

**MINUTES**  
**STATED MEETING OF HOLSTON PRESBYTERY**  
**June 1, 2013**  
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**MINUTES**  
**STATED MEETING OF HOLSTON PRESBYTERY**  
**Grandfather Home for Children, Banner Elk, North Carolina**  
**June 1, 2013**

Holston Presbytery met for its stated meeting at Grandfather Home for Children, Banner Elk, North Carolina, at 9:00 a.m. Moderator, Elder 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: the Rev. Paul Helphinstine and Ruling Elder Lynnea Hunter. An offering for Five Cents a Meal was collected in the amount of \$345.40. Mae Weed welcomed everyone on behalf of Grandfather Home for Children. Commissioners and guests were welcomed with first time commissioners and guests recognized.

**ENROLLMENT:**

TEACHING ELDERS PRESENT/ABSENT:

Name	Present	Absent
Allen, William E.		X
Amstutz, Sharon	X	
Armistead, Robert L.	X	
Askew, Catherine Clasen		X
Austin, Richard C.		X
Barron, Earle		X
Bement, Gary		X
Bier, Tom		X
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	
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
Helphinstine, Paul	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
Kobs, Erin	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	
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

RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS:

Congregation	Principal	Alternate	Visitor/Other
Amity			
Barton Springs			
Bethany	Rhonda Peters		
Bethel, Dandridge			
Bethel, Kingsport			
Blountville	Linda McBride		
Bristol, First			
Cedar Creek			
Cedarview			
Chuckey			
Clinton			
Cold Spring	Kenneth King	Frank Dorman	
Colonial Heights	Dave Jones		Keith Goulder
Cove Creek			
Covenant	Elizabeth Hagalberg	BJ King	Gwen Hunter, Erma Hyers, Jerry & Sally

			Negal, Estelle Armistead, Janet & Harry Powell, Kara Kilpatrick, Jenó Smith, Lynnea Hunter
<b>Cross Anchor</b>			
<b>Elizabethton, First</b>	Carol McElver		
<b>Erwin</b>	Anita Medlin		
<b>Grays Chapel</b>			
<b>Greeneville, First</b>	John DeWit		
<b>Hebron</b>			
<b>Hopewell</b>			
<b>Jefferson City, First</b>			
<b>Jennie Moore</b>			
<b>Johnson City, First</b>			
<b>Jonesborough</b>	Glenn Walker		Bob Riddle
<b>Keystone</b>			
<b>Kingsport, First</b>	Mary Clemmer Ruth		Ridley Ruth
<b>Leesburg</b>			
<b>Liberty</b>			
<b>Magill Memorial</b>			
<b>Meadowview</b>	Nancy Meadows		
<b>Morristown, First</b>			
<b>Mountain City</b>	Janice A. Russell		
<b>Mt. Hermon</b>			
<b>New Bethel</b>	Mary Lynn Barnes		
<b>New Ebenezer</b>			
<b>New Market</b>			
<b>New Providence</b>			
<b>Newport</b>			
<b>Oakland</b>			
<b>Old Kingsport</b>			

<b>Philadelphia</b>			
<b>Piney Flats</b>	Phyllis Clark		
<b>Preston Hills</b>	Carolyn Russ		
<b>Reedy Creek, Bristol</b>			
<b>Reedy Creek, Kingsport</b>	Mike Culbertson		
<b>Rock Creek</b>			
<b>Rogersville</b>	Elizabeth Smith		
<b>Rosemont</b>			
<b>Salem</b>	Tod Jablonski		
<b>Shady Valley</b>			
<b>Shenandoah</b>			
<b>St. Paul</b>			
<b>Strawberry Plains</b>			
<b>Tabernacle</b>			
<b>The Journey</b>			
<b>Timber Ridge</b>			
<b>Tri City Korean</b>			
<b>Valley Pike</b>			
<b>Walkertown</b>	John Long		
<b>Watauga Avenue</b>	Michael Miyamoto		Janis Miyamoto
<b>Waverly Road</b>			
<b>Weaver Union</b>			
<b>West Ridge</b>			
<b>Windsor Avenue</b>			
<b>Zion</b>			

PRESBYTERY MODERATOR: Mary Lee Harmon

PRESBYTERY STAFF: Craig Bell, Kim Fifield

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Kathleen Wright (Mission and Evangelism Committee), David Light (Administration and Budget Committee), Lucretia Meece (Presbyterian Women)

COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS: Anthony Barnett, David Dalton, Cliff Dameron, Mary Jane Farmer, Jim Foote, Bobby Meadows, Jackie Riddle, Mark Stokes

VISITING/CORRESPONDING TEACHING ELDERS/MINISTERS: Don Steele (Pittsburg Presbytery), Robert Rainwater (Southern Baptist)

VISITORS: Mae Weed (Grandfather Home for Children), Hal Hunter (Covenant), Juanita Goforth

**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 2, 2013 Stated Meeting
- Appointment of Committee on Thanks: Ruling Elders Mary Ruth and Jim Foote.
- Appointment of the Bills & Overture Committee: Ruling Elder Mark Stokes and Teaching Elder Angus Shaw.
- Adoption of the Docket
- Treasurer’s Report

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

Treasurer’s Report  
General Mission Budget  
January – April 2013

	<b>Jan - Apr 13</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
<b>60160 - Unified Mission Designated Fund</b>	4,773.00	17,088.00	27.93%
<b>60500 - Unified Monies</b>	120,791.96	390,000.00	30.97%
<b>61905 - Interest Income</b>	11,715.70	34,985.00	33.49%
<b>Total Income</b>	137,280.66	442,073.00	31.05%
<b>Gross Profit</b>	137,280.66	442,073.00	31.05%
<b>Expense</b>			
<b>70100 - GMB/Ministries w/Councils</b>	33,434.29	98,426.83	33.97%
<b>70200 - Committee on Ministry</b>	-138.50	1,500.00	-9.23%
<b>70300 - Committee Prep for Ministry</b>	0.00	1,500.00	0.0%
<b>70400 - Mission &amp; Evangelism</b>	0.00	4,250.00	0.0%
<b>70500 - Discipleship Committee</b>	42,415.76	139,074.62	30.5%
<b>70900 - Administration &amp; Budget</b>	69,300.16	197,321.55	35.12%

71400 - Trustees	22.25		
Total Expense	145,033.96	442,073.00	32.81%
Net Ordinary Income	-7,753.30	0.00	100.0%
Net Income	-7,753.30	0.00	100.0%

Fund Balances as of April 30, 2013

	<u>Apr 30, 13</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10000 - CHECKING - CITIZENS BANK	
10111 - Select Monies	14,090.97
10211 - Hattie Farthing Fund	3,861.41
10320 - Holston Seminary Student Fund	3,919.39
10410 - Global Mission Fund	1,614.36
10420 - 5 Cents-a-Meal Local	1,666.45
10421 - 5 Cents-a-Meal International	0.01
10530 - Indian Ridge Payment	2,000.00
10531 - Youth Ministry Endowment	6,000.00
10630 - Presbytery Peacemaking	3,634.79
10640 - EIHN - Restoring Creation	1,425.00
10712 - Ministry - Hawkins County	12,000.00
10714 - Church Hill - Undesignated	7,500.00
10721 - TriCityKorean/KPC	400.00
11860 - Williams Transition Fund	8.82
11861 - Williams Capital Fund Interest	11,896.75
11862 - Williams Program Fund Interest	14,951.12
11910 - Honoraria - EP	177.05
15000 - Charitable Gift Annuity	-5,187.32
20000 - Citizens Bank	
20210 - Pastoral Care	4,363.57
20531 - Youth Triennium	8.21
20710 - Church Development	309.44
20750 - New Church Development	226.55
20780 - Evangelism	979.37
20911 - Equipment Reserve	691.10
21810 - Devries Scholarship Fund	37.99
21820 - Grigsby Scholarship	9,195.33



21830 · Braziel Scholarship	4,225.89
21840 · Dixon Scholarship	3,706.85
21881 · Ninth Street Loan Fund - Hold	<u>3,105.29</u>
Total 20000 · Citizens Bank	26,849.59
10000 · CHECKING - CITIZENS BANK - Other	<u>109,967.52</u>
Total 10000 · CHECKING - CITIZENS BANK	216,775.91
<b>30000 · PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION</b>	
30211 · Hattie Farthing Fund	35,714.53
30710 · Church Development	30,263.12
30730 · Small Church Fund	141,710.88
30750 · New Church Development	69,805.38
31820 · Grigsby Scholarship	78,844.10
31830 · Braziel Scholarship	40,394.37
31840 · Dixon Scholarship	33,132.52
31870 · Pattie Bushong Fund	1,951.68
31880 · Robinson Fund	866.58
31881 · Ninth Street Loan Fund	13,231.54
31882 · Ninth Street Scholarship	54,523.98
31883 · Tusculum College Endowment	<u>94,159.75</u>
Total 30000 · PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION	<u>594,598.43</u>
Total Checking/Savings	811,374.34
Other Current Assets	
40000 · The PFSA, Inc Grant-Restricted	<u>627,000.00</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>627,000.00</u>
Total Current Assets	1,438,374.34
Other Assets	
80000 · Notes Receivable	
80100 · Indian Ridge Baptist Church	115,500.00
80200 · Hebron Presbyterian Church	<u>31,691.48</u>
Total 80000 · Notes Receivable	<u>147,191.48</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>147,191.48</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u><u>1,585,565.82</u></u></b>

**STATED CLERK'S REPORT:** Rich Fifield reported.

1. The total number of teaching elder members of Holston Presbytery as of 12/31/2012 was 93. A summary of 2012 teaching elder transitions is below.

