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STATED MEETING OF HOLSTON PRESBYTERY
December 1, 2015
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MINUTES
STATED MEETING OF HOLSTON PRESBYTERY
Piney Flats Presbyterian Church, Piney Flats, TN
December 1, 2015

Holston Presbytery met for its stated meeting at Piney Flats Presbyterian Church, Piney Flats, Tennessee, at 9:00 AM. Moderator, Ruling Elder Bill Reese, welcomed those gathered for the meeting. The meeting was opened with worship and prayer, including the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Commissioned Ruling Elder David Light, preached. An offering for Five Cents a Meal was collected in the amount of \$403.75. The Rev. Dr. Robert Rainwater, Pastor, welcomed everyone on behalf of the Church. 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
Burkey, Margaret		X
Cagle, David	X	
Campbell, John		X
Cartwright, Gregory	X	
Cave, Payne		X
Chamberlain, Mike		X
Chapman, Alan		X
Christian, H. Martin	X	
Clark, Dan		X
Clements, Lee	X	
Cobb, Harrell L.	X	
Crow, Conrad		X
Donaldson, Dan	X	
Dowling, John		X
Fifield, Richard L.	X	
Florence, Kaye	X	
Gandy, Joan	X	
Goforth, Bill S.		X
Gray, James L.		X
Gunn, Yale		X

Hale, David L.		X
Hambrick, Jr., David C.		X
Hazelwood, Deven	X	
Helphinstine, Paul	X	
Hopper, Barron	X	
Huff, Allen	X	
Hutchison, Ralph		X
Hyers-Prentice, David		X
Hyers, William D.	X	
Im, Seong Cheol	X	
Imsande, Louis	X	
Jordan, Greg		X
Kelly, R. Gary	X	
Kestner, C. Phillip		X
Knisley, Mark		X
Lancaster, Lewis		X
LaPointe, Douglas	X	
Locke, Patricia	X	
Martin, James		X
Martin, John L.		X
Mays, James		X
Meredith, Tim W.		X
Miller, David		X
Moore, Diana	X	
Murphy, Charles		X
Norris, Rodney	X	
O'Connor, Hayley		X
Parsons, Gradye		X
Peake, Thomas	X	
Phillips, J. Thomas	X	
Ray, Richard	X	
Rolling, George L.	X	
Saunders, Raymond		X
Schmidt, Kyle	X	
Scruggs, Glenn		X
Shackelford, Edgar P.		X
Shaw, Angus	X	
Sims, David H.		X
Smith, Shane	X	
Spoon, Eric	X	
Steinle, Marshall	X	
Strang, Fred Foy		X
Sutherland, Terry		X
Sydnor, Charles S.		X
Taylor, Harrison		X
Troyer, Elizabeth		X

Vogado, Chris		X
Wade, Thomas M. L.		X
Walker, Fred		X
Webster, Stan	X	
Weed, Sherrolyn G.		X
Weisz, Stephen R.		X
Welch, David	X	
White, Katherine		X
White, Ray		X
Whitesides, Davis		X
Willard, Pat	X	
Wing, III, William T.	X	
Wyatt, Brian		X
Young, William		X

MINISTERS OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS PRESENT/ABSENT:

Name	Present	Absent
Blevins, Daniel		X
Dinwiddie, Bill		X
Hutton, Mark		X
Rainwater, Robert	X	
Roe, John P.		X

COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS PRESENT/ABSENT:

Name	Present	Absent
Baird, Carol		X
Baird, Gloria		X
Ballinger, Calvin		X
Barnette, Anthony	X	
Cagle, Tracy	X	
Catts, John	X	
Cobb, Marci	X	
Culbertson, Mike	X	
Dalton, David		X
Dameron, Cliff		X
Doer, Eddie		X
Farmer, Mary Jane		X
Finley, Harold		X
Grimes, Robert		X
Herndon, Chip		X
Light, David	X	
Maddox, Anna		X
Meadows, Bobby		X
Morelock, Jeff		X
Rice, Cheryl		X
Riddle, Jackie		X

Sauls, Con	X	
Stevens, Betty	x	
Wise, Amanda		X
Wise, Scott		X
Wright, Kathleen		X

RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS:

Congregation	Principal	Alternate	Visitor/Other
Amity			
Barton Springs			
Bethel, Dandridge			
Bethel, Kingsport			
Blountville	Linda McBride		
Bristol, First	John Vann		
Cedar Creek			
Cedarview	Coy Klepper		
Chuckey			
Clinton			
Cold Spring			
Colonial Heights	Lisa Mahon		
Cove Creek			
Covenant	Erma Hyers		
Cross Anchor	Harold Smith		
Elizabethton, First	Carol McElwee		
Erwin	Betty Stevens		
Grays Chapel			
Greeneville, First	Heather Patchett		
Hebron			
Hopewell			
Jefferson City, First			
Jennie Moore			
Johnson City, First			
Jonesborough	Graham Norman		
Keystone	Kay Stout		

Kingsport, First	Tammie Davis Patsy Garriott		
Leesburg			
Liberty			
Magill Memorial	Pat Roark		
Meadowview		Vicki McClurg	
Morristown, First	William T. Hale	Elizabeth Campbell	
Mountain City	Linda Moon		
Mt. Hermon			
New Bethel	Denise Torbett		
New Ebenezer			
New Market			
New Providence			
Newport			
Oakland			
Old Kingsport			
Philadelphia	Shirley Whitburn	Jerry Whitburn	
Piney Flats			
Preston Hills	Jim Bell		
Reedy Creek, Bristol			
Reedy Creek, Kingsport	Mike Culbertson		
Rock Creek			
Rogersville	Rebecca George		
Rosemont			
Salem			
Shady Valley			
Shenandoah			
St. Paul			
Strawberry Plains			
Tabernacle			
Timber Ridge	Charles Brumley		
Tri City Korean			
Watauga Avenue	Philip Brandt		

Waverly Road	Judi Easley		
Weaver Union			
West Ridge	Gladys Shackelford		
Windsor Avenue			
Zion			

PRESBYTERY MODERATOR: Ruling Elder Bill Reese

PRESBYTERY STAFF: Kim Fifield, Jim Austin

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Hal Hunter

VISITING/CORRESPONDING TEACHING ELDERS/MINISTERS: Bill Lindeman (Western North Carolina)

VISITORS: Rachel Starnes, JoAnn Evans (Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries), Clara Hasbrouck (Colonial Heights), Spencer Pickel, Estelle Armistead (Covenant), Tom Parnill, Casey Turbyfill (Holston Camp) Ann Peake.

