |
| 80200 · Hebron Presbyterian Church (Hebron Presbyterian Church) | <u>37,320.51</u> |
| Total 80000 · Notes Receivable (Notes Receivable) | <u>159,820.51</u> |
| Total Other Assets | <u>159,820.51</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u><u>1,581,137.77</u></u> |



Accounting & Tax Professionals

Stephen C. Stanfield, CPA
Robert M. Thomas

July 31, 2012

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, 2011, and the related statements of revenue and expenses for the year ended December 31, 2011. 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.

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STATED CLERK'S REPORT: Rich Fifield reported.

INFORMATION:

1. The Synod of Living Waters Standing Rules §II-B, regarding the terms and procedures for election of commissioners to synod, have been revised by a majority of the synod's presbyteries as shown below:

§II-B Membership: The presbyteries shall elect one teaching elder and one ruling elder as commissioners to serve a three-year term beginning and ending when the annual meeting of Synod is called to order. They shall also elect one teaching elder and one ruling elder as alternate commissioners to serve in the absence of a commissioner.

All commissioners shall be eligible for re-election and may serve up to two consecutive three-year terms. The Synod, through its Committee on Representation, will keep the presbyteries informed of the current racial ethnic composition of the Synod in an effort to fulfill principles of participation and representation (Book of Order F-1.0403 and G-3.0103).

In the first year of transition from two-year to three-year terms, the presbyteries shall elect their commissioners and alternates for different terms as follows:

1. *Those elected by Western Kentucky, Mid-South, North Alabama, and St. Andrew Presbyteries will serve a one-year term. Current commissioners from those presbyteries may be re-elected if they have not already served more than five consecutive years.*
 2. *Those elected by Mid-Kentucky, Middle Tennessee, Sheppards and Lapsley, and Mississippi Presbyteries will serve a two-year term. Current commissioners from those presbyteries may be re-elected if they have not already served more than four consecutive years.*
 3. *Those elected by Transylvania, East Tennessee, Holston, and South Alabama Presbyteries will serve a three-year term. Current commissioners from those presbyteries may be re-elected if they had not already served more than three consecutive years.*
 4. *Each presbytery will elect commissioners and alternates for three-year terms to begin at the conclusion of the terms specified above, and the rotation thus established will continue with four presbyteries electing commissioners each year.*
2. Received the minutes of the Commission to Ordain the Rev. Pat Willard on June 16, 2012 (see below).
 3. Received the minutes of the Commission to Ordain and Install the Rev. Marshall Steinle on August 19, 2012 (see below).
 4. The following message from the 220th General Assembly (2012) is to be shared with all presbyteries:

[The 220th General Assembly] request[s] that this statement be brought before each presbytery at a stated meeting in which the report from the 220th General Assembly (2012) is given.

“The 220th General Assembly (2012) acknowledges that faithful Presbyterians earnestly seeking to follow Jesus Christ hold different views about what the Scriptures teach concerning the morality of committed, same-gender relationships. Therefore, while holding persons in ordered ministry to high standards of covenant fidelity in the exercise of their sexuality, as in all aspects of life, we acknowledge that the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) does not have one interpretation of Scripture in this matter. We commit ourselves to continue respectful dialogue with those who hold differing convictions, to welcome one another for God’s glory, and not to vilify those whose convictions we believe to be in error. We call on all Presbyterians to join us in this commitment.”

5. The report from the Holston Presbytery commissioners to the 220th General Assembly (2012) is attached (see below).

Minutes of the Commission of Holston Presbytery to ordain Patricia Willard Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

The Commission, according to the appointment of Holston Presbytery met at First Presbyterian Church, Elizabethton, on Saturday, June 16, 2012, at 3:45 PM, with Ministers: the Rev. Ike Brighton; the Rev. Rich Fifield; the Rev. Kaye Florence; the Rev. John Shuck; and Elders Mary Lee Harmon (First Church, Kingsport); Dean Masters (Erwin Church); Rebecca Nunley (First Church, Elizabethton); Judy Surface (First Church, Johnson City) and Corresponding Member Elder Bobbie Carroll (Madison Church, Madison, Virginia) present.

The Rev. Ike Brighton opened the meeting with prayer, and was elected Moderator and the Rev. Rich Fifield, Clerk of the Commission. A quorum was declared. Responsibilities and procedures for the Service of Ordination were reviewed, and the Commission recessed to be reconvened in the presence of the congregation and agreed to adjourn following the Benediction.

Elder Rebecca Nunley reconvened the Commission in the presence of the congregation and the Rev. Kaye Florence led the congregation in worship by preaching from Isaiah 53:7-10 and Luke 4:16-21. Elder Bobbie Carroll propounded the Constitutional Questions for the candidate. All questions being answered in the affirmative, Patricia Willard was ordained as Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA) with the laying on of hands and prayer. The prayer was led by the Rev. John Shuck.

Members of the presbytery and others welcomed the newly installed minister into their fellowship in the ministry of the Word. Elder Mary Lee Harmon delivered a charge to the minister.

At the conclusion of the service, the Rev. Patricia Willard pronounced the benediction. After the service, officers and member of the church gave the new minister an appropriate expression of cordial reception and affectionate regard.

Signed by Clerk: Richard L. Fifield

Minutes of the Commission of Holston Presbytery to ordain and install Marshall Steinle as Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

The Commission, according to the appointment of Holston Presbytery met at Reedy Creek Presbyterian Church, Kingsport, Tennessee, on Sunday, August 19, 2012, at 10:30 AM, with Ministers: the Rev. Mark Knisley; the Rev. Rich Fifield; and Cheryl Rice (First Church, Kingsport); Ernie Williams (Reedy Creek Church, Kingsport) present.

The Rev. Rich Fifield opened the meeting with prayer. A quorum was declared. Responsibilities and procedures for the Service of Ordination and Installation were reviewed, and the Commission recessed to be reconvened in the presence of the congregation and agreed to adjourn following the Benediction.