2. The 2012 Annual Statistical Report Summary for Holston Presbytery is below. The total congregational active membership of Holston Presbytery decreased in 2012 by 98 members to 7,569.
3. The Walkertown Presbyterian Church has been transitionally received by the Presbytery of the Southeast of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, per Jerry Clothier, Stated Clerk, Presbytery of the Southeast, EPC.

## 2012 Holston Presbytery Teaching Elder Transitions

Beginning Year 2012: 93 Teaching Elders

Additions:

Neil Arner (Ordained)  
Marshall Steinle (Ordained)  
Patricia Willard (Ordained)

Transfers to Holston Presbytery:

Eric Spoon (Presbytery of Coastal Carolina)  
Sherrolyn G. Weed (New Harmony Presbytery)

Dismissed from Holston Presbytery:

Mun-Gye Lee (Transferred to the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta)  
James S. McClanahan (Transferred to St. Andrew Presbytery)  
Steve Rembert (Transferred to the Presbytery of Charlotte)

Removals:

Don Frederick (Death)  
Fred Niles (Death)

Ending Year 2012: 93 Teaching Elders

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**Presbytery**  
**Report**  
**2012**

**Presbytery Number**      115270  
**Name**                      Holston

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**Membership**

Prior Active Members	<b>7667</b>		
<b>Gains</b>		<b>Losses</b>	
17 & Under	<b>56</b>	Certified	<b>89</b>
18 & Over	<b>112</b>	Deaths	<b>150</b>
Certified	<b>69</b>	Other	<b>126</b>
Other	<b>30</b>		
<b>Total Gains</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>Total Losses</b>	<b>365</b>

**Total Active Members**      7569  
 Baptized                            585  
 Total Adherents                8154  
 Female Members                4097

**Average Attendance**      3326  
**Affiliate Members**         92

<b>Baptisms</b>		<b>Officers</b>	
Child Baptisms	<b>35</b>	Male Session	<b>253</b>
Adult Baptisms	<b>43</b>	Female Session	<b>220</b>
		Male Deacons	<b>36</b>
		Female Deacons	<b>78</b>

<b>Age Distribution of Active Members</b>		<b>Male</b>	<b>Femaie</b>
25 & Under	<b>831</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>405</b>
26 - 45	<b>1236</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>640</b>
46 - 55	<b>968</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>458</b>
56 - 65	<b>1235</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>606</b>
Over 65	<b>2221</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>1138</b>
<b>Total Distribution</b>	<b>6491</b>	<b>2723</b>	<b>3247</b>

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**People with Disabilities**

Hearing	440
Sight	194
Mobility	281
Other	130

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**Christian Education**

Birth 3	120	Grade 7	73
Age 4	65	Grade 8	68
Kindergarten	65	Grade 9	65
Grade 1	53	Grade 10	69
Grade 2	53	Grade 11	57
Grade 3	42	Grade 12	60
Grade 4	48	Young Adults	220
Grade 5	57	Over 25	1408
Grade 6	43	Teachers/Officers	355
<b>Total</b>	<b>2921</b>		

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<b>Racial Ethnic Breakdown</b>	<b>Membership</b>	<b>Elders</b>	<b>Deacons</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
Asian	25		4	6	18
Black	17	5		6	11
African American	21	7	1	8	5
African	9	0	0	5	4
Middle Eastern	5	0	0	2	3
Hispanic	19			13	6
Native American	4			3	1
White	6225	366	69	2514	3036
Other	6			4	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6331</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>2561</b>	<b>3086</b>

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**Potential Giving Units** 3,195

**Budgeted Income** 7,865,973

**Budgeted Expense** 8,656,281

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**Receipts**

Regular Contributions	8,355,910	Bequests	218,470
Capital Building Fund	1,516,793	Other Income	374,808
Investment Income	256,070	Subsidy or Aid	12,594

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**Expenditures**

Local Program	7,382,643	Per Capital Apprt	
Local Mission	556,070	Validated Mission	573,400
Capital Expenditures	1,050,602	Theological Fund	4,971
Investment Expenditures	31,575	Other Mission	208,798

## Background Information on the New Translation of the Heidelberg Catechism of 1563

The 218<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2008), the highest council in the Presbyterian Church (USA), approved the appointment of a Special Committee on Correcting Translation Problems of the Heidelberg Catechism of 1563 to study proposed changes that revolve around correcting “translation problems in five responses of the Heidelberg Catechism as found in *The Book of Confessions* and to add the original Scripture texts of the German Heidelberg Catechism.”

The 2007-09 *Book of Order* (G-18.0200) stipulates that a special committee of no less than 15 people is to be formed when a General Assembly proposes any changes to part of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Constitution. The Special Committee was appointed by the Reverend Bruce Reyes-Chow, moderator of the 218<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

The General Assembly Special Committee on Correcting Translation Problems of the Heidelberg Catechism recommended to the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2010) that they continue its work to 2012 in order to continue conversations with the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA) and the Reformed Church in America (RCA) about a joint translation of the Heidelberg Catechism.

Working in cooperation with the Christian Reformed Church in North America (CRCNA) and the Reformed Church of America (RCA), the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)’s Special Committee on the Heidelberg Catechism recommended a “common new translation of the Heidelberg Catechism that was in keeping with the original 16th century versions of the catechism.”

The new translation of the 129-question catechism — originally published in German and then in Latin — also restores the scriptural citations in the original. It has already been adopted by the CRCNA and RCA.

The current version of Heidelberg found in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)’s *Book of Confessions* has been widely repudiated by scholars as a corrupted text that was tampered with by theologians in the 1950s. The proposed new version corrects typographical errors in the original English translation and eliminates the later additions to five sections of the original text.

“Our hope has been to give the catechism back to the church in full as it was first presented, with the Scripture citations that allow the readers to explore the text in conversation with the texts of the Bible that informed the people who wrote it,” states the Special Committee.

The new translation of the Heidelberg Catechism was approved by 2/3 majority vote of the 220<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2012). It must also be approved by a 2/3 majority vote of the 173 presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). If the presbyteries approve, the catechism will then go to the 221<sup>st</sup> General Assembly (2014) for another 2/3 majority approval, before it can be included in *The Book of Confessions*.

As of April 24, 2013, 97 of the 173 presbyteries have voted on the new translation of the Heidelberg Catechism. 90-YES, 7-NO.

**THE MEETING WAS RECESSED FOR SMALL GROUPS**, following a brief presentation about the Heidelberg Confession. The meeting was reconvened at 10:50 AM.

**VOTING ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS (PART 2 OF 2)**

Item #	Description	YES	NO
18-03	Heidelberg Catechism—On Amending The Book of Confessions	37	13

**GENERAL MISSION BOARD REPORT.**

**Call to Order** at 3:00 PM by Brian Wyatt, Moderator.

**Opening Devotional and Prayer** presented by Jim Mays.

Present: Brian Wyatt; Mary Lee Harmon; Sharon Amstutz; Andrew Whaley; Tom Phillips; Kathleen Wright; ~~Shane Smith~~; David Light; David Frizzell; Marshall Steinle; John Smith; ~~Ed Hutchinson~~; Jim Mays; ~~Pam Pope~~; ~~Lucretia Meece~~; Andrea Sutter; Craig Bell; Kim Fifield and Rich Fifield.

**Reports/Recommendations to Council:**

Stated Clerk’s Report given by Rich Fifield, page 10 in the Information Packet. The General Mission Board accepted Salem Church’s offer to host the December 2, 2014 stated presbytery meeting.

Treasurer’s Report given by Kim Fifield, page 7 in the Information Packet.

Moderator’s Report given by Mary Lee Harmon.

Vice-Moderator’s Report given by Sharon Amstutz.

Committee Reports: Committee Moderators reviewed their reports in the Information Packet.

**Actions Referred to Council by Presbytery — None**

**The Draft Copy of Handout Packet for the June 1, 2013 stated meeting** of presbytery at Grandfather Home for Children, Banner Elk, NC, including proposed docket and committee reports to presbytery was reviewed.