CONSENT AGENDA

The below Consent Agenda was adopted:

- Approved enrollment
- Declaration of quorum
- Approved requests for excused absences
- Approved giving visiting ministers voice
- Approved Minutes of the September 8, 2015 Stated Meeting
- Appointment of Committee on Thanks: Lee Clements & Bill Wing
- Appointment of the Bills & Overture Committee: Clara Hasbrouck & David Light
- Adoption of the Docket
- Treasurer's Report

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

Treasurer's Report
General Mission Budget
January – September 2015

	<u>Jan - Sep 15</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
60160 · Unified Mission Designated Fund	7,154.92		
60500 · Unified Monies	215,978.72	325,000.00	66.46%
60550 · Designated Reserve	0.00	45,810.93	0.0%
61905 · Interest Income	26,244.10	34,985.00	75.02%
Total Income	<u>249,377.74</u>	<u>405,795.93</u>	<u>61.45%</u>
Gross Profit	249,377.74	405,795.93	61.45%
Expense			
70100 · GMB/Ministries w/Councils	68,782.05	88,771.53	77.48%
70200 · Committee on Ministry	-45.00	1,500.00	-3.0%
70300 · Committee Prep for Ministry	0.00	1,500.00	0.0%
70400 · Mission & Evangelism	0.00	3,250.00	0.0%
70500 · Discipleship Committee	13,995.41	22,810.93	61.35%
70900 · Administration & Budget	144,472.09	191,232.30	75.55%
71200 · Holston Camp & Retreat Center	55,366.29	94,730.53	58.45%
71400 · Trustees	42.25		
Total Expense	<u>282,613.09</u>	<u>403,795.29</u>	<u>69.99%</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-33,235.35</u>	<u>2,000.64</u>	<u>-1,661.24%</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-33,235.35</u></u>	<u><u>2,000.64</u></u>	

Fund Balances as of September 30, 2015

	<u>Sep 30, 15</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10000 · CHECKING - CITIZENS BANK	
10110 · Designated Reserve Unused	30,992.80
10111 · Select Monies	30,486.07

10172 · Bethany PC-Lease Monies	450.00
10173 · Walkertown PC-Lease Monies	450.00
10211 · Hattie Farthing Fund	1,544.78
10320 · Holston Seminary Student Fund	6,124.30
10410 · Global Mission Fund	1,614.36
10420 · 5 Cents-a-Meal Local	1,158.28
10421 · 5 Cents-a-Meal International	0.02
10530 · Indian Ridge Payment	2,500.00
10531 · Youth Ministry Endowment	750.00
10630 · Presbytery Peacemaking	6,105.43
10640 · EIHN - Restoring Creation	1,425.00
10712 · Ministry - Hawkins County	15,500.00
10714 · Church Hill - Undesignated	6,000.00
11312 · Campus Ministry - Other	4,645.00
11860 · Williams Transition Fund	8.82
11861 · Williams Capital Fund Interest	11,074.83
11862 · Williams Program Fund Interest	14,707.31
11910 · Honoraria - EP	2,828.65
15000 · Charitable Gift Annuity	-10,445.34
20000 · Citizens Bank	
20210 · Pastoral Care	509.92
20531 · Youth Triennium	8.21
20710 · Church Development	309.73
20750 · New Church Development	227.29
20780 · Evangelism	981.36
20911 · Equipment Reserve	691.68
21820 · Grigsby Scholarship	12,480.99
21830 · Braziel Scholarship	4,182.32
21840 · Dixon Scholarship	5,087.48
21881 · Ninth Street Loan Fund - Hold	<u>3,107.80</u>
Total 20000 · Citizens Bank	27,586.78
10000 · CHECKING - CITIZENS BANK - Other	<u>51,771.16</u>
Total 10000 · CHECKING - CITIZENS BANK	207,278.25
30000 · PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION	
30211 · Hattie Farthing Fund	38,407.51
30710 · Church Development	32,545.05
30730 · Small Church Fund	152,396.28
30750 · New Church Development	75,068.88
31820 · Grigsby Scholarship	84,789.16
31830 · Braziel Scholarship	43,440.23
31840 · Dixon Scholarship	35,660.77

31870 · Pattie Bushong Fund	1,951.68
31880 · Robinson Fund	964.28
31881 · Ninth Street Loan Fund	15,319.81
31882 · Ninth Street Scholarship	33,426.60
31883 · Tusculum College Endowment	<u>108,360.25</u>
Total 30000 · PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION	<u>622,330.50</u>
Total Checking/Savings	829,608.75
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	1,456,608.75
Other Assets	
80000 · Notes Receivable	
80100 · Indian Ridge Baptist Church	104,500.00
80200 · Hebron Presbyterian Church	<u>24,993.48</u>
Total 80000 · Notes Receivable	<u>129,493.48</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>129,493.48</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>1,586,102.23</u></u>

STATED CLERK'S REPORT was given by Rich Fifield.

INFORMATION:

1. Received communication from the Committee on the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA):

“Please share your insights, wisdom, hopes, and dreams for the PC(USA),” said COGA Moderator Margaret Elliott. “Through careful listening and honest sharing we can create a church for this time and place.”

The [online form](#) for sharing thoughts on the identity and purpose of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as part of a church-wide conversation initiated by the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly is available until December 18.

Talk individually or in groups using the questions from the online form at pcusa.org/identity and a discussion guide downloadable at pcusa.org/discussionguide. Each person is then invited to fill out the form themselves.

The 222nd General Assembly (2016) will use much of the information gathered to collectively discern God's call for the church. Contact <mailto:oga.communications@pcusa.org> for questions or for more information.

2. Received the Minutes of the Commission to Install the Rev. Patricia Locke as Pastor of Watauga Avenue Presbyterian Church. (See below.)
3. Received the Minutes of the Commission to Install the Rev. Greg Cartwright as Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Greeneville. (See below.)
4. Year-End Annual Reports are now due.

Complete the **General Assembly Annual Statistical REPORT online**, beginning December 4, 2015 until February 18, 2016:

- [Annual Statistical Report WORKBOOK](#) The link to the WORKBOOK--PLEASE PRINT THIS. (This will guide you in gathering the needed information for the Annual Statistical REPORT.)
- [Annual Statistical REPORT](#) The link to Annual Statistical REPORT online reporting system. You will need your **User ID and Password**. NOTE: If you are using Internet Explorer, you will need to follow the "work around" instructions listed.
- PRINT a copy of the Annual Statistical REPORT for your session minutes.

Complete the **Holston Presbytery Year-End Reports online** before Friday, January 29, 2016:

- [2016 Church Information Form](#) (This information is for the Holston Presbytery Directory and the presbytery's congregational records.)
- [2015 Ruling Elder Necrology](#) (This information is for inclusion in the Holston Presbytery minutes, listing all Ruling Elders who died in 2015.)

