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June 3, 2006

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MINUTES
STATED MEETING OF HOLSTON PRESBYTERY
Tusculum College – Greeneville, TN
June 3, 2006

Holston Presbytery met for its stated meeting at Tusculum College in Greeneville, TN on June 3, 2006. The Moderator, Beth Yarborough, called the meeting to order at 9:00AM with prayer.

The Moderator welcomed commissioners and guests to the meeting. First time commissioners and guests were recognized.

MINISTERS PRESENT: Sharon Amstutz, Gary Bement, Ike Brighton, Margaret Burkey, David Cagle, Greg Cartwright, Martin Christian, Daniel S. Clark, Dan Donaldson, Baron Eliason, John Everett, Rich Fifield, Craig Foster, Bill Goforth, Jim Gray, David Hale, William D. Hyers, R. Gary Kelly, Mark L. Knisley, Jim McClanahan, Dennis Maxey, Jim Mays, Russ Morgan, Don Muncie, Charlie Murphy, Tom Phillips, George Rolling, Raymond Saunders, Angus Shaw, John Shuck, Harrison Taylor, Gordon Turnbull, Fred Walker, Russ Weekley, Steve Weisz, David Welch, Katherine White, Ray White, Beth Yarborough.

MINISTERS ABSENT: William Allen, Robert Armistead, Richard Austin, Earle Barron, Elmon Brown, John Campbell, Payne Cave, Alan Chapman, Sung Wook Chung, Catherine Clasen, Harrell Cobb, Conrad Crow, John Dowling, Clarence Durham, Charles Echols, Barrett Gilmer, Yale Gunn, Ted Hagen, II, David Hambrick, William Herd, Barron Hopper, Ira Howard, Ralph Hutchison, Greg Jordan, Phillip Kestner, Lewis Lancaster, Robert L. Lowry, Jim Martin, John Martin, David Miller, William Olson, Gradye Parsons, J. Wiley Prugh, Richard Ray, Steve Rembert, Errol Rohr, Glenn Scruggs, Ed Shackelford, David Sims, Andrew Spence, Fred Foy Strang, Terry Sutherland, Charles Sydnor, Thomas Wade, Davis Whitesides, Brian Wyatt, William Young.

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

Amity –	Farthing (P); Ramona	Kingsport, First – Andy True
Bethany – John Hurt	Taylor (V)	(P); Laura Hinkle (A)
(P)Bethel, Dandridge	Erwin – Betty Stevens (P);	Leesburg –
–	Ruth Dameron (V)	Liberty –
Bethel, Kingsport – Don Koth	Grays Chapel –	Magill Memorial – Gloria
(P); Joe Davy (A)	Greeneville, First –	Baird (P); Peggy Burleson
Blountville – Harold W. Barr	Hebron –	(A)
(P)	Hopewell –	Meadowview –
Bristol, First – Ann Holler (P)	Jefferson City, First – Ann	Morristown, First – David
Cedar Creek –	Lane (P);	Easterly (P); Jeanie Hale (P)
Cedarview – Coy Klepper (P)	Jennie Moore –	Mountain City –
Chuckey –	Johnson City, First – Libby	Mt. Hermon –
Clinton –	Moser (A); Kent Pettit	New Bethel –
Cold Spring – Dan Fetters (P);	(staff); Judy Surface (V);	New Ebenezer –
Ken Alfrey (A);	Jim Surface (V)	New Market –
Colonial Heights – Barbara	Jonesborough – Bill Reese	New Providence –
Carter (P)	(P); Jackie Riddle (V);	Newport –
Cove Creek -	Bob Riddle (V)	Oakland –
Covenant – Robert Hart (P)	Keystone – Spencer Pickel (P)	Old Kingsport –
Cross Anchor –		Philadelphia –
Elizabethton, First – Sue		Piney Flats –

Preston Hills –
Reedy Creek, Bristol –
Reedy Creek, Kingsport –
 Mike Culbertson (P)
Rock Creek – F. B. White (P)
Rogersville – Eleanor Davis
 (A)
Rosemont –
Salem –
Shady Valley –
Shenandoah –

St. Paul –
Strawberry Plains – Bob
 Redfern (P)
Tabernacle – Anna Maddox
 (P)
Timber Ridge – Charles
 Brumley (P); Oliver
 Burkey (V)
Tri City Korean –
Walkertown –
Watauga Avenue –

Waverly Road – Richard
 Brown (P); Collin Adams
 (Intern)
Weaver Union –
West Ridge – Gladys
 Shackelford (P)
Whitesburg –
Windsor Avenue – Glen Van
 Dyke (P); Anthony
 Barnett (A)
Zion –

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

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Bonnie Agner (Presbyterian Women), Jane Boyd (Institutions), Don Brown (Administration & Planning), Charles Brumley (Holston Camp), Mary Lee Harmon (Congregational Life), Harrison Taylor (Ethical Issues & Human Needs)

COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS: Tom Burleson; Cliff Dameron, James Foote (Cross Anchor/Walkertown); James Morgan; Victor Price (Tabernacle); Jim Swoager (Cedarview)

CANDIDATES/INQUIRERS: Glenda Hollingshead; Will Shelburne

DIRECTOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

VISITING MINISTERS:

OTHER VISITORS: Kathryn Shanks (Presbyterian Student Fellowship); Myra Shanks (Youth Delegate to General Assembly 2006); Sue Everett Shanks (V); Norie Anne Young (Grandfather Home); Nita Jones

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Moderator presented the Consent Agenda which included:

- Approve enrollment
- Declaration of quorum
- Approve requests for excused absences
- Approve giving visiting ministers voice
- Approve Minutes of the March 4, 2006 Stated Meeting
- Appointment of Committee on Thanks: John Everett, Mary Lee Harmon
- Appointment of the Bills & Overture Committee: Angus Shaw, Dan Donaldson
- And, Adoption of the Docket

The Consent Agenda was approved.

Declaration Of New Business – None

STATED CLERK'S REPORT: Rich Fifield presented the Stated Clerk's report and information about the Statistical Report and financial state of the presbytery.

INFORMATION:

1. Received the April 18, 2006 minutes of The Journey Administrative Commission.
2. Attached is the 2005 Annual Statistical Report Summary for Holston Presbytery.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

The Journey Administrative Commission
Minutes for April 18, 2006

The Meeting was called to order by Bob Lowry at 6:30 p.m. at the Journey office. Bob Lowry opened the meeting with prayer. Those in attendance were: Bob Lowry, Don Muncie, Rich Fifield, Kim Hammond, Gary Bement, Jerry Gehre, and Scott Wise.

Excused:

The Journey staff and Tom Bier by request of this commission.

Minutes:

The January minutes were approved.

The Journey Report:

The Commission received Tom Bier's report for the last quarter, the budget report and the attendance graph for the records. The Journey's Easter Egg Hunt was very successful with about 400 people attending. A full color brochure was mailed out to 15,000 homes on the Wednesday before Easter which helped the Easter attendance reach above the 70 mark. A Skateboard event is scheduled in May; they expect 200 or more to attend.

New Business:

- 1) Rich Fifield gave a report on two new staff employees that have been hired for the Journey, one member will replace Wendy Owens; the other new member will lead music and be the Worship leader.
- 2) Today's meeting format was changed so that the Commissioners could work on establishing the role and focus of this commission for The Journey and review the goals that were established by First Church, Johnson City, and Holston Presbytery at the start of this new concept church.
- 3) The Commission put together a plan for the new role of this commission:
 - a) The role of this commission is to be more active in the works of the church, the life of the staff and the role and life of the planting pastor.
 - b) The new duties now include a monthly meeting by a Sub-Committee formed from this commission. Sub-Committee members are: Jerry Gehre, Don Muncie, Kim Hammond, Rich Fifield. Sub-Committee duties are:
 - meet with Tom and his staff once a month
 - help with hiring, finances, and any training needs for the staff
 - help the staff in establishing new leadership within the church
 - help the staff on its focus of goals set by the pastor, and the commission
 - help in event needs and planning
 - main areas of focus will be on helping the staff with follow-up of event guest, new attendees, church needs and missionary work in the community and in the world, and the finance needs for the church.
- 4) The Commission has asked the newly formed Sub-committee to focus on the planting pastor's role as well. Areas of focus will be:
 - a) Focus for the Church – Have large group events on a regular basis – monthly. (Outreach)
 - b) Focus for the Church – Establish small group (Build up)
 - c) Personal Priorities for the Church – bring on the addition of a worship leader that will be prominent person associated with the church as well as the pastor.
 - d) Personal Priorities for the Church - to help the pastor and staff manage when needed.

The meeting was adjourned by Bob Lowry with prayer.