Elder Ernie William reconvened the Commission in the presence of the congregation and the Rev. Dr. Chris Leonard led the congregation in worship by preaching from Romans 1:16. Rev. Rich Fifield propounded the Constitutional Questions for the candidate, and Elder Cheryl Rice propounded the Constitutional Questions to the congregation. All questions being answered in the affirmative, Marshall Steinle was ordained as Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA) with the laying on of hands and prayer and installed as pastor of the Reedy Creek Presbyterian Church. The prayer was led by the Rev. Mark Knisley.

Members of the presbytery and others welcomed the newly installed minister into their fellowship in the ministry of the Word. Rev. Knisley delivered a charge to the minister and to the congregation.

At the conclusion of the service, the Rev. Marshall Steinle pronounced the benediction. After the service, officers and member of the church gave the new minister an appropriate expression of cordial reception and affectionate regard.

Signed by Clerk: Richard L. Fifield

220TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2012) COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

YAAD: Emily Morrell; Ruling Elder Commissioner: Anna Maddox; and Teaching Elder Commissioner: Kaye Florence

First and foremost the three of us would like to thank Holston Presbytery for electing us to represent you at the 220th General Assembly; we were honored to serve as your commissioners and young adult advisory delegate. We pray that the will of the Spirit was enacted by the will of the body and that our own prayers and discernment allowed for our individual votes to actively pursue such a challenging calling.

Within the first 48 hours of the Assembly being called to order we were shocked by the resignation of Reverend Tara Spuhler McCabe from her position as vice moderator of the PC(USA). Her resignation came in the midst of controversy of her signing the marriage certificate of two lesbian women in Washington D.C. (where gay marriage is legal). Rev. McCabe said to the Assembly in her eloquent, heartfelt letter of resignation that she “cares too much about this church and this Assembly to let this situation continue to keep us from doing the important work we were sent here to do.” Despite the disappointment at Rev. McCabe’s resignation, Assembly work proceeded and Moderator Neal Presa chose Reverend Tom Trinidad to take Rev. McCabe’s place as his vice moderator.

However, our General Assembly experience was not all business and polity. Some of our most meaningful and spiritual moments we took away from the Assembly occurred either during committee work or in worship services held before and after the group plenary meetings.

Committees consisted of anywhere from twenty to fifty commissioners, Young Adult Advisory Delegates, Theological Student Advisory Delegates, etc. with the task of addressing overtures specific to that committee’s respective title. The committee would subsequently, based on its discussion and voting, advise the Assembly on how to proceed (or in some cases NOT proceed) on each specific overture. We, along with many other commissioners and advisory delegates, found that it was particularly moving to be a part of a group of people with very different theological perspectives but who genuinely listened to one another with great respect and in an attitude of sincere, mutual learning.

Worship was another venue where the Holy Spirit moved freely and often. While every worship service had a different theme and focus, each sermon addressed Mark 2: 1-12, the story of four men cutting a hole in a roof in order to bring a paralyzed man to Jesus. Each message was as unique and distinct as the person presenting it and illuminated different perspectives – all pointing to the radical, roof-destroying love and grace we find in Christ. The Assembly was charged to embrace such drastic love in its work and encouraged to find new, out of the ordinary ways of seeing (and being) Christ’s body in the world.

The music in these worship services came from the new hymnal, *Glory to God*, a compilation of both new and traditional pieces that illuminate the rich history and the cultural diversity our denomination embodies. The older hymns were comforting and reassuring while the new ones presented a challenge, resulting in beautiful chords and poignant refrains.

It is common knowledge that this General Assembly dealt with quite a few “hot button” issues ranging from immigration to marriage, reproductive healthcare to special offerings. Rather than write out the process and the decisions reached on each issue I will instead direct you to this link:

<http://www.pcusa.org/media/uploads/oga/publications/assemblyinbrief.pdf>, or you can log on to the PC(USA)’s website and, from the homepage, go to “Resources”, then “Publications and Periodicals” and click on the *Assembly in Brief: 220th General Assembly (2012)* tab. It is a well written, informative, succinct summary of how these issues were addressed and what those outcomes mean for the Church at large. (You can also print off a pdf version to share with your congregation as bulletin inserts or flyers.)

Once again, thank you for affording us this wonderful opportunity to represent you in Pittsburgh; we were truly honored and blessed. Please feel free to contact any of us with questions or simply for further discussion on a topic (or topics) of particular interest to you or your congregation.

Peace,

Kaye Florence

Anna Maddox

Emily Morrell

SMALL GROUP GATHERINGS: The Moderator recessed the meeting for small group discussions led by the Committee on Ministry, and then reconvened the meeting.

The Rev. Kaye Florence gave a verbal report on the 220th General Assembly.

GENERAL MISSION BOARD REPORT: Clara Hasbrouck reported.

General Mission Board Minutes
August 21, 2012

Call to Order at 3:01 PM by Clara Hasbrouck, Moderator.

Present: ~~Robert Armistead~~, Ike Brighton, ~~Martin Christian~~, Dan Clark, David Frizzell, Mary Lee Harmon, Clara Hasbrouck, Hal Hunter, ~~Louis Imsande~~, ~~Deven Johnson~~, ~~Barbara Kelly~~, David Light, ~~Anna Maddox~~, ~~Jim Mays~~, Lucretia Meece, ~~Pam Pope~~, Harold Rutherford, ~~Shane Smith~~, Brian Wyatt, Rich Fifield, Craig Bell, Kim Fifield, ~~Andrea Sutter~~.

Opening devotional (1 Peter 4:8-11) and prayer by Clara Hasbrouck.

Reports/Recommendations to the General Mission Board:

- Stated Clerk’s Report..... Rich Fifield
 - Treasurer’s ReportKim Fifield
 - Moderator’s Report..... Brian Wyatt
 - Vice-Moderator’s Report Mary Lee Harmon
- Committee Reports:

Stewardship and Budget Committee..... Dave Light

1. RECOMMENDATION TO THE GENERAL MISSION BOARD: That the 2013 Proposed General Mission Budget be \$444,723. (See attached.) Ideas for sharing the budget and the ministries of Holston Presbytery with congregations were discussed. The motion was approved.