Please do not contact the General Assembly office with questions regarding the Statistical Report. You are submitting all reports to the Holston Presbytery office. If you have questions please contact Kim at kim@holstonpresbytery.org or 423-247-6178.

Watauga Avenue Presbyterian Church
Minutes of the Installation Commission for the Rev. Patricia Locke
October 18, 2015 - 2:15P.M.

PRESENT:

Rev. Joan Gandy, Pastor, Rock Creek Presbyterian Church, Erwin
Rev. Paul Helphinstine, Pastor, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Johnson City
Karen Clark, Ruling Elder, Watauga Avenue Presbyterian Church, Johnson City
Karen Welch, Ruling Elder, Jonesborough Presbyterian Church, Jonesborough
Jack Mooney, Ruling Elder, Watauga Avenue Presbyterian Church, Johnson City

PRESENT BY INVITATION:

Marti Healy, First Presbyterian Church, Aiken, SC

Martha S. Shanks, Clerk, Watauga Avenue Presbyterian Church, Johnson City

Rev. Patricia Healy Locke, Pastor, Watauga Avenue Presbyterian Church, Johnson City

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: The installation of the Rev. Patricia Locke as pastor of Watauga Avenue Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tennessee.

The Commission according to the appointment of Holston Presbytery met at Watauga Avenue Presbyterian Church, on Sunday, October 18, 2015, at 2:15 p.m.

The meeting was opened with prayer. A quorum was present. Rev. Joan Gandy was elected as Moderator and WAPC Clerk Martha S. Shanks served as the subscribing clerk to the Commission.

Responsibilities and procedures for the service of installation were reviewed. The Commission recessed to be reconvened in the presence of the congregation at 3:00 p.m. Following the benediction at the end of the installation service, the Commission agreed to adjourn.

The Moderator reconvened the Commission in the presence of the congregation and Rev. Paul Helphinstine led the congregation in worship, preaching from Romans 8:35-39. The Moderator propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Pastor-elect and WAPC Clerk Martha S. Shanks propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Congregation. All questions being answered in the affirmative, the Rev. Patricia Locke was installed as Pastor of Watauga Avenue Presbyterian Church agreeably to the Word of God and the constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The installation prayer was led by Ruling Elder Karen Clark. Members of the Presbytery and others then welcomed the newly installed pastor into their fellowship in the ministry of the Word. Rev. Joan Gandy delivered both the charge to the pastor and the charge to the congregation.

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

Rev. Joan Gandy, Moderator
Subscribing Clerk

Martha S. Shanks,

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION of Holston Presbytery to install the Rev. Greg Cartwright as associate pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Greeneville, Tennessee.

The Commission, according to the appointment of Holston Presbytery met at First Presbyterian Church, Greeneville, TN on Sunday, November 1, at 10:30 AM, with

the Rev. Dan Donaldson; the Rev. Jim Mays; Ruling Elder Bob White (First Presbyterian Church, Morristown); and Ruling Elder Heather Patchett (First Presbyterian Church, Greeneville). The meeting was opened with prayer, and a quorum was present. Rev. Jim Mays was elected as Moderator and Heather Patchett as Clerk of the Commission. Responsibilities and procedures for the Service of Installation were reviewed, and the Commission recessed to be reconvened in the presence of the congregation at 11:00 AM. The Commission agreed to adjourn following the Benediction.

The Moderator reconvened the Commission in the presence of the congregation and Rev. Dr. Dan Donaldson led the congregation in worship, preaching from John 11:32-44. The Moderator propounded the Constitutional Questions for the Pastor-elect, and Ruling Elder Heather Patchett propounded the Constitutional Questions to the Congregation. All questions being answered in the affirmative, the Rev. Greg Cartwright, was installed as associate pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Greeneville, agreeably to the Word of God and the constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The installation prayer was led by Rev. Dr. Dan Donaldson.

Members of the presbytery and others then welcomed the newly installed pastor into their fellowship in the ministry of the Word. Rev. Dr. Dan Donaldson delivered a charge to the Pastor. Rev. Jim Mays delivered a charge to the congregation.

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

Signed by Clerk:

Heather Patchett

GENERAL MISSION BOARD REPORT was given by Diana Moore.

Call to Order by Sharon Amstutz, Moderator, at 3:01 PM.

Opening Devotional and Prayer by Sharon Amstutz.

Present: Bill Reese, Moderator; Sharon Amstutz; Diana Moore; Tom Phillips; ~~Jim Amstutz~~; Shane Smith; David Light; Pam Pope; ~~Mary Debrovic~~; Hal Hunter; Marshall Steinle; John Smith; Ed Hutchinson; Kim Fifield; Jim Austin; Andrea Sutter; Rich Fifield.

Reports/Recommendations to the General Mission Board:

Stated Clerk's Report Rich Fifield
Treasurer's Report Kim Fifield
Moderator's Report Bill Reese
Vice-Moderator's Report Diana Moore
Committee Reports:

1. Administration and Budget Committee Report by David Light:
 - a. "That the current Presbyterian Campus House at 1412 College Heights Road be kept and maintained, making critical and necessary improvements, with

current campus ministry resources available and in partnership with congregations within the presbytery, so that this valuable and strategically-located facility will remain usable space.”

In fulfilling the above referral, the following actions have been taken:

- i. An inspection of the Campus Ministry House was performed by a licensed professional inspector.
- ii. A hole in the Campus Ministry House roof was repaired and gutters were cleaned to prevent water damage.
- iii. The Committee authorized Pam Pope, Kim Fifield, and David Light to proceed with obtaining the recommended repairs up to \$5,000.

b. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL MISSION BOARD:

- i. That the Staff Evaluation Summary/Recommendations be approved in executive session. Unanimously approved.
- ii. That the General Mission Board appoint a Taskforce to study the future ministry of the Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center, made up of two members of the Camp Committee; two members of the Administration and Budget Committee; two members of the Presbytery Trustees; and two at-large members from the presbytery; with the Interim Camp Director and Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk as ex-officio members. Approved. The 2016 General Mission Board Moderator, the 2016 Presbytery Moderator, and the 2016 Presbytery Vice-Moderator be authorized to appoint the two at-large members to the Taskforce.
- iii. That the Interim Camp Director contract with Jim Austin be extended through December 31, 2016. Approved.

Other Business

2. Request from the Session of New Providence Presbyterian Church for presbytery permission to sell the manse, located at 116 Kite Road, Surgoinsville, Tennessee, in accordance with the *Book of Order*, G-4.0206a.

G-4.0206 Selling, Encumbering, or Leasing Church Property

a. Selling or Encumbering Congregational Property

A congregation shall not sell, mortgage, or otherwise encumber any of its real property and it shall not acquire real property subject to an encumbrance or condition without the written permission of the presbytery transmitted through the session of the congregation.

