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MINUTES
STATED MEETING OF HOLSTON PRESBYTERY
Holston Camp & Retreat Center – Banner Elk, NC
September 12, 2006

Holston Presbytery met for its stated meeting at Holston Camp & Retreat Center in Banner Elk, NC on Tuesday, September 12, 2006. The Vice Moderator, Cheryl Rice, called the meeting to order at 9:15AM with prayer and worship.

The Moderator welcomed commissioners and guests to the meeting. First time commissioners and guests were recognized. Craig Bell welcomed everyone to the Camp.

MINISTERS PRESENT: Sharon Amstutz, Earle Barron, Gary Bement, Ike Brighton, David Cagle, Alan Chapman, Martin Christian, Daniel S. Clark, Harrell Cobb, Dan Donaldson, Charles Echols, Baron Eliason, John Everett, Rich Fifield, Craig Foster, Don Frederick, Barrett Gilmer, Bill Goforth, Yale Gunn, David Hale, Barron Hopper, William D. Hyers, R. Gary Kelly, Mark L. Knisley Robert L. Lowry, Tim Meredith, Russ Morgan, Charlie Murphy, Steve Rembert, George Rolling, Raymond Saunders, Angus Shaw, John Shuck, Andrew Spence, Harrison Taylor, Gordon Turnbull, David Welch, Brian Wyatt.

MINISTERS ABSENT: William Allen, Robert Armistead, Richard Austin, Elmon Brown, Margaret Burkey, John Campbell, Greg Cartwright, Payne Cave, Catherine Clasen, Conrad Crow, John Dowling, Clarence Durham, Jim Gray, Ted Hagen, II, David Hambrick, William Herd, Ira Howard, Ralph Hutchison, Greg Jordan, Phillip Kestner, Lewis Lancaster, Jim Martin, John Martin, Jim McClanahan, Jim Mays, Dennis Maxey, David Miller, Don Muncie, William Olson, Gradye Parsons, Tom Phillips, J. Wiley Prugh, Richard Ray, Errol Rohr, Glenn Scruggs, Ed Shackelford, David Sims, Fred Foy Strang, Terry Sutherland, Charles Sydnor, Thomas Wade, Fred Walker, Russ Weekley, Steve Weisz, Katherine White, Ray White, Davis Whitesides, Beth Yarborough, William Young.

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

Bethany – John Hurt (P)	(P);	(P); Jackie Riddle (A)
Bethel, Dandridge –	Cross Anchor –	Keystone – Spencer Pickel
Bethel, Kingsport – Joe Davy (P)	Elizabethton, First – Donna Schwind (P)	(P) Kingsport, First – Ron Dixon (P); Gail Cole (P)
Blountville – Sue O’Dell (P)	Erwin – Nancy Gentry (P)	Leesburg –
Bristol, First –	Grays Chapel –	Liberty –
Cedar Creek –	Greeneville, First – Jan Maddux (P)	Magill Memorial –
Cedarview – Coy Klepper (P)	Hebron –	Meadowview –
Chuckey –	Hopewell – Jane Schule (P)	Morristown, First – Mark
Clinton –	Jefferson City, First – Pat Patton (P)	Holtkamp (P)
Cold Spring – Mary Jane Pope (P); Dorwin Baines; (V); Dan King (V)	Jennie Moore – Helen Saunders (V)	Mountain City – Betty Sliger (P); Monta Lucas (V); Rudy Lucas (V); Clifford
Colonial Heights – Jo Ann	Johnson City, First – Gilbert Rosenberger (P)	Parsons (V); Emogene Swift (V)
Cox (P); Libby Scales (P)	Jonesborough – Bill Reese	Mt. Hermon –
Cove Creek -		
Covenant – Ann Freeman		

New Bethel – Denise Torbett (P)	Mike Culbertson (P)	Hayes (P)
New Ebenezer –	Rock Creek –	Tri City Korean –
New Market –	Rogersville – Bill Blythe (P)	Walkertown – John Long (P)
New Providence –	Rosemont – Fern C. Nelson (P); Leo Rutherford (A)	Watauga Avenue – Hazel Rice (P)
Newport –	Salem – Earl W. Fletcher, Jr. (A)	Waverly Road – Charles Foster (P); Jim Skillen (V)
Oakland –	Shady Valley –	Weaver Union –
Old Kingsport –	Shenandoah –	West Ridge – Gladys Shackelford (P)
Philadelphia –	St. Paul –	Whitesburg –
Piney Flats –	Strawberry Plains – Bob Redfern (P)	Windsor Avenue –
Preston Hills – Richard Burow (P)	Tabernacle –	Zion –
Reedy Creek, Bristol –	Timber Ridge – Harold	
Reedy Creek, Kingsport –		

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

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Jane Boyd (Institutions); Barbara Kelly (Nominations); Sharlene Presley (Representation); Cheryl Rice (Vice-Moderator)

COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS: Tom Burleson (GA Commissioner); Cliff Dameron; James Foote (Cross Anchor/Walkertown)

CANDIDATES/INQUIRERS: None

DIRECTOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

VISITING MINISTERS: Mun-Gye Lee (Tri City Korean), Warren Stewart (Mountain City)

OTHER VISITORS: Dr. David Bushman (Lees-McRae College); Bill Farthing (Cannon Hospital); Jim Swinkola (Grandfather Home); Norie Ann Young (Grandfather Home); Session Book Reviewers: Jane Skillen (Waverly Road), Spencer Pickel (Keystone), Charles Smith (Waverly Road), Gladys Shackelford (West Ridge); Susie Jones (Tusculum College); Jovanna Emerson (Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries); Fabian Schwartz (Campus Ministry); Tom & Bea Bement (First Presbyterian, Starke, FL); Mona Barron (Salem)

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Moderator presented the Consent Agenda which included:

- Approve enrollment
- Declaration of quorum
- Approve requests for excused absences
- Approve giving visiting ministers voice
- Approve Minutes of the June 3, 2006 Stated Meeting
- Appointment of Committee on Thanks: Harrell Cobb, Barron Hopper, Bill Reese
- Appointment of the Bills & Overture Committee: Angus Shaw, Dan Donaldson, Barbara Kelly
- And, Adoption of the Docket

The Consent Agenda was approved.

Declaration Of New Business: Raymond Saunders requested that the presbytery's investments be discussed.

STATED CLERK'S REPORT: Rich Fifield presented the Stated Clerk's report.

INFORMATION:

1. Received an overture from the Session of Cold Spring Church to amend the Holston Presbytery By-Laws regarding the examinations of ordaining bodies. (See below.) This overture will be referred to the Bills and Overture Committee at the September 12, 2006 stated meeting.
2. Received communication from the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City concurring with the overture from Cold Spring Church.
3. Received the July 5, 2006 minutes of The Journey Administrative Commission. (See below.)

Overture to the Holston Presbytery, August 6, 2006, from Cold Spring Presbyterian Church

Whereas the 217th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) by an 81% vote retained all previous General Assembly Authoritative Interpretations and Definitive Guidance regarding matters of ordination and standards for church office; and

Whereas the constitutional standards and requirements for ordination and church office have not changed; and

Whereas an Authoritative Interpretation (AI) of G-6.0108 was passed by the 217th General Assembly at the proposal and recommendation of the Task Force on Peace, Unity, and Purity; and

Whereas said AI might open the door for governing bodies to ordain persons who depart from one or more of the standards and requirements in the Book of Order at the sole discretion of the ordaining body; and

Whereas said AI upholds the authority of Presbyteries to require the governing bodies within its bounds to comply with the standards in the Book of Order pertaining to matters of ordination and church office; and

Whereas the Holston Presbytery has consistently upheld and supported our constitutional standards for ordination and church office;

Whereas the report by the Task Force on Peace, Unity, and Purity, passed by the 217th General Assembly, strongly encourages ordaining and examining bodies to be thorough in its examinations; and

Therefore, the Session of Cold Spring Presbyterian Church, by unanimous approval overtures the Holston Presbytery to resolve to amend its by-laws to include the following:

For the peace, unity, and purity of the church, the Holston Presbytery resolves that all standards and requirements in the Book of Order for both the ordination and installation of candidates and the holding of church office are essential.

Under the guidance of Scripture and the Holy Spirit, the Holston Presbytery and the governing bodies within its bounds may grant *scruples of conscience* to candidates and officers over matters of church polity in the Book of Order.

The Holston Presbytery and the governing bodies within its bounds shall not grant to candidates for ordination and/or officers in the church any *exemption of compliance* or *exemption of practice* from standards and requirements in the Book of Order.

Presbytery Council, with the help of the stated clerk, may compile and maintain the list of the standards and requirements for church office in the Book of Order to assist governing bodies, inquirers, and candidates in the preparation and examination process.