Holston Camp and Retreat Center Committee Hal Hunter

2. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL MISSION BOARD: Proposed changes to the *Manual of Administrative Operations*:
 - a. Change the number of committee members from 9 to 12.
 - b. Place the Holston Camp Committee to a position of a free standing committee responsible directly to Presbytery.
 - c. That the name be changed from Holston Presbytery Camp & Retreat Center Committee to Board of Directors, Holston Presbytery Camp & Retreat Center, Inc.

Motion/Seconded/Debated to postpone the Holston Camp and Retreat Center Committee recommendations to the November 13, 2012 General Mission Board meeting. Motion passed.

Actions Referred to Council by Presbytery — None

The Information Packet for the September 4, 2012 stated meeting of presbytery at Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center, Banner Elk, NC, including proposed docket and committee reports to presbytery was approved. The Committee on Ministry will lead three small groups at the September 4, 2012 and the December 4, 2012 stated meetings.

Other Business / Sharing of Concerns and Prayers

3. **RECOMMENDATION TO PRESBYTERY:** That the Tri-City Korean Presbyterian Church be given permission from Holston Presbytery to sell property at 401 Locust Street, Kingsport, Tennessee, in accordance with G-4.0206a. (This is the lot where the previous church building was located, which was totally destroyed by fire on March 5, 2012.) Approved.

Future Dates for Council and Presbytery meetings in 2012:

| <u>Council</u> | <u>Presbytery</u> |
|-------------------|--|
| | September 4, 2012 (Tue) – Holston Camp, Banner Elk |
| November 13, 2012 | December 4, 2012 (Tue) – Bethel, Kingsport |

Adjournment at 4:20 PM, with prayer, by Dan Clark.

The Council Minutes Committee approved today’s minutes. (Rich Fifield, David Frizzell, Barbara Kelly)

| <u>General Mission Budget</u> | <u>Proposed 2013</u> |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Income | \$444,985.00 |
| Unified Monies | 410,000.00 |
| Unified Mission Designated Funds | |
| Mission Partnership Funds (GA/Synod) | \$9,945.00 |
| Camp Designated Gifts | |
| Campus Ministry Designated Gifts | |
| Reynolds Foundation Designated Gift NCD/Evangelism | |
| Designated Reserves | \$0.00 |
| New Church Development 10752 to CDE | |
| Grigsby Scholarship 10541 to CPM/Scholarships | |
| Tom Dixon Scholarship 10543 to CPM/Scholarships | |
| Youth Ministry Endowment 10531 to YYAM | |
| Fairmount Church 10170 | |
| Advanced Giving | |
| Interest | \$34,985.00 |
| Checking Account | \$500.00 |
| Grant Program Interest | \$34,485.00 |
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| Expenses | \$444,723.00 |
| Ministries within Holston Presbytery | |
| Committee on Preparation for Ministry | \$1,500.00 |
| Committee on Ministry | \$1,500.00 |
| Mission and Evangelism Committee | \$4,250.00 |
| Church Development and Evangelism | \$2,500.00 |
| Institutions | \$1,000.00 |
| Ethical Issues and Human Needs | \$750.00 |
| Discipleship Committee | \$139,074.62 |
| Holston Center | \$40,000.00 |
| Holston Center Director | \$76,544.30 |
| Congregational Life | \$2,000.00 |
| Youth Ministry | \$3,500.00 |
| Young Adult Ministry | \$3,000.00 |
| Campus House Director | \$14,030.33 |
| Administration and Budget Committee | \$197,971.55 |
| Office | \$23,150.00 |
| Staff | \$174,821.55 |
| Ministries with Councils | \$100,426.83 |
| Holston Presbytery Council | \$3,000.00 |
| Synod of Living Waters Unified | \$20,000.00 |
| Synod of Living Waters Per Capita | \$27,754.54 |
| General Assembly Per Capita | \$52,672.29 |
| General Assembly Unified | |
| Balance | \$262.00 |

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY REPORT: Ike Brighton reported.

INFORMATION:

1. Holston Presbytery Candidates:
 - a. There were no Candidates scheduled to be reviewed during this meeting.
2. Holston Presbytery Inquirers:
 - a. **Jeremy Good** (First Church, Kingsport) sent an e-mail letter asking the CPM to discontinue his enrollment as an Inquirer. His letter was accepted, regretfully.
 - b. **Patrick Harley** (First Church, Greeneville) applied to become an Inquirer and was unanimously approved. Patrick is enrolled at Columbia Seminary and will begin his studies at the end of August.
3. In the interim between the scheduled meeting and the presbytery meeting, CPM received the resignation of **Linda Stunkard** as a candidate. In true regret, it was approved.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT: Harold Rutherford reported.

INFORMATION:

1. The following annual staff review process was approved:
 - By Sept. 15—Staff self-evaluations due to Administration & Planning Chair and Executive Presbyter
 - By Oct. 30—Individual staff consultations with Administration & Planning Chair and Executive Presbyter completed
 - By Nov. 1—Staff evaluation summary and recommendations shared with Administration & Planning Committee
 - November 5—Staff evaluations and recommendations given to Council for action

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

YOUTH MINISTRY COMMITTEE REPORT: Shane Smith reported on two events: the Middle School Retreat, November 16-18, at Holston Center; and an opening on the Holston Presbytery Youth Council.

WORLD-WIDE MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT: No report.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT: Dan Clark reported.