RECOMMENDATION TO PRESBYTERY: That New Providence Presbyterian Church be granted permission to sell the manse, located at 116 Kite Road, Surgoinsville, Tennessee. Approved.

Actions Referred to the General Mission Board by Presbytery—None.

Proposed Agenda for the December 1, 2015 Stated Meeting of Holston Presbytery (distributed at the meeting.)

Small Group Leaders:

1. Jim Austin
2. Diana Moore
3. Bill Reese

Sharing of Concerns and Prayers

Information about the new electrical transmission line by Mountain Electric in Banner Elk, NC across the land-leased by Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center was shared with the General Mission Board.

Future Dates for the General Mission Board and Presbytery meetings in 2015, 2016 and 2017:

<u>General Mission Board</u>	<u>Presbytery</u>
	December 1, 2015 — Piney Flats Church
February 16, 2016	March 5, 2016 (Sat) — (Covenant Church)
May 17, 2016	June 4, 2016 (Sat) — (King College)
August 23, 2016	September 6, 2016 (Tue) — Holston Camp
November 15, 2016	December 6, 2016 (Tue) — (Jonesborough Church)
February 14, 2017	March 4, 2016 (Sat) — Open
May 16, 2017	June 3, 2017 (Sat) — Open
August 22, 2017	September 5, 2017 (Tue) — Holston Camp
November 14, 2017	December 5, 2017 (Tue) — Open

Adjournment with prayer at 4:15 PM by Sharon Amstutz.

General Mission Board Minutes Committee approved today's minutes. (Marshall Steinle; John Smith; Ed Hutchinson; Sharon Amstutz; Rich Fifield)

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY REPORT – was given by Eric Spoon.

INFORMATION:

1. The Committee approved a financial grant from the Holston Presbytery donor-restricted Holston Seminary Student Fund (#10320).
2. Conducted the Annual Consultation with Inquirer Daniel Kreiss (First Presbyterian Church, Bristol).
3. Conducted the Annual Consultation with Inquirer Michael Thornton (First Presbyterian Church, Bristol).

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT was given by Tom Phillips.

INFORMATION:

1. Approved the request of the Hopewell Presbyterian Church session and Kathy Hammond, Temporary Supply Pastor, that the Committee on Ministry grant an exception and authorize Kathy Hammond to administer the Lord's Supper and Baptism at Hopewell Presbyterian Church in accordance with the *Book of Order*, W-2.4012c: *"For reasons of order the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper shall be administered by a teaching elder or ruling elder commissioned to pastoral service when invited by the session and authorized by the presbytery. Missional concerns may lead to exceptions as determined and authorized by presbytery. (G-3.0301; G-2.1001)"*
2. Approved the retirement of the Rev. Dr. Dan Clark, effective November 24, 2015.
3. Appointed the following Commission to Install the Rev. Pat Locke as pastor of Watauga Avenue Presbyterian Church on Sunday, October 18, 3:00 PM: the Rev. Paul Helphinstine; the Rev. Joan Gandy; Elder Karen Clark (Watauga Avenue Presbyterian Church); Elder Karen Welch (Jonesborough Presbyterian Church) and Elder Jack Mooney (Watauga Avenue Presbyterian Church).
4. Appointed the following Commission to Install the Rev. Greg Cartwright as Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Greeneville, on Sunday, November 1, 11:00 AM: the Rev. Dan Donaldson; the Rev. Jim Mays; Ruling Elder Heather Patchett (First Church, Greeneville) and Ruling Elder Bob White (First Church, Morristown).
5. Approved the Temporary Supply Contract between the Rev. Dr. Angus Shaw and Waverly Road Presbyterian Church, effective January 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016, with the following terms: Monthly Cash Salary - \$3,311; SECA Allowance; Board of Pensions Post-Retirement Service Dues; Monthly Reimbursed Travel up to \$500; Vacation – One week per quarter; and appoint Rev. Shaw as Moderator.
6. Appointed the Rev. David Welch as Moderator of First Presbyterian Church, Bristol.
7. Approved the Temporary Supply Contract between First Presbyterian Church, Bristol, and the Rev. David Welch, effective October 12, 2015 through October 11, 2016, with the following terms: Monthly Cash Salary - \$2,495.54; Monthly Housing Allowance - \$1,833.34; SECA Allowance; Full Family BOP Participation; Optional Life Insurance; Annual Reimbursed Travel Expenses - \$2,000; Annual Reimbursed Professional Expenses - \$3,000; Annual Vacation – 4 Weeks; Annual Continuing Education – 2 Weeks.
8. Approved the call of the Rev. Brad Palmer as pastor of the Blountville Presbyterian Church, effective December 15, 2015, with the following terms of call: Annual Cash Salary - \$31,000; Full Use of Manse with Church-Paid Utilities up to \$3,000; Annual Manse Equity Allowance - \$600; SECA Allowance; Full Family BOP Participation; Annual Reimbursed Travel Expenses - \$2,000; Annual Reimbursed Continuing Education Expenses - \$500; Annual Vacation – 4 Weeks; Annual Continuing Education – 2 Weeks; Sabbatical Policy following six years of continuous service. (See attached Faith Journey and Statement of Faith.)

9. Approved the Temporary Supply Contract between CRE Marci Cobb and Cedar Creek Presbyterian Church, effective January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, with the following terms: Annual Cash Salary - \$21,000; Annual Vacation – four weeks; and appoint Mrs. Cobb as Moderator.
10. Approved the Temporary Supply Contract between the Rev. Harrell Cobb and the Spirit Filled Fellowship (New Worshipping Community), effective January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, with the following terms: Monthly Cash Salary - \$1,666; Vacation – four weeks annually.
11. Approved the Ministry Information Form (MIF) for Interim Pastor for First Presbyterian Church, Bristol.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

12. That Mountain City Presbyterian Church be granted a waiver on limitation of terms for ruling elders for up to three years, as provided in G-2.0404, because of their small membership. Approved.
13. That Reedy Creek Presbyterian Church, Bristol, be granted a waiver on limitation of terms for ruling elders for up to three years, as provided in G-2.0404, because of their small membership. Approved.
14. That the following Commissioned Ruling Elders be re-commissioned for a three-year term. Approved.

Bobby Meadows	Carol Baird
Cheryl Rice	Gloria Baird
Eddie Doerr	Jackie Riddle
Jeff Morelock	Chip Herndon
Betty Stevens	
John Catts	
Tony Barnette	
Mike Culbertson	
David Light	
Scott Wise	
David Dalton	
Marci Cobb	
Kathleen Wright	
Tracy Cagle	
Robert Grimes	
Calvin Ballinger	
Anna Maddox	
Cliff Dameron	
Harold Finely	
Amanda Wise	
Mary Jane Farmer	

Faith Journey - Bradley E. P. Palmer

My name is Brad Palmer and I come to you as a candidate for the position of Pastor of Blountville Presbyterian Church in Blountville, Tennessee.