The governing body charged with examining inquirers and candidates for church office shall give to its inquirers and candidates 1) a copy of this resolution and 2) the list of standards and requirements for church office compiled and maintained by Presbytery Council and/or the Book of Order itself. This shall be done for persons seeking ordination to the ministry of Word and Sacrament during the inquiry phase and shall be recorded in the minutes of the CPM. This shall be done for persons seeking ordination as elders or deacons

no later than during the meeting in which said persons are examined for fitness to the office and shall be recorded in the minutes which also record the results of examination.

During the examination of candidates, whether by the Holston Presbytery or a session within its bounds, the moderator shall give the voting members of the governing body ample opportunity to question candidates regarding their faith and practice as it relates to Scripture and our Constitution. The moderator shall also give each candidate ample opportunity to state any scruple of conscience he or she might have with the doctrines and requirements of the Constitution. It is beholden upon each candidate to know the standards of the office for which he or she seeks and to state his or her scruples of conscience. All stated scruples shall be recorded in the same minutes of the governing body that report the fact and result of the examination.

All ordinations shall be deemed irregular in the Holston Presbytery which grant an exemption of practice from standards and requirements in the Book of Order.

This resolved by the session of Cold Spring Presbyterian Church on August 6, 2006.

Moderator, Tim Meredith; Stated Clerk, Richard Lewis

Minutes of The Journey Administrative Commission, July 5, 2006

The Commission for The Journey met on July 5, 2006 at 12:30 pm. Present were: Bob Lowry, Jerry Gehre, Kim Hammond, Tom Bier, Rich Fifield, William Knight, Lewy Cornett, Don Muncie, Scott Wise. The meeting was opened with prayer by Bob Lowry, and lunch was served before the business began.

Tom handed out a report on the budget update through June. Contributions are below the year-to-date needed from the attending followers of The Journey. They have reached about 20% of the required contributions through June. Tom reported that some transitional issues have slowed the growth rate due to changes in staff for The Journey. Attendance was down since the Christmas holiday. Tom has 18 families who have committed to help with different ministries during worship and other outreach meetings.

Rich Fifield gave a review of the sub-committee's meeting which was held at 11:00 am today. The focus of that meeting covered the changes to areas that needed more focus from the staff, to creating the Journey's identity for their community witness.

The discussion, after the reports, led to a question of stabilizing staff issues. Rich offered the idea of Rhonda Bier stepping into the Ministries Coordinator position since this staff roll will become open in July. The Commission agreed that this could help in many ways. Jerry brought forth an idea for Tom and The Journey to look at by asking if a new location combining the office and worship area into the same location might be better for the growth of this new church.

Our next meeting in September will be set by Tom Bier as an informal evening meeting with date to be announced. Bob Lowry closed the meeting with prayer.

August 4, 2006 sub-committee meeting – Rich Fifield added the following summary:

1. The Committee met with the Journey staff to work on three areas of need – administration development, worship leadership, and future planned events for large and small groups (outreach for the church).
2. Rhonda Bier is now on staff as the new Ministries Coordinator. Lewy Cornett is now in place as the Ministries Associate helping with worship leadership. Welcome to both.
3. Attendance has decreased in the summer months, as expected, to approximately 30-40 people. New cell groups will be started in the late summer and early fall; a booth will be set up at the Appalachian Fair for new outreach.

Treasurer's Report

Balance Sheet as of July 31, 2006

	Jul 31, 06
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10000 · CHECKING - CITIZENS BANK (Checking - Citizens Bank)	
10111 · Select Monies (Select Monies)	8,967.48
10211 · Hattie Farthing Fund (Hattie Farthing Fund)	2,218.70
10410 · Frontera De Cristo (Frontera De Cristo)	11,714.36
10415 · Brazil Mission Trip (Brazil Mission Trip)	-264.90
10420 · 3 Cents-a-Meal Local (3 Cents-a-Meal Local)	18,270.72
10421 · 3 Cents-a-Meal International (3 Cents-a-Meal International)	11,083.84
10530 · Indian Ridge Payment (Indian Ridge Payment)	500.00
10531 · Youth Ministry Endowment (Youth Ministry Endowment)	2,500.00
10640 · EIHN - Restoring Creation (EIHN - Restoring Creation)	1,425.00
10712 · Ministry - Hawkins County (Ministry - Hawkins County)	2,250.00
10714 · Church Hill - Undesignated (Church Hill - Undesignated)	1,250.00
10752 · New Church Development/Designat (New Church Development/Design)	4,166.70
11861 · Williams Capital Fund Interest (Williams Capital Fund Int.)	1,235.42
11862 · Williams Program Fund Interest (Williams Program Fund Int.)	4,652.65
11910 · Honoraria - FIFIELD (Honoraria - FIFIELD)	2,184.77
14000 · Grant Program Restricted (Grant Program Restricted)	73,744.42
15000 · Charitable Gift Annuity (Charitable Gift Annuity)	7,049.81
20000 · Citizens Bank (Citizens Bank)	
20210 · Pastoral Care (Pastoral Care)	3,211.20
20531 · Youth Triennium (Youth Triennium)	572.56
20710 · Church Development (Church Development)	302.56
20750 · New Church Development (New Church Development)	2,881.36
20780 · Evangelism (Evangelism)	8,703.26
20911 · Equipment Reserve (Equipment Reserve)	676.02
21820 · Grigsby Scholarship (Grigsby Scholarship)	13,452.61
21830 · Braziel Scholarship (Braziel Scholarship)	-135.12
21840 · Dixon Scholarship (Dixon Scholarship)	8,502.10
21881 · Ninth Street Loan Fund - Hold (Ninth Street Loan Fund - Hold)	3,208.66
Total 20000 · Citizens Bank (Citizens Bank)	41,375.21
10000 · CHECKING - CITIZENS BANK (Checking - Citizens Bank) - Other	153,722.33
Total 10000 · CHECKING - CITIZENS BANK (Checking - Citizens Bank)	348,046.51
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
Other Current Assets	
40000 · The PFSA, Inc Grant Program	627,000.00
Total Current Assets	1,709,205.23
TOTAL ASSETS	1,709,205.23

General Mission Budget
Actual v. Budget
As of July 31, 2006

	<u>Jan - Jul 06</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
60160 · Unified Mission Designated Fund (Unified Mission Designated Fu)	40,335.83	230,967.00
60500 · Unified Monies (Unified Monies)	296,196.09	627,488.56
61905 · Interest Income (Interest Income)	<u>6,499.65</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>
Total Income	343,031.57	864,455.56
Expense		
70100 · Presbytery Council/Governing Bo (Presbytery Council/Governing)	65,228.40	114,610.79
70200 · E- Committee on Ministry (E- Committee on Ministry)	319.54	4,000.00
70300 · E-Committee Prep for Ministry (E-Committee Prep for Ministry)	7,700.00	11,800.00
70400 · WW Mission Committee (WW Mission Committee)	25.00	2,700.00
70500 · Congregational Life Committee (Congregational Life Committee)	4,533.67	12,800.00
70600 · EIHN Committee (EIHN Committee)	75.00	4,500.00
70700 · Church Development & Evangelism (Church Development & Evangelism)	23,574.93	131,840.00
70800 · Committee on Institutions (Committee on Institutions)	15,362.50	52,500.00
70900 · Administration & Planning Com (Administration & Planning Com)	222,331.77	405,371.47
71100 · Stewardship & Budget Committee (Stewardship & Budget Committee)	386.55	4,500.00
71200 · Holston Camp & Retreat Center (Holston Camp & Retreat Center)	58,666.68	88,000.00
71300 · Campus Ministry (Campus Ministry)	18,316.69	31,400.00
71400 · Trustees (Trustees)	<u>322.57</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>416,843.30</u>	<u>864,122.26</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-73,811.73</u>	<u>333.30</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-73,811.73</u></u>	<u><u>333.30</u></u>

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August 28, 2006

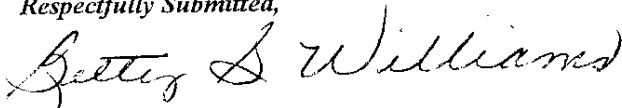
*Board of Trustees
Holston Presbytery of the Presbyterian
Church (U.S.A.), Inc.
Kingsport, TN 37664*

Dear Trustees:

I have prepared a financial analysis of the accompanying balance sheet and related statements of cash receipts and disbursements of Holston Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Inc. (a non-profit organization) for the year ended December 31, 2005. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Holston Presbytery Management.

I have performed various tests on the books of account, in order to assess the accuracy of the reported data. Findings from this analysis concluded nothing significant. No changes were necessary to improve the accuracy of the data presented. Notes are included with this analysis to detail other information not specific to the other reports.

Respectfully Submitted,


Betty S. Williams

REPORTS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONERS: Tom Burleson and George Rolling shared their insights about the 217th General Assembly.