INFORMATION:

1. Approved the Church Information Form for **Erwin Church**.

2. Approved the request to dissolve the pastoral relationship between **the Rev. Mun-Gye Lee** and **Tri-City Korean Presbyterian Church**, effective June 30, 2012, and transfer Rev. Lee to the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, where he has accepted the call as pastor of the Hanbit Presbyterian Church.
3. Approved the Temporary Supply Contract between **the Rev. John Hadden** (ordained Southern Baptist) and **Barton Springs Church**, effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, with the following terms: Annual Cash Salary - \$9,000; Annual Housing Allowance - \$9,000; and approved the Rev. Hadden to preside over the sacraments.
4. Renewed the Temporary Supply Contract between **the Rev. Heath Pressley** (ordained Southern Baptist) and **First Church, Johnson City**, effective June 15, 2012 through June 14, 2013, with the following terms: Annual Cash Salary - \$25,000.00; Annual Housing Allowance - \$35,000.00; Full SECA Allowance; 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.
5. Appointed **CRE Eddie Doerr** (Old Kingsport Church) to serve as Moderator of the **New Market Church**. (Mr. Doerr has completed the CRE Polity Class and is serving the New Market Church.)
6. Approved the ordination/installation date for **Marshall Steinle** on Sunday, August 19, 2012, 11:00 AM, **Reedy Creek Church, Kingsport**. (The COM previously approved the following Commission to Ordain/Install Mr. Steinle: the Rev. Ira Howard; the Rev. Mark Knisley; the Rev. Rich Fifield; Elder Elder Ernie Williams (Reedy Creek, Kingsport); Elder Cheryl Rice (First Church, Kingsport).)
7. Approved the call of **the Rev. Eric Spoon** as pastor of **New Bethel Church**, effective August 20, 2012, and transfer the Rev. Spoon from Coastal Carolina Presbytery, with the following terms of call: Annual Cash Salary - \$30,640; Manse with church-paid utilities up to \$3,000; Annual SECA Allowance - \$3,060.92; full participation in the Board of Pensions; Annual Reimbursed Professional Expenses up to \$3,000; Annual Reimbursed Continuing Education Expenses up to \$1,000; Annual Manse Equity - \$600; Annual Continuing Education Leave – two weeks; Annual Vacation – four weeks. (See attached documents.)
8. Approved the Commission to Install **the Rev. Eric Spoon** as pastor of **New Bethel Church** on Sunday, September 16, 2012, at 3:00 PM, with the following members: the Rev. Angus Shaw; the Rev. Joan Gandy; Elder Mary Lee Harmon (First Church, Kingsport) and Elder Dickie Torbett (New Bethel Church).
9. Approved the Interim Pastor Contract between **the Rev. Jin Hoon Kim** (Honorably Retired Minister of Cherokee Presbytery) and **Tri-City Korean Presbyterian Church**, effective July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 with the following terms: Weekly Cash Salary - \$300; and grant the Rev. Kim permission to labor within the boundaries of Holston Presbytery.
10. Approved the Church Information Form of **Covenant Church**.

11. Acting on the request from **the Rev. Don Steele** to transfer his membership from the Presbytery of Pittsburgh to Holston Presbytery, the COM requested the small group time at the September 4, 2012 stated presbytery meeting to discuss the matter. (See attached documents.)
12. Approved the Commission to Ordain **Mr. Neil Arner** as teaching elder on Sunday, October 14, 2012, at 3:00 PM, at **First Church, Johnson City**, with the following members: the Rev. Gordon Turnbull; the Rev. Louis Imsande; Elder Gerald Malcom (First Church, Johnson City) and Elder Jerry Nagel (Covenant Church).
13. Appointed **the Rev. Dan Clark** as Moderator of the **Walkertown Church**.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

14. That **Walkertown Church** session be granted a waiver through 2012 on limitation of terms for ruling elders, as provided in the *Book of Order*, G-2.0404, because of their small membership. Approved.

Faith Journey - the Rev. Eric Spoon

I grew up in a society in which I was considered a privileged child, having parents that cared, loved, and provided for me in any area that I needed. My cultural background is one that again has been of privilege. All that I needed was made available for me in areas others than just my household. The church that I grew up in gave me strong spiritual surroundings; my schooling gave me a strong education with a chance to interact fully with people of other backgrounds; and my neighborhood gave me the ability to live and interact with people of different backgrounds, genders, and faith, helping me to be a more fully rounded person. Even though I lived in a community that was predominately Caucasian, it did not change my view of other people in that we are all created equal and that we are all brothers and sisters in Christ. I tried to always live my belief of Jesus' words, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22: 39). After high school, I attended Montreat College where I became active with a youth program at the local church. I received a Bachelor of Science in Bible and Religion. After college I spent four years at Union-PSCE (now Union Presbyterian Seminary) where I earned a Master of Divinity and a Master of Arts in Christian.

While in high school I was blessed with the chance to visit Europe and South Africa. It was while in South Africa that I realized that the world did not fit the bubble that I grew up in. Seeing slums that were worse than anything here in America, and working with homeless men, women, and children were powerful experiences. It opened my eyes to a world that needed to change; a change that must begin in the church. This trip made me truly realize that every person, no matter what age, gender, economic status, race, or any other issue needs to know the love of Christ – to know they are truly loved. Thus began my call into ministry.

While in Seminary, I met my wife Melanie, who has found her calling in life as a social worker. We have been married for four glorious years and it has been the greatest time of my life. My wife supports me 110% and loves what I do as much as I do. She and I share a passion for showing the love of Christ to all of God's people, hoping to let them

know that it does not matter where they come from, where they are now, or where they are going, God does and will always love them.

My first call was as an Associate Pastor for Youth and Family Ministries. During this first call I found myself striving to help change the world by reaching out to people of all types, including starting a ministry for the youth of the low income neighborhood beside the church. After almost two years of faithful ministry, I felt the Lord calling me to more and greater ministry in and for the whole church, not just one area of it.

Through a great deal of prayer and discernment, God has called me to serve as the Pastor of New Bethel Presbyterian Church. I am excited about this time in life and what it holds, hoping and praying that God will use me as His faithful servant to help lead this faithful congregation in the next chapter.

Statement of Faith – the Rev. Eric Spoon

God is the creator of all things – seen and unseen. God has also revealed to creation that God is omnipotent, powerful, loving, and holy. These are perfect and complete in their nature. God is an active God, one that continues to have a hand in all that is happening, and will always have a hand in creation. God does not simply put things in motion and then step back, but rather guides the footsteps of God’s people by laying the path for them to walk. Through Baptism God has put a mark on us, setting us apart as a member of God’s family. It is God’s grace that reaches out to us first, as God knows the number of hairs on our heads and formed us in our mother’s womb (Jeremiah 1: 4-5). Nothing about God can be known except for what God has revealed to creation through Scripture. It is through faith, which is given by God, the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and the knowledge obtained through Scripture that Christians are able to have a personal relationship with God. Being a marked member of God’s family, we have the undeserved and freely given gift of the saving grace of Jesus Christ that allows us to have life eternal.