I am a native of Louisville, Kentucky, and a lifelong Presbyterian, having grown up in the Highland Presbyterian Church. I was your typical "church kid". I participated in the youth group, went to church camp and Montreat Youth Conferences nearly every summer, and participated fully in Sunday School and worship. My father has served on the session and my mother has taught Sunday school and has participated in the church's music program (she is a retired music teacher).

My call to the ministry began around the age of 13. My Uncle Terry was taking a date home when he was suddenly killed in an automobile accident. As I look back I believe that this event was perhaps the catalyst that led to questioning and reflecting upon things theologically and spiritually as well as personally. I am a graduate of Blackburn College in Carlinville, Illinois. Blackburn is one of the three work- study

Presbyterian Colleges in the country. During college, I became president of the Religious Life Cabinet. Since Blackburn did not have a chaplain at that time, my position on the cabinet became a makeshift pastoral position. People began to bring personal concerns to me. I engaged in many meaningful conversations with fellow students, even making appropriate referrals to professionals when needed. These events affirmed my call to ministry.

Wanting a different experience than my hometown seminary, I attended and graduated from McCormick Theological Seminary. I also hold the Doctor of Ministry degree from the Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia*. I was ordained by the Dakota Presbytery in 1983 and have served pastorates in North Dakota, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and New York, West Virginia and Tennessee. Additionally, I served as Chaplain/ Religion Instructor at Lees College in Kentucky prior to its merger with the University Of Kentucky. My interests include camping, choral singing, reading, and I am an avid history buff. A claim to fame is that I never lose at Trivial Pursuit. In 1985 I married Sherry, also from Louisville. Her professional life has largely been devoted to seeing that the special populations of our world (i.e. the elderly, the challenged) live a better life. She holds degrees from Eastern Kentucky University and Spalding University both in Kentucky. Her interests include a wide variety of crafts, watercolor painting, cake decorating, music and writing. She is a published author. Her book "Life with Charley: A memoir of Down Syndrome Adoption (Website Life with Charley) tells the story of our life with our son. In 1990 we adopted Charley. Charley is a bright, precocious twenty-five year old Down Syndrome young man who tests our patience, but is the light of our lives. Together our lives are full, meaningful, and lots of fun. I feel called to Blountville Presbyterian Church because from the onset, I have felt a partnership. We have similar ideas in mission, outreach, and evangelism. In this time and place I feel called to serve the Blountville Presbyterian Church in Blountville, Tennessee.

*Then called Union Theological Seminary/Presbyterian School of Christian Education

Statement of Faith - Bradley E. P. Palmer

I believe that God created the world and its human inhabitants. We were created in God's own image and subsequently we belong to God. God also created us with the ability to choose, to reason and to think critically about the events of our world and to pursue an active role within that world as our

calling and life directs. Because God gave us such freedom, sometimes our choices have been inappropriate.

Therefore in order to show us an alternative way to live, God came to earth in the incarnate form of Jesus the Christ.

During his life and ministry, Jesus attempted, by teaching and personal example to show the world different ways of living and altering one's life and ministry as well as how we are called to treat one another. Christ shared these in truths in

Love and invited us all to join him. However, in the usual clash of wills and responding to our sinful nature, the human family did not listen and ultimately, Jesus was condemned to death on the cross. But Jesus left the tomb; he conquered death for all of us, and empowers us to live free with the knowledge that we are recipients of the greatest gift that we have ever received: the gift of unconditional love, forgiveness and grace. As promised after Christ's ascension, God remained in the form of a Comforter, the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit unites us as one family; giving us the power to hear God speaking to us in scripture and giving us the spiritual gifts for ministry. The Holy Spirit empowers our prayers, and gives us the strength and courage to live as God would have us live. The Spirit continues to dwell within ourselves and within the world.

It is this Spirit that reminds us that life is not simply a spectator operation. We all have a calling. It is the Holy Spirit which gives us the power to pursue that calling, to assure that everyone regardless of circumstance knows that he or she is a child of God, and that all of us are loved and valued by God. In addition, God's grace freely given to us in the form of Jesus Christ at the time of His crucifixion and subsequent resurrection, gives to each of us a unique purpose, and a reason for existence. Because of this gift so freely given, we are called to a life of service, dedicated to making this world a better place than when we found it. Even though as disciples of Jesus Christ we are called to give the best of ourselves in service to God, when we fall short of this task, God's love is constant.

This theological statement shapes my ministry in every way since I believe that the church should be an inclusive entity that assures all of us that Christ's message of peace, love and reconciliation is to be known by all.

The Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the outward symbols of the love and the Covenant that Christ has with the church. Generally conducted within the bounds of corporate worship, they link the church of today with its past and future generations as well as serves as a continual reminder of Christ's presence in the world.

I respect the polity of the Presbyterian Church (USA). I am in awe that God chooses us, both laity and clergy together to pursue the Great Ends of the Church. Our polity guides my decision making and encourages me to make choices based on theology, inclusiveness and pastoral responsibility and in the process yielding to God's will as revealed by Presbytery. As a member of Presbytery, I will participate fully in the life of presbytery, serving on a committee, attending its stated meetings regularly and contributing to its ministry and mission.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN REPORT – no report.

DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE REPORT – Shane Smith reported on the past Middle School Retreat and the upcoming High School Retreat, April 8-10, 2016. Go to holstonyouth.org for more information.

Presbyterian Campus Ministry/Youth Ministry Program Budget
January – September 2015

	<u>Jan - Sep 15</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Income			
60001a · HP Campus Ministry	2,250.00	3,000.00	75.0%
60003 · Synod of Living Waters	6,277.50	8,370.00	75.0%
60004 · The PFSA, Inc	2,272.86	3,030.00	75.01%
60005 · Facility Use Income	0.00	200.00	0.0%
60006 · Interest Income	147.60	100.00	147.6%
Total Income	<u>10,947.96</u>	<u>14,700.00</u>	<u>74.48%</u>
Gross Profit	10,947.96	14,700.00	74.48%
Expense			
70100 · Expenses Campus House			
70101 · Cable TV, Internet, Telephone	994.50	1,500.00	66.3%
70102 · Campus Labor	0.00	400.00	0.0%
70103 · Cleaning	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
70104 · Electricity	3,022.55	5,500.00	54.96%
70105 · Cleaning Supplies	78.34	400.00	19.59%
70106 · Food/Student Fellowship Groups	659.94		
70107 · Propane	54.00	1,000.00	5.4%
70108 · Miscellaneous	218.34		
70109 · Office Supplies	0.00	3,000.00	0.0%
70110 · Printing/Postage/Promotion	0.00	600.00	0.0%
70111 · Repairs/Maintenance	2,820.82		
70112 · Van Expense	1,723.29	1,500.00	114.89%
70113 · Water	1,500.11	1,200.00	125.01%
Total 70100 · Expenses Campus House	<u>11,071.89</u>	<u>16,100.00</u>	<u>68.77%</u>
Total Expense	<u>11,071.89</u>	<u>16,100.00</u>	
Net Income	<u><u>-123.93</u></u>	<u><u>-1,400.00</u></u>	<u><u>8.85%</u></u>

Presbyterian Campus Ministry/Youth Ministry
Fund Balances as of September 30, 2015

	<u>Sep 30, 15</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	108,381.29
Other Current Assets	56,220.74
Total Current Assets	164,602.03
TOTAL ASSETS	164,602.03

HOLSTON CENTER REPORT was given by Hal Hunter.

Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center
Profit-Loss Statement

	<u>Jan - Oct 15</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Miscellaneous	123.05
Sale of Assets	1,000.00
40000 - Operating Income	
406000 - Holston Support	5,000.00
406300 - NC Tax Rebate	5,228.02
Total 40000 - Operating Income	10,228.02
406400 - Retreat Income	
Camp Store	5,073.50
Paintball	30.00
Special Event Income	3,366.60
Holston Retreat Lodging	10,215.00
Holston Retreat Food	4,672.00
Other Retreat Lodging	126,146.50
Other Retreat Food	64,899.50
406400 - Retreat Income - Other	5,546.00
Total 406400 - Retreat Income	219,949.10
407000 - Summer Camp Income	
Camper T-Shirts	260.00
Day Camp Fees	22,049.00

Camper Fees	<u>95,710.37</u>
Total 407000 - Summer Camp Income	118,019.37
407200d - Camper Scholarships	1,899.00
407300d - Camper Program Restricted Gifts	<u>600.00</u>
Total Income	<u>351,818.54</u>
Gross Profit	351,818.54
Expense	
6562 - Total Payroll	
6560 - Payroll - Wages	<u>97,406.69</u>
Total 6562 - Total Payroll	97,406.69
60000 - Overhead Expenses	
Bank Fees	123.90
Dues/Subscriptions	
Office 365 Annual Fee	180.00
Chamber of Commerce	<u>50.00</u>
Total Dues/Subscriptions	230.00
Compen for Program Dir (Tim)	2,787.83
Utilities-Year Round	
Phones-year round	-135.00
Utilities-Year Round - Other	<u>42,850.41</u>
Total Utilities-Year Round	42,715.41
Repair/Maintenance	
Equipment & Bldg Repairs	159.32
Repair/Maintenance - Other	<u>16,931.01</u>
Total Repair/Maintenance	17,090.33
Vehicle Upkeep	1,878.70
Administration	26,224.83
Board of Pensions	<u>25,345.75</u>
Total 60000 - Overhead Expenses	116,396.75
64000 - Retreat Expenses	
Retreat Kitchen Help	188.00
Retreat Housekeeping	
Contract Cleaning-Retreat	<u>350.00</u>
Total Retreat Housekeeping	350.00

Camp Store Retreat	2,411.14
GIC/Rock Climb Session	310.00
Paintball Facilitator	80.00
Zipline Instructor Pay	620.00
Special Event Expenses	4,751.79
64000 · Retreat Expenses - Other	<u>58,630.68</u>
Total 64000 · Retreat Expenses	67,341.61
70000 · Summer Camp Expenses	
7700 · Programming-Summer	2,808.31
70000 · Summer Camp Expenses - Other	<u>51,922.90</u>
Total 70000 · Summer Camp Expenses	<u>54,731.21</u>
Total Expense	<u>335,876.26</u>
Net Ordinary Income	15,942.28
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
408000 · Unrestricted Income	
Annual Fund Drive Income	488.64
408000 · Unrestricted Income - Other	<u>15,545.85</u>
Total 408000 · Unrestricted Income	16,034.49
408500d · Restricted - Directed Gifts	
Manse Renovation	1,000.00
408500d · Restricted - Directed Gifts - Other	<u>23,525.30</u>
Total 408500d · Restricted - Directed Gifts	<u>24,525.30</u>
Total Other Income	40,559.79
Other Expense	
80000 · Unrestricted Expense	663.14
85510d · Restricted - Directed Expenses	<u>15,365.18</u>
Total Other Expense	<u>16,028.32</u>
Net Other Income	<u>24,531.47</u>
Net Income	<u><u>40,473.75</u></u>

Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center
Fund Balances

	Oct 31, 15
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
300000 - BB&T	
309000 - Restricted Funds (Designated)	6,258.95
308000 - Unrestricted Gifts	1,100.00
307000d - Summer Camp Gifts (Designated)	90.00
307000 - Summer Camp	-967.78
306000 - Operations	46,524.00
300000 - BB&T - Other	-123.90
Total 300000 - BB&T	52,881.27
200000 - First Citizens Bank	
209000 - Restricted Funds (Designated)	20,001.93
208000 - Unrestricted Gifts	
208001 - Annual Fund Drive (TEAM 316)	427.56
208000 - Unrestricted Gifts - Other	12,563.96
Total 208000 - Unrestricted Gifts	12,991.52
207000 - Summer Camp	
207000d - Sum Camp Gifts (Designated)	2,535.45
207000 - Summer Camp - Other	47,416.12
Total 207000 - Summer Camp	49,951.57
206000 - Operations Checking	
	-89,223.88
200000 - First Citizens Bank - Other	6,159.52
Total 200000 - First Citizens Bank	-119.34
Total Checking/Savings	52,761.93
Accounts Receivable	
101200 - Accounts Receivable Deposits	-16,997.71
Total Accounts Receivable	-16,997.71
Other Current Assets	
1601 - Other Receivables - Sales Tax	3,116.37
Total Other Current Assets	3,116.37

Total Current Assets	38,880.59
TOTAL ASSETS	38,880.59

[NOTE: The Interim Director continues working with the Holston Camp's bookkeeper and accountant to update its financial report to accurately reflect the current financial condition of the Camp. The Camp has recently contracted Misty Watson as their accountant who is advising the bookkeeper how to correct the issues the camp has with QuickBooks especially the movement of funds from the First Citizens Bank to the BB&T account (e.g. acct. 206000 = -\$89,223.88). The camp has recently closed its bank account with First Citizens and now banks exclusively with BB&T. Ms. Watson will make journal entries to the QuickBooks reports to reflect the changes. The 2015 annual financial report will conclude this process.]

MISSION AND EVANGELISM COMMITTEE REPORT – no report.

ADMINISTRATION AND BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT was given by David Light.