The next meeting will be June 6, 2006 at the Journey's office at 6:30 p.m.
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Holston Presbytery 2005 Annual Statistical Report Summary

2004 Active Membership: 8,641

Gains By	Profession 17 & Under	Profession 18 & Over	Certificate	Other
	63	89	106	87
Loses By	Certificate	Death	Other	
	109	125	442	

Total Active Membership 12/31/2005: 8,367

Female Members: 5,044

Inactive Members: 2,895

Baptized Members: 895

Total Adherents (Prior Active + Gains – Losses + Inactive + Baptized): 12,597

Average Church Attendance: 3,975	Affiliate Members: 45	Children's Baptisms: 51	Adult Baptisms: 10
Officers	Male Elders: 247	Female Elders: 203	Totals 450
	Male Deacons: 59	Female Deacons: 73	132
Age Distribution	25 & Under: 1,231	Ages 26-35: 1,466	Ages 36-55: 1,221
			Ages 56-64: 1,462
			65 & Over: 1,957
People with Disabilities	Hearing: 307	Sight: 159	Mobility: 307
			Other: 208
Christian Education	Birth – 3: 124	Grade 3: 65	Grade 8: 81
	Age – 4: 64	Grade 4: 84	Grade 9: 90
	Kindergarten: 57	Grade 5: 85	Grade 10: 102
	Grade 1: 60	Grade 6: 87	Grade 11: 57
	Grade 2: 74	Grade 7: 82	Grade 12: 70
			Young Adults: 135
			Over 25: 1,522
			Teachers/Officers: 342
			Total: 3,181
Racial Ethnic Breakdown	Membership	Elders	Deacons
Asian	20	1	0
Black	41	6	0
Hispanic	9	0	0
Native American	4	0	0
White	7,264	407	132
Other	2	0	0
Totals	7,340	414	132
Potential Giving Units: 3,840	Budgeted Income: \$7,579,035		Budget Expense: \$10,932,788
Receipts	Regular Contributions: \$7,793,735	Capital Bldg Fund: \$1,843,938	
	Investment Income: \$210,423	Bequests: \$142,790	
	Other Income: \$526,302	Subsidy or Aid: \$43,566	
Expenditures	Local Program: \$6,169,164	Local Mission: \$432,512	
	Capital Expenditures: \$1,468,864	Investment Expense: \$249,979	
	Per Capita Apportionment: \$159,766	Validated Mission: \$860,662	
	Theological Fund: \$4,380	Other Mission: \$297,424	

2005 Summary of Church Changes

<u>Churches Added</u>	<u>Churches Dissolved</u>	<u>Churches Dismissed</u>	<u>Churches Merged</u>
0	0	0	0

Number of Churches
(1/1/2005) - 66

Number of Churches
(12/31/2005) - 66

2005 Summary of Pastoral Changes

<u>Ministers Necrology</u>	<u>Ministers Dismissed – PCUSA</u>	<u>Ministers Dismissed – Other</u>	<u>Ministers Removal</u>
Hubert Kaylor (08/07/2005) Donald Wood (05/19/2005)	Stephanie Medlin (07/17/2005) Mike Chamberlain (11/17/2005)		
<u>Ministers Received – PCUSA</u>	<u>Ministers Ordained</u>	<u>Ministers Received – Other</u>	<u>Ministers Restored</u>
Ike Brighton (12/11/2005) David Cagle (06/08/2005) John Shuck (08/01/2005) Harrison Taylor (08/18/2005) Fred Foy Strang (09/15/2005) Elmond Brown (10/27/2005) Barron Hopper (10/27/2005) Mark Knisley (04/21/2005)	Stephanie Medlin (07/17/2005)		

Number of Ministers
(1/1/2005) - 83

Number of Ministers
(12/31/2005) - 88

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TREASURER'S REPORT –
Holston Presbytery
Balance Sheet - April 30, 2006

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

10000 · CHECKING - CITIZENS BANK (Checking - Citizens Bank)	
10111 · Select Monies (Select Monies)	6,056.12
10160 · Westminster PC - Lease Monies (Westminster PC - Leas...	515.64
10211 · Hattie Farthing Fund (Hattie Farthing Fund)	1,971.09
10410 · Frontera De Cristo (Frontera De Cristo)	12,377.07
10415 · Brazil Mission Trip (Brazil Mission Trip)	7,861.31
10420 · 3 Cents-a-Meal Local (3 Cents-a-Meal Local)	11,160.72
10421 · 3 Cents-a-Meal International (3 Cents-a-Meal International	6,343.84
10530 · Indian Ridge Payment (Indian Ridge Payment)	2,000.00
10531 · Youth Ministry Endowment (Youth Ministry Endowment)	1,000.00
10640 · EIHN - Restoring Creation (EIHN - Restoring Creation)	1,425.00
10712 · Ministry - Hawkins County (Ministry - Hawkins County)	1,500.00
10714 · Church Hill - Undesignated (Church Hill - Undesignated)	500.00
10752 · New Church Development/Designated (New Church Development	16,666.68
10753 · NCD GA Monies (NCD GA Monies)	8,000.00
10755 · Synod NCD Money (Synod NCD Money)	3,333.32
10805 · Camp & Campus Campaign (Camp & Campus Campaign)	705.97
11309 · Synod - Campus Ministry Designated (Synod - Campus Mini...	3,100.00
11810 · Devries Scholarship Fund (Devries Scholarship Fund)	628.85
11861 · Williams Capital Fund Interest (Williams Capital Fun...	965.71
11862 · Williams Program Fund Interest (Williams Program Fun...	4,113.23
11910 · Honoraria - FIFIELD (Honoraria - FIFIELD)	2,308.02
14000 · Grant Program Restricted (Grant Program Restricted)	72,880.39
15000 · Charitable Gift Annuity (Charitable Gift Annuity)	7,742.84
20000 · Citizens Bank (Citizens Bank)	
20210 · Pastoral Care (Pastoral Care)	2,109.00
20531 · Youth Triennium (Youth Triennium)	571.84
20710 · Church Development (Church Development)	302.17
20750 · New Church Development (New Church Development)	2,880.87
20780 · Evangelism (Evangelism)	8,690.74
20911 · Equipment Reserve (Equipment Reserve)	675.16
21810 · Devries Scholarship Fund a (Devries Scholarship F...	1,927.09
21820 · Grigsby Scholarship (Grigsby Scholarship)	12,889.62
21830 · Braziel Scholarship (Braziel Scholarship)	-452.88
21840 · Dixon Scholarship (Dixon Scholarship)	8,261.63
21881 · Ninth Street Loan Fund - Hold (Ninth Street Loan ...	2,605.16
Total 20000 · Citizens Bank (Citizens Bank)	40,460.40
10000 · CHECKING - CITIZENS BANK (Checking - Citizens Bank) ...	172,891.16
Total 10000 · CHECKING - CITIZENS BANK (Checking - Citizens Bank)	386,507.36
30000 · PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION (Presbyterian Foundation)	
30211 · Hattie Farthing Fund (Hattie Farthing Fund)	33,364.19
30710 · Church Development (Church Development)	28,271.54
30730 · Small Church Fund (Small Church Fund)	181,712.94
30750 · New Church Development (New Church Development)	181,696.00
31820 · Grigsby Scholarship (Grigsby Scholarship)	73,655.45
31830 · Braziel Scholarship (Braziel Scholarship)	42,752.00
31840 · Dixon Scholarship (Dixon Scholarship)	30,952.10
31870 · Pattie Bushong Fund (Pattie Bushong Fund)	1,852.42
31880 · Robinson Fund (Robinson Fund)	658.65
31881 · Ninth Street Loan Fund (Ninth Street Loan Fund)	15,723.91
31882 · Ninth Street Scholarship (Ninth Street Scholarship)	45,196.38
31883 · Tusculum College Endowment (Tusculum College Endowment)	98,323.14
Total 30000 · PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION (Presbyterian Foundation)	734,158.72
Total Checking/Savings	1,120,666.08
Other Current Assets	
40000 · The PFSA, Inc Grant Program	627,000.00
Total Other Current Assets	627,000.00
Total Current Assets	1,747,666.08

Holston Presbytery
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
Cash Basis January through April 2006

	Jan - April 06	Budget
Income		
60160 · Unified Mission Designated Fund (Unified Mission Designated Fu)	22,546.00	207,967.00
60500 · Unified Monies (Unified Monies)	153,097.94	627,488.56
61905 · Interest Income (Interest Income)	<u>3,618.20</u>	<u>29,000.00</u>
Total Income	179,262.14	864,455.56
Expense		
70100 · Presbytery Council/Governing Bo (Presbytery Council/Governing)	37,459.74	111,410.79
70200 · E- Committee on Ministry (E- Committee on Ministry)	284.74	4,000.00
70300 · E-Committee Prep for Ministry (E-Committee Prep for Ministry)	6,850.00	11,800.00
70400 · WW Mission Committee (WW Mission Committee)	25.00	2,700.00
70500 · Congregational Life Committee (Congregational Life Committee)	3,900.74	12,600.00
70600 · EIHN Committee (EIHN Committee)	75.00	4,500.00
70700 · Church Development & Evangelism (Church Development & Evangelism)	5,899.96	131,640.00
70800 · Committee on Institutions (Committee on Institutions)	9,400.00	52,500.00
70900 · Administration & Planning Com (Administration & Planning Com)	130,979.83	405,171.47
71100 · Stewardship & Budget Committee (Stewardship & Budget Committee)	0.00	4,500.00
71200 · Holston Camp & Retreat Center (Holston Camp & Retreat Center)	36,666.69	88,000.00
71300 · Campus Ministry (Campus Ministry)	10,466.68	31,400.00
71400 · Trustees (Trustees)	<u>42.57</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Total Expense	241,384.55	860,322.26
Net Ordinary Income	-62,122.41	4,133.30
Net Income	-62,122.41	4,133.30

9:30 AM The meeting was recessed for Small Groups for discussion of the Peace, Unity and Purity Task Force Report led by David Cagle, Dan Clark, Dan Donaldson, Don Muncie, Tom Phillips and Gordon Turnbull.

10:15 AM - The meeting was reconvened. The worship service was led by Commissioned Lay Supply Victor Price with members of Tabernacle Presbyterian Church's Youth Group, Chancel Choir and Yahweh Praise Team presenting music and dance.

COUNCIL REPORT: Dan Donaldson

Present: Bonnie Agner, Jane Boyd, Don Brown, Mike Brown, Charles Brumley, Ted Hagen, Sr., Chuck King, Bob Lowry, Sharlene Presley, George Rolling, Harrison Taylor, Rich Fifield, Kim Hammond, Paulette Thompson, Susan Smith, Jim Kirkpatrick

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. at the office of the Presbytery by moderator Tom Burlson. The meeting was opened with devotional and prayer.

Reports/Recommendations to Council:

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

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

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

Vice-Moderator's Report: In Cheryl's absence, it was reported that the worship at Tusculum will be

conducted by the Tabernacle Church in Greeneville with Victor Price, their Chancel Choir and Yahweh Praise Team.