Tom Burleson, Elder Commissioner, Holston Presbytery

This was my first experience attending a meeting of the General Assembly (GA) of the PCUSA. My impressions and emotions regarding the GA were wide and varied. Some of the experiences were soaring and spiritually uplifting, others took me to the depths of despair. I am not a Minister of this denomination and my life experience dictates that my views of meetings of this sort are different. I have been a part of many large and complex business meetings before and am probably more pragmatic and less pastoral in my outlook and opinion.

It was indeed a high honor to be selected as your Elder Commissioner for the 217th General Assembly and one that I cherish and for which I am grateful. I was particularly blessed in having my wife, Peggy, also an Elder, attend the GA with me as an observer. Her support and insight were invaluable. Gathering in worship with “So Great a Cloud of Witnesses” (the theme of the GA) was a worship experience and memory I will honor the rest of my life. Just being in the presence of so many dedicated Christians and drawing from the depth of their devotion was an awesome experience in itself.

I was privileged to serve as moderator of one of the committees of the GA, entitled the “Review of GA Permanent Committees.” Only the PCUSA could invent a committee to review the work of existing committees and then report the results of the work of that committee to a larger committee. Our committee affirmed the work of four standing committees; Women’s Concerns, Representation, Litigation and Constitution. The high point of this experience was meeting and working with many talented and dedicated ministers and laity. The work of this committee was received by the GA without much comment, as was appropriate.

This year marked the 50th anniversary of the ordination of women in the PCUSA, so it was a forgone conclusion that a woman would be elected moderator. The Rev. Dr. Joan Gray from Atlanta was elected Moderator of the 217th GA. I was impressed with Rev. Gray and my confidence was confirmed as she did an excellent job of maintaining good order and discipline in what was at times spirited and often contentious debate. I believe Rev. Gray will serve the denomination well.

The first item of business was to receive a gift of \$150,000,000 from Stanley W. Anderson a businessman from Colorado. The money will be available by the fall of 2006 and will be disbursed in the form of matching grants administered through the presbyteries.

Our denomination is clearly divided as evidenced by the voting patterns of the commissioners on issues of concern. Most of the votes on contentious issues were very close with less than ten (10) percentage points separating the opposing view points. There were deeply polarized positions on the far right and far left and a middle that moved according to the persuasiveness of the speakers for or against the different issues. For example, six (6) percentage points separated the votes on the Peace, Unity and Purity (PUP) report.

When I read the reports of the 217th GA in the secular and religious media, I am not sure we observed the same meeting. Sadly, the secular media and religious media seem to have lost their objectivity as they strive to support or reject certain positions. Our denomination is deeply divided over a number of issues and each side has its own propaganda machines. I would caution each of you to read with a measure of skepticism those articles from the far right and left about the divisive issues effecting the denomination. The truth lies somewhere in the middle.

I will comment only briefly on some of the major issues that came before the GA and what I believe will be their impact on the future of the denomination:

First, the Trinity Paper: This study entitled, “The Trinity: God’s Love Overflowing” was “received” by the GA. That means the report had no weight, but is simply a study of the use of various names for the Trinity, among other things. Many churches on the far left will use the report to rename the persons of the Trinity in ways that many will surely find objectionable. Many on the far right will use this report to show the denomination is on a continuing slide away from Reformed theology. The report was received by a narrow vote of 282-212. I was opposed to receiving the report and voted that the report should be returned to its makers for further study.

Second, the PUP report: The first four recommendations in the report were received by a large majority vote. Recommendations five (5) and six (6) were voted on separately and were approved by the GA. Without going into a lot of detail, the passage of the PUP report changes nothing in the Constitution of the denomination. The ordination standards as stated in the Constitution remain the same. Recommendations five (5) and six (6) contain language regarding “scruples and essentials” in allowing presbyteries examinations of candidates for ministry. The ecclesiology committee added language to the original report emphasizing that all ordinations are subject to review by higher authority in the denomination and are subject to prosecution in the church courts. I was opposed to recommendations five (5) and six (6) since they really did nothing to change the constitution, but only added fuel to the flames of an already troubled and divided denomination. In my opinion, the outcome of the approval of the PUP will be that congregations and presbyteries on the far left will ordain persons who are outside the qualifications and requirements of the Constitution. The question then becomes, will the denomination enforce its own Constitution? If not, then we will be placed into a constitutional crisis that will surely split the denomination.

Finally, what should Presbyterians in Holston Presbytery make of the actions of the 217th General Assembly; my response, not much. Constitutionally, nothing changed. The ordination standards of the denomination are intact. Some troubling reports were received. Some actions were taken that fueled an already divisive debate. But nothing really changed. Some congregations will use the actions of the 217th GA as reasons to leave the denomination. I would advise caution and restraint. There are good, well meaning, sincere Christian brothers and sisters on both sides of the debate and I believe more strongly than ever that there is more that connects us than divides us. Let us focus with the writer of Hebrews 12: 1-2 “Therefore since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

George Rolling, Minister Commissioner, Holston Presbytery

First, I want to thank all of you in Holston Presbytery for the opportunity and privilege to serve you as a commissioner to General Assembly. 2006 has been one of the more intense years of my life. The prayer, study, preparation, the meeting itself, and ever since have been difficult and wonderful all at once.

The Assembly has the look and feel of a large convention. Commissioners, advisory delegates, missionaries, staff and support staff number well over 1,000, and effectively take over several hotels, restaurants, and meeting halls. The atmosphere is charged because everyone knows there is important work to be done, plus controversy to be dealt with. The media, affinity groups, and hundreds of observers are everywhere, adding to the throng. Everyone involved needs to bring a healthy dose of the peace of Christ in order to survive.

Another, thing I want to say about the direct participants of the General Assembly is that they are just like you and me...from small or large churches, concerned about the same things, and wanting to do

the best job they can. The General Assembly is not some alien monolith “way out there.” It is you and me...the Church.

The Assembly was so much more than the Task Force Report or the Trinity Study.

- 1) Before we even elected a moderator, businessman Stanley Anderson announced his personal pledge of \$150 million for new church development.
- 2) An excellent, “moderate” Moderator, Joan Gray, was elected.
- 3) The consideration of selected divestment from companies doing business with Israel was reversed, with apologies.
- 4) Decades and centuries of missions with nations from all over the world, such as Columbia, the Congo, and Korea were celebrated.
- 5) The work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance was applauded, especially its work on the Gulf Coast. We are blessed to have our own Tom Burleson so intimately involved with PDA. He is great!
- 6) We worshiped every day (and twice on Sunday) with the two Cumberland Presbyterian Churches. How wonderful it was!

In his report, Tom Burleson addressed the Trinity paper and the Task Force Report very well. I, too, am not in favor of changing language for the Trinity. I did not sense much support for this report, even among those who voted to receive (not approve).

I do wish, however, to say more on the report of the Task Force on the Peace, Unity and Purity of the Church, since I served on the Ecclesiology Committee, which had said report largely in its hands.

For me, the heart of the report is its modeling and recommending to all churches the willingness to listen first, talk and fight less...to practice spiritual discernment and peacemaking over - against achieving a certain agenda, whereby there are winners and losers. Could not all of our local churches benefit from such a refreshing approach? This is why I favored the report, not because I wish to lower standards. The Task Force’s ability to make unanimous recommendations to the General Assembly was little short of a miracle because the extreme viewpoints were strongly represented. Their task was not to solve the ordination debate, but to advise and ameliorate. Our experience on Ecclesiology was very much in keeping with the Task Force, and we sought to show that to the whole Assembly.

Does the adopted PUP report allow for the ordination of openly practicing homosexuals (or others engaged in all manner of sin before God)? Probably so in the case of an ordaining body that is able in its own conscience to treat G-6.0106b as a “non-essential” standard of Reformed faith and practice. But does the adopted report advocate this practice? No. All standards remain in the constitution, and the committee was very clear to say to the General Assembly that all ordaining bodies are responsible to uphold the constitution and are liable to the oversight of higher judicatories (an addition that was approved by the Assembly). That is why I think the term “local option” (which has been used freely ever since the report was published a year ago) is truly inaccurate and misrepresentative. It makes for a good argument-starter, feeding the polarization of our family. Open-ended freedom is not intended. Scripture and constitution still bind us. Parenthetically, I think most of us agree that righteousness can not be legislated, nor can we lock down human behavior by getting the wording of the Book of Order just right.

In the statement I made to the Assembly, I said, “We are too often a church that micro-manages instead of trusting our sovereign God. We are consumed by arguments that steal our strength and resources to do the mission and ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are dying, but I do not believe we have to. We are driven by fear instead of faith, misunderstanding instead of wisdom and prayer,

depression instead of hope, and legalization instead of liberation.” My brothers and sisters, we Presbyterians make pretty good Pharisees, and you know how much trouble Jesus had with them. Please read the Task Force’s recommendations again and carefully. There’s a lot more than has met the press.

Therefore, we are individually and corporately left with a choice. We can stay and work together (laying aside every weight that hinders). Or we can split apart and become weaker than we already have become. Sometimes we think that by disassociating ourselves from others and vilifying them, we can clear up every issue and achieve purity. But we can’t because we aren’t pure. Does anyone have all the right answers or all the correct interpretations of scripture?