INFORMATION:

1. 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! The ministry of Holston Presbytery is funded by the voluntary contributions of its congregations.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Things to know about the General Assembly and the Synod of Living Waters per capita:
 - a. The General Assembly per capita is \$7.12 (2016) 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 is \$3.62 (2015) per church member, as recorded on your annual statistical report.
 - c. The combined General Assembly and Synod of Living Waters per capita is \$10.74 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 2016, Holston Presbytery will give nearly \$80,000 in combined per capita (based on the total reported 2014 church membership of 7,220)—which is over 26% of all anticipated congregational contributions in 2016!
5. A report of the congregational giving to the Holston Presbytery General Mission Budget for January through September 2015 is below.

Congregational Contributions to the Holston Presbytery General Mission Budget

	Jan - Sept 2015
Amity Presbyterian Church	
Barton Springs Presbyterian Church	
Bethany Presbyterian Church	
Bethel (Dandridge) Presbyterian Church	\$700.00
Bethel (Kingsport) Presbyterian Church	\$1,000.00
Blountville Presbyterian Church	\$2,500.00
Cedar Creek Presbyterian Church	
Cedarview Presbyterian Church	\$3,000.00
Chuckey Presbyterian Church	\$175.00
Clinton Presbyterian Church	
Cold Spring Presbyterian Church	\$1,766.24
Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church	\$24,885.00
Cove Creek Presbyterian Church	\$200.00
Covenant Presbyterian Church	\$14,000.00
Cross Anchor Presbyterian Church	
Erwin Presbyterian Church	\$7,466.68
First (Bristol) Presbyterian Church	
First (Elizabethton) Presbyterian Church	\$10,875.00
First (Greeneville) Presbyterian Church	\$5,000.00
First (Jefferson City) Presbyterian Church	\$10,400.00
First (Johnson City) Presbyterian Church	\$666.67
First (Kingsport) Presbyterian Church	\$52,495.00
First (Morristown) Presbyterian Church	\$22,666.64
Grays Chapel Presbyterian Church	
Hebron Presbyterian Church	
Hopewell Presbyterian Church	\$2,536.00

Jennie Moore Memorial Presbyterian Church	
Jonesborough Presbyterian Church	\$11,250.00
Keystone Presbyterian Church	\$200.00
Leesburg Presbyterian Church	
Liberty Presbyterian Church	\$250.00
Magill Memorial Presbyterian Church	
Meadowview Presbyterian Church	
Mountain City Presbyterian Church	\$2,090.13
Mt. Hermon Presbyterian Church	
New Bethel Presbyterian Church	
New Ebenezer Presbyterian Church	
New Market Presbyterian Church	
New Providence Presbyterian Church	
Newport Presbyterian Church	
Oakland Presbyterian Church	
Old Kingsport Presbyterian Church	\$3,206.36
Philadelphia Presbyterian Church	
Piney Flats Presbyterian Church	\$2,000.00
Preston Hills Presbyterian Church	\$300.00
Reedy Creek (Bristol) Presbyterian Church	\$1,000.00
Reedy Creek (Kingsport) Presbyterian Church	\$1,200.00
Rock Creek Presbyterian Church	\$400.00
Rogersville Presbyterian Church	\$5,000.00
Rosemont Presbyterian Church	
Salem Presbyterian Church	\$500.00
Shady Valley Presbyterian Church	
Shenandoah Presbyterian Church	
St. Paul Presbyterian Church	
Strawberry Plains Presbyterian Church	
Tabernacle Presbyterian Church	
Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church	\$800.00
Tri-City Korean Presbyterian Church	\$600.00
Watauga Avenue Presbyterian Church	
Waverly Road Presbyterian Church	\$26,250.00
Weaver Union Presbyterian Church	
West Ridge Presbyterian Church	\$600.00
Windsor Avenue Presbyterian Church	
Zion Presbyterian Church	
Total	\$215,978.72

Note: Contributions received after the fifth business day of the month are credited when received.

TRUSTEES REPORT – no report.

INFORMATION:

1. The Trustees received the 2014 Audit Report. A 2014 Financial Review Taskforce, composed of ruling elder Pamela Pope, teaching elder Gary Kelly, and teaching elder George Rolling, completed the 2014 presbytery financial review and their analysis did not discover any material modifications that should be made to improve the accuracy of the 2014 financial statements of Holston Presbytery.
2. The 2015 Tennessee Annual Corporation Report Form was updated.
3. The Trustees reviewed the presbytery's assets, including the Indian Ridge Church mortgage. This is a promissory note secured by deed. The original amount being \$195,000 dated November 23, 1999 through May 2032. Payments are \$500 per month at 0% interest. These payments are divided by action of the presbytery as follows: 50% to Youth Ministry Endowment; 25% to Hawkins County Ministry; and 25% to Church Hill Undesignated.
4. The Trustees reviewed the presbytery's insurance coverage as mandated by *G-3.0112 Insurance - Each council shall obtain property and liability insurance coverage to protect its facilities, programs, staff, and elected and appointed officers.*
5. Regarding the use and potential sale of the real property connected with the Walkertown Presbyterian Church (referred to the Holston Presbytery, Inc. Trustees by the Presbytery): An appraisal of the property was provided by the Walkertown Church; a title search was authorized by the Trustees. The Trustees are moving forward in performing the due diligence required by the Presbyterian Church (USA) property trust clause in the *Book of Order*.
6. Regarding the use and potential sale of the real property connected with the Bethany Presbyterian Church (referred to the Holston Presbytery, Inc. Trustees by the Presbytery): An appraisal of the property was authorized by the Trustees; a title search was authorized by the Trustees. The Trustees are moving forward in performing the due diligence required by the Presbyterian Church (USA) property trust clause in the *Book of Order*.

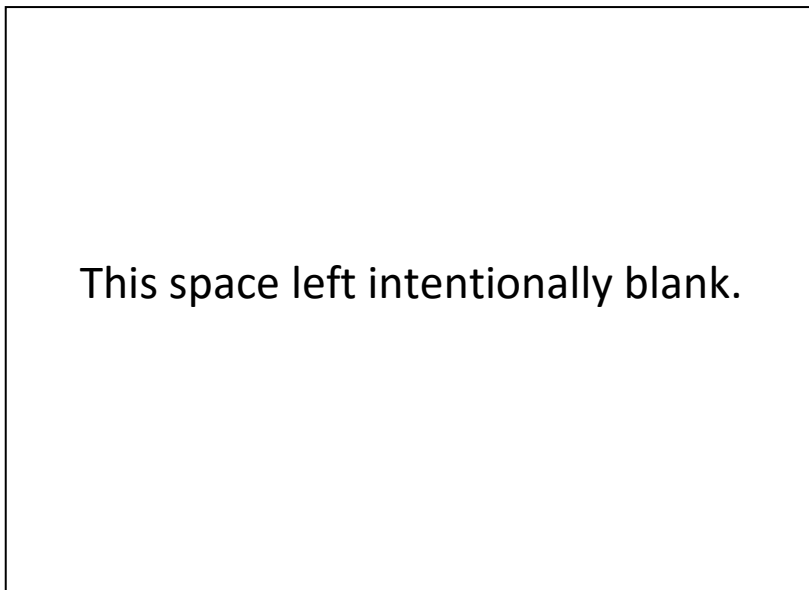
NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT was given by Angus Shaw.