Ethical Issues & Human Needs Committee: Harrison Taylor presented the following recommendation:

1. That the Peace, Unity and Purity Task Force Report be discussed during small groups at the June 3, 2006 presbytery meeting. The motion was approved. Information will be given to the leaders for their review before presbytery. Group leaders: David Cagle, Dan Clark, Dan Donaldson, Don Muncie, Tom Phillips and Gordon Turnbull.

Future Dates for Council and Presbytery meetings in 2006:

Council

August 29, 2006
November 14, 2006

Presbytery

June 3, 2006 – Tusculum College, Greeneville
September 12, 2006 – Holston Camp
December 5, 2006 – First, Elizabethton

There were no actions referred to Council by Presbytery at the March meeting. The Draft Copy of the Handout Packet for June 3, 2006 stated meeting of presbytery at Tusculum College, including proposed docket and committee reports to presbytery, was reviewed with no changes.

There being no other business, Tom spoke on the progress of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Katrina Relief and will be willing to speak to churches when available.

Jane Boyd moved that a written report regarding the Grant Program be furnished to Council within three weeks. The motion was seconded and approved. The report will be emailed and mailed to all members of the Council.

Tom asked for the sharing of Concerns and Prayers and George Rolling closed the meeting with prayer at 8:20 p.m. The Minutes Committee met to approve tonight's minutes. The next meeting of Council will be **Tuesday, August 29, 2006 at 7 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted, Paulette H. Thompson

Copies of the report on the Grant Program sent to Council will be made available on the Presbytery's website and mailed by request.

WORLD WIDE MISSION: Chuck King introduced Tom Burleson who gave an update, with a slide presentation, on the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. It was requested that churches participate in the Church Involvement in World Wide Missions by returning the attached form.

INFORMATION:

1. There have been some recent changes in procedures regarding Mission Speakers. Information about the **New Pattern of Interpretation for Mission Speakers** from OGA is attached. (see attached)
2. The World Wide Missions Committee would like to thank **Dr. Andrew E. Spence, Jr.** (New Bethel) for his 35 years of service to the **Gatlinburg Mission Conference**. Dr. Spence stepped down from the committee last year. If anyone would like to become

- involved with that committee, please contact its chairman, **Ike Lowry** (Cold Spring) at 423.538.4223.
3. World Wide Missions Committee would like to network with churches in Holston Presbytery on their mission projects. Please fill out the enclosed form and send to Steve Rembert (Erwin) at rembert_sb@juno.com or mail to P. O. Box 530, Erwin, TN 37650 by June 30. (see attached)
 4. The Presbytery **Mission Trip to Brazil** is scheduled for **July 7-18**. Twenty three participants will be flying to Londrina to share in the ministry of the First Presbyterian Church of Londrina. The **Highland Bell Ringers**, Ryan Fenyves, Holly Siggins, Bernadette Monaco (Colonial Heights), Jason Reese (Jonesborough), Jessica Hammond (Waverly Road) and Thomas Kirk will play at services under the direction of Gary Jungkeit (Colonial Heights).
 5. **Tom Burleson**, Chair of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Advisory Committee, will give an update on the work of PDA.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

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**World Wide Missions Committee
Church Involvement in World Missions
2006**

Please help our presbytery network about what we are doing as individual churches in terms of International Mission.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Church: _____ Email: _____

Our Church is involved in World Missions in the following way(s):

**Please return to: World Wide Missions Committee, Steve Rembert, 615 Lincoln Street,
Erwin, TN 37650 or email to rembert_sb@juno.com by June 30.**

Mission Speakers: a New Pattern of Interpretation

The Mission Connections Office of the Worldwide Ministry Division, PC (USA) is pleased to announce a new approach to mission interpretation for our mission co-workers.

In the past, mission workers on furlough after a term overseas have been responsible for arranging their own interpretation assignments. Understandably, their speaking engagements have largely focused on churches that they already knew, either through personal contacts or through mission support. We still want to maintain that personal approach and this new pattern will not disrupt that connection. Mission workers are still free to schedule most of their furlough time.

We are now, however, asking returning missionaries to reserve some time for the Mission Connections Office to schedule. This will give them a chance to share their stories in areas where they may not have had the chance to speak before. Missions will benefit by creating wider understanding and by drawing better support, both prayer and financial. The local church will benefit by being exposed to a wider range of missionary work than they would normally have seen and by taking advantage of the connectional nature of the Presbyterian Church. Presbyteries will benefit by coordinating their churches in mission learning and effort.

A 'typical' visit will probably involve the arrival of a missionary in your synod or presbytery on a Friday for a sixteen or seventeen day stay. That visit would include three Sundays, with the two full weeks linking them. The synod or presbytery would be responsible for scheduling the missionary's time wisely during those two weeks so that as many churches as possible have the opportunity to hear the Good News from the mission field. The missionary would leave on Sunday evening or Monday morning for some well-deserved rest.

It will also be possible to arrange a shorter, ten-day visit covering two Sundays and the week in between them.

Worldwide Missions will provide the funding for round-trip transportation to the hosting synod or presbytery. The host is responsible for all local costs, including hospitality and transportation between local engagements. Keep in mind that many of our mission workers are quite content to stay in church members' homes, so this should not be a big expense for the hosts. It is our hope that the hosting presbytery will make arrangements that will share the missionaries among cooperating churches, which will allow the missionaries to visit churches that otherwise could not afford to host them.

The Mission Connections Office will work together to choose the right missionary and the right timing for you, usually about six months or a year in advance. We would like to know of past support, past mission partnerships and trips, and past mission interpretation speakers in your area in order to help you choose the right missionary for you to host. We will also work with you in making arrangements, so that everything goes as smoothly as possible.

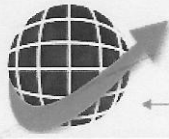
If you have any questions about this new approach, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you very much for your interest and your support.

Love and peace, Bruce Whearty

bwhearty@ctr.pcusa.org

1-888-728-7228 ext.5826 / 502-569-5826 Mission Connections Office, 100 Witherspoon Street, Louisville, KY 40202



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Read this before contacting one of the speakers

Some of the Presbyterian mission workers on these lists are home on "interpretation assignment" (what we used to call "furlough" or "home assignment"), some are retired, and the some have ended their term of service for other reasons.

Feel free to contact and invite them to speak at your church.

The church or inviting body must pay the travel expenses (mileage, meals, lodging) incurred by the mission worker.

If a mission worker is still under appointment (still receiving a salary from the PC(USA)), then no honorarium is expected or required.

If the mission speaker has ended his or her term of service, or is retired, then an honorarium is appropriate. Talk about this with the mission worker when you first contact him or her. Then, don't forget to follow through.



Please use our human resources wisely

Think of different ways to permit the missionary to share the whole range of his or her experience—sermon, Sunday school, potluck supper, prayer breakfast, bag lunch, Presbyterian Women's meeting, mission committee, keynote speaker at a mission fair.

Think of how to share the missionary with the community. Local media (especially radio and newspapers) might like to interview someone just home from years abroad. Local civic organizations, such as the Rotary Club or Jaycees, might like to hear your speaker.

Think of how to share the missionary regionally by inviting other congregations to share the program, or perhaps arrange with other churches to have a program during the same time period in order to share travel expenses.

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CONGREGATIONAL LIFE: Mary Lee Harmon

INFORMATION:

1. A **Christian Education Work Table** will be presented for our congregations in June. It will be offered three times and in three different locations. Dates are: **June 10 (10 a.m. - Noon) at Erwin Presbyterian, June 20 (6:30 pm-8:30 pm) at Timber Ridge Presbyterian, and June 25 (2 pm – 4 pm) at Meadowview Presbyterian.**

Designed for all interested in Christian Education in their congregations, discussions will include a variety of topics such as Christian Education in a small space, doing Christian Education with small groups of children and youth, and curriculum choices for groups of all sizes, etc.

2. Much progress has been made in putting the Resource Center resource information online. Although not completed, one can visit the **On-line Resource Center** via the Presbytery web site at **www.holstonpresbytery.org**.
3. There will be a **Presbytery-wide Event October 13 and 14, 2006**. The guest speaker will be **Dr. James Logan**, pastor of the Bread of Life Christian Ministry PCUSA in Charlotte, NC. He will speak on the **“Presbyterian Church and Where We Find Ourselves in a Contemporary Setting and Time.”** This event will start Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. with a supper meeting (\$7.00 per person) at **First Presbyterian in Greeneville**. Saturday morning’s gathering will be at **Watauga Avenue Presbyterian** in Johnson City from 9:30 a.m. until noon.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY:

INFORMATION:

1. Approved the request from **Hopewell Presbyterian Church** to call **the Rev. Mark Knisley** as Pastor effective June 1, 2006 with the following terms of call: Cash Salary - \$25,000; Housing Allowance - \$14,000; Full Board of Pensions; Travel Reimbursement up to \$2,500; Continuing Education Reimbursement up to \$500; Annual Vacation – 4 weeks; Continuing Education – 2 weeks.
2. Approved the Interim Pastor Contract between **Cold Spring Church** and **the Rev. Angus Shaw**, effective 1/1/06 through 07/01/06 with the following terms: Monthly Salary - \$2,000.00; Monthly Travel Reimbursement at the IRS rate; Board of Pensions Post-Service Retirement dues; and one week vacation per quarter.
3. Received an update from **the Rev. Catherine Clasen**, member-at-large minister, regarding her travels and unfolding sense of call.
4. Approved the call of **the Rev. Tim Meredith** as pastor of **Cold Spring Church** effective June 25, 2006 with the following terms of call: Annual Cash Salary - \$26,500; Annual SECA Allowance - \$3,404; Annual Housing Allowance - \$18,000; Full Board of Pensions Dues; Annual Medical/Dental

Reimbursement - \$2,500; Annual Mileage Reimbursement at IRS allowable rate; Annual Continuing Education Expense Reimbursement - \$2,500; Annual Professional Expense Reimbursement - \$1,000; Annual Vacation – 4 weeks; Annual Continuing Education – 2 weeks.