Small Group Leaders:

- |                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Mary Lee Harmon | 3. To be determined |
| 2. Jim Mays        | 4. To be determined |

**Other Business / Sharing of Concerns and Prayers**

**Future Dates for Council and Presbytery meetings in 2013:**

<u>Council</u>	<u>Presbytery</u>
August 20, 2013	June 1, 2013 (Sat) – Grandfather Home for Children September 3, 2013 (Tue) – Holston Camp

November 19, 2013

December 3, 2013 (Tue) – First Church, Johnson City

**Future Dates for Council and Presbytery meetings in 2014:**

<u>Council</u>	<u>Presbytery</u>
February 18, 2014	March 1, 2014 (Sat) – First Church, Greeneville
May 20, 2014	June 7, 2014 (Sat) – New Bethel Church
August 19, 2014	September 9, 2014 (Tue) – Holston Camp
November 18, 2014	December 2, 2014 (Tue) – Salem Church

**Adjournment** at 3:53 PM with prayer by Tom Phillips

**Council Minutes Committee meets** to approve today's minutes. (Rich Fifield, Brian Wyatt, David Frizzell, Marshall Steinle, John Smith)

**COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY REPORT**

1. On May 6, 2013, the CPM conducted the annual review of **Candidate David Hunsicker** (First Presbyterian Church, Bristol) who is certified ready to receive a call. He is completing his dissertation for a PhD in Theology at Fuller Theological Seminary.
2. On May 6, 2013, the CPM conducted the annual review of **Inquirer Patrick Harley** (First Presbyterian Church, Greeneville) who has just completed his first year of seminary education at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia.

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT:** Tom Phillips reported.

1. Dissolved the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Elizabeth Troyer and Waverly Road Presbyterian Church, effective March 3, 2013, with continuation of effective salary and Board of Pensions dues until the earlier of September 3, 2013 or until she has received another full-time pastoral call.
2. Approved the call of the Rev. Paul Helphinstine as pastor of Covenant Church, effective May 2013, with the following terms of call: Annual Cash Salary - \$25,000; Annual Housing Allowance - \$25,000; SECA Allowance; full Board of Pensions; Annual Reimbursed Travel Expenses- up to \$1,500; Annual Reimbursed Continuing Education Expenses – up to \$1,000; Annual Vacation – four weeks; Annual Continuing Education Leave – two weeks; Sabbatical Leave eligible after six continuous years of service. (See attached Faith Journey and Statement of Faith.)
3. Transferred the Rev. Paul Helphinstine, an ordained minister in the Christian Church having fulfilled the ordination requirements found in the *Book of Order*, G-2.0607, and enrolled him as an active member of Holston Presbytery in accordance with the *Book of Order*, G-2.0505.
4. Appointed an Installation Commission to install the Rev. Paul Helphinstine as pastor of Covenant Church on Sunday, June 2, 2013 at 2:30 PM. Commission members: the Rev.

Dr. Angus Shaw; the Rev. George Rolling; Elder Gary Arner, First Church, Johnson City; Elder Karen Welch, Jonesborough Church.

5. Appointed the Rev. Gary Bement as Moderator of New Providence Church.
6. Approved the Temporary Supply Contract between CRE Jackie Riddle (Jonesborough Church) and the Chuckey Presbyterian Church, effective 1/1/13 through 12/31/13, with the following terms: Cash Salary - \$100 per Sunday and Reimbursed Travel Expense - 50¢/mile; and appointed CRE Riddle as Moderator.
7. Approved the Interim Pastor Contract between the Rev. Dr. Angus Shaw and the Rogersville Presbyterian Church, effective 5/1/13 through 10/31/13, with the following terms: Monthly Cash Salary - \$2,083.33; Reimbursed Travel Expense at IRS Rate; Vacation – one week per quarter; and appointed Rev. Shaw as Moderator.
8. Approved the Temporary Supply Contract between the Rev. Deven Johnson and Salem Church, effective April 15, 2013 through April 14, 2014, with the following terms: Annual Cash Salary - \$25,000; Reimbursed Travel Expense – 55.5¢ per mile; Annual Vacation – two weeks; and appointed Rev. Johnson as Moderator.
9. Approved the Temporary Supply Contract between the Rev. Tom Bier and Keystone Church, effective May 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013, with the following terms: Monthly Housing Allowance - \$1,000; Vacation – one week per month; and appointed the Rev. Bier as Moderator.
10. Approved the Temporary Supply Contract between the Rev. Seong Im (Sheppards and Lapsley Presbytery) and Tri-City Korean Church, effective June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014, with the following terms: Monthly Cash Salary - \$700; Monthly Housing Allowance - \$800; Moving Expenses up to \$725.
11. Approved the request from the Rev. Robert Schefter (ordained minister in the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC)) to be put on the Pulpit Supply list.
12. Ruling Elders David Dalton (First Church, Greeneville) and Mary Jane Farmer (Liberty Church) were examined and approved for commissioning as ruling elders. A service of commissioning was held at the presbytery meeting.
13. Commissioned Ruling Elders Eddie Doer (Old Kingsport Church) and Mark Stokes (First Church, Greeneville) have completed the CRE Level II Training.
14. The Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (USA) has announced that the dues percentage will increase in 2014 from 33% of effective salary to 35% of effective salary. In addition, the minimum effective salary upon which medical dues are paid, will increase from \$40,000 to \$42,000. The increase is due to higher medical costs, and will cost the employing organization at least \$1,500 more for each member-employee enrolled in the Board of Pensions.

Please note the Committee on Ministry Policy on Minimum Compensation Standards which were adopted by Holston Presbytery on September 6, 2011, below:



*§6. Minimum Compensation Standards (G-3.0303c)*

*The minimum terms of call for full-time, installed pastors in Holston Presbytery are as follows:*

- Cash salary and housing (manse or allowance) and any deferred compensation must ordinarily equal the minimum participation basis on which the medical dues are calculated for the benefits plan of the Board of Pensions.*
- SECA allowance equal to 7.65% of cash salary and housing (manse or allowance)*
- Full participation in the benefits plan of the Board of Pensions of the PCUSA*
- Travel reimbursement at the IRS rate of at least \$2,000 annually*
- Continuing education reimbursement of at least \$500 annually*
- Continuing education leave of at least two weeks annually*
- Vacation leave of at least four weeks annually*
- A Sabbatical Leave policy that will permit a Sabbatical leave after six continuous years of service.*
- The Committee on Ministry may grant a waiver from the minimum terms of call for a period of up to five years, provided that both the teaching elder and the session concur, and a satisfactory plan for meeting the minimum terms of call within the waiver period has been presented.*

*Beginning in 2012, the minimum terms of call for full-time, Certified Christian Educators is \$35,000; and for full-time, Certified Associate Christian Educators is \$30,000.*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

15. That Holston Presbytery appoint an Administrative Commission to govern the Valley Pike Presbyterian Church, consisting of the following members: the Rev. Bill Wing; the Rev. Charlie Murphy; Elder Cheryl Rice; and Elder Pam Pope. The Rev. Bill Goforth was nominated from the floor as an additional member of the Administrative Commission and passed. The motion and administrative commission was approved.

Background: Following the retirement of the Rev. Dr. Bill Goforth as pastor of the Valley Pike Presbyterian Church in 2011, the congregation fell into conflict and decline. The ruling elders have all left, and subsequently the congregation did not hold worship services or any activities. The Committee on Ministry feels that an Administrative Commission can best handle the physical property, which includes a manse with tenants, and discern the best use of the facility for future ministry.

## Faith Journey – Rev. Paul Helphinstine

My faith journey began very early as one of four children born to Christian parents in Plainfield, Indiana. We were members of Plainfield Christian Church. Church was always a part of our life as a family in my early years, but it was not central. However, when my grandfather died when I was nine years old, my father's emotional state changed in dramatic ways. He became distant and abusive at home, and eventually he was forced to leave when I was twelve years old.

During those difficult years, my mother became more involved at church and thus involved the four of us children in church as well. I was baptized at church camp during this time, and I began to find much needed, healthy male role models in the church, who became father figures in the absence of my own. This continued throughout high school where my participation in our church's youth group connected me to strong mentors, one of which encouraged me to attend his alma mater, Milligan College in northeast Tennessee.

Milligan was a long way from home, but it was during my years there that I really encountered and grappled with my faith in truly meaningful ways. I was blessed to find brilliant Christian professors who cared about me and helped me to develop a Christian worldview through which I could view the world and my place in it. I became a life-long learner at Milligan with a curiosity to know more about a whole range of subjects that continues to drive me today.

I met my wife, Emily, at Milligan College as well, and we married the Fall after I graduated and during her senior year. During my first year out of college, I was an eighth grade teacher at Science Hill High School in Johnson City. I also was hired as the Music Director at Harrison Christian Church. It was at Harrison Christian Church that I felt God's direction leading me into vocational ministry. It was at this point in my faith journey that I was also introduced to the writings of Frederick Buechner, which continue to encourage me today.

It was during this time that I began attending Emmanuel Christian Seminary (then named Emmanuel School of Religion), and I was offered the position as the Director of Student Ministries at First Presbyterian Church in Johnson City, which was, for Emily and me, our first experience in the PC(USA).

There were good times and bad at First Presbyterian Church, as there are in all ministry opportunities, but it was during our years there that Emily and I found a loving home in the Presbyterian Church. So, upon the completion of my Master of Divinity degree, and with the encouragement of my dear friend Gary Arner and the staff and Session of First Presbyterian Church, I began the process of becoming ordained in the PC(USA).