Jesus Christ, born of the Virgin Mary, is the one and only Son of God. He came into this world to save us from our sins. Even in our sinfulness, Christ’s love reaches out to us and brings us redemption and new life. In our confession both silent and spoken we acknowledge that we are a broken people and it is only through Jesus Christ, our Savior that we are brought back into right relationship with God. Jesus is both fully human and fully divine in nature. This means that Jesus is able to take on all of the human actions, feelings, and nature while living a sinless life in perfect holiness with God. As seen through Jesus’ actions at the Temple, from a childhood age he recognized that he was different from others (Luke 2: 41-52). This pattern continued to be made known through his teachings and miracles performed later in his life, made known to us through the Gospels.

The Holy Spirit is the third part of the Holy Trinity – equal in status with God and Jesus. The Holy Spirit, as a deity, makes our faith come alive. God use the Holy Spirit as the binding force for action to happen. The Holy Spirit justifies; sets us free; binds us; inspires; rules; engages; claims; feeds; calls; and gives courage to pray, witness, unmask, hear, and work (A Brief Statement of Faith, 10.4). As the Holy Spirit moves about like the wind, it provides the means for all of God’s gifts to be known and understood by all of God’s people.

The church is more than walls and building that hold the people. It is a body of believers that live in community with one another as a family. The church is not just the

people who worship in one place, but is universal. As the body of Christ, it is a vessel for God's people to live out the Great Commission that Jesus has called his people to do (Matthew 28: 16-20). We, as Christians, are called to fight injustice and work for equality and peace among all nations – a model we can follow based off the life of Christ and his teaching of loving our neighbors (Matthew 22: 34-40). We cannot be bound to just our immediate context but we must live out what we are called to do.

The Holy Sacraments are essential areas of faith and life in the church. I believe that through Baptism we marked as being in relationship with God as the children of God. Baptism, received only once, is a sign and a seal that we, as Christians, are members of God's family. This is seen through Christ's Baptism in the Gospel of Luke. Through Baptism, the water cleanses us in the Spirit and we are given new life in Christ. The Lord's Supper is a gift to us, so that we can show our inward faith in an outward form. The Lord's Supper signifies that we are eating and drinking with the crucified and risen Christ. The wine, as a symbol of Christ's blood, shed for us and the bread a symbol of Christ's body broken for us act as a means of the forgiveness of sins. It is through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper that Christians are drawn closer to God and continue to grow in relationship with God and the Church as a whole. It is Christ's way of helping the church grow in right relationship with one another, but more importantly in right relationship with Christ.

Faith Journey-the Rev. Donald M. Steele

In the life of a 64 year- old, there are more stories than can be encompassed in one page, At the outset, I would simply note that for me as for most pilgrims, the journey is not so much the story of my growth in faith as in God's faithfulness in the warp and woof of the weaving of my life. Along the way, I taught in a Catholic middle school related to the Schools of the Sacred Heart, whose founder, Saint Catherine Drexel, saw as the goal of education to see a student, "seriously begun." I hope that at age 64, I am perhaps at last "seriously begun" and trust that the "One who began a good work in me will bring it to completion at the day of Christ Jesus." (Phil. 1:6) Since there is so much to tell, I will try to describe the journey in strands for God's weaving rather than chronological events.

Strand One- Illness

My earliest serious illness began during my first pastorate in Hinton, WV, where I was sent to the Mayo Clinic and hospitalized with my first severe bout with asthma. Other health challenges have included epilepsy, osteoporosis resulting in a broken back due to the seizures, and lymphoma. Later, a dangerous asthma attack in Chicago again hospitalized me and led to a prescription of a warmer, drier, less polluted climate, which opened a door to accepting a call to Westminster Presbyterian Church in Gallup, NM adjacent to the Navajo and Zuni reservations. My service there was interrupted by a serious stroke, which left me unable to continue due to partial paralysis and partial blindness. In 2011, advanced arthritis led to a knee replacement with complications prolonging the recovery during rehab. Through it all, I have experienced God's presence as healer, companion, and comforter.

Strand Two – Social Justice

In many ways my parents laid the groundwork for my growing involvement in issues of social justice. As staunch members of the rural Presbyterian Church in middle Tennessee where I grew up, with their influence and that of my Scottish immigrant grandfather, who lived with us until his death, our home was very Calvinist in its practices with no cooking, sewing or movies on Sundays. We did not eat out or do grocery shopping on Sundays, and so we didn't participate in an economy that required others to work on the Sabbath. It was an early lesson in putting beliefs into action for justice. My parents also did not support the negative images, language, or actions that upheld segregation at the time.