5. Approved the Interim Pastor Contract between **Salem Church** and **the Rev. Earle Barron**, effective 4/01/06 through 9/30/06, with the following terms: Monthly Salary - \$1,800; Monthly Travel Expenses up to \$320.40; Post-Service Retirement Board of Pensions; Vacation – one week per quarter; Continuing Education – ½ week per quarter; and appoint Mr. Barron as Moderator.
6. Approved the Temporary Supply Contract between **Jennie Moore Church** and **the Rev. Elmon Brown**, effective 4/01/06 through 4/1/07, with the following terms: Monthly Salary - \$1,000; Vacation – one week per quarter; Continuing Education – ½ week per quarter; and appoint Mr. Brown as Moderator.
7. Approved the Temporary Supply Contract (CLP) between **Cross Anchor Church** and **CLP James Foote**, effective 5/01/06 through 7/31/06, with the following terms: Weekly Housing Allowance - \$75; Weekly Mileage Reimbursement at IRS allowable rate; and appoint Mr. Foote as Moderator.
8. Approved the Temporary Supply Contract (CLP) between **Walkertown Church** and **CLP James Foote**, effective 5/01/06 through 7/31/06, with the following terms: Weekly Housing Allowance - \$150; Weekly Mileage Reimbursement at IRS allowable rate; and appoint Mr. Foote as Moderator.
9. Approved the mutual request to dissolve the pastoral relationship between **the Rev. Ralph Hutchison** and **Bethel Church (Dandridge)**, effective April 23, 2006.
10. The Committee on Ministry has received the attached 2006 terms of call for Ministers of the Word and Sacrament.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

Statement of Faith

Tim Meredith

The Bible is the unique, complete, and authoritative, witness of God’s redeeming love in Jesus Christ. Though written in many different cultures, the intent of the prophets and apostles was led by the Holy Spirit and thoroughly faithful to God’s design. Through study, prayer, and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, God speaks through this testimony and through the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Humanity is created in the image of God, male and female. But when our first parents rejected God for the lies of Satan all humanity fell into a state of sin. Being thus corrupted, no descendent of Adam is able to know or obey God of his or her own free will. In perfect justice and holiness, God’s judgment upon humanity for sin is death.

But at the fall of humankind, God promised to defeat Satan and to usher in a new kingdom, a kingdom full of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Throughout time God called a remnant of humanity to abandon their hope in the world and to embrace the promised coming of His kingdom. They were called by God to embrace His unseen promises by faith, not because of their own righteousness but because of the grace of God alone.

Jesus Christ is the Word of God incarnate and the fulfillment of all God’s promises to humankind. He is the perfect representation of the Father who sent him. He is full of the Holy Spirit and the miracles he preformed and the message he taught testify that he came to defeat Satan and usher in the kingdom of God.

He was rejected by the nation of Israel, falsely accused of blasphemy, and crucified by the Romans on a hill outside Jerusalem. On the cross he suffered the physical pain of death and the spiritual pain of God's wrath against sin. He died and was buried. On the third day God raised him from the dead, transforming his lifeless body into a new and glorious body. Jesus appeared to his disciples and many others before he ascended to sit at the right hand of God in heaven and inherit the kingdom of God promised to David.

God the Father and Jesus Christ sent the Holy Spirit from heaven to regenerate and call to faith in Jesus Christ those whom the Father has foreknown from eternity. Jesus Christ will come again one day to judge the living and the dead. Those who hope in Jesus will be raised to life but those who hope in the world will be condemned to death.

I place my sole hope and faith in this one, triune God: The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. There is no other God who can save us from this world and give us new and eternal life. All whom God calls to himself through the gospel are filled with the Holy Spirit, repent of their sin, and place their faith in the atoning work of Jesus Christ.

Through the baptism of the Holy Spirit, God gifts and ordains every believer to a life of service and ministry in the church and in the world. Those led by the Holy Spirit abandon their former ways of the flesh and live a life of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Those led by the Holy Spirit do good to all people and especially to those who belong to the family of believers. This promise of new life is signified and sealed in the church through the sacraments of baptism and communion.

In Christ there is neither Jew nor Gentile, male nor female, slave nor free. The church is the visible expression of and witness to God's kingdom on earth. At the last day when Christ comes in glory to judge the world, the church will be raised incorruptible to worship God in the new creation for eternity.

I wholeheartedly believe the confessions of our church to be the correct interpretation of Scripture and what God means for us to do and believe. I am continually and thankfully guided by them in my life and ministry.

Biographical Statement

Tim Meredith

I grew up near Lynchburg, VA, in the Blue Ridge Mountains. My father pastored a small Presbyterian church there and my mother played the organ, worked with the choir, and raised my brother and I. There are more happy memories of mountains, fields, creeks, lakes, fishing, and motorcycles than I could tell. Vacation Bible School and Presbyterian camping were highlights of my summers growing up.

In July of 1994 I married my beautiful bride, Alison Grabar. Alison grew up in Kingsport, TN. Her father worked for Eastman Chemical Company and her mother played the organ. She has one brother, one sister, and her family was very involved in the Methodist church from her childhood. We fell in love at college and married soon thereafter. She is a high school math teacher by trade and one of the most outstanding people I have ever known. On October 23, 1999, our daughter Sylvia Evelyn was born. Alison stopped teaching high school math to pursue homemaking full time. While living in Boston and worshiping at Cambridge Presbyterian Church, Alison was elected an elder in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). We have both benefited tremendously from her experience and service and, although she does not wish to serve on session where I am a pastor, she is nonetheless an excellent elder.

I majored in political science and economics at Virginia Tech. I am not a natural student at heart but I enjoyed my subjects immensely. I knew God had equipped me to be a pastor but I was not immediately

interested. I pursued a Masters degree in political science but I was not able to complete my thesis and receive my degree. Disillusioned, I worked for two years before turning toward God's call on my life and enrolling in seminary at Gordon Conwell in 1996. In 1998 I dropped to part time and started working full time as a computer systems manager for a very prominent and successful "dot-com" company. I worked in Boston, New York, London, Amsterdam, Oslo, and Hamburg. The temptation to abandon my call and pursue worldly success was strong. The Lord was stronger.

I accepted a call to Oak Forest Presbyterian Church in Asheville and moved onto the field in June of 2001. I began to patiently and faithfully preach the gospel of Jesus Christ from the Old and New Testaments each Sunday and saw much fruit begin to grow in the lives of the congregation. We grew to love them deeply and they us. As I grew in my experience, I focused on bringing them God's Word through preaching, visiting, and discipleship. Troubles began in 2002 when I discovered that the most active elder on session was on federal probation for drug trafficking. Further inquiry revealed deeper problems that had spread into the congregation. The church and I have weathered that storm and been led to more peaceful waters. I had hoped to be the one to continue on with them in ministry but last year I realized that for both our sakes we needed a fresh start. I sent my PIF to Cold Spring in December and the PNC and I are both very excited about God's call to join in ministry together. I love being a pastor. I love studying and preaching God's word and visiting with my people and can't imagine doing anything else.

Alison and I have five wonderful children: Sylvia (6), Peter (4), Nicholas (3), Thomas (1), and one on the way in late August. They are each one the delight of our hearts and our first and foremost ministry. Alison continues in her calling as full time homemaker. We enjoy playing together, reading, camping, visiting grandparents, and learning together about the redeeming love of God in Jesus Christ.

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Installed Pastors	Church	Salary	Housing	Manse	Utility	Manse Equity	SECA	Deferred	Dental	Add. Insurance	Flex Spending	BOP	Travel	CE	Other Reimb
Amstutz, Sharon	Covenant	\$19,987.00	\$19,987.00				\$3,057.00					\$12,392.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,300.00	
Bement, Gary	Bethel Kingsport	\$23,971.00	\$23,273.00				\$3,614.00					\$14,639.44	\$4,200.00	\$500.00	
Brighton, Ike	Waverly Road	\$27,000.00	\$10,000.00				\$2,830.50					\$11,470.00	\$2,100.00	\$1,200.00	
Cagle, David	1st Kingsport	\$55,750.00	\$20,000.00				\$5,795.00		\$1,217.00			\$23,483.00		\$1,400.00	
Cartwright, Gregory	1st Morristown	\$26,000.00	\$10,000.00				\$2,754.00					\$11,160.00	\$4,972.85	\$1,400.00	
Clark, Daniel S.	Waverly Road	\$46,191.00	\$18,097.00				\$4,918.00					\$19,929.00	\$5,200.00	\$1,900.00	\$500.00
Cobb, Harrell	Cedar Creek	\$17,000.00	\$14,000.00				\$2,500.00	\$1,200.00				\$9,982.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,600.00
Donaldson, Dan	1st Greeneville	\$26,835.00	\$26,834.00				\$4,106.00					\$18,579.00	\$2,000.00		\$3,610.00
Echols, Chuck	Bethany	\$19,950.00	\$19,950.00				\$3,053.00					\$12,369.00		\$750.00	
Eliason, Baron	1st Johnson City	\$24,722.88	\$24,722.88									\$15,328.17	\$430.56	\$3,026.40	
Everett, John	Blountville	\$33,150.00	\$12,611.25		\$8,287.50	\$600.00						\$16,941.11	\$5,800.00	\$150.00	
Foster, Craig	1st Kingsport	\$19,096.00	\$19,096.00				\$2,922.00		\$1,217.00			\$11,840.00		\$1,000.00	
Gray, James	Weaver Union/Keystone	\$26,000.00	\$7,800.00				\$2,585.70					\$10,478.00	\$2,000.00	\$500.00	
Hale, David	Rogersville	\$40,075.14		\$12,405.04		\$600.00			\$675.00			\$16,664.11	\$4,000.00	\$500.00	
Hopper, Barron	Preston Hills	\$27,000.00	\$7,800.00				\$2,662.00					\$10,788.00	\$2,500.00	\$500.00	
Kelly, Gary	1st Morristown	\$49,467.45	\$16,445.00		\$5,025.20		\$5,042.30					\$20,432.85	\$7,587.20	\$3,625.00	
Kestner, Phil	New Providence	\$3,360.13	\$3,360.13				\$514.10					\$7,137.75	\$600.00	\$100.00	
Knisley, Mark	Hopewell	\$25,000.00	\$14,000.00									\$12,090.00	\$2,500.00	\$500.00	
Maxey, Dennis	Strawberry Plains	\$32,500.00		\$9,750.00	\$4,035.00	\$600.00						\$14,534.35	\$2,900.00	\$500.00	
Muncie, Don	1st Johnson City	\$47,741.00	\$23,880.00				\$2,186.00					\$22,202.51	\$2,060.00	\$2,122.00	
Murphy, Charles	Windsor Avenue														
Phillips, John Thomas	Colonial Heights	\$43,400.00	\$24,000.00				\$5,408.00	\$3,300.00	\$1,217.00	\$772.00		\$21,917.00	\$3,400.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00
Rembert, Steve	Erwin	\$27,518.00		\$11,974.00	\$11,794.00	\$600.00	\$3,923.00					\$16,085.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,200.00	
Rolling, George	Watauga Ave	\$29,713.00		\$9,876.00		\$675.00	\$3,028.00	\$2,324.00	\$0.00			\$12,481.00	\$1,500.00	\$500.00	\$2,533.00
Shuck, John	Elizabethton	\$41,000.00	\$15,000.00				\$4,284.00					\$17,360.00	\$2,000.00	\$5,000.00	
Turnbull, Gordon	1st Bristol	\$35,215.00	\$24,000.00				\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00						\$4,000.00	\$2,500.00
Weekley, Russell	1st Jefferson City	\$20,964.00	\$15,243.00				\$2,770.00					\$12,574.00		\$4,000.00	
Welch, David	1st Bristol	\$22,656.00	\$19,000.00				\$1,733.00						\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	
Wyatt, Brian	Timber Ridge	\$19,950.00	\$6,000.00			\$600.00	\$1,985.18					\$8,230.50	\$3,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$1,592.00
Yarborough, Beth	Jonesborough	\$21,361.76	\$21,361.76				\$3,268.35					\$13,244.29	\$3,114.00	\$1,500.00	