My conviction coming out of this General Assembly is that we should stay together. We have a wonderful church that does so much so well. The PC (USA) needs a season of discernment (a long one), a time to back off and pray, a time to cease pushing new initiatives on old concerns, a time to do more trusting and respecting, a time “to study the peace, unity, and purity of the Church.” If we are going to be a light to the nations, it won’t be by doing what the nations already do...judging, polarizing, fighting, and splitting. It’ll be by loving one another and making that witness for Christ’s honor and glory.

10:10 AM Small Group Time: leaders Gordon Turnbull, David Cagle and Russ Morgan.

10:45 AM Meeting Reconvened

COUNCIL MINUTES:

Present: Bonnie Agner, Jane Boyd, Elmon Brown, Mike Brown, Charles Brumley, Tom Burleson, Dan Donaldson, Ted Hagen, Sr., Mary Lee Harmon, Barbara Kelly, Chuck King, Bob Lowry, Sharlene Presley, George Rolling, Harrison Taylor, Beth Yarborough, Rich Fifield, Kim Hammond, Paulette Thompson, Susan Smith, Craig Bell. Visitor: Marcia Porter (First, Kingsport)

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. at the office of the Presbytery by moderator Tom Burleson. The meeting was opened with introductions, 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.

The Moderator’s Report was given by Beth Yarborough. Cheryl Rice will moderate the September meeting.

Vice-Moderator’s Report: Cheryl Rice was absent but has already sent in the service information for printing.

Administration and Planning Committee: Elmon Brown encouraged all committees to update Committee objectives and strategies for 2007. Due by October 24.

Stewardship and Budget Committee: Dan Donaldson

Recommendations to the Council:

1. That the 2007 Proposed General Mission Budget for Holston Presbytery be \$823,824. The 2007 Proposed General Mission Budget continues the goal of establishing one new congregation, supporting the ministries of Holston Camp, Youth/Young Adult Ministry, Congregational Life Programs and the Holston Area

Resource Center, support to our seven colleges and institutions, and the ministry and mission throughout the world-wide church. The proposed budget will require a minimum 2% increase in congregational giving to the General Mission Budget (see attached). Motion Approved.

Future Dates for Council and Presbytery meetings in 2006:

Council

November 14, 2006

Presbytery

September 12, 2006 – Holston Camp
December 5, 2006 – First, Elizabethton

The following dates for Council and Presbytery meetings in 2007 were approved:

February 20, 2007

May 22, 2007

August 28, 2007

November 13, 2007

Saturday, March 3, 2007 – Waverly Road, Kingsport

Saturday, June 2, 2007 – Cedarview, Kingsport

Tuesday, September 11, 2007 – Holston Camp

Tuesday, December 4, 2007 – King College,

There were no actions referred to Council by Presbytery at the June meeting. The Draft Copy of the Handout Packet for September 12, 2006 stated meeting of presbytery at Holston Camp, including proposed docket and committee reports to presbytery, was reviewed with changes.

New Business: The following was shared with the Council.

Communication from The Public Foundation for Stewardship Advancement, Inc.

The Public Foundation for Stewardship Advancement, Inc. (PFSA) is a nonprofit public foundation that provides financial resources for ministry. The PFSA Board of Directors has unilaterally decided to collaterally assign the death benefit of life insurance policies to Holston Presbytery equal to the principal funds Holston Presbytery has placed in the Grant Program—this is in addition to the upfront grant and the guaranteed 5.5% rate of return that Holston Presbytery is currently receiving. This collateral assignment gives Holston Presbytery a security interest in the policies and, at the death of the insured, assures that the full principal funds placed in the Grant program will be paid directly to Holston Presbytery. This independent action by the PFSA Board of Directors provides a greater measure of confidence and security in the fulfillment of our mission.

Guest Marcia Porter was introduced to speak about fiduciary responsibilities with presbytery money.

Jane Boyd made the following motion, which was seconded by Ted Hagen, Sr:

Out of deep concern for Holston Presbytery, my love for the church in its call to be servants, and my commitment to “peace, unity, and purity” of the church, I move:

That a committee of at least three persons with recognized professional expertise in financial investments and fiduciary responsibility and knowledge of Presbyterian polity be appointed by the Committee on Administration and Planning; (it may be advisable for the ad hoc committee to be composed of people who do not have current responsibility on Presbytery committees or be employees of Holston Presbytery);

That this committee examine Holston Presbytery investment processes and report to Council and Holston Presbytery its findings and recommendations at the December meeting of Holston Presbytery;

That this committee examine the relationship between Holston Presbytery and Public Foundation for Stewardship Advancement (PFSA) and the apparent sponsorship of PFSA by Holston Presbytery;

That audits by a CPA be conducted of Holston Presbytery and the PFSA;

That any and all additional investments in PFSA be suspended while the committee and the auditors conduct their work;

Please include in Council minutes Marcia Porter's letter to the Trustees, the timeline, and the questions as supporting documentation.

Bob Lowry moved that the motion be postponed until the next Council meeting (November 14). The motion was seconded and discussed. The motion to postpone was approved.

There being no other business, Tom asked for the sharing of Concerns and Prayers. Beth Yarborough closed the meeting with prayer at 8:35 p.m. The Minutes Committee met to approve tonight's minutes. The next meeting of Council will be Tuesday, November 14, 2006 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Paulette H. Thompson

Proposed General Mission Budget

	<u>2006 Proposed</u>	<u>2007 Proposed</u>
1 Income	\$864,455.56	\$823,824.33
2 Unified Monies	\$627,488.56	\$640,038.33
72 Unified Mission Designated Funds	\$207,967.00	\$121,301.00
73 Mission Partnership Funds (GA/Synod)	\$13,967.00	\$13,801.00
74 Ferguson Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00
75 Institutional Designated Gifts	\$25,000.00	\$20,000.00
76 Camp Designated Gifts	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
77 Campus Ministry Designated Gifts	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00
78 Virginia Williams Investment Income	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
79 Reynolds Foundation Designated Gift	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
80 New Church Development Grant GA-Synod	\$31,000.00	\$23,000.00
81 New Church Development Investment Income	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
82 Church Redevelopment Grants	\$0.00	\$0.00
83 Designated Reserves	\$75,000.00	\$33,000.00
	84	
85 Young Ministers Library Fund 10311 to CPM		
86 Pentecost Offering Fund 10541 to CDC		
87 BCS Evangelism Project 10781 to CDE		
88 BCS Mutual Worker Fund 10713 to CDE		
89 Williams Transition Fund 11860 to APC		
90 Campus Ministry Intern 11310 to CLC		
91 Youth Ministry Endowment 10531 to CLC		
92 Presbytery Peacemaking 10630 to EIHN		
93 Synod Peacemaking Grant 10631 to EIHN		
94 New Church Development 10752 to CDE	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
95 CLP Training 10015 to COM/CLP		
96 Endowment Youth Ministries 10031		
97 Ministry Hawkins County 10712 to CDE		
98 Church Hill Undesignated 10714 to CDE		
99 Program Supplement Va Willibal 10056		
100 Lay Institute 10064 to CL		
101 Evangelism Project 10067 to CD/Evangelism		
102 Tusculum/ETSU Intern 10075 to ETSU Campus Ministry		

103	Church Development Taskforce 10080 to CD/Small Church		
104	Ferguson Funds 10090		
105	Grace Odyssey 10091 to CL/Grace Odyssey		
106	Small Church Forum 10092 to CD/Small Church		
107	Computer Education Project 10094 to CL/HARC		
108	Grigsby Scholarship 10541 to CPM/Scholarships		\$4,000.00
109	Tom Dixon Scholarship 10543 to CPM/Scholarships		\$4,000.00
110	Equipment Reserve 10570		
111	Pastoral Care 10571 to COM/Pastoral Care		
112	Church Development 10576 to CDE		
113	New Church Development 10577 to CDE		
114	New Church Development 30750 to CDE	\$50,000.00	\$0.00
115	Tri Cities Korean Monies from Synod		
116	Planned Giving Income to Per Capita		
117	Undesignated Reserves	\$0.00	\$18,000.00
118	Mission Partnership Funds/GA/Synod		
119	Ferguson Funds		
120	Grant Program Grant	\$62,000.00	
121	Interest	\$29,000.00	\$44,485.00
122	Checking Account	\$6,000.00	\$10,000.00
123	Grant Program Interest	\$23,000.00	\$34,485.00
124			
125		<u>2006 Proposed</u>	<u>2007 Proposed</u>
126			
127	Expenses	\$864,122.26	\$823,807.84
128	Ministries within Presbytery	\$316,140.00	\$260,400.00
129	Church Development & Evangelism	\$131,640.00	\$75,900.00
149	Congregational Life	\$12,600.00	\$12,600.00
157	Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center	\$88,000.00	\$88,000.00
160	Youth & Young Adult Ministry	\$31,400.00	\$31,400.00
165	Institutional Mission Fund Grants	\$26,250.00	\$26,250.00
172	Institutional Program Support	\$26,250.00	\$26,250.00
179	Ministries with Higher Governing Bodies	\$111,410.79	\$110,733.47
184	Program Administration	\$31,400.00	\$31,400.00
185	Committee on Ministry	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
192	Committee on Preparation for Ministry	\$11,800.00	\$11,800.00
197	Committee on Ethical Issues & Human Needs	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
206	Committee on World-wide Mission	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00
213	Committee on Stewardship & Budget	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
217	Committee on Institutions		
218	Committee on Administration & Planning	\$200.00	\$200.00
219	Committee on Nominations		
220	Committee on Representation		
221	Committee on Church Development & Evangelism	\$200.00	\$200.00
222	Committee on Congregational Life	\$200.00	\$200.00
223	Trustees	\$100.00	\$100.00
224	Presbytery Council	\$200.00	\$200.00
225	Alternate Commissioners		
226	Special Committees		
227	Presbyterian Women		
228	Ins/Off Dir	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
229	Office and Staff	\$405,171.47	\$421,274.37
230	Office	\$34,690.00	\$34,690.00