It was not surprising then that when my college choice took me to Southwestern at Memphis, now Rhodes College, I became very active in civil rights concerns and actions, especially in the garbage workers' strike that brought Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to Memphis and his death. This affected me profoundly as I viewed Dr. King as one who was "persecuted for righteousness sake." During these years I experienced and began to follow my sense of call to ministry. At Union Seminary in Virginia, I became active in the peacemaking movement in response to the Viet Nam war. Following seminary, I understood my call to be to ministry in Appalachia, and I accepted the first of four calls in the region. After Hinton, I served concurrently as pastor in Spencer, WV, as coordinator of CAM, the Coalition for Appalachian Ministry and as Special Presbyter for Appalachian Ministry for the Presbytery of Greenbrier. In these capacities I worked to address the social justice issues of the region including land use and abuse, mine and factory safety, and land ownership and control. With the blessing of my third WV parish in Charleston, I also participated in the WV Delegation of Witness for Peace in Nicaragua. Growing out of my regional work, I became increasingly involved in issues of national and world hunger, and after additional study at the Maryknoll School of Theology's Institute for Justice and Peace, I accepted a call as Associate Director for International Relief and Development with the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and made on-site visits in Latin America, Africa, and Asia, as well as the U.S., monitoring and encouraging programs to address root causes of hunger. Health concerns dictated that I decline the opportunity to move with the national staff to Louisville, and instead, went to Graduate Theological Union to pursue a Ph.D. In Berkeley, CA., in addition to teaching pastoral theology, ethics, and spirituality at two seminaries, a middle school and a graduate school, I participated in the support for migrant farm workers. During these years, I also had to come to terms with the personal issue that tested most profoundly my trust in God's faithfulness, as after listening in counseling to numerous students who were struggling with their sexual identity, I came belatedly to understand my own orientation and to self-identify as gay. I had long since known that gay, like other human conditions, is a gift, but 24 years into a committed marriage and ordination in a denomination that did not allow gay clergy, I pleaded with God. "Could it please not be my gift!" God, on the other hand, already knew me and was big enough to handle my shame and grief at hurting my wife, who had shared so much of the journey. With the help of excellent therapy and many courageous and faithful gay Christian friends, I "came out" first to myself, then to my wife, and eventually to others in the church and institutions where I worked. That process has continued to this time, but I was committed that no employer would choose me without first knowing this aspect of my truth, so they would not hear after the fact and wish they might have made another decision. This included my service at the School of Applied Theology in Oakland, at McCormick

Theological Seminary in Chicago, at Children's Hospital in Chicago, where I was chaplain, at three "More Light" congregations, where I was Parish Associate, and at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Gallup, NM., where I was solo pastor. A disabling stroke ended my service there due to partial paralysis and partial blindness. The Presbytery of Santa Fe granted me the status of Honorably Retired. Despite my disability, Sixth Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh allowed me to serve as Parish Associate. In Pittsburgh I was also able to volunteer as a teacher in a faith-based, non sectarian college prep school for low-income minority students, which has sent all of its graduates on to college – the first in their families to do so. If I am received, I hope to serve in some meaningful ways in the Presbytery of Holston. I am thankful that First Presbyterian Church in Elizabethton is a More Light congregation as well, to allow me to worship with my deeply spiritual partner of 17 years, Jeffrey Watkins, who is also my nurse. In all these matters, it has been God who was faithful to me on the journey. Thus I can say with hymn writer, John Newton, "Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come, 'twas Grace that brought me safe thus far, and Grace will lead me home." Thanks be to God!

Strand Three – ecumenical relationships in education and service.

Though Presbyterians played the largest role in my formal education in college, seminary, and graduate school, I have also been equipped and expanded by institutions, and programs planned and led by Episcopalians, Lutherans, Methodists, National Baptists, Roman Catholics, and Jews. Not surprisingly, then, I have found great joy in being a brother in the ecumenical Franciscan religious order, the Mercy of God Community, whose core commitment is to work to "overcome the scandalous divisions within Christianity." With the current national climate of distrust of other faiths, that commitment is expanding to include overcoming the harm done to others (both Christian and non-) in the name of Christ

Strand Four -Family and Friends

All along the way, God has blessed me with wonderful family and remarkable friends. My afore-mentioned parents and grandfather helped me to get started. Cynthia, my former wife of twenty-four years, who remains a special friend, my adult son, Davidson, my brother, Lewis, nieces, Li and Claire and their families, extended family members and particularly my partner and skilled caregiver of 17 years, Jeffrey Watkins, have all been incredibly supportive and loyal through many joys and sorrows. They have been multiplied by many parishioners and friends beyond any deserving, who have sustained my hope, courage and faith along the way and witnessed to God's steadfast love, forgiveness, and mercy. One Friend in particular, Baptist pastor and educator, the Rev. Dr. Brian Ammons of Durham, North Carolina, has accompanied me through many of the most difficult days.

Strand Five - The Future is open because of the Faithfulness of God.

Just as "the past is prologue, " So the future is God's Finishing School to which I gratefully commit.

Statement of Faith – the Rev. Donald M. Steele

In the beginning, GOD

Who created and continues to create

the heavens and earth, the universe, all creatures and all humanity, including me. This God is revealed most clearly in the Scriptures, our unique and authoritative rule of faith and practice and entrusts to us the care and stewardship of the earth.

In the midst of life, (in the Fullness of time) GOD

Was incarnate in Jesus – Emmanuel, God -with- us – a Palestinian Jew, whom I have come to love and confess as the Christ or Messiah, who came as teacher, healer, reconciler, justice-seeker, prophet and Savior for all humankind. Jesus calls ordinary women and men into discipleship and the church catholic, eats with outcasts, teaches that all are children of God, heals the sick, and demonstrates the realm of God, and in his life, death on the cross and resurrection reveals the lengths to which God will go to in order to show mercy and bring life to all, to show that no one, absolutely no one is expendable. When Jesus returned to God, God sent the Holy Spirit as comforter and energizer who empowers the church to live as Christ's body in the world today.

In the end, GOD,

Who like the prodigal Father runs to meet the children and welcome us home, and Who like a mother hen gathers us together and offers comfort and safety, and Who in Jesus goes before us to show us the way.

STEWARDSHIP AND BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

INFORMATION:

1. The financial review, as required by the *Book of Order* G-3.0113, of the 2011 fiscal year was completed by Stanfield, Thomas and Associates (see Review Letter in Treasurer's Report). The report is available for review in the presbytery office.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

TRUSTEES REPORT: No report.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT: Rich Fifield reported.

INFORMATION:

1. The Nominations Committee is working to match peoples' gifts and interests with vacancies in the new committee structure which will begin in 2013.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

2. That Elder Mary Lee Harmon (First Church, Kingsport) be elected as Moderator of Holston Presbytery for a one-year term, and installed at the December 4, 2012 stated meeting. The Moderator opened the floor for nominations. Elder Mary Lee Harmon was elected Moderator of Holston Presbytery for 2013 by acclamation.
3. That the Rev. Sharon Amstutz be elected as Vice-Moderator of Holston Presbytery for a one-year term, and installed at the December 4, 2012 stated meeting. The Moderator opened the floor for nominations. The Rev. Sharon Amstutz was elected Vice-Moderator of Holston Presbytery for 2013 by acclamation.