Temporary Relationships	Church	Salary	Housing	Manse	Utility	Manse Equity	SECA	Deferred	Dental	Add. Insurance	Flex Spending	BOP	Travel	CE	Other Reimb
Barron, Earle	Salem	\$21,600.00											\$3,844.80		
Bier, Thomas	The Journey	\$32,540.00	\$22,000.00				\$4,260.00	\$1,200.00				\$13,244.29	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,300.00
Blevins, Daniel	Cove Creek														
Brewer, Paul	Hebron	\$6,500.00													

Brown, Elmon	Jennie Moore	\$12,000.00													
Burleson, Tom	Grays Chapel														
Carter, James	St. Paul	\$26,400.00			\$1,800.00	\$400.00				\$2,754.00	\$3,646.00	\$2,235.00	\$335.00		
Carter, James	Whitesburg	\$11,150.00			\$750.00	\$200.00				\$1,500.00		\$850.00	\$500.00	\$1,500.00	
Chapman, Alan	Rosemont	\$16,172.00	\$2,880.00					\$1,457.00			\$5,906.00		\$250.00		
Christian, H. Martin	Magill Memorial	\$4,212.00	\$20,788.00											\$500.00	
Dameron, Cliff	Grays Chapel														
Faust, Christine	Reedy Creek, Bristol	\$1,800.00													
Foote, Jim	Cross Anchor	\$3,900.00													
Gunn, Yale	New Market	\$1,800.00													
Hambrick, David	Old Kingsport	\$10,800.00	\$4,800.00									\$600.00			
Herndon, Chip	Philadelphia														
Howard, Ira	Reedy Creek, Bristol	\$2,400.00													
Light, David	Shenandoah	\$5,200.00													
Liston, Miller	Meadowview		\$18,500.00									\$6,080.00			
Lowry, Bob	Reedy Creek, Kingsport	\$3,498.00	\$14,923.00									\$2,800.00	\$3,800.00		
Metcalf, Calvin	Newport		\$9,396.00									\$3,000.00	\$600.00	\$9,000.00	
Moran, Joe	Rock Creek	\$27,324.00		\$6,600.00	\$1,300.00	\$2,592.00				\$7,044.00		\$1,980.00			
Morgan, Jim	Amity/Oakland														
Morelock, Jeff	West Ridge	\$7,200.00													
Peake, Tom	Shady Valley														
Price, Victor	Tabernacle														
Rainwater, Robert	Piney Flats														
Shelton, JB	Mt. Hermon	\$6,675.00										\$1,264.00			
Sims, David	Marthina Chapel														
Snyder, John	Liberty														
Spence, Andrew	New Bethel														
Stewart, Warren	Mountain City	\$7,020.00										\$3,600.00			
Sutherland, Terry	Damascus/Rock Spring (Abingdon)														
Swoager, James	Cedarview	\$7,800.00													
Verran, Kenny	New Ebenezer														
Weisz, Stephen	Zion	\$9,480.00													

Validated Ministries	Church	Salary	Housing	Manse	Utility	Manse Equity	SECA	Deferred	Dental	Add. Insurance	Flex Spending	BOP	Travel	CE	Other Reimb
Fifield, Rich	Holston Presbytery	\$36,138.54	\$36,138.54				\$5,529.20					\$22,405.89	\$7,200.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,100.00
Parsons, Gradye	PCUSA	\$74,165.73	\$24,000.00									\$30,870.00		\$3,000.00	
White, Katherine	Tacoma Health														
White, Ray	Nolachuckey Mental Health Center														

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: Bonnie Agner thanked those present for sharing information with congregations about PW events.

CHURCH DEVELOPMENT & EVANGELISM:

INFORMATION:

1. The Committee approved extending the monthly contribution for Clinton Presbyterian in Mountain City until September 1, 2006.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

HOLSTON PRESBYTERY CAMP & RETREAT CENTER: Charles Brumley mentioned that smaller numbers were attending Summer Camp from Holston churches this year and encouraged participation. John Hurt handed out flyers on the Golf Tournament planned for October.

Holston Camp Mission Project

This summer your camp program will include a time for every camper to participate in a mission project. They will be making Health Kits and Educational Kits to send to the Katrina families. Our summer staff will be going to Mississippi this summer to help during our break. There are also many churches in our Presbytery who are going down who can take the packages.

Please send to camp right away: (Bulk)

For Health Care Kits

- Soap
- Shampoo
- Comb
- Brush
- Tooth Paste
- Tooth Brush
- Floss
- Gallon Size Zip Lock Bags

For Educational Kits

- Pencils
- Markers
- Paper
- Note books
- Book Mark
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Pencil sharpener
- Gallon Size Zip Lock Bags

Ship to: Holston Presbytery Camp, 6993 Hickory Nut Gap Road, Banner Elk, NC 28604
Contact: Craig Bell (828) 898-6611 holstoncamp@skybest.com

Holston Center
Profit & Loss
January through March 2006

	Jan - Mar 06
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
40000 - Operating Income	
406000 - Holston Support	29,333.36
406200 - Camp Store & Drinks	609.95
406300 - NC Tax Rebate	7,563.89
406350 - HUB Interest	167.01
40000 - Operating Income - Other	373.39
Total 40000 - Operating Income	38,047.60
406400 - Retreat Income	
H/A Retreat Sleep	2,415.00
H/A Retreat Food	2,476.00
Other Retreat Sleep	26,185.00
Other Retreat Food	17,314.00
406400 - Retreat Income - Other	2,650.17
Total 406400 - Retreat Income	51,040.17
407000 - Summer Camp Income	
407100 - Camper Fees	11,350.00
407000 - Summer Camp Income - Other	452.85
Total 407000 - Summer Camp Income	11,802.85
407200d - Camper Scholarships	1,887.00
408000 - Unrestricted Gifts	4,895.00
Total Income	107,672.62
Expense	
80000 - Unrestricted Gift Exp.	800.00
60000 - Overhead Expenses	
Utilities	15,545.07
Repair/Maintenance	2,560.14
Vehicle Upkeep	1,074.37
Administration	8,263.99
Board of Pensions	8,835.66
60000 - Overhead Expenses - Other	1,624.36
Total 60000 - Overhead Expenses	37,903.59
6560 - Payroll Expenses	28,274.52
64000 - Retreat Expenses	15,408.81
70000 - Summer Camp Expenses	6,604.67
Total Expense	88,991.59
Net Ordinary Income	18,681.03
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
408500d - Restricted - Directed Gifts	34,822.51
408500 - Holston Grant Income	3,123.21
Total Other Income	37,945.72
Other Expense	
85510d - Restricted - Directed Expenses	5,758.86
Total Other Expense	5,758.86
Net Other Income	32,186.86
Net Income	50,867.89

Holston Center
Balance Sheet
As of March 31, 2006

		Mar 31, 06
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
	100000 · Highlands Union Bk	
	101000 · Savings Account	3,094.50
	106000 · Operations Checking	39,921.46
	107000 · Summer Camp	14,710.73
	108000 · Unrestricted Gifts	4,095.00
	107000d · Sum. Camp Gifts (Designated)	6,787.00
	108500d · Directed Fds (Designated)	29,063.65
	100000 · Highlands Union Bk - Other	-32.63
		97,639.71
	Total 100000 · Highlands Union Bk	97,639.71
	Total Checking/Savings	97,639.71
Accounts Receivable		
	101200 · Accounts Receivable Deposits	-7,473.36
	1110 · Accounts receivable	-1,500.00
		-8,973.36
	Total Accounts Receivable	-8,973.36
Other Current Assets		
Presbytery Grant		
	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
		208,213.49
	Total Presbytery Grant	208,213.49
	Total Other Current Assets	208,213.49
	Total Current Assets	296,879.84
	TOTAL ASSETS	296,879.84
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
		0.00

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES: George Rolling introduced Myra Shanks, Youth Advisory Delegate to GA this year along with her mother and sister, Kathryn. Kathryn Shanks for a report on her work and experiences in the youth and campus ministry programs.