247	Staff	\$370,481.47	\$386,584.37
302	Unbudgeted Expenses		
303	Designated Gifts		
304			
305	Balance	\$333.30	\$16.49

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY: Gordon Turnbull presented the following:
INFORMATION:

1. On June 13, 2006 the Committee on Preparation for Ministry received **Hayley O'Connor** (Johnson City, First) as an Inquirer in the process of preparation for ministry.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

2. The Committee on Preparation for Ministry asks the presbytery to concur with its interpretation of the intended use of the Ninth Street Presbyterian Church Scholarship Fund:
 - a. that this fund be used primarily to assist with theological education expenses of African American students of Holston Presbytery;
 - b. that African American theological students from the Synod of Living Waters be invited to apply for grants from this fund;
 - c. that if unused by African American students, funds be available for other Holston Presbytery students in theological education, regardless of racial-ethnic background;
 - d. that this fund be administered by the Committee on Preparation for Ministry of Holston Presbytery.

The motion was approved.

ETHICAL ISSUES AND HUMAN NEEDS COMMITTEE: Harrison Taylor and Russ Morgan. John Shuck offered prayer for 3-Cents-a-Meal. Russ spoke on Pakistan, Cuba and School of Americas issues.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. The committee respectfully requested approval of the grant allocations for 3-Cents-A-Meal funds and the committee's Matching Grant program as follows. The motion was approved.

3-Cents-a-Meal International

West Africa Moringa Oleifera Tree Program (Hopewell)	\$3,000
Good Samaritan Schools / New Delhi, India (Cold Spring)	\$5,000
Living Waters for the World / Guatemala (1 st Morristown)	\$5,000
India Evangelistic and Relief Fellowship (Rock Creek)	\$2,500
Bread of Life, Rio Verde, Brazil (Reedy Creek)	\$3,000
Independent Presbyterian Church of Felipe Camarao, Brazil (1 st Bristol)	\$2,250

3 Cents-a-Meal Local

Mission Soup Kitchen (Tabernacle)	\$2,000
Haven of Rest (1 st Bristol)	\$2,000
Abuse Alternatives (1 st Bristol)	\$1,000

Hope Haven (Colonial Heights)	\$2,000
Care and Share (Rock Creek)	\$2,000
Meals on Wheels Morristown (1 st Morristown)	\$ 550
Daily Bread (1 st Morristown)	\$2,000
Morristown Emergency Food Pantry (1 st Morristown)	\$2,000
Feed My Lambs (Mountain City)	\$1,000
Dandridge Ministerial Assoc. Food Pantry (Hopewell)	\$1,500
Safe Space Hunger Project (Hopewell)	\$1,500
SHARE Food Pantry (Bethel)	\$ 500
MATS (1 st Morristown)	\$2,000
ALPS (1 st Morristown)	\$2,000
CEASE (1 st Morristown)	\$2,000
Not by Bread Alone (Cold Spring)	\$2,000
Food Pantry (Rogersville)	\$2,000
Hunger First (Preston Hills)	\$1,000
WRPC Food Pantry (Waverly Road)	\$2,000

Matching Grants

Not by Bread Alone (Cold Spring)	\$ 500
Prison Fellowship Angel Tree (Covenant JC)	\$ 500

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE: Barbara Kelly placed the following two names before presbytery for consideration.

INFORMATION:

1. Nominations Committee has begun their work to fill vacancies in presbytery committees for the Class of 2009 and other vacancies.

RECOMMENDATION:

2. That the following be placed in nomination:

Moderator	2007	Cheryl Rice, elder, Covenant
Vice-Moderator	2007	Robert Lowry, pastor, Interim, Reedy Creek, Kingsport

Cheryl Rice has served as Vice Moderator in 2006. She is a Commissioned Lay Pastor and teaches at Dobyngs-Bennett High School.

Bob Lowry is honorably retired. He has served as interim at several churches and, currently, is an interim at Reedy Creek, Kingsport. He is serving the Committee on Ministry as its Chair.

The floor was opened for nominations. Receiving none, Cheryl Rice and Robert Lowry were elected 2007 Moderator and 2007 Vice-Moderator and will be installed at the December 5 meeting of Presbytery.

COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION: Sharlene Presley reminded everyone to be involved.

INFORMATION:

1. This form is designed to assist Presbytery Committee on Representation in reporting information and activities of your COR to the Synod of Living Waters. The completed form should be signed and mailed by the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery after the Presbytery has received it.

1. Name of Presbytery: Holston
2. Name and address of Presbytery Committee on Representation chairperson:
 - a. Name Sharlene Presley
 - b. Address 821 Gray Station-Sulphur Springs Rd., Jonesborough TN 37659
3. Date when Chairperson's Term Expires: December 31, 2006
4. Number of Committee on Representation Meetings held since last report: 2 – met with Nominations Committee.
5. Member makeup of other Presbytery Committees: (See Attachment A)
6. List current year's goals and tell us how well you're doing in accomplishing them:
 - a. See that all committees are fairly represented. – Members of this committee meet with Nominations Committee each year to accomplish this.
 - b. Encourage all new ministers coming into the presbytery to serve on a committee and continue a more active roll in presbytery work. – Nominations Committee is given a list of new ministers along with their interests in serving certain committees. Ministers are approached and encouraged to participate.
7. List future goals and objectives (for next 3 years): Continue the goals set aside in #6.
8. What is your Presbytery doing to recruit leaders who have special physical needs?
 - a. All committees are open to those with special physical needs. We encourage the committees to meet at locations with easy access for those with these needs.
9. How do you evaluate your own committee's effectiveness? (Tell us how you do your evaluation and what you've discovered about your work.)
 - a. Evaluation: excellent continuing a history of fair representation.
10. How often does your committee report to Presbytery? What is the basic style of presentation—oral, written, visual, all of these?
 - a. How often? Once a year
 - b. Style? Written and oral
11. What are your most significant achievements in accomplishing “fair representation” in your presbytery since your last report to the Synod?
 - a. Involving more small membership churches and ethnic groups. Continuing to encourage participating by a growing population of Hispanics when they are known to be members of churches. The Afro-American congregations and a Korean congregation are continuing to be called upon to serve.
12. On what date was this report presented to presbytery: September 12, 2006

The Presbytery of Holston heard and received the report of the Committee on Representation on September 12, 2006 at Holston Presbytery Camp and Conference Center in Banner Elk, North Carolina.

Signature, _____ Stated Clerk

Report of the Committee on Representation (Attachment A)
 Presbytery of Holston
 Date: 2006

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

CATEGORIES:

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

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

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

*NEED TO ADD HISPANIC

HMC hispanic male clergy

Spec persons w/disabilities

WORLD WIDE MISSIONS COMMITTEE: Steve Rembert reported.

INFORMATION:

1. The World Wide Missions Committee approved requesting Holston Presbytery to change the accounting code # 10410 from Frontera de Cristo to Global Mission fund with the administration of the fund to be controlled by the Committee.

If the request is approved, the Committee has approved allocating \$3,500 to the Tullu Sa'aa Clinic which is in western Ethiopia. PC(USA) missionaries Michael and Rachel Weller have been serving that area since 1994. A request for support has come from the Evangelism & Outreach Committee of First Presbyterian in Bristol..