CHURCH DEVELOPMENT AND EVANGELISM COMMITTEE REPORT: No report.

COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION: No report.

HOLSTON PRESBYTERY CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER REPORT: Hal Hunter reported.

- Hired 16 staff and trained them for resident camp
- Hired and trained local Day Camp director and local staff for 6 weeks of day camp
- Received special donations to fund new programs: Paintball, Slingshot, Archery
- With the help of many volunteers the 2 paintball courses were cleared
- Volunteer groups have paid for and stained the entire stairs, deck and bridge; graded and rakes both beaches; planted and mulched 140 donated rhododendron, dogwood trees, forsythias, Fire bushes, viburnum, plum, cherry, Hawthorne, and other bushes.
- Increased our summer camp attendance by 26%
- Some new programs for summer camp include: fishing, Lees McRae College indoor climbing wall, and their Wildlife center.
- Ended the summer camp/day camp program budget in the black by \$6,817.40.
- Add three lifeguard chairs – two at lake Lyons and one at Wildcat lake
- Eagle Service Project for camp: installed a new 18 hole disc golf was completed in time for camp. Another one will be done in September – two floating docks on Wildcat lake for our canoe launch
- Thanks to other donations we were able to purchase a new Canon EOS Rebel camera
- We were able to install a new pump at Gunther Lodge thanks to a donation from Gil Rainey.
- Miller Lyons provided funds for three Adirondack style rocking chairs for Bell's Bungalow deck.
- The number of retreat groups has increased: sewing/quilters, Family Reunions, Work Groups, All Church Retreats, College leadership training, Sorority
- Zachary Shuck, a past staff member of Holston Camp and son of Rev John Shuck, passed away and memorial funds in the total of \$1,200 have been received to date.
- Extended our marketing by posting all daily summer camp activities to Facebook. This allowed parents to see their children right away and to share the photos with others.
- Tim Jones, our program director will host any groups wishing to come for paintball parties. Contact the camp office for times and rates.

- Our program change allowed for the campers to hear Gods word each morning at Morning watch, daily devotions and evening cabin devotions led by the cabin counselors. We also included this year a Praise and worship one night each week.
- Campers were from: Holston Presbytery Churches – Cedar Creek, Chuckey, Colonial Heights, Covenant, Elizabethton, Greeneville, Johnson City, Kingsport, Magill, Morristown, Piney Flats, Salem, and Waverly Road. Abingdon Presbytery: Glade Spring, Grace, Sinking Spring and Walnut Grove. And from Western North Carolina Presbytery: Arbor Dale, Banner Elk, and Crossnore. Our campers came from Virginia, North Carolina, Florida, Tennessee, South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, West Virginia and California.
- Our new program design allowed the campers to choose a three hour morning activity and a three hour afternoon activity Monday thru Thursday. Friday morning they chose from the favorites of the week. Activities included: Rock Climbing; Wall Climb; Indoor Climbing Wall; Survivor; Wildcat lake –canoe, swim, fish; Lake Lyons – zip line, kayaks, tube slide, party barge, swim; Sports activities; Arts and Crafts; Archery and slingshot; Disc Golf; Paintball; and Team Building.
- Our summer staff was able to choose the activities they would like to lead based on their qualifications to lead and teach.
- Facility improvements allowed us to change our program: Added on to cabins 1 & 2 with showers, toilets and sink thanks to donations from the Elizabeth Ann Hay Family; The old bath house “Unit Center” was renovated into sleeping quarters and a meeting space and is now called Bell’s Bungalow; the rec field pavilion was fully enclosed to make a much needed meeting space; new metal roofs have been put on the camp store, Grigsby Hall and Cabin 3; enclose luggage shed into Paintball building.
- Future improvements when funds are available: pave trails to all main camp cabins to make dragging suitcases easier and make snow removal easier; Fix parking off Wayne’s Woad above Cabin 1 for easy access; build playground by rec field building; gravel Wayne’s Woad; install rope swing at Lake Lyons; acquire 15 mountain bikes for our summer camp program and build a storage/repair building; build large shed building for boats and life jackets at lake Lyons; replace 55 year old main water line from well to tank.

Dates to remember:

Presbyterian Women Retreat September 28-30

Holston Presbytery Middler Retreat November 16-18

Choose n Cut November 30 – December 1

Dedication of Cabin 1 as the John Hay Cabin

Dedication of Cabin 2 at the Elizabeth Ann Hay Cabin

Dedication of the Bath House/Unit Center as Bell’s Bungalow

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| Ordinary Income/Expense | |
| Income | |
| Miscellaneous | 646.07 |
| Sale of Assets | 400.00 |
| 40000 · Operating Income | |
| 406000 · Holston Support | 23,333.31 |
| 406200 · Camp Store & Drinks | 1,568.80 |
| 406300 · NC Tax Rebate | 8,573.87 |
| 406350 · HUB Interest | 34.83 |
| 40000 · Operating Income - Other | <u>681.13</u> |
| Total 40000 · Operating Income | 34,191.94 |
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| 406400 · Retreat Income | |
| Special Event Income | 2,711.70 |
| Holston Retreat Sleep | 6,424.00 |
| Holston Retreat Food | 5,192.00 |
| Other Retreat Sleep | 75,896.00 |
| Other Retreat Food | 41,910.44 |
| 406400 · Retreat Income - Other | <u>1,252.50</u> |
| Total 406400 · Retreat Income | 133,386.64 |
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| 407000 · Summer Camp Income | |
| 407110 · Day Camp Fees | 8,690.85 |
| 407100 · Camper Fees | 68,667.46 |
| 407000 · Summer Camp Income - Other | <u>-1,019.09</u> |
| Total 407000 · Summer Camp Income | 76,339.22 |
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| 407200d · Camper Scholarships | <u>2,055.00</u> |
| Total Income | <u>247,018.87</u> |
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| Expense | |
| 60000 · Overhead Expenses | |
| Utilities | 31,390.51 |
| Repair/Maintenance | 11,065.68 |
| Vehicle Upkeep | 1,550.97 |
| Administration | 24,523.65 |
| Board of Pensions | <u>25,055.66</u> |
| Total 60000 · Overhead Expenses | 93,586.47 |
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| 6560 · Payroll Expenses | 89,565.28 |
| 64000 · Retreat Expenses | |