INFORMATION:

1. Permission was granted for Presbyterian Student Fellowship to celebrate the Lord's Supper at their semester-closing meeting & worship on May 2nd. Ray Saunders was celebrant.
2. The Campus Ministry Administrative Committee is looking into setting up a council for international students, for the purpose of providing funding and support as needs come up.
3. Kathryn Shanks will offer a report on her experience in the youth and campus ministry of Holston Presbytery.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

Presbyterian Campus Ministry Financial Report January through April 2006

	Jan - April 06	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
Bank Interest	4.86	20.00	-15.14	24.3%
Facility Use	1,233.82	4,400.00	-3,166.18	28.0%
Holston Presbytery				
Triennium	283.32	850.00	-566.68	33.3%
Youth Ministry	2,116.68	6,350.00	-4,233.32	33.3%
Holston Presbytery - Other	8,066.68	24,200.00	-16,133.32	33.3%
Total Holston Presbytery	10,466.68	31,400.00	-20,933.32	33.3%
IDS Dividends	10.86	5.00	5.86	217.2%
Meal Receipts	785.00	1,800.00	-1,015.00	43.6%
Miscellaneous Receipts	1,070.00	100.00	970.00	1,070.0%
Presbytery of East TN	1,250.00	5,000.00	-3,750.00	25.0%
Synod of Living Waters	775.00	9,300.00	-8,525.00	8.3%
Total Income	19,206.45	52,025.00	-32,818.55	36.9%
Expense				
Cable TV	398.58	1,200.00	-801.42	33.2%
Campus Labor	0.00	400.00	-400.00	0.0%
Cleaning	420.00	1,300.00	-880.00	32.3%
Electricity	1,245.46	3,500.00	-2,254.54	35.6%
Food/Cleaning Supplies	2,450.76	4,000.00	-1,549.24	61.3%
Gas	0.00	400.00	-400.00	0.0%
Miscellaneous	5.00	500.00	-495.00	1.0%
Office Supplies	1,095.70	2,300.00	-1,204.30	47.6%
Payroll Expenses				
FICA	791.80	1,500.00	-708.20	52.8%
Salary/Intern	3,600.00	3,400.00	200.00	105.9%
Salary/International	3,600.00	7,850.00	-4,250.00	45.9%
Salary/Secretary	1,632.00	9,100.00	-7,468.00	17.9%
Total Payroll Expenses	11,141.80	21,850.00	-10,708.20	51.0%

Printing/Postage/Promotion	1,517.95	3,000.00	-1,482.05	50.6%
Professional Expense/Intern	335.79	1,000.00	-664.21	33.6%
Repairs/Maintenance	1,669.47	3,000.00	-1,330.53	55.6%
Special Events	511.81	1,500.00	-988.19	34.1%
Telephone	702.48	1,500.00	-797.52	46.8%
Triennium	0.00	850.00	-850.00	0.0%
Water	301.55	900.00	-598.45	33.5%
Youth Ministry	1,719.46	6,350.00	-4,630.54	27.1%
Total Expense	15,729.69	53,550.00	-37,820.31	29.4%
Net Income	3,476.76	-1,525.00	5,001.76	-228.0%

Bank Balances as of April 28, 2006

Checking Account Balance	28,792.48
Checking Account Interest	1.25
Total Checking Account	28,793.73
Usable Balance	28,793.73
Less: Honorarium Funds	272.68
Received from Holston Presbytery/Camp and Campus Campaign 2006	23425.09
Youth Triennium	1133.38
TOTAL	3962.58
Savings Account	3163.98
Plus: Interest Earned	2.04
TOTAL	3166.02
H.P. Endowment Fund	167,356.33

By motion, the Committee decided to keep \$9000 in the operating budget, and amounts above that figure are to be moved to an interest-bearing savings account. When and if \$10000 accrues in the savings account, it will be placed in Certificates of Deposit for greater interest accumulation. The Campus Ministry staff will see if the bank will provide this service, and failing that, will provide for periodic oversight of our finances in this manner.

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

INSTITUTIONS: Jane Boyd noted the changes in the covenant with Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries. Following approval of the covenant, she introduced Dr. Henry to give his report on Tusculum's growth and progress.

INFORMATION:

1. Some wording in the Covenant between Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries, Inc. and Holston Presbytery approved at the December 6, 2005 meeting of Presbytery was

changed. These changes are minor wording revisions and factual updates. (see attached)

2. Dr. Dolphus Henry, President of Tusculum College, will give his update on the progress of the college at the June meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the updated copy of the Covenant between Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries, Inc. and Holston Presbytery be approved. Approved.

COVENANT BETWEEN EVERGREEN PRESBYTERIAN MINISTRIES, INC. AND HOLSTON PRESBYTERY

I. THE NATURE OF THE COVENANT

This covenant defines the relationship of Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries, Inc., to Holston Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). It is a covenant made voluntarily by each party. It is an agreement for each to be accountable to the other in areas of mutual concern. Based on God's faithfulness to us, we are making a commitment to be faithful to God in service to others. It is a commitment for the future based upon our past and present ministry together.

II. PARTIES TO THE COVENANT

The parties of this covenant, Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries and Holston Presbytery, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), are separate entities. They are independent, neither being controlled by the other. They are, however, interdependent in that they must work together to accomplish common purposes.

Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries, Inc., 4400 Viking Drive, Bossier City, Louisiana 71111, is a service agency of the Synod of the Sun, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The parties relate to each other through the Presbytery's Institutions Committee.

A. The History of Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries, Inc.

In May 1959, the Synod of Louisiana adopted as its child care program the establishment and operation of a vocational training school for young men with mental retardation and emotional problems, appointed a commission, designated funds and approved a special offering. The Commission leased, and later purchased, the physical plant of Evergreen School, which had been closed by the Webster Parish School Board.

Evergreen School, subsequently called the Evergreen Developmental Center, grew into an institution which served 240 individuals with mental retardation in the early 1980's. In 1980, Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries began to direct its attention to the development of community homes serving six individuals in typical middle class neighborhoods. The next years saw an increase in the number of Evergreen's clients living in community homes and apartments and a subsequent decline in the number of people served in institutional settings.

Finally, by mid-1994, the Evergreen Developmental Center was closed and there were no more clients served in institutional settings. This closure occurred because the ministry became convinced that clients could be served better in the smaller, more homelike environments in community. The closure was supported by the changes in State/Federal funding patterns. Evergreen had become 100% community-based, offering services in all five states: Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Tennessee. The ministry currently serves over 800 individuals with developmental disabilities in a

variety of community settings.

B. The Purpose of Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries, Inc.

The mission of Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries, Inc. is to support people with disabilities to build a better life by providing excellent services and supports in their homes and communities. Evergreen's services are designed to enable people to grow spiritually, physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially in a manner which leads to full inclusion in society. Evergreen respects and promotes the rights and dignity of individuals while enhancing independence through responsibility. Evergreen is characterized by Christian concern and employee competence.

C. The History of the Synod of the Sun

The Synod of the Sun is the governing body which is the successor to the Synod of Red River, which was the successor to the Synod of Louisiana. The latter established Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries, Inc. in 1959.

D. The Purpose of the Synod of the Sun

The Synod of the Sun of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is the intermediate governing body between the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and its agencies within the geographical boundaries of the Synod of the Sun. The Synod of the Sun is responsible for the mission of the Church throughout Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas in accordance with Chapter 12 (0) of the BOOK OF ORDER.

III. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The affairs of Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries, Inc. are governed by a Board of Directors. There shall be a total of nineteen directors. One director will be the current President of Friends of Evergreen. Eighteen directors are arranged in three equal classes of six. One class shall be elected each year by the Presbytery. Ordinarily, directors will serve two terms of three years each, and each class will contain three first-term directors and three second-term directors. Of the first-term directors in each class, one shall be nominated by Presbytery's Nominating Committee and two shall be nominated by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall nominate the three second-term directors. If there are vacancies, Evergreen's Board of Directors will recommend replacements to Presbytery's Nominating Committee. All nominations are made in accordance with the principles of representation and inclusiveness found in the *Book of Order*.

IV. COMMITMENTS

A. Evergreen's Commitment to Presbytery

- i. Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries, Inc is committed to initiating and maintaining programs to further its purpose as stated in its Mission Statement.
- ii. Evergreen is committed to developing new and innovative programs for ministry to those with developmental disabilities or similar needs.
- iii. Evergreen is committed to providing opportunities for students from a variety of institutions to develop expertise in working with people with functional disabilities. Evergreen has worked with seminarians, pastors, youth groups, international students, and social work and psychology interns.
- iv. Evergreen is committed to providing spiritual enrichment to clients and staff. Presently, chaplains work with churches and clients to nurture the spiritual needs of clients and help establish Bible studies for individuals with disabilities.
- v. Evergreen commits itself to reporting annually to the Presbytery's Institutions Committee.

B. Presbytery's Commitment to Evergreen

- i. Holston Presbytery is committed to supporting Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries, Inc. through prayer.
- ii. Holston Presbytery is committed to providing financial support by inclusion of Evergreen in its annual budget when it is able, and by consideration and approval of fundraising campaigns throughout the Presbytery.
- iii. Holston Presbytery commits itself to interpreting Evergreen's work and financial needs to the membership of the congregations within its bounds and encouraging responsible stewardship on its behalf.
- iv. Holston Presbytery is committed to educating its Churches and members about developmental disabilities, and to providing Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries, Inc. the opportunity to do so.
- v. Holston Presbytery is committed to providing informed and concerned persons to the Board of Directors of Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries, Inc.