INFORMATION:

1. The Nominations Committee consulted with the presbytery Committee on Representation to provide for the rich diversity of the church and full participation in decision-making.
2. The process for nominations and elections is:
 - a. Nominees are submitted by the presbytery Nominations Committee;
 - b. The presbytery moderator shall ask for any nominations from the floor;
 - c. Uncontested nominees are elected by acclamation;
 - d. Contested nominees are elected by ballot.

NOMINATIONS/RECOMMENDATION:

3. Tracey Cagle (Commissioned Ruling Elder, Strawberry Plains) is nominated for the 2016 Presbytery Vice-Moderator. Approved.
4. The following persons are nominated as Committee Moderators; Committee Members; Commissioners to other Councils; and to other positions as indicated. (See below chart.) Approved.
5. That the Nominations Committee be authorized to fill any remaining vacancies and report such actions to the presbytery. Approved.



	Class of 2018	Class of 2017	Class of 2016
Committee on Preparation for Ministry (9)	Allen Huff (TE)	Doug LaPointe (TE)	Eric Spoon (TE)*
		John Zirkle	
	Charles Mays		Sherrolyn Weed (TE)
Committee on Ministry (12)	Tom Phillips (TE)*	Paul Helphinstine (TE)	Sharon Amstutz (TE)
	Diana Moore (TE)	Joan Gandy (TE)	George Rolling (TE)
	Scott Wise (RE)	Cheryl Rice (CRE)	Ed Hutchinson (RE)
	Charles Brumley (RE)	Ernie Williams (RE)	Karen Welch (RE)
Mission & Evangelism (15)	Alan Chapman (TE)	(TE)	Dave Welch (TE)
	Pat Locke (TE)	Ann Harley	Betty Dickson
	Jim Amstutz	Kathleen Wright	Kaye Florence (TE)*
	Mary Dobrovolc		(TE)
		Barron Hopper (TE)	David Frizzell
Discipleship (9)	Deven Hazelwood (TE)	Bill Hyers (TE)	Seong Im (TE)
	(TE)	Aaron Caton	Clay Hepburn
	Russ Pearson*	Larry Dodd	Thomas Carter
Holston Camp Committee (9)	Brian Wyatt (TE)	Tod Jablonski	Greg Cartwright (TE)
	Stan Webster (TE)	William Phillips II	Jeff Morelock
	Mark Knisley (TE)*	Erik Anderson	Hal Hunter

Administration & Budget (12)	Pat Willard (TE)	David Light*	
	(TE)	Gary Kelly (TE)	Angus Shaw (TE)
	Joe Chambers		Donna Sade
	Stewart Baggett	(TE)	Rodney Norris (TE)
General Mission Board At-Large Members (3)	Angus Shaw	Marshall Steinle (TE)	Ed Hutchinson
Committee on Representation (3)	Janis Miyamoto		Margaret Koth
Nominations Committee (6) (Nominated by Moderator)	(LF)	Karen Welch (LF)	Angus Shaw (TE)
	(LM)	Tod Jablonski (LM)	(TE)
Officers:			
Presbytery Moderator (1-YR Term)	(Not elected until September 2017)	(Not elected until September 2016.)	Diana Moore (TE)
Presbytery Vice-Moderator (1-YR Term)			Tracy Cagle (RE)
Presbytery Recording Clerk (3-YR Term)			
Presbytery Treasurer (3-YR Term)	(Not elected until December 2017)	Kim Fifield (RE)	
Presbytery Assistant Treasurer (3-YR Term)		David Light (CRE)	
Trustees (6) (6-YR Term)	(Not elected until December 2016)	Class of 2022	Class of 2020
		John Smith (RE)	Jim Mays (TE)
		(TE)	Dan Clark (TE)
Permanent Judicial Commission (7) (6-YR Term)	(Not elected until December 2016)	Brian Wyatt (TE)	Tom Phillips (TE)
		William Phillips II (RE)	Diana Moore (TE)
			Ed Hutchinson (RE)

Readers/Commissioners/Delegates: Ordination Exam Readers (4) (1-YR Term)	Class of 2018	Class of 2017	Class of 2016
		(Not elected until December 2017)	(Not elected until December 2016.)
	Martin Christian (TE)		
	Carol Baird (RE)		
	David Petke (RE)		
Ordination Exam Reader Alt. (1) (1-YR Term)			(TE or RE)
General Assembly Commissioners (2) (2-YR Term) General Assembly Commissioners Alt. (2) (2-YR Term) GA Young Adult Advisory Delegate (1) (2-YR Term) GA Young Adult Advisory Delegate Alt. (1) (2-YR Term)	224 TH GA - 2020	223 RD GA - 2018	222 ND GA - 2016
	(Not elected until December 2019)	(Not elected until December 2017)	Tom Phillips (TE)
			Carol Baird (RE)
			Diana Moore (TE)
			(RE)
			Courtney Fletcher
Synod Commissioners (2) (3-YR Term) Synod Commissioners Alt. (2) (3-YR Term) Synod Nominating Committee (1) (3-YR Term)	Class of 2024	Class of 2021	Class of 2018
	(Not elected until December 2021)	(Not elected until December 2018.)	Harrell Cobb (TE)
			Carol Baird (RE)
			(TE)
			(RE)
(RE)			

* Denotes Moderator; TE-Teaching Elder; RE-Ruling Elder; LF-Lay Female; LM-Lay Male

Following the election of officers, commissioners and committees, a brief installation and commissioning service was held. The Rev. Diana Moore assumed her duties as the presbytery Moderator and presented the outgoing Moderator, Bill Reese, with a gift of appreciation for his service.

PREVIOUSLY DOCKETED NEW BUSINESS FOR TODAY: None.

A REPORT ON Evergreen Ministries, by Rachel Starnes, Program Director.

PROMOTIONS were shared with the presbytery.

THE COMMITTEE ON THANKS reported.

ADJOURNMENT: Robert Rainwater delivered the prayer of thanks for the meal and the Moderator adjourned the meeting at 11:30 AM.

_____ Diana Moore, Moderator

_____ Richard L. Fifield, Stated Clerk