These were also times of change at First Presbyterian Church, with the hiring of a new Senior Pastor. So, when I was asked to return to Harrison Christian Church as the Senior Minister and Head of Staff, I went, both for the new opportunity professionally, but also out of a sense of obligation to the church movement in which I was raised. However, during my years at Harrison and my continued close relationship with Gary Arner at First Presbyterian Church, I continued to feel a deep connection with the PC(USA).

And so, last year, after much prayer and thought, I chose to contact the Committee on Ministry to explore the possibility of returning. The committee agreed to allow me to create and circulate my PIF, having previously fulfilled the requirements necessary for ordination within the PC(USA).

I continue to feel God's leading in my life and in the life of my family. I am not a finished work, and so I hope and pray that, with God's help, I can continue to be formed as a person and as a minister in this next phase of my faith journey.

## Statement of Faith – Rev. Paul Helphinstine

I believe in one God, who is both the beginning of all things, visible and invisible, and the end. God is the lover and sustainer of all that is. Often in my teaching I refer to three critical traits of God, particularly as revealed in scripture: God is good, God loves us, and God is God and we are not. God eternally exists in love and relationship co-eternal as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and I believe that God created each of us and longs for each of us to enter into and participate in that life of love and relationship.

I believe in Jesus Christ, the eternally begotten Son of God, who though in nature is equal to God, humbled himself and became like one of us, human. Therefore, in nature he was both fully God and fully human. He lived his earthly life in complete submission and obedience to God the Father, demonstrating a life fully trusting and dependent on God. At the hands of the sinful world he was crucified, killed, and was buried, in accordance with the will of God, who through Jesus Christ was taking the just penalty of the Sin of the world upon himself. And yet, God's sovereignty, even over that which from the beginning was the greatest enemy of people, death itself, was demonstrated in that on the third day, Jesus rose bodily from the grave, overcoming and defeating death, and living among his followers in resurrected and glorified form. After a time of teaching and presenting himself to his followers, Jesus Christ returned to the realm of God and continues to intercede on our behalf, who believe on him, love him, and who long for the whole world to know him.

I believe on the word of Jesus Christ, the testimony of scripture, and the resulting empowered life of the Church that Jesus did not leave us alone after he ascended to God. On the day of Pentecost, the third person of the trinity descended on the followers of Jesus, reminding those followers of all that Jesus had done and said, and empowering those followers to carry, in both word and deed, the good news of all that God had accomplished for the salvation of the world through Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit continues to live within and among the followers of Jesus, testifying about the grace of God through Christ, assisting us in our weakness, and assuring us of God's unending love for the world.

I believe that the Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit, was created as the essential witness to all that God has done, is doing, and will ultimately accomplish in this world through Jesus Christ. As testified to in 2 Corinthians 5:19, "God is reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them." This is the message of the Church, the hope of the world, and the fulfillment of God's will for his beloved world.

### **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN REPORT:** Lucretia Meece reported.

- Come See Columbia Day – Columbia Friendship Circle (Decatur, GA), April 17-18. We were introduced to the 5 CTS recipients of this year's scholarships. There were opportunities to meet the students, take tours of the campus, tour the archives of PW records, and sit in on a class. Of the 6 attendees from TN, 5 were from HPW!
- Spring Gathering – Jonesborough hosted, April 27. Rev. Kathy Reeves spoke on 'Witnessing the Promise of the Gospel', focusing on worldwide PW mission projects in the last 5 years. 24 churches were represented.
- Synod of Living Waters Gathering – Elizabethtown, KY, June 5 -8. "Walking in the Light" is the theme as the presbyteries from our 4 states have their triennial Gathering.
- PC(USA) Mission Experience - Appalachia

We look forward to co-hosting the 24 participants from 16 synods, PW Churchwide Council Team and staff from Louisville. The synod representatives raise their own funds and must agree to be available to describe their experiences as they itinerate for 2 years to their local churches, Gatherings, presbytery meetings, etc. They have requested that they attend some of our small churches during their 4 days in Tennessee, so we plan to visit Amity, Philadelphia, Chuckey, Cross Anchor, and Zion, as well as Cedar Creek and First, Greeneville on Sunday, June 23. Some of our stops will include Department of Appalachian Studies at ETSU, Living Waters projects in the Cedar Creek area, Sunset Gap, Rheatown, Nathaniel Greene museum and Tusculum College as they learn about Appalachia.

The long and rich history of PW mission work is evident in our area and we're delighted to share it with these sisters in Christ as they spend time in W NC Presbytery as well as Holston Presbytery.

PW from Holston are invited to participate in some of the visits. Please call me for information on this.

In His Service,

Lucretia Meece, Moderator 2012-2014, 423- 639-5600, [Lucretia\\_m@Hotmail.com](mailto:Lucretia_m@Hotmail.com)

#### Holston PW Coordinating Team

Moderator: Lucretia Meece (First, Greeneville)

Secretary: Judy Neas (First, Greeneville)

Treasurer: Lois Bronson (Colonial Heights)

Spiritual Growth: Marci Cobb (Cedar Creek)

Leadership Enhancement – Charlotte McConnell (Weaver Union)

Together-in-Service – Helen Doty (Bethany)

Cluster 1 – Catherine Phillips (Weaver Union)

Cluster 2 – Iva Winebarger (Bethel, Kingsport)

Cluster 3 – (vacant)

Cluster 4 - Betty Stevens (Erwin)

Cluster 5 - Elizabeth Love (Chuckey)

Member at Large – Judy Watkins (Hopewell)

**DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE:** Hal Hunter reported for the Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center sub-committee.

The winter weather has put us behind on getting camp ready. We have been working on getting the new zip lines installed but the snow and then the floods have extended the process. Thanks to the Mooneyhan Family Foundation grant, we have gotten 14 mountain bikes and the zip lines.

Our Family Camp was a big success. Lots of families enjoyed climbing Rock of Ages, team building, shooting arrows, enjoying the theme Plugged in to God. Many of these children will be returning this summer as campers.

We have been busy with sewing guilds this year. More Family Reunions are scheduled along with the regular Bunke family who have been coming for 10 years and the Kibler family coming for 32 years.

A crew from First Johnson City will be coming to volunteer Tuesday – Friday, May 28-31. If anyone would like to join them and help get camp ready please contact the camp office.

They will be staying in Guenther Lodge and Peggy will be feeding you three meals a day. They will be building a Swing Circle. This is something you will have to come see.

We are very excited about our summer staff for 2013. They will begin training June 2. Our first camp begins on Sunday, June 9.

This year we have added a few more program activities. These are some of the activities the campers can choose from: Archery, Wall Climbing, Indoor Climbing Wall at Lees McRae, Rock of Ages, Sling Shot, Paintball, kayaking, canoeing, White water rafting, Team building, fort building, Survivor Skills, Rustic camping, Adventure trips of backpacking, zip line, mountain bikes, Mountain slide, relaxing on the Party Barge, Lake Lyons, Wildcat Lake, fishing, recreation, bible study, Raccoon hunt, campfires, Worship, great meals, and four square.

Volunteers Needed!!!! We have lots of wood chip mulch to haul around in our Gators. New donated bushes to plant. Two bridges to rebuild. TP poles to install at barn field for new paintball course, cutting down dead trees, splitting and hauling firewood, Mowing acres of fields, and more. Come and give back to your camp and retreat center. Just call the office at (828) 898-6611 and ask for Lisa Jones. Mid-week is the best time.

Our Day Camp program will run for 8 weeks this summer. This program is in its 4<sup>th</sup> year and the numbers keep growing.

Your camp has many needs and use for your financial support. If you feel the leading of God to share please contact us: PO Box 428 Banner Elk, NC 28604 or call 1 (828) 898-6611 or email us at: [Office@holstoncamp.org](mailto:Office@holstoncamp.org)

### Holston Camp Profit/Loss Statement

	<u>Jan 1 - Apr 29, 13</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
<b>40000 - Operating Income</b>	
406000 - Holston Support	9,999.99
406200 - Camp Store & Drinks	173.14
406300 - NC Tax Rebate	2,020.20
406350 - HUB Interest	<u>6.47</u>
<b>Total 40000 - Operating Income</b>	<b>12,199.80</b>
<b>406400 - Retreat Income</b>	
Special Event Income	90.00
Holston Retreat Sleep	7,794.00
Holston Retreat Food	6,135.00
Other Retreat Sleep	42,326.00
Other Retreat Food	24,266.75
406400 - Retreat Income - Other	<u>1,325.00</u>
<b>Total 406400 - Retreat Income</b>	<b>81,936.75</b>