V. REVIEW OF THIS COVENANT

This covenant shall be in effect for six years. It shall be reviewed at that time. The Covenant Review Team shall be composed of at least two persons nominated by the Board of Directors of Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries, Inc., and at least two persons nominated by the Institutions Committee of the Presbytery. The Institutions Committee will appoint one of these persons as moderator. This team will review the current covenant and may recommend amendments. The Covenant Review Team will report to the Presbytery's Institutions Committee and to the Board of Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries, Inc. At the request of either party, a review may be initiated prior to the expiration date of the covenant.

VI. APPROVAL

This covenant becomes effective when approved by the Board of Directors of Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries, Inc. and by the Holston Presbytery, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Revised 4/18/06



Committee Self-Nomination Form – 2006

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ E-mail: _____

Church: _____ Occupation: _____

Man Woman Minister Elder Deacon DCE Ethnic Other

Service to Church: _____

Special Skills: _____

Mark preference as to your first, second, and third choices of committees you would be willing to serve: (for further information as to description and meeting times of committees, see page 2)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church Dev./Evangelism | <input type="checkbox"/> Holston Camp & Retreat Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Administration & Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> World-Wide Missions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Institutions | <input type="checkbox"/> Committee on Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Congregational Life | <input type="checkbox"/> Representation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth/Young Adult Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Committee on Preparation for Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ethical Issues/Human Needs | <input type="checkbox"/> Presbytery Council (at-large member) |

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return by July 31, 2006. E-mail to: paulette@holstonpresbytery.org or mail to Nominations Committee, Holston Presbytery, 1415 Waverly Road, Kingsport, TN 37664 or FAX to: 518.550.2780

We need your help in having at least one person from each church serving on a Presbytery committee.

We can't do it without you!

Page 2 – Committee Self-Nomination Form for 2006

Note: *meeting times & places are frequently subject to change each year at the discretion of the chair and committee; we are giving you what is current. Various churches offer meeting facilities as needed. HPO is the Presbytery office in Kingsport.*

Presbytery Council – 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, 7 pm, Tuesday at HPO*

Administration & Planning – Oversees the administration of Presbytery's financial affairs and operation of the office. *Meets: Quarterly in the afternoons (3:30 pm) at HPO*

Church Development & Evangelism – Help revitalize existing churches and develop new ones when an opportunity arises; provides programs to energize evangelism. *Meets: Quarterly, Evenings (7 pm) at HPO*

Congregational Life – Encourages and assists local congregations in defining and fulfilling their mission and provides leadership development. Plans and oversees informative educational/workshop events. *Meets: Quarterly on Monday (7 pm) at HPO*

Ethical Issues/Human Needs – Challenges churches to be involved in Three Cents a Meal for local and international hunger needs; recommends actions to Presbytery regarding distribution of Three Cents monies. Implements programs on ecumenical relations, peacemaking, justice, women's concerns, human services, environment, health care, criminal justice, aging, energy, other related issues. *Meets: Quarterly, (7 pm) HPO*

Holston Camp & Retreat Center – 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: Camp or HPO; 5:30 pm or earlier if at Camp; may occasionally be an all day or half day meeting at Camp as need arises*

Institutions – Oversees relationships with King College, Lees-McRae College, Tusculum College, Grandfather Home for Children, Cannon Hospital, Sunset Gap Community Center and Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries with which presbytery has covenant agreements. *Meets: Afternoons (4 pm); HPO*

Ministry – Counsels and supports ministers and congregations; responsible for care and nurture of 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, daytime (5:30 pm) at HPO; third Thursday*

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, daytime (3 pm) at HPO*

Representation – Works with 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: As needed at HPO or by phone conference*

Stewardship & Budget – Promotes stewardship, prepares the yearly General Mission Budget and evaluates requests for financial appeals or campaigns for the Presbytery. *Meets: Afternoons (4 pm) as needed, HPO*

World Wide Missions – Provides support for work of churches through missions as it calls on us to do Christ's work where we are. Coordinates presbytery-wide mission trips and Shoe Box Ministry. *Meets: Quarterly, afternoons (5 pm) at First Church, Johnson City*

Youth/Young Adult Ministry – Oversees campus ministry, youth and young adult work with director Jim Kirkpatrick and staff providing programs and fellowship for church youth and college students. *Meets: Monthly or as needed; around 4 or 5 pm at Campus House in Johnson City*

ETHICAL ISSUES AND HUMAN NEEDS:

INFORMATION:

1. Lonnie Oliver, member of Task Force on Peace, Unity & Purity called April 20 to say he would not be able to report to Holston Presbytery as scheduled in June. Alternatives have been explored. The committee will recommend to Council that small group time be used to discuss the PUP Report with leaders being provided copies of the report in advance.
2. The recommendation from the March meeting of Presbytery that each session lead a study of the PUP report with congregations and report back to the committee by May 1 was limited to one email received after the May 1 deadline. Word was received from one other session about a pending letter which was received May 18.
3. Sub-committee leaders were assigned for purposes of processing and disseminating information:

Hunger	Susan Foster
Environment	John Shuck
Peacemaking	Bill Elderbrock
Disaster Relief	Mike Bus

4. Mike Bus will explore the recommendation by First, Greeneville to create a Disaster Relief Committee for Holston Presbytery.
5. Deadline for all Grants (3¢ a Meal Hunger Relief Grants and Matching Grants) reviewed by this committee is **July 15, 2006**. (see attached)

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

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3¢-A-MEAL HUNGER RELIEF GRANTS

Application Instructions

Ethical Issues and Human Needs • 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 EIHN 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.

Additional Information:

Normally, grants shall not exceed the contribution (financial and/or personal involvement) of the applying congregation.

Grant Amounts:

- Local grants will be considered for requests up to \$2,000 dollars.
- International grants will be considered for requests up to \$5,000 dollars.

Grants will be disbursed annually in December.

Applications must be received by July 15th to be considered.

General Assembly – Congregational Hunger Ministry Grants

The PHP provides matching grants of up to \$5000 to congregation supported hunger ministries which meet specific funding criteria. In general, the one-time grants are available for new hunger ministries of programs of existing hunger ministries which address the underlying causes of hunger as well as providing direct hunger relief. The grants match the contributions of local Presbyterian congregations (up to \$5,000). For a CHM grant application, call 1-800-334-0434





LOCAL HUNGER RELIEF GRANTS Application Form

Please return to: EIHN c/o Holston Presbytery
1415 Waverly Road, Kingsport TN 37764

Application Deadline: July 15

Office Use Only
Date Received

Date: ___/___/___

Name of Church / Institution applying for the grant: _____

Name of Project / Recipient: _____

Describe how the funds will be used to provide food relief to poor people in either acute or chronic conditions of hunger:

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

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

Signatures: Pastor: _____

Clerk of Session: _____

Contact Information	
Church Representative: _____	Recipient Representative: _____
Daytime Phone Number: (____) ____ -- _____	Daytime Phone Number: (____) ____ -- _____
Evening Phone Number: (____) ____ -- _____	Evening Phone Number: (____) ____ -- _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
_____	_____
Email Address: _____	Email Address: _____

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.

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INTERNATIONAL HUNGER RELIEF GRANTS

Application Form

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1415 Waverly Road, Kingsport TN 37764

Application Deadline: July 15

Office Use Only

Date Received

Date: ___/___/___

Name of Church / Institution applying for the grant: _____

Name of Project / Recipient: _____

Describe how the funds will be used to provide food relief to poor people in either acute or chronic conditions of hunger:

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

Amount Requested from Holston Presbytery: _____ (\$5,000 maximum)

Contact Information	
Church Representative: _____	Recipient Representative: _____
Daytime Phone Number: (____) _____ -- _____	Daytime Phone Number: (____) _____ -- _____
Evening Phone Number: (____) _____ -- _____	Evening Phone Number: (____) _____ -- _____
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.

MATCHING GRANTS PROGRAM

Application Instructions

Please return to: EIHN c/o Holston Presbytery
1415 Waverly Road, Kingsport TN 37764

Application Deadline: July 15

Purpose: To encourage churches to reach out into their local community to participate in ministry in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

What projects are included? Project support may be for existing mission projects, starting new projects, and meeting existing and emerging needs in our communities.

How does it work? Simple! If you want to start or support a mission project in your community, and you have \$500 you can apply to it, you can apply to the Presbytery for a \$500 matching grant. As long as the project meets the first and one other of the criteria for the Presbytery mission projects, the Presbytery will send \$500 to you to send to your project.

Criteria: matching grant projects must meet the first and one other of the following criteria:

1. Proclaim and witness to God's love in Christ
2. Support and develop social justice, peacemaking and advocacy ministries, ministries to and with the poor, neglected and oppressed
3. Support and develop counseling, health and child care ministries
4. Support the care and stewardship of the earth

Important information:

1. Two grants are available for each calendar year
2. Congregations may apply for only one matching grant per year
3. Priorities for funding grants will be based on the following
 - as this grant comes from Presbytery undesignated funds, congregations who have annually increased their undesignated giving to Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly will be considered first
 - new project seed money
 - congregations applying for the first time
 - meeting the criteria listed above
4. Deadline for application is July 15, 2006.
5. Decisions for funding will be made by the Ethical Issues and Human Needs committee of Holston Presbytery



MATCHING GRANTS PROGRAM

Application Form

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Application Deadline: July 15

Office Use Only
Date Received

Church: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Fax: _____

_____ E-mail: _____

Project Name: _____

Project Description:

Is this a New or an Existing project? New Existing

The congregation's monetary investment is _____.

Signatures:

Clerk of Session

Moderator of Session

For use of committee:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Approved	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not Approved
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COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY: Gordon Turnbull introduced Inquirer Kent Pettit. Glenda Hollingshead and Will Shelburne were asked to come forward for examination as Candidates.