2. The World Wide Missions Committee is requesting approval for Frank & Nancy Dimmock to be invited to speak at Holston Presbytery's June 2, 2007 meeting. The Dimmocks will be in the area before returning to Malawi to continue their mission work.
3. Steve Rembert reported on his trip to Zambia with Christian Medical and Dental Association. Fred Foy Strang reported on his trip to Kenya with Maasai Special Projects Fund to do Church Leadership Training. Fred Foy is looking for interested people willing to go with him next summer. Please contact him at ffstrang@king.edu.
4. World Wide Missions requests that all churches in the presbytery make plans to send your youth and young leaders to the Gatlinburg Missions Conference, February 22-25, 2007.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

5. That Presbytery approves change of accounting code #10410 from Frontera de Cristo to Global Mission Fund with the administration of the fund by the World Wide Missions Committee. The motion was approved.
6. That Presbytery approve inviting Frank & Nancy Dimmock, missionaries to Malawi to the June 2, 2007 meeting as guest speakers. The motion was approved..

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE:

INFORMATION:

1. The Christian Education Worktables, recently presented at Erwin, Timber Ridge and Meadowview were well received with 24 people from 11 churches attending.
2. A new project is to create Vacation Bible School curriculum featuring mission of the church. Possibilities for themes are the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program as well as local mission opportunities that are of interest to individual congregations.
3. Dr. James H. Logan, Jr. will speak on October 13-14, 2006. Brochures will be distributed at the September Presbytery meeting. Everyone is invited to attend.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY: Robert Lowry introduced Rev. Mun-Gye Lee and acknowledged the accomplishments of Nanci Rutledge, Waverly Road.

INFORMATION:

1. Approved the Temporary Supply Pastor Contract between **Tri-City Korean Church** and the **Rev. Mun-Gye Lee**, effective 8/20/06 through 8/19/07, with the following terms: Monthly Salary - \$1,333.33; Monthly Housing Allowance - \$500.00; Monthly Travel Expense Reimbursement; Full Participation in Board of Pensions; Vacation – one week per quarter; Continuing Education – ½ week per quarter.
2. Approved the request from **Tri-City Korean Church** for a one-time grant from the Pastoral Care Fund of up to \$4,000 over the next 12 months to cover the dues for full participation in the Board of Pensions for **the Rev. Mun-Gye Lee**.
3. Approved the Temporary Supply Contract (CLP) between **Cross Anchor Church** and **CLP James Foote**, effective 8/01/05 through 10/31/06, with the following terms: Weekly Housing Allowance - \$75; Weekly Mileage Reimbursement at IRS allowable rate; and appoint Mr. Foote as Moderator.
4. Approved the Temporary Supply Contract (CLP) between **Walkertown Church** and **CLP James Foote**, effective 8/1/06 through 10/31/06, with the following terms: Weekly Housing Allowance - \$150; Weekly Mileage Reimbursement at IRS allowable rate; and appoint Mr. Foote as Moderator
5. Approved the proposal from **St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church** regarding worship and pastoral services with **Clinton Church**.
6. Appointed **the Rev. Tom Phillips to head up a taskforce to develop guidelines to assist the Committee on Ministry and sessions in fulfilling their examination responsibilities**. This is in response to the 217th General Assembly's action in adopting an Authoritative Interpretation calling upon ordaining bodies to conduct ordination and installation exams reasonably, responsibly, prayerfully and deliberately.
7. Approved the following Commission to install **the Rev. Tim Meredith** as pastor of the **Cold Spring Church on Sunday, September 24, 2006, at 5:00 PM**: Elder Mary Beggerow (First, Kingsport); Dr. Charles Owens (Cold Spring); Dr. Bill Wade (First, Bristol); the Rev. Angus Shaw; the Rev. Gordon Turnbull; the Rev. Rich Fifield; with the Rev. Wayne Meredith as a guest.
8. Approved the request from **the Rev. Ray White** for scholarship funds to attend the 7th National Gathering of the Presbytery Pastoral Care Network, focusing on "Caring for Clergy in Times of Crisis," September 25-28, 2006.
9. **Nanci Rutledge**, Office Manager, **Waverly Road Presbyterian Church**, has received the Level I Certificate from the Administrative Personnel Association. Holston Presbytery recognizes this call to service within the church. (G-14.0802 b: *Members of the Administrative Personnel Association (APA) include secretaries, administrative assistants, bookkeepers and support staff in church-related settings. Certification is granted by APA; the requirements for certification are approved by the Division of National Ministries. Requirements include attendance at association*

conferences as well as a total of forty hours of instruction in polity, in Reformed theology, in church history, and in one's area of expertise.)

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

STEWARDSHIP AND BUDGET COMMITTEE: Dan Donaldson reported.

INFORMATION:

1. A review of the Holston Presbytery financial records for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2005 has been completed. The cover letter from Betty S. Williams, Betty's Bookkeeping and Tax Service, is included in the Treasurer's Report. The full report of the financial review is available in the Holston Presbytery office. The annual financial review is in accordance with the By-laws of Holston Presbytery and the *Book of Order*, G-11.0307: *The presbytery shall have a full financial review of all books and records relating to finances once a year by a public accountant or public accounting firm or a committee of church members versed in accounting procedures. Such auditors should not be related to the treasurer (or treasurers). Terminology in this section is meant to provide general guidance and is not intended to require or not require specific audit procedures or practices as understood within the professional accounting community.*
2. "Faithful Stewardship"—a publication of available stewardship resources with helpful information about the Holston Presbytery General Mission Budget and more is offered to all church leaders, session members and stewardship committees.
3. Books and materials on stewardship are available from the Holston Area Resource Center (HARC) at the presbytery meeting and on-line at www.holstonpresbytery.org.

CHURCH DEVELOPMENT & EVANGELISM COMMITTEE:

INFORMATION:

1. Clinton Presbyterian Church – The committee gave Clinton Presbyterian Church and St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church the highest encouragement to share their ministry and will recommend support to Presbytery as needed.
2. Chuckey Presbyterian Church – Rich contacted Mr. Wilhoit to set up a meeting between "interested parties" to discuss options. Mr. Wilhoit no longer is responsible and referred Rich to Mrs. Love.
3. Tri City Korean Church – A request for up to \$8,000 to pay for the new minister's health care was discussed. Motions approved were to:
 - a. approve up to \$8,000 for health care for minister and family
 - b. strongly encourage pastor to work toward forming a Session as soon as feasible.
4. Preston Hills Presbyterian Church – Contract was reviewed and Rev. Hopper replied by letter as to progress. This information was emailed to committee members.
5. The Journey – Tom Bier reviewed the progress of this developing congregation:
 - a. They are meeting at Daniel Boone High School with attendance close to 100 at

Christmas, 2005. A high so far for 2006 attendance has been 72. The summer months have averaged about 40.

- b. They have a program of “cells” primarily focused on youth with about 9 cells with up to 12 persons per cell.
 - c. One musician has been hired part-time to assist in worship.
6. David Hambrick requested time to report on activities at Old Kingsport Presbyterian. They developed a bicycle ministry where they advertised in the paper and received up to 240 old and some new bikes. They salvaged parts and put together a number of serviceable units. The program invites young people to six training sessions on the care and operation of the bikes and, upon graduation, they are presented with a bike and helmet.

RECOMMENDATION: None

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN: Jackie Riddle, Vice Moderator, spoke about events in which the women are participating.

HOLSTON PRESBYTERY CAMP & RETREAT CENTER: Craig Bell shared the summer DVD.

Summer Camp – We had an excellent summer staff. They were well trained and had lots of creativity and energy. After closing each Friday, we heard very positive responses from every camper and their parents about “this was their best summer ever.” It was a very positive experience for all campers. The up side to this summer was the change in our program. The campers had more opportunities to try new things. We no longer had Action and Adventure (5th & 6th graders). They had been the only campers to be able to hike Piggy Back and camp out. Now, any group could and did camp out. 5th & 6th graders and up could climb Rock of Ages and they loved that. 7th & 8th graders could canoe the New River and camp out at the State Park. We had wonderful volunteer chaplains, drivers, and maintenance and youth workers. The weather was great, nice and cool. And, it was a very safe summer.

The down side this summer was having no lake for the campers to swim, boat or fish and the decrease in the number of campers. Last year’s total: 417 campers. This summer: 284. The following are churches that had campers:

	2004	2005	2006
Bethany	5	2	3
Bethel, Kingsport	3	2	1
Blountville	9	6	3
Bristol, First	17	11	8
Cedar Creek	7	4	2
Cold Spring	7	3	0
Colonial Heights	16	1	4
Covenant	8	8	6
Elizabethton, First	3	4	7
Erwin	3	3	2
Gray’s Chapel	0	1	2
Greeneville, First	9	5	8

Hopewell	0	0	3
Jefferson City, First	4	2	4
Johnson City, First	6	6	2
Jonesborough	2	2	0
Kingsport, First	18	11	19
Magill	10	10	8
Marthina Chapel	0	9	0
Meadowview	2	0	0
Morristown, First	8	9	8
New Bethel	2	3	10
Piney Flats	0	2	1
Rogersville		2	0
Salem	0	2	4
Strawberry Plains	1	1	0
Timber Ridge	8	6	4
Watauga Avenue	1	0	1
Waverly Road	11	7	5

Many lives were changed this summer. One child from a children's home came for the first time. He had been away from his family because of his temper. About midway through the week, he talked with me about wanting to come back next year because of how much the camp had helped him change his life. He explained that he was not from a family who could afford to send him. When Polly Rainey and Katie Sword (alumni who were volunteering that week) heard this, they right away offered to pay for his camp next year. God is good!