<b>407000 · Summer Camp Income</b>	
407110 · Day Camp Fees	450.00
407100 · Camper Fees	6,920.00
407000 · Summer Camp Income - Other	<u>400.00</u>
<b>Total 407000 · Summer Camp Income</b>	<b>7,770.00</b>
407200d · Camper Scholarships	<u>380.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>102,286.55</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
<b>60000 · Overhead Expenses</b>	
Utilities	24,175.05
Repair/Maintenance	394.79
Vehicle Upkeep	611.28
Administration	13,998.38
Board of Pensions	<u>12,595.19</u>
<b>Total 60000 · Overhead Expenses</b>	<b>51,774.69</b>
6560 · Payroll Expenses	32,963.42
<b>64000 · Retreat Expenses</b>	
Special Event Expenses	1,253.70
64000 · Retreat Expenses - Other	<u>21,778.31</u>
<b>Total 64000 · Retreat Expenses</b>	<b>23,032.01</b>
70000 · Summer Camp Expenses	<u>1,080.95</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b><u>108,851.07</u></b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-6,564.52</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Other Income</b>	
<b>408000 · Unrestricted Income</b>	
Annual Fund Drive Income	1,031.26
408000 · Unrestricted Income - Other	<u>9,625.76</u>
<b>Total 408000 · Unrestricted Income</b>	<b>10,657.02</b>
408500d · Restricted - Directed Gifts	32,607.80
408500 · PFSA Grant	<u>3,123.21</u>
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>46,388.03</b>
<b>Other Expense</b>	

97777 - Cabins Reno Line of Credit	8,869.83
80000 - Unrestricted Expense	1,864.48
85510d - Restricted - Directed Expenses	<u>5,221.98</u>
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<u>15,956.29</u>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<u>30,431.74</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>23,867.22</u></u>

### Holston Camp Fund Balances

Apr 29, 13

#### ASSETS

##### Current Assets

##### Checking/Savings

##### 100000 - Highlands Union Bk

109888d - Cabins Reno Credit Line -8,000.00

101000 - Savings Account 3,094.50

106000 - Operations Checking -55,983.76

107000 - Summer Camp 21,561.17

##### 108000 - Unrestricted Gifts

108001 - Annual Fund Drive 26,343.40

108000 - Unrestricted Gifts - Other 47,660.75

**Total 108000 - Unrestricted Gifts** 74,004.15

107000d - Sum. Camp Gifts (Designated) 20,303.95

108500d - Restricted Fds (Designated) -11,232.13

109777d - Lake Project Bank Credit Line -15,576.48

100000 - Highlands Union Bk - Other -4,425.81

**Total 100000 - Highlands Union Bk** 23,745.59

**Total Checking/Savings** 23,745.59

##### Accounts Receivable

101200 - Accounts Receivable Deposits -15,287.69

**Total Accounts Receivable** -15,287.69

##### Other Current Assets

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 -1,041.07

Total PFSA Grant Program	<u>207,172.42</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>209,823.26</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>218,281.16</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>218,281.16</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	0.00

### Youth and Young Adult Ministry Report

	<u>Jan - Mar 13</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Bank	0.00	10.00	-10.00	0.0%
Facility Use	550.00	4,200.00	-3,650.00	13.1%
Holston Presbytery	1,625.01	6,500.04	-4,875.03	25.0%
Meal Receipts	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	0.0%
PFSA rate of return	757.62	3,030.48	-2,272.86	25.0%
Synod of Living Waters	<u>2,092.50</u>	<u>8,370.00</u>	<u>-6,277.50</u>	<u>25.0%</u>
Total Income	5,025.13	23,610.52	-18,585.39	21.28%
Expense				
Cable TV, Internet, Telephone	494.84	1,418.52	-923.68	34.88%
Campus Labor	0.00	600.00	-600.00	0.0%
Cleaning	140.00	1,000.00	-860.00	14.0%
Gas	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Office Supplies	975.53	2,000.00	-1,024.47	48.78%
Printing/Postage/Promotion	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Repairs/Maintenance	2,268.60	2,500.00	-231.40	90.74%
Van Expense	24.00	1,100.00	-1,076.00	2.18%
Youth Ministry	<u>1,981.73</u>	<u>2,825.00</u>	<u>-843.27</u>	<u>70.15%</u>
Total Expense	<u>5,884.70</u>	<u>12,443.52</u>	<u>-6,558.82</u>	<u>47.29%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-859.57</u>	<u>11,167.00</u>	<u>-12,026.57</u>	<u>-7.7%</u>
Net Income	<u>-859.57</u>	<u>11,167.00</u>	<u>-12,026.57</u>	<u>-7.7%</u>



**MISSION AND EVANGELISM COMMITTEE REPORT.** Kathleen Wright reported and introduced representatives with Living Waters for the World.

1. Laura Tappan, Equal Exchange, was granted her request to address the Presbytery meeting on March 2, 2013 during Mission and Evangelism time.
2. During the February 28 meeting, committee members were assigned to areas of responsibility:
  - a. Congregational Development/Evangelism: H. Martin Christian, Tony Barnette, Charles Murphy.
  - b. Mission: H. Martin Christian, Charles Murphy, Ed Campbell
  - c. Justice: Steve Wintermute, Jim Amstutz, Jerry Nagel
  - d. Institutions: David Roane, Ann Harley
3. Request from First Church, Elizabethton, for an *ad hoc* committee on gun violence was accepted upon referral by the General Mission Board, and David Roane was named *ad hoc* committee chair. David shared information with committee members, who met May 22 at the Holston Presbytery Office to review the shared information.
4. 2013 5¢-a-Meal Hunger Grant applications are being received at this time, and Steve Wintermute is reviewing them.
5. Schedule for Presbytery-related institutional speakers is being finalized, with an effort being made to invite each of the six institutions to prepare an informational display and a short talk at each of the next six Presbytery meetings. We are happy to participate in the centennial celebration of Grandfather Home for Children at today's Presbytery meeting.
6. H. Martin Christian requested this committee's endorsement of an ongoing project carried over from the previous Presbytery Committee on Church Development and Evangelism. The project underway is assisting Waverly Road PCUSA develop a clear understanding of its mission, a vision of excellence in achieving that mission and strategy for accomplishing the mission. Former members of the Church Development and Evangelism Committee are trained to serve as "consultants" to assist congregations with this process. Endorsement for the current project with Waverly Road PCUSA was approved. Also, Tony Barnette advised this committee of the concerns over Mount Hermon congregation going from 8 down to 5 people, due to 3 deaths, and a need for building maintenance that the church cannot afford. Short discussion of strategies to get the needed maintenance done.

*From: Laura Tappan, Equal Exchange*

*I would like to set up a table of products from Equal Exchange (coffee, chocolates, tea, olive oil) to sell at your next presbytery meeting on March 2, 2013. This will give me an opportunity to talk to commissioners about Fair Trade programs and offer the possibility of them serving EE*

*coffee in their churches. If possible, I would also like to be placed on the agenda and give a short presentation (5 min) to the body of the presbytery about Fair Trade and Equal Exchange.*

*Equal Exchange supports the Presbyterian Hunger Program by giving back a portion of their profits to the Presbyterian Coffee Project each year. Last year \$19,000+ was donated. Please visit: [www.equalexchange.coop/community](http://www.equalexchange.coop/community) to learn more about our Interfaith program.*

Laura Tappan

Equal Exchange

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#### Mission and Evangelism Committee

- Purpose: to support the work of the church inside and outside the bounds of the presbytery;
- May delegate its work to work groups, task forces and sub-committees;
- Shall meet at least twice a year with all work groups, task forces and sub-committees

Major areas of responsibility:

#### I. Congregational Development/Evangelism

- New congregations/worshipping communities
- Redevelopment of existing congregations
- Educational and training resources for congregations
  - ❖ Christian Education
  - ❖ Evangelism
  - ❖ Mission
  - ❖ Church Officers
- Presbytery ministry grants:
  - ❖ Church Hill/Hawkins County Restricted Fund
  - ❖ Virginia Williams Small Church Fund

#### II. Mission

- Encourage congregational mission within the presbytery
- Encourage congregational mission outside the presbytery
  - ❖ Designation of PCUSA Mission Advocates
  - ❖ Coordination with PCUSA mission programs
  - ❖ Coordination of presbytery congregations mission opportunities

- Living Waters for the World synod mission program

### III. Justice

- Hunger issues and grants:
  - ❖ 5¢-a-Meal Local Fund
  - ❖ 5¢-a-Meal International Fund
- Peacemaking issues and annual Peacemaking Offering
- Self-Development of People, PCUSA program
- Other issues (e.g. ecumenical relations, religious freedom, justice, women's concerns, minority concerns, human services, environment, health care, criminal justice, self-development of people, aging, energy, and other moral issues and human needs.)