INFORMATION:

1. On May 8, 2006 the Committee on Preparation for Ministry received **Kent Pettit** (Johnson City, First) as an Inquirer in the process of preparation for ministry.
2. The Committee on Preparation for Ministry has conducted final assessments of the following candidates and certified each one ready to be examined for ordination:

Neil Arner	Johnson City First
Allen Brimer	Morristown First
Meg Flannagan	Bristol First
Kaye Florence	Jonesborough
Kirk Weisz	Zion
Pat Willard	Covenant

RECOMMENDATION:

1. The Committee on Preparation for Ministry endorses the applications for candidacy of **Glenda Hollingshead** (Jefferson City, First) and **Will Shelburne** (Kingsport, First) and recommends each be examined by presbytery and, if approved, received as Candidate for Ministry of Word and Sacrament. [See attached narrative material]

Glenda Hollingshead and Will Shelburne were examined as to faith, forms of Christian service, and motive for seeking the ministry. The Moderator asked for a vote from presbytery on approval and approval was received for each candidate. The Moderator asked the Constitutional Questions of the Inquirers with answers in the affirmative.

A brief charge was given to Glenda by Russ Weekley. A charge was given to Will by David Cagle. Moderator Beth Yarborough closed with prayer.

Glenda Hollingshead

1. *A statement of my understanding of Christian vocation in the Reformed tradition, and how it relates to my sense of call*

In I Peter 2:9, believers are referred to as a chosen race, a royal priesthood who are called to share the works of the one who called them out of darkness. The Reformed Tradition values the priesthood of all believers, meaning we believe that all the faithful have been called to the service of our Lord. The Book of Order says (W-5.6001) that “God calls a people to believe in Jesus Christ, to follow Jesus Christ, and to use the gifts and abilities God has given, honoring and serving God...” Our service is a result of

the grace of God working in our lives so that, through the use of our God-given gifts, we may share the love of Jesus with the world. Each believer has a responsibility to serve God in his or her personal, family, occupational and community life. (W-5.6001)

We also believe that some have been called to specific tasks or duties of ministry including deacons, elders and Ministers of Word and Sacrament. Paul tells us in Romans 12:4-5a, “For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we who are many are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us...” Those who believe themselves to be called to the specific task of Minister of the Word and Sacrament, and those seeking ordination, are joined by their church and Presbytery in a process of prayer and discernment. Together they seek to understand God’s call for this individual and for the service to which he or she has been called.

I was 38 when I began to sense God calling me into vocational ministry. At the time, I was a Manager of a Reference Laboratory. I had begun a women’s ministry program because God had opened my eyes to this particular need within the church. Soon God opened my eyes to other needs. Being a part of ministry became a burning desire within me. After a period of denial and prayer, struggle and prayer, tears and prayer, God assured my family and me that I should quit my job and attend seminary. It was a frightening and humbling experience. While I was in seminary, I began to feel God calling me in a different direction. I came to realize that my beliefs did not align with the doctrine of the Baptist tradition of which I had been a part. I began to feel that God had something else planned. After in-depth study of the Reformed Tradition, I realized I had been a Presbyterian all along. I simply did not know it.

Since I became an Inquirer, I have taken the ordination examinations –a task that has required me to continue in my study of Reformed theology and doctrine. In addition, I have had the opportunity to preach about once a month. I have been blessed to work with a Minister who has allowed me many opportunities to be involved in the life of the church. Again and again, I have been encouraged and affirmed that God has called me to be a Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Reformed Tradition. It is not a path I chose for myself. It is a path God has chosen for me, and I look forward to continuing in the service of God and God’s people.

2. *A statement of personal faith which incorporates an understanding of the Reformed tradition.*

As in the Nicene Creed, I believe in one God who is revealed to us as God

the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. I believe that God is the Creator of heaven and earth, all that is seen and all that is unseen. I believe, in accordance with Scripture, that God created humanity, male and female, in God’s image to have relationship with God and with one another. I believe that God is Sovereign and God is full of love and mercy and grace. Sin came into the world through the first created humans, and sin has affected every human since. Human beings, born with a sinful nature, cannot seek God or re-establish a right relationship with God through any effort of their own. However, God through God’s mercy and grace has reached out to reconcile humanity to God’s self. This process of reconciliation is played out through the Old Testament as God reaches out again and again to God’s chosen people, Israel. The story continues in the New Testament through the life, death and resurrection of God’s only Son, Jesus Christ. The story continues in each of us.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God. Jesus was not created or made, but was with God and was God from the beginning of eternity. Through Jesus all things were made. For our salvation, Jesus came down from heaven to reside on earth as fully human and fully God, the Incarnate Word. He was born of the Virgin Mary and the Holy Spirit. He proclaimed the reign of God, preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives. He taught by word and deed, healing the

sick, forgiving the sinners and calling all to repentance and to belief in the gospel. He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, suffered death and was buried. On the third day, God raised Jesus from the dead, in order to fulfill the Holy Scriptures, thereby breaking the power of sin and evil and delivering humanity from death to life eternal. After his resurrection, Jesus appeared to many. He ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of God the Father, where he makes intercession for us. I believe that Jesus will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. I believe that his kingdom will know no end. I believe that Jesus, through his obedience and sacrifice, satisfied the justice of his Father and purchased eternal life for us. No one can come to the Father except through Jesus, his Son. It is through the grace of God that we are drawn to faith in Jesus Christ and drawn back into a right relationship with God.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the giver and renewer of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit worked through the prophets in the days of old and was sent by the Father and the Son at Pentecost to begin the work of manifesting God's presence through the church—a work that continues to this day—a work that binds together believers as the one body of Christ, the Church. The Holy Spirit works in our hearts to convict us of our sinful nature. The Holy Spirit makes us willing and able to believe. The Holy Spirit engages us through the Word that is proclaimed and, through the grace of God, claims us through the waters of baptism. The Holy Spirit justifies us by grace through faith and sets us free to love God and to love others. The Holy Spirit comforts those who are hurting. The Holy Spirit commissions, empowers and leads the church in the faithful witness of the love of Jesus Christ and calls men and women to all ministries of the Church. It is through the Holy Spirit that we experience forgiveness, are reconciled to God the Father and are given courage to serve Christ in our daily lives. It is through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit that the Bible, God's Word to God's children, came into being.

I believe there is one holy, catholic Church. I believe the Church was created to be a witness to the love of Jesus Christ and to be a sign of the kingdom of God breaking into the world today. I believe the Church was created to be one body—diverse but unified, working together for the purposes of God and sharing together in love and worship. I believe the Church is holy, created by God and not humanity; created for witness to the grace of Jesus Christ. I believe the Church is catholic, meaning that it is universal and not bound to any one denomination or location. I believe in one baptism, the forgiveness of sins and life eternal.

Will Shelburne

1. A statement of my understanding of Christian vocation in the Reformed tradition, and how it relates to my sense of call

First and foremost, Christian Vocation is rooted in the faithful and humble pursuit of the Trinitarian God in accordance to the commandments to love God and neighbor. In other words, Christian vocation is loving God and neighbor. However, it is also recognizing our utter and absolute dependence upon God's grace freely given in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. By grace, given through Jesus Christ, we are empowered for loving service to God and neighbor. And while we will always fail at both, we strive to continue and do so by the power of the Holy Spirit given my God through Jesus Christ.

In addition, loving God and neighbor is to be actively pursued by all those who confess Christ. Therefore, discernment of Christian vocation is the work of each and every confessing Christian. Because all are in need of God's grace, we stand on equal ground at the foot of the cross. In regards to Christian vocation this means that no one Christian is better or worse than another. We are all called to serve God in accordance to the gifts that we have been given.

In so far as ministers of the Word and Sacrament recognize their dependence on the grace of God and trust in the Holy Spirit to inspire and inform their love of God and neighbor than they are faithfully

pursuing their Christian vocation. Because ordained ministry is one type of Christian vocation it is no better or worse than any other. However, like any particular Christian vocation it takes prayerful discernment to determine where and how one's gifts might best be used. Prayerful discernment is an essential part of every Christian's life and one part of this discernment is developing a sense of call.

For me this sense of call, which is always changing and developing, has led me to pursue ordained ministry. I still do not know exactly what my ministry will look like. However, being called to ministry has more to do with faithfully following God and allowing the Holy Spirit to work in and through you than it does with precisely mapping out the future. Therefore, 'being called' and Christian vocation are one in the same. All of us are called to love God and one another and as Christians this is truly our one vocation.

2. *A statement of personal faith which incorporates an understanding of the Reformed tradition.*

I believe in the one Triune God: God, Son and Holy Spirit who are one essence in three persons. I believe that God became flesh in Jesus Christ and died for the sins of humanity so that we might be forgiven. I believe that Jesus Christ was both fully human and fully divine and was therefore faced with the same temptations, same social pressures and same potential for action as the rest of humanity and yet was without sin. I believe that he bore the cross and died for us and was resurrected and it is in this truth that we find ourselves a redeemed people. I believe that through the power of His Holy Spirit, God's church, the church universal, is inspired, motivated and called to Christian discipleship defined by the word, life and work of Christ attested to by the Holy Scriptures. I believe in the power of the Holy Spirit to work in and through me and all humanity to help bring about God's kingdom on earth. And while I will always fail to love God and my neighbor, I believe in the free grace that leaves me forgiven and redeemed. I believe in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and it is in this truth that I find my strength, hope and inspiration.

12:25 PM - Promotions

12:35 PM - Three Cents a Meal Offering – A brief word about the Three Cents a Meal offering was given by Harrison Taylor.

New Business: None

12:40PM - Lunch - Adjournment: There being no further business, Moderator Beth Yarborough announced that the meeting would be adjourned following lunch and the report of the Standing Committee on Thanks. Harrison Taylor closed the business meeting with prayer and the body recessed for lunch. **The Standing Committee on Thanks**, Mary Lee Harmon and John Everett reported their thanks for the meeting.

Beth Yarborough, Moderator

Richard L. Fifield, Stated Clerk

Paulette H. Thompson, Recording Clerk