Another camper had been very depressed and not feeling loved at all back home. He came to camp and right away could feel the love of God flowing from his counselors and the rest of the staff. He had a life changing experience and asked to come back one more week. There are many more life changing stories of campers and staff.

Holston Camp continues to offer a wonderful summer camp experience for children ages 8-17 – a safe environment where they can learn new skills, be able to openly pray, share with their small group, and feel safe from the world around them. God has been blessing this ministry for 51 years. I pray that more lives will be changed in the coming years.

For 2007 – We have the schedule ready to post and registration will be available on-line again for your convenience. We feel that with the changes that have been made to the program and the positive experience all the campers had, along with the support of every church in the Presbytery, we will have another positive summer experience in 2007.

What is the Future of Holston Presbytery Camp & Retreat Center, Inc.? A task force of individuals from the Presbyteries of Holston and Abingdon will meet at camp September 1-2 for an overnight retreat. They will be meeting with a team from Run River Enterprises to begin a year long process of working on a Master Plan for the life and ministry of HPC. We will be looking at facilities, marketing, staffing, property, usage, finances, and much more. Pam and Garrie will help us process through a spiritual experience as we read Scripture, pray and look for discernment from God. If you are interesting in participating in this process, please contact Craig Bell at (828) 898-6611.

What is New at Camp?

- Thanks to a group of volunteers from First, Johnson City, we have a new outdoor worship area called the “Sanctuary”. It is a beautiful setting for all groups to use.
- Many thanks to Waverly Road for purchasing and assembling a new gazebo behind Guenther Lodge in a very tranquil setting along Wildcat Creek. The "Prayer Gazbo" as it is being called is in dedication to the Cloud family for all the years of camp support from day one helping to cut the road in. There were nine members from Waverly Road here to build the gazebo including Roy Cloud.
- The pavilion in Rustic has a much needed face lift with a new metal roof with 12 sky lights.
- The dining hall also received a new green painted metal roof.
- Thanks to “Friends of Camp” and IBM the camp now has 4 new computers and a laser printer.
- A new DVD of the camp will be out soon.

What can you do to help your Camp? Pray about its future. Pray for the campers and staff. Get involved as a “Friend of Camp” supporter. Bring your Sunday School class, youth group or entire church to your Camp for a retreat. Be a promoter in your church for all the Camp activities: Tree Cutting, Middler Retreat, Senior High Retreat, Women of the Church, Work Projects, and the Golf Tournament.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

What is the status on Wildcat Lake?

According to the weekly Avery Journal July 26

The ETMA Board announced last week that plans to begin repair work on the dam at Wildcat lake are underway. Dale Pennell of McGill and Associates in Asheville is to have a topographical survey prepared by next week according to ETMA chair Murray White. "After we get the topographical survey, we will have the design and submit for permits. Next we will begin obtaining bids. We have to have a permit from the North Carolina Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources. Plans and specifications are to be sent to them by January 30, 2007.

White said that hopefully by December 2006 or January 2007, bids will be obtained and construction is slated to begin in January or February of 2007. This is the time line we are working on implementing right now, he said.

“Both sides of the original dam will be filled with dirt and there will be a barrel spillway and a riser. The water level will be the same but the dam will be 36 inches higher than it is presently,” explained White. After the work is done, and inspected and certification is issued, plans are to fill up the lake in May of 2007 from creek water.

The cost paid to McGill engineering firm will be approximately \$46,000 and the estimated cost of construction is \$537,000, but White said the final cost will not be known until the bidding is completed. The trust fund of the ETMA has a balance of approximately \$950,000 at present and monies will be taken from this fund for the dam's re-construction.

White added that there may be a community-wide fund drive in the future to raise funds whereby

people throughout Avery County who love Wildcat Lake can contribute.

If all goes as planned, beautiful Wildcat Lake, that has been such a part of Avery citizens' summers for many years, will be open next year to be enjoyed once more.

Holston Camp & Retreat Center
Profit & Loss
January through July 2006

	Jan - July 06
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
40000 · Operating Income	
406000 · Holston Support	58,666.68
406100 · Abingdon Support	2,500.00
406200 · Camp Store & Drinks	1,710.71
406300 · NC Tax Rebate	7,563.89
406350 · HUB Interest	588.33
Total 40000 · Operating Income	71,029.61
406400 · Retreat Income	
H/A Retreat Sleep	5,459.00
H/A Retreat Food	9,441.94
Other Retreat Sleep	40,396.00
Other Retreat Food	21,037.00
406400 · Retreat Income - Other	3,172.84
Total 406400 · Retreat Income	79,506.78
407000 · Summer Camp Income	
407100 · Camper Fees	95,840.50
407150 · Summer Cd's	1,140.00
407000 · Summer Camp Income - Other	200.00
Total 407000 · Summer Camp Income	97,180.50
407200d · Camper Scholarships	4,137.75
408000 · Unrestricted Gifts	8,352.00
Total Income	260,206.64
Expense	
80000 · Unrestricted Gift Exp.	2,035.01
60000 · Overhead Expenses	
Utilities	30,160.24
Repair/Maintenance	7,926.71
Vehicle Upkeep	3,126.21
Administration	26,886.06

Board of Pensions	20,616.54
60000 · Overhead Expenses - Other	<u>2,931.21</u>
Total 60000 · Overhead Expenses	91,646.97
6560 · Payroll Expenses	109,654.57
64000 · Retreat Expenses	22,400.74
70000 · Summer Camp Expenses	<u>48,778.19</u>
Total Expense	<u>274,515.48</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-14,308.84
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
408500d · Restricted - Directed Gifts	36,042.51
408500 · Holston Grant Income	<u>7,287.49</u>
Total Other Income	43,330.00
Other Expense	
85510d · Restricted - Directed Expenses	<u>26,281.55</u>
Total Other Expense	<u>26,281.55</u>
Net Other Income	<u>17,048.45</u>
Net Income	<u><u>2,739.61</u></u>

Holston Presbytery Camp & Retreat Center
Balance Sheet
As of July 31, 2006

	<u>Jul 31, 06</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
100000 · Highlands Union Bank	
101000 · Savings Account	3,094.50
106000 · Operations Checking	10,981.25
107000 · Summer Camp	13,866.48
108000 · Unrestricted Gifts	3,246.80
107000d · Sum. Camp Gifts (Designated)	6,962.75
108500d · Directed Funds (Designated)	14,747.14
100000 · Highlands Union Bank - Other	<u>-774.60</u>
Total 100000 · Highlands Union Bank	<u>52,124.32</u>

Total Checking/Savings	52,124.32
Accounts Receivable	
101200 - Accounts Receivable Deposits	-9,548.36
1110 - Accounts receivable	<u>-1,500.00</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	-11,048.36
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)	<u>15,682.02</u>
Total Presbytery Grant	<u>208,213.49</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>208,213.49</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>249,289.45</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>249,289.45</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	0.00

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES COMMITTEE: George Rolling and Jim Kirkpatrick. Fabian Schwartz, ETSU medical student from Germany, was introduced to report on his recent experiences with Campus Ministry.

INFORMATION:

1. The annual Youth Leader's Connection is scheduled for October 20-21 at Holston Camp. Alan Kobs is Director.
2. The International Student Fellowship put in a busy and active summer. Seven of our students went to New York City on a mission trip.
3. Campus Ministry has been collecting textbooks to ship to students in Cameroon (approximately 8 boxes). We can cover some of the shipping costs and are looking for additional help.
4. YYAM is sponsoring a dinner to highlight the Presbytery's Charitable Gift Annuity Program. Bob Millard will present the program on Thursday, September 28th at Campus House. The purpose is to help grow the Holston Presbytery Endowment Fund, established by the Camp and Campus Campaign of 2000-2004, so that we can realize our goal of subscribing the position of a full time campus ministry intern from a Presbyterian seminary.