### IV. Institutions Related to Holston Presbytery

- Encourage and foster increased partnership with the six presbytery-related institutions: Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries, Grandfather Home for Children, King College, Lees McRae College, Tusculum College, and Sunset Gap Community Center
- Evaluate funding requests and, with the Administration and Budget Committee, recommend an equitable basis for the allocation of presbytery funds to the six presbytery-related institutions
- Schedule annual reports from the six presbytery-related institutions
- Regularly evaluate the covenant relationship with the six presbytery-related institutions

*Dear Holston Presbytery Mission Board:*

*Whereas the 2010 General Assembly adopted the resolution, "Gun Violence, Gospel Values: Mobilizing in Response to God's Call" made an official declaration stating a commitment to the eradication of gun violence in the United States. The General assembly asked that governments:*

- 1. Require licensing, registration, and waiting periods to allow comprehensive background checks, and cooling-off periods, for all guns sold;*
- 2. Close the "gun show loophole" by requiring background checks for all gun buyers;*
- 3. Ban semiautomatic assault weapons, armor piercing handgun ammunition, and .50 caliber sniper rifles;*
- 4. Advocate for new technologies to aid law-enforcement agencies to trace crime guns and promote public safety;*
- 5. Raise the age for handgun ownership to the age of twenty-one; and*

6. *Eliminate the Tiahrt Amendment to annual appropriations for the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) that impedes local law enforcement agencies in their use of gun traces and requires the Justice Department to destroy within two hours the record of a buyer whose NICS (National Instant Criminal Background Check System).*

*Whereas, being issued in 2010, the General Assembly's declaration had little or no apparent effect on any government.*

*Whereas, similar declarations made by the United Methodist Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church, the National Council of churches of Christ and numerous other church bodies reaching back to 1994 also failed to affect any change in guns laws.*

*Whereas 26 innocents were violently murdered in December in Newtown, Connecticut.*

*Whereas it is projected the number of U.S. deaths due to firearms will exceed automobile deaths in the year 2015.*

*The First Presbyterian Church, a congregation of 264 located in Elizabethton, Tennessee does hereby make an updated request of the Presbytery as specified below.*

*We respectfully request the Presbytery through its Mission Board continue to support common sense proposals and entertain educational discussions through other churches and sessions. We encourage the Presbytery to establish an ad hoc committee to study the issues surrounding gun violence and formulate specific action items to help curtail the serious consequences of gun violence. These could include, but are not limited to:*

1. *Amending the above list to include:*
  - a) *Universal background checks whenever guns are bought, from licensed dealers and from private sellers;*
  - b) *Restoring the ban on the sale, trade, or trafficking of military-style assault weapons and a 10-round limit for ammo magazines;*
  - c) *Improving access to mental health services;*
  - d) *Increasing funding for school security.*
2. *Similar declarations to be commended to all sessions in Holston Presbytery for their consideration and potential action.*
3. *The Holston Presbytery write each elected state and federal official to voice strong support of the points listed and amended as above, and the officials be reminded of this position, by mail, every 90 days until meaningful change occurs.*

*Neither we nor you can in good conscience ignore the paranoid and trigger-happy atmosphere which has mushroomed in our nation during recent years, resulting in gun deaths, by Center for Disease Control accounting, of more than 30,000 a year since 1997. In that number, the increasing occurrence of dramatic multiple slayings made possible by the easy availability of assault rifles must not be ignored. We are fast learning that any public venue in our country is a*

*potential site for gun violence including mass slayings and injuries at any time. There is no excuse for inaction.*

*There are sensible, productive ways to begin to address the reality of excessive gun violence in our country. The solution of the NRA, to arm ourselves further to protect ourselves from each other, is an absurd proposition. Our faith perspective and that of all others teaches a different way. Considering previous resolutions of the Presbyterian General Assembly we have confidence that establishing an ad hoc committee to study and develop reasonable actions items will help foster responsible gun ownership to improve safety for all citizens and ultimately save many innocent lives.*

*Sincerely,*

*The Session of the First Presbyterian Church, Elizabethton, Tennessee*

*This Letter Unanimously Approved Monday February 11, 2013*

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## Local

Date Received	Church	Project Name	Program Use	Requested Amount	2012 Allocation
				<b>\$55,300.00</b>	<b>\$46,075.91</b>
2/13/12	Mountain City	Feed My Lambs Project	Applicants given voucher to buy food at local grocery after meeting eligibility requirements; for elderly and families in emergency situations	\$2,000.00	\$1,666.40
3/07/12	First, Morristown	Daily Bread Community Kitchen	Anyone hungry is welcome to eat free, no questions asked. 10 meals prepared per week served hot; nourishing meal to growing number of jobless, handicapped, indigent.	\$2,000.00	\$1,666.40
4/09/12	Covenant	Good Samaritan Ministries	Covenant supports hunger programs of GSM: 1) receives monthly food collections from congregants for Good Samaritan food pantry; 2) serves one meal/month at The Melting Pot (supported by budget line item of \$1000; 3) contributes \$1,000/year (another budget line item) to support Good Samaritan benevolence program; another \$3,450 contributed through church by individual donations	\$2,000.00	\$1,666.40
6/14/12	First, Jefferson City	Jefferson County Neighborhood Service Center Food Pantry	1st Jeff City donates funds and goods to this program. The Food Pantry distributes non-perishable goods to people who meet general Neighborhood Center Guidelines and demonstrate need. Meals to cover several days are provided in emergency situations.	\$2,000.00	\$1,666.40
6/18/12	First, Morristown	ALPS Adult Day Services	Provides day care to adults who should not be left alone during day. They receive 2 meals and a snack per day	\$2,000.00	\$1,666.40
6/18/12	First, Morristown	Emergency Food Pantry	Provides food to over 20,000 people each year.	\$2,000.00	\$1,666.40
6/18/12	First, Morristown	Ministerial Association Temporary Shelter	Homeless people will be fed at shelter in Morristown	\$2,000.00	\$1,666.40
6/18/12	First, Morristown	Senior Citizens Center, Inc. (Vital Visits)	The program serves those who are 60 and older as well as the disabled who are younger than 60. They have to have limitations, which hinder them preparing meals.	\$2,000.00	\$1,666.40
6/19/12	Hopewell	Blue's Backpacks Food for Kids Program	This program provides kid friendly foods from the food groups to children identified as at risk for hunger by teachers and administrators. Backpacks are filled and delivered on Friday's with items for each child in the household. The pack is returned the next week.	\$2,000.00	\$1,666.40

6/19/12	Hopewell	Dandridge Ministerial Association Food Pantry	Food Pantry is set up to serve those in the Dandridge zip code area who have food needs on an emergency basis of six times per year.	\$2,000.00	\$1,666.40
6/19/12	Hopewell	Safe Space	This agency serves approx. 1700 victims of domestic violence a year. The primary objective is to provide food to any client in need.	\$2,000.00	\$1,666.40
6/19/12	Hopewell	Sunset Gap Community Center	The area served Cocke and a portion of Sevier Co, is one of the most economically depressed in this mountain community. This mission helps in providing clothing, food and school supplies	\$2,000.00	\$1,666.40
6/19/12	Waverly Road	WRPC Food Pantry	Funds are used to purchase food for redistribution to our clientele.	\$2,000.00	\$1,666.40
6/28/12	First, Elizabethton	Assistance & Resource Ministries	ARM shares food boxes to low income families in need by monthly appointment and special emergency boxes are shared in certain situations daily. Also seek to have special attention to the nutritional needs of young children and the elderly.	\$2,000.00	\$1,666.40
6/28/12	First, Elizabethton	Food for the Multitude	Funds to be used to help purchase food and supplies for weekly meals provided to those in need in the Elizabethton-Carter Co. area. This program serves 250-300 meals each week.	\$2,000.00	\$1,666.40
6/28/12	First, Elizabethton	The Shepherd's Inn- Emergency Shelter	The Shepherd's Inn is the only city/county emergency shelter for women and their children displaced by domestic violence and otherwise temporarily homeless. Food is provided.	\$2,000.00	\$1,666.40
7/09/12	First, Bristol	Abuse Alternatives, Inc	Provides all necessary groceries for 3 meals a day for those who are given temporary emergency shelter in times of crisis.	\$2,000.00	\$1,666.40
7/09/12	First, Bristol	Haven of Rest Rescue Mission , Inc	Have a homeless shelter, a rehab program, and a shelter for women and children. All three programs provide 3 meals a day, 7 days a week. Food Boxes for the poor are also provided.	\$2,000.00	\$1,666.40
7/09/12	First, Greeneville	Rural Resources' Mobile Farmers Market	The Mobile Farmers Market primarily serves people with limited or no income. We often come across homeless hungry people and these funds go towards supplying them with healthy food.	\$2,000.00	\$1,666.40
7/09/12	Hebron	Second Harvest Food for Kids Backpack Program/Mt. Horeb	The funds will be used by the school to purchase food from Second Harvest. The School will identify students who are in need of food at home and will provide them with food for	\$2,000.00	\$1,666.40

Elementary School

the weekend in backpacks or other containers.