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| Special Event Expenses | 1,028.06 |
| 64000 · Retreat Expenses - Other | <u>25,659.41</u> |
| Total 64000 · Retreat Expenses | 26,687.47 |
| 70000 · Summer Camp Expenses | <u>32,588.25</u> |
| Total Expense | <u>242,427.47</u> |
| Net Ordinary Income | 4,591.40 |
| Other Income/Expense | |
| Other Income | |
| 408000 · Unrestricted Income | |
| Annual Fund Drive Income | 3,130.00 |
| 408000 · Unrestricted Income - Other | <u>9,189.53</u> |
| Total 408000 · Unrestricted Income | 12,319.53 |
| 408500d · Restricted - Directed Gifts | 7,743.83 |
| 408500 · PFSA Grant | <u>7,287.49</u> |
| Total Other Income | 27,350.85 |
| Other Expense | |
| 97777 · Cabins Reno Line of Credit | 3,352.27 |
| 80000 · Unrestricted Expense | |
| Annual Fund Drive Expenses | -25.00 |
| 80000 · Unrestricted Expense - Other | <u>5,576.15</u> |
| Total 80000 · Unrestricted Expense | 5,551.15 |
| 85510d · Restricted - Directed Expenses | -707.85 |
| 9910 · Payments to Lake Lyons Loan | <u>6,063.54</u> |
| Total Other Expense | <u>14,259.11</u> |
| Net Other Income | <u>13,091.74</u> |
| Net Income | <u><u>17,683.14</u></u> |

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE REPORT: No report.

ETHICAL ISSUES AND HUMAN NEEDS COMMITTEE REPORT: No report.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN REPORT: Lucretia Meece reported.

INFORMATION:

1. **Fall Gathering** - Bethany Presbyterian Church - Kingsport - Saturday, Sept. 8, 2012
2. **HPW Retreat** - Holston Camp, Banner Elk Camp, NC - Sept. 28-30, 2012
3. **Sunset Gap Day** - Cosby, TN - Oct. 11, 2012
4. Report on the **2012 Triennial Gathering of Presbyterian Women (USA)** by Lucretia Meece, Moderator, Holston Presbyterian Women, Synod of Living Waters

I recently returned from the July 18-22 Triennial Gathering in Kissimmee, Florida. The theme was a 'River of Hope' with over 2000 PW attending, including 10 guests from India and another 10 or so from other countries. The event included large group meetings morning and evening, workshops and forums, and business meetings for 'voting representatives'.

As a voting rep from Holston Presbyterian Women, I learned about the consensus form of business meeting protocol which was voted in at the last Gathering in 2009. If consensus can't be reached, then Robert's Rule of Order protocol is the back-up. After the orientation to the new form of business, matters came before the group's afternoon sessions.

The large group plenary sessions liturgy included interpretation of God's word, worship, singing, book reviews, Horizon Bible Study messages by the authors for studies 2012-13, 2013-14, and 2014-15, a cooking skit by Julia Child of God, mission project reports, and on the last meeting, installation of the Church wide Coordinating Team for 2012-2015.

The impressive opening ceremony included the national PW team and synod moderators being piped in, bearing chalices from all presbyteries (to be used in the Communion on Sunday morning) with their contents being poured into the fountain on stage, adding to the River of Hope.

Forums included: Devotions, Earth Care Congregations, Eco-Justice, PW Global Exchange, PW Sisters in South Dakota, Ready, Aim, Stories from the UN Commission on the Status of Women, Turning Mourning into Dancing (Violence Against Women), and Let the Clear Water Flow.

Workshops included, among others: Body Mind and Spirit, Ending Elder Abuse, other health, ecology, immigration, human rights (especially male and female trafficking for labor, sex, domestic work), PW 101, Sabbath keeping, praying with Psalms, mission related, clean water related, sessions for each of the Bible Studies, special events and reunions.

Areas were set up for learning about crocheting necklaces for Living Waters, tying blankets, Little Dresses for Africa, peace and justice issues, racial and ethnic issues. Mission tours were available. PW Live offered a variety of interactive mission, justice and peace, and community-building activities.

The exhibit hall housed the Presbyterian Bookstore, Horizons magazine space to meet and chat with Bible study authors, silent auction items, Global Market place and general booths for Presbyterian interests. Synod lunches on Saturday gave us a chance to meet other attendees from our synod which includes KY, MS, AL, and TN.

Sudan was PW's country of focus for 2009-2012. Speakers reported on the conditions of the women and children in South Sudan. The Gathering Offering was designated to support the well-digging project to improve the health of thousands in the Akobo district where women currently walk up to ten miles a day to get clean water. A report was given on the basket making project of the Roma women in Ukraine. A collection of Gift cards exceeded \$39,000 and went to support the Beth-El Ministries in Immokalee, Florida for migrant workers.

PW's Creative Ministries include the Birthday Offering (spring time) of 3-5 projects each year and the Thank Offering (fall season) with at least 40% going to health projects. In 2012, thirteen national projects and 13 international projects were chosen. Presbyterian Women, church wide, can be proud of their efforts – financially, physically and prayerfully in fulfilling the mission Christ gave. Their love-in-action continues to be far reaching and of a caring spirit.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY COMMITTEE REPORT: Andrea Sutter reported.

INSTITUTIONAL REPORTS:

Jim Swinkola reported for Grandfather Home for Children and Allison Norris reported for Lees-McRae College.

PREVIOUSLY DOCKETED NEW BUSINESS FOR TODAY: Bill and Overtures Committee report.

PROMOTIONS were shared with the presbytery.

ADJOURNMENT: The Moderator called upon the Committee on Thanks to give their report. The Rev. Robert White delivered the prayer of thanks for the meal and adjourned the meeting at 12:38 PM.

Mary Lee Harmon, Vice-Moderator

Richard L. Fifield, Stated Clerk