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

Presbyterian Campus Ministry
Financial Report
January through December 2006

	Jan - Dec 06	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
Bank Interest	7.53	20.00	-12.47	37.7%
Facility Use	2,299.21	4,400.00	-2,100.79	52.3%
Holston Presbytery				
Triennium	424.98	850.00	-425.02	50.0%
Youth Ministry	3,175.02	6,350.00	-3,174.98	50.0%
Holston Presbytery - Other	12,100.02	24,200.00	-12,099.98	50.0%
Total Holston Presbytery	15,700.02	31,400.00	-15,699.98	50.0%
IDS Dividends	10.86	5.00	5.86	217.2%
Meal Receipts	905.35	1,800.00	-894.65	50.3%
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	3,875.00	9,300.00	-5,425.00	41.7%
Total Income	30,604.32	52,025.00	-21,420.68	58.8%
Expense				
Cable TV	598.04	1,200.00	-601.96	49.8%
Campus Labor	180.00	400.00	-220.00	45.0%
Cleaning	630.00	1,300.00	-670.00	48.5%
Electricity	1,909.96	3,500.00	-1,590.04	54.6%
Food/Cleaning Supplies	3,214.45	4,000.00	-785.55	80.4%
Gas	0.00	400.00	-400.00	0.0%
Miscellaneous	15.69	500.00	-484.31	3.1%
Office Supplies	1,424.82	2,300.00	-875.18	61.9%
Payroll Expenses				
FICA	1,023.48	1,500.00	-476.52	68.2%
Salary/Intern	4,100.00	3,400.00	700.00	120.6%
Salary/International	4,600.00	7,850.00	-3,250.00	58.6%
Salary/Secretary	4,478.25	9,100.00	-4,621.75	49.2%
Total Payroll Expenses	14,501.73	21,850.00	-7,348.27	66.4%
Printing/Postage/Promotion	2,043.28	3,000.00	-956.72	68.1%
Professional Expense/Intern	483.01	1,000.00	-516.99	48.3%
Repairs/Maintenance	2,529.04	3,000.00	-470.96	84.3%
Special Events	606.35	1,500.00	-893.65	40.4%
Telephone	1,059.74	1,500.00	-440.26	70.6%
Triennium	0.00	850.00	-850.00	0.0%
Water	471.03	900.00	-428.97	52.3%
Youth Ministry	3,880.46	6,350.00	-2,469.54	61.1%
Total Expense	24,486.48	53,550.00	-29,063.52	45.7%
Net Ordinary Income	6,117.84	-1,525.00	7,642.84	-401.2%
Other Income/Expense	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.0%
Net Income	6,217.84	-1,525.00	7,742.84	-407.7%

NEW BUSINESS – REPORT OF THE BILLS AND OVERTURES COMMITTEE: Dan Donaldson moved that the Bills and Overture Committee receive the overture from Cold Spring Presbyterian Church, and that the Bills & Overtures Committee meet with the Committee on Ministry Task Force to develop guidelines for the examination of officers, and that a report be brought to the December 5, 2006 stated meeting of Holston Presbytery.. The motion was approved.

Regarding the discussion of the presbytery's investments, the Bills & Overtures Committee suggested that

the discussion be deferred until after the next Council meeting on November 14, 2006, at which time the Council will report to the December 5, 2006 stated meeting of Holston Presbytery. There was no further discussion.

INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE: Jane Boyd introduced Dr. David Bushman of Lees-McRae College, Bill Farthing of Cannon Memorial Hospital and Jim Swinkola, Grandfather Home for Children, for their reports.

INFORMATION:

1. Sunset Gap. Jonathan Pflug, recently resigned as Director at Sunset Gap. Jonathan's wife has accepted a teaching position in Cleveland, TN, and Jonathan has pending offers as well. After his official departure, Jonathan will continue to lend his expertise in several ways until others are trained to assume responsibility. Funding is an on-going struggle, especially with the phased reduction by East Tennessee Presbytery. One possible new source of funding is a satellite pre-school for Cocke and Sevier Counties, possible because the school building is strategically situated in both counties. Our prayers, a dedicated Board, and some generous grants will enable the ministry to continue.

Institutions Committee commends Jonathan for his ministry at Sunset Gap. We'll surely miss his reports, always laced with humor and sensitivity. Jonathan's tenure at Sunset Gap has been marked by exceptional accomplishments in innovative programs, full summer work camps, and community service reaching many people.

2. Cannon Memorial. Odell Smith reported that John Barrett is serving as interim executive at Cannon following the resignation of Eddie Green, who accepted a position with Mountain States Health Alliance. A search is underway for a new executive. Cannon and Watauga Regional are under the umbrella of Appalachia Regional Hospital which allows two small hospitals to offer broader services as critical access facilities. Recent upgrades in the oncology center enable local care for cancer patients.

3. Lees-McRae. Kathy Campbell reports that a new academic year begins Wednesday, August 23. The college has a new Provost, Dr. Debra Thatcher, and a new Dean of Students, Dr. Thomas Balistrieri.

The Lees-McRae College Global Community Center, new this summer, will oversee global mission partnerships to Guatemala, Mexico, and India, and will host Arun Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, in a week of events focused on non-violence and the role of peace locally, nationally, and globally. Dr. Stephen Haynes, Professor of Religion, Rhodes College, will speak on the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the role of the German church during the Holocaust, and the relevance in our world today.

Campus Worship is being rescheduled to Sunday evenings to encourage more students to be a part of a worshipping community. A reformed contemporary service incorporating the arts will be offered.

4. King College. Sylvia Musgrove reported that alumna Katherine (Womeldorf) Paterson ('54) has received international acclaim as the recipient of the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award. The prestigious award, presented by the government of Sweden, is the world's largest prize in children's and young adult literature and the globe's second-largest literature prize. As this year's recipient, Paterson also received five million Swedish crowns, or approximately \$640,000, which will fund a foundation promoting children's literature.

In other activities, King has sponsored several summer mission and study trips, including a group of faculty and students who journeyed throughout Greece and Turkey. The group visited sites

related to Paul's journeys, John's writings, the history of the early church, and the culture of the day. A separate group traveled on invitation to Salzburg, Austria, to participate in a seminar on "Global Citizenship: America and the World."

5. Tusculum. Susie Jones announced Theologian-in-Residence for February, 2007 is Dr. Charles Wiley, Associate for Theology of the Congregational Ministries Division of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. His topic will be "Doctrine of the Holy Trinity."

Several new faculty and administrators have joined Tusculum College during the summer. New Provost and Academic Vice President is Dr. Kimberly K. Estep. Dr. Melinda Dukes has assumed duties as Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs. Jacquelyn (Jacqui) Elliott has begun her responsibilities as Vice President for Admission and Financial Aid. Dr. David McMahan, assumed the title of Vice President for Student Affairs.

A Mini MBA Certificate Program will be offered at Tusculum's Knoxville, Tri-Cities, and Morristown campuses. Modeled after programs offered by Rutgers, Harvard, and UCLA, the new program is an introduction to the full MBA and allows a student to explore possibilities.

6. Evergreen Ministries, Jovanna Emerson reported that Dr. Bernard Wagner, former President of Evergreen, died July 4th, 2006, after a year long battle with cancer. Dr. Wagner served as Evergreen's President for 18 years and had just retired as President Emeritus on June 30th, 2006. He served in the field of mental retardation for over 40 years and was named one of 34 Significant Contributors of the 20th century in the field of mental retardation/developmental disabilities. John Taylor, former Vice President of Operations, succeeded Dr. Wagner as President. John Taylor has been with Evergreen for over 15 years.

Tom Beeson, Division Director for Evergreen's East Tennessee Division, has resigned. Mary Mills, Deputy Vice President of Evergreen and the individual who camped out in Tennessee eight years ago to begin the East Tennessee Division, is interim director in East Tennessee during this transitional period. *Historic Presbyterian Churches of Tennessee* will be available in September. Book events have been scheduled in Nashville, Knoxville and Greeneville. The event in Greeneville will be held on Sunday, November 5th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at First Presbyterian Church. Invitations will be sent to all churches in Holston Presbytery. The Knoxville event will be held at First Presbyterian Church- Knoxville on November 6th and the Nashville event will be at the Hermitage on November 3rd.

7. Grandfather Home. Norie Anne Young reported that a record number of children, 136, are under the care of GH. Homecoming dinner was recently celebrated with great attendance. Upcoming events are the 16th annual Golf Tournament on August 27-28, and the annual Ask Event -Celebration of Courage on September 8. The latter is an opportunity for the public to visit and learn more about Grandfather Home for Children.

The cottage furniture project continues with grant money from Holston Presbytery making a significant contribution.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Presbytery hear the reports of Dr. David Bushman of Lees-McRae, Bill Farthing of Cannon Memorial Hospital and Jim Swinkola of Grandfather Home. Information on Wildcat Lake was also shared.

Thanks were given to the Session Book Review panel (Jane Skillen, Gladys Shackelford, Charlie Smith and Spencer Pickel) for their work in reviewing Session Books today. Those bringing books today were

reminded to pick them up before leaving.

12:32 PM - Promotions

12:45 PM - Lunch - Adjournment: There being no further business, Vice Moderator Cheryl Rice announced that the meeting would be adjourned following lunch and the report of the Standing Committee on Thanks. The body was dismissed for lunch with prayer by John Shuck. **The Standing Committee on Thanks:** Barron Hopper, Harrell Cobb and Bill Reese -- reported their thanks for the meeting and closed the meeting.

_____ Cheryl Rice, Vice Moderator

_____ Richard L. Fifield, Stated Clerk

_____ Paulette H. Thompson, Recording Clerk