7/09/12	Preston Hills	Hunger First	Provide food and/or meals for poor and homeless from a downtown Kingsport store.	\$2,000.00	\$1,666.40
7/09/12	Watauga Avenue	Good Samaritan Ministries	We participate with Good Samaritan throughout the year. Thanksgiving & Christmas food baskets and the sponsorship of two children in the summer food program. We also collect non-perishable food for distribution to Good Samaritan	<del>\$2,000.00</del>	Duplicate Not awarded
7/09/12	Watauga Avenue	Interfaith Hospitality Network	We partner with Interfaith as a support church with Munsey Memorial UMC. 4 times throughout the year we assist in feeding, transportation, evening hosting and spending nights. We could increase our meal selection and evening snacks with these monies.	\$2,000.00	\$1,666.40
7/09/12	Watauga Avenue	Loaves & Fishes Dinners	Our church provides meals twice a year through Loaves & Fishes sponsored by W. Main Christian Church for the homeless and needy. Over 100 hot meals and 90 take out lunches are served at each event. Monies would be used to purchase meals for these events.	\$2,000.00	\$1,666.40
7/09/12	Watauga Avenue	Second Harvest Food Bank	We financially support Second Harvest Food Bank throughout the year.	\$2,000.00	\$1,666.40
7/10/12	Blountville	Blountville Area Ministerial Association Food Bank	The BAMA Food Bank provides food for needy people in the Blountville Area. The food bank is located in the 1st Baptist church building and is open each Monday afternoon. 5 local churches are in the association and is always a struggle to provide enough food for the needy.	\$2,000.00	\$1,666.40
7/13/12	Bethany	2nd Harvest Food Bank of Northeast TN	2nd Harvest feeds the hungry by securing donations from national and local manufacturers, grocers and individuals and redistributing to qualified nonprofit charities and food banks that feed the hungry in an 8 county region.	<del>\$2,000.00</del>	Duplicate Not awarded
7/15/12	Cold Spring	Sharing Christ Mission-Bristol, TN	Provides a free hot meal every Saturday night to anyone in need. This is the night when a meal is not available at other places in town.	\$2,000.00	\$1,666.40



7/15/12	First, Kingsport	Food for Kids Backpack Program	We partner with Second Harvest for this program. Funds would be used to augment Second Harvest's resources to maintain - and hopefully expand - acquisition of food and as needed other supplies. Currently this program provides food to children on Thursdays so that they will have something to eat over the weekend. Nearly 4000 students in 129 schools in NE TN are served.	\$800.00	\$666.56
7/15/12	New Bethel	Haven of Rest Rescue Mission , Inc	Haven of Rest is in Bristol and is a nonprofit rescue mission committed to helping the hungry, homeless and addicted to meet their needs for food, shelter and clothing. They offer 3 meals per day for all residents and a free open evening meal for anyone. They have a food pantry that provides substantial groceries for needy families 4 days a week.	\$500.00	\$416.60
7/15/12	Tabernacle	Tabernacle Mission Soup Kitchen	The funds will be used to provide food for all people that need a good hot meal.	\$2,000.00	\$1,666.40
7/20/12	Zion	Greeneville/Greene Co. Ministries	One third of the residents of Greeneville/Greene Co. need help in getting their basic food needs. This ministry is instrumental in helping to meet those needs.	<del>\$2,000.00</del>	Past due date Not awarded

### International

Date Received	Church	Project Name	Program Use	Requested Amount	2012 Allocation
				<b>\$18,000.00</b>	<b>\$14,997.59</b>
6/19/12	First, Johnson City	Feed Our Children at St. Innocent's School Haiti	FPCJC supports the school scholastically at \$10,125 a year. These 5 Cents a Meal funds would be the "seed" money to help us raise \$8000 annually that would be needed for an annual feeding program in the school.	\$2,000.00	\$1,666.40
6/19/12	Hopewell	Forman Christian College Hunger Grant	This college is in Lattore, Pakistan. Monies would provide meals for the needy students that attend this college	\$2,000.00	\$1,666.40
6/19/12	Hopewell	Living Waters for the World	The efforts of this mission help people whose water supply has been impacted by pollution.	\$2,000.00	\$1,666.40
6/19/12	Hopewell	Presbyterian Hunger Program – Haiti	Devastation from Natural disaster continues to hinder the islanders from recovery. Grants would help ease this situation through planting of local seeds and trees.	\$2,000.00	\$1,666.40

7/09/12	First, Bristol	Independent Presbyterian Church of Felipe Camarao, Natal Brazil	The church and its preschool serve over 100 children each day with educational programs not otherwise available to this community. Students are provided 2 nutritious meals a day when at school. Without this outreach to the poorest of the poor in this community the children would simply go without. This grant would enable the vital nutritional service to continue as part of the church's vital outreach.	\$2,000.00	\$1,666.40
7/12/12	First, Greeneville	Keep It Campaign for Ivory Park	These funds will go to support Ivory Park in South Africa. As we transition to the final stages of our sustainable food program we are requesting aid for the regular food parcels to be given to vulnerable heads of household, including elderly family member who are caring for extended families and also including child-headed households.	\$2,000.00	\$1,666.40
7/15/12	Bethany	World Vision International	Works with families and children all over the world through sponsorship education, water, sanitation and economic development projects that foster change and improve well-being.	\$2,000.00	\$1,666.40
7/15/12	Cold Spring	Good Samaritan Schools, New Delhi, India	At this school for the poorest of the poor in Delhi, this grant will be used to provide food for the students. 1000 attend. Many of them will eat their only meal of the day while at school. It is a tremendous help.	\$2,000.00	\$1,666.40
7/15/12	First, Kingsport	Living Waters of the World-Guatemala	Water filtration/treatment systems are installed at various institutions (schools, clinics, etc) to provide safe drinking water to people who would otherwise not have access to clean water.	\$2,000.00	\$1,666.40



## 5¢-A-MEAL HUNGER RELIEF GRANTS

### Application Instructions

### Holston Presbytery

**Purpose:** The proposed activities shall provide food relief to poor people in either acute or chronic conditions of hunger with an eye to long-range solutions.

**What Projects are included:** Direct food ministries (food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, etc.) and projects which provide safe drinking water.

**Process:** Grants are awarded through a three step process.

- 1) Application is to be completed by the sponsoring church and sent to the Mission and Evangelism Committee for review.
- 2) If a grant is awarded, the sponsoring church will receive the funds from the office of Holston Presbytery for distribution to the recipient (if other than the church).
- 3) After funds have been disbursed, an acknowledgment letter is expected from the recipient within sixty days.

**Qualifying Criteria:**

- 1) Funds shall be used for providing food and/or safe drinking water.
- 2) All applications shall be submitted and endorsed by a congregation of Holston Presbytery.
- 3) Acknowledgment letter from recipient shall be received by the committee for future applications to be considered.
- 4) Organizations can receive a maximum of one grant per calendar year.

**Additional Information:** Congregations are expected to contribute to the ministry of the organizations for which they request grants.

**Grant Amounts:** Local and International grants will be considered for requests up to \$2,000.

**Grants will be disbursed annually in December. Applications must be received by July 15<sup>th</sup> to be considered. An acknowledgement card will be sent to the sponsoring church to show application received by Presbytery office. If you do not receive a card within a reasonable mailing time, please contact the Presbytery immediately.**

#### General Assembly – Congregational Hunger Ministry

The PHP is a ministry of the PC (USA) working with congregations and partners around the globe to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes in five program areas. For information go to

[www.gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/hunger](http://www.gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/hunger) or call 1.800.728.7228, ext.

5832 for Jessica Maudlin (Hunger Program) or ext. 5845 for Eva Slayton (Small Church/Community Ministry)





# LOCAL HUNGER RELIEF GRANTS Application Form

Office Use Only  
Date Received

Please return to: Holston Presbytery, P. O. Box 3647, Kingsport TN 37664-3647

**Application Deadline: July 15**

Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Name of Church / Institution applying for the grant: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Project / Recipient: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe how the funds will be used to provide food or safe drinking water relief to poor people in either acute or chronic conditions of hunger. \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe the sponsoring church / institution participation in this project (financial and/or personal involvement): \_\_\_\_\_

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Amount Requested from Holston Presbytery: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$2,000 maximum)

Contact Information	
Church Representative: _____	Recipient Representative: _____
Daytime Phone: _____	Daytime Phone: _____
Evening Phone: _____	Evening Phone: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
_____	_____
Email Address: _____	Email Address: _____

Signatures: Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Session: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair of Hunger / Mission Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

*In case of Institutions*

Faculty or Staff Representative: \_\_\_\_\_  
Student Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

**Approved funds will be sent to the Church's Clerk of Session or Institutions Representative for your distribution to the project. An acknowledgement card will be sent to sponsor church when Application is received at Presbytery office; if you do not receive a card, contact the Presbytery office immediately.**



# INTERNATIONAL HUNGER RELIEF GRANTS Application Form

Office Use Only  
Date Received

Please return to: Holston Presbytery, P. O. Box 3647, Kingsport TN 37664-3647

**Application Deadline: July 15**

Date: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

Name of Church / Institution applying for the grant: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Project / Recipient: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe how the funds will be used to provide food or safe drinking water relief to poor people in either acute or chronic conditions of hunger. \_\_\_\_\_

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Describe the sponsoring church / institution participation in this project (financial and/or personal involvement):

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Amount Requested from Holston Presbytery: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$2,000 maximum)

Contact Information	
Church Representative: _____	Recipient Representative: _____
Daytime Phone: _____	Daytime Phone: _____
Evening Phone: _____	Evening Phone: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
_____	_____
Email Address: _____	Email Address: _____

Signatures: Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk of Session: \_\_\_\_\_

Chair of Hunger / Mission Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

*In case of Institutions*

Faculty or Staff Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

**Approved funds will be sent to the Church's Clerk of Session or Institutions Representative for your distribution to the project. An acknowledgement card will be sent to sponsoring church when application is received at Presbytery office; if no card is received, please contact Presbytery office immediately.**

**ADMINISTRATION AND BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT.** David Light reported.

1. The Committee has appointed a Financial Review Taskforce to review the 2012 Holston Presbytery finances in accordance with the *Book of Order*, G-3.0113.
2. The Committee will be reviewing the *Manual of Administrative Operations* and visiting the various presbytery committees in the coming months.
3. The ministry of Holston Presbytery is funded by the voluntary contributions of its congregations. Thank you for your generous financial commitment to the General Mission Budget which serves local congregations and their ministries, church leaders, and the wider church!
4. A reminder to all presbytery committees: all presbytery expenses must be paid by voucher (with supporting documentation) upon approval of the presbytery committee moderator and subsequent review of the Administration and Budget Committee moderator.
5. A reminder to all congregations and church treasurers: a statement detailing your congregation's designated and undesignated financial gifts to Holston Presbytery are sent each quarter. Your review of the quarterly statement is an important internal financial control of the presbytery's finances. Please immediately report any discrepancies to the presbytery office or to the Administration and Budget Committee moderator.
6. Your timely remittance of funds to the presbytery office is greatly appreciated!
7. Things to know about the General Assembly and the Synod of Living Waters per capita:
  - a. The General Assembly per capita for 2013 is \$6.87 per church member, as recorded on your annual statistical report. (Read more about it here: <http://oga.pcusa.org/section/departments/per-capita/>)
  - b. The Synod of Living Waters per capita for 2013 is \$3.62 per church member, as recorded on your annual statistical report.
  - c. The combined General Assembly and Synod of Living Waters 2013 per capita is \$10.49 per church member. Holston Presbytery is required by the *Book of Order* to give the full per capita to the General Assembly and the Synod of Living Waters—even when congregations withhold their giving to the presbytery.
  - d. For 2013, Holston Presbytery will give over \$80,000 in combined per capita (based on the total reported 2011 church membership of 7,667)—that's over 20% of all anticipated congregational contributions in 2013!
8. In the coming year, Holston Presbytery will face very difficult budgetary decisions which will include further reductions in program, support services and staff, if the current congregational giving pattern continues. This will seriously impact the work in many mission areas currently supported by congregational giving to Holston Presbytery. In

2002, congregational contributions totaled over \$640,000—in 2012, congregational contributions totaled nearly \$420,000—a one-third reduction in giving!

PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH ALL SESSION MEMBERS AND CHURCH LEADERS.

**TRUSTEES REPORT.**

1. The Trustees reviewed the insurance coverage of Holston Presbytery, and approved new liability, property, auto, and Directors and Officers insurance with M and M Insurance of Mt. Carmel, TN, representing Brotherhood Mutual Insurance.

**NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT.** Jim Mays reported that nominations are being sought for various committees and positions.

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# Holston Presbytery Committee Self-Nomination Form



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Man  Woman  Minister  Elder  Deacon  DCE  Ethnic \_\_\_\_\_  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Service in local church: \_\_\_\_\_

Special skills: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mark your first, second, and third choices of interest areas you would be willing to serve.

(For further information as to description and meetings of committees, see page 2.)

General Mission Board (Member-at-Large)

Administrative Issues (Finance, Personnel)

Discipleship Issues (Congregations, Youth,  
Young Adults, Holston Camp)

Mission/Evangelism Issues (Mission,  
Institutions, Social Justice)

Pastoral Ministry (Pastors, Pastor  
Nominating Committees, CREs)

Preparation for Ministry (Inquirers,  
Candidates for Ministry)

Trustees (Corporate Business)

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return by July 30, 2013.**

E-mail to: [info@holstonpresbytery.org](mailto:info@holstonpresbytery.org);

Mail to: Holston Presbytery, P. O. Box 3647, Kingsport, TN 37664-3647;

FAX to: 815-550-2780



## **Page 2 – Committee Self-Nomination Form**

**Note: meeting times are subject to change each year at the discretion of the committee.**

**General Mission Board** – Facilitates presbytery's work and co-ordinates its mission and programs; observes its total work ensuring fullest use of all resources; recommends and initiates action when needed. Composed of chairs of all presbytery committees, plus three members-at-large. Meets quarterly, prior to each stated presbytery meeting.

**Administration & Budget Committee** – Oversees the administration of Presbytery's financial affairs and operation of the office. Meets quarterly, prior to each General Mission Board meeting.

**Committee on Ministry** – Counsels, supports ministers and congregations; responsible for care, nurture of presbytery member ministers and other church professionals. Serves the Presbytery, ministers and congregations as directed in *Book of Order* in matters relating to ministry in local churches; examines prospective ministers, visits sessions, works with pastor nominating committees, assists pastors in continuing education. Meets monthly, third Thursday, 3:30 PM.

**Committee on Preparation for Ministry** – Responsible for receiving, overseeing and nurturing those under the care of the presbytery interested in following their personal calls to the ministry as Inquirers and Candidates. Meets quarterly, prior to each General Mission Board meeting.

**Committee on Representation** – Works with the Nominating Committee to ensure all persons have fair representation within presbytery as directed by Book of Order. Compiles, with presbytery staff, an Annual Report for Synod. Meets on a called basis.

**Discipleship Committee** – Encourages and assists congregations in defining and fulfilling their mission, and provides leadership development. Oversees campus ministry, youth and young adult ministries. Meets quarterly, prior to each General Mission Board meeting.

**Holston Camp & Retreat Center Sub-Committee** - Oversees programs and operation, budget and financial matters of the Center in Banner Elk, NC and works with Director to provide for maintenance of facility, year-round programs, Summer Camp, and supervision of Camp personnel. Meets monthly.

**Mission and Evangelism Committee** – Provides support for work of churches through missions as it calls on us to do Christ's work where we are. Challenges churches involvement in Five-Cents-a-Meal for local and international hunger needs; recommends actions to Presbytery regarding distribution of monies. Implements programs on ecumenical relations, peacemaking, justice, women's concerns, human services, environment, health care, criminal justice, aging, energy, and other related issues. Oversees relationships with the Presbytery-related institutions. Meets quarterly, prior to each General Mission Board meeting.

**Trustees** – Serves as the Board of Directors of Holston Presbytery, Inc. at the direction of the General Mission Board. Meets annually in September.

**WALKERTOWN ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION REPORT.** Jim Mays reported.

The following recommendation was withdrawn.

1. That the Walkertown Presbyterian Church be dismissed to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Presbytery of the Southeast—another Reformed body—as provided in the *Book of Order*, G-3.0303b. The motion was approved. A service of dismissal followed.

*(Please note that Holston Presbytery approved the following action at the June 2, 2012 stated meeting:*

*Once the Walkertown congregation has affiliated with another reformed denomination, they have a period of three years to transition to the new denomination. During that three-year period, the ownership of the property of the Walkertown church still remains with the PCUSA. The congregation must continue to keep the property in good repair during that time period and cannot mortgage, sell, or dispose of the property. The Walkertown congregation must continue to pay all outstanding bills and notes and maintain adequate property and liability insurance during the interim period. At the end of the three-year period, the Walkertown congregation, if they are a congregation in good standing in the reformed denomination that they have joined, may request, through that reformed denomination, that the property be sold to that reformed denomination. The reformed denomination with which Walkertown had affiliated and Holston Presbytery would then determine a purchase price for the property.*

*In the months ahead as the Walkertown congregation is searching for another reformed denomination, the Commission would encourage all participants to prayerfully seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit and be open to the possibility of reconciliation with the PCUSA.*

*Finally, we recommend that when such time comes to dismiss the Walkertown congregation to another reformed denomination, the congregation and, in particular, the members of the session of the congregation participate in “A Service for the Parting of the Ways” at a regularly scheduled Presbytery meeting.)*

Ruling Elder John Long (Walkertown Church) moved that the terms of settlement be agreed upon at the time of dismissal. The motion was seconded and discussed. A motion was made by Commissioned Ruling Elder David Light (Shenandoah Church) that the motion be tabled. The motion to table was seconded. The motion to table passed.

Teaching Elder Jim Mays moved that the Walkertown Administrative Commission continue to be in dialogue with the Walkertown Presbyterian Church about the transfer of property and insurance, and report back to the Presbytery Trustees and the presbytery at a future date. The motion was seconded and discussed. The motion passed.

**REPORT ON GRANDFATHER HOME FOR CHILDREN:** Jim Swincola gave a report on the ministry.

**PREVIOUSLY DOCKETED NEW BUSINESS FOR TODAY:** None.

**PROMOTIONS** were shared with the presbytery.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Moderator called upon the Committee on Thanks to give their report. The Moderator, Mary Lee Harmon, delivered the prayer of thanks for the meal and adjourned the meeting at 12:29 PM.

\_\_\_\_\_ Mary Lee Harmon, Moderator

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