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MINUTES
STATED MEETING OF HOLSTON PRESBYTERY
King College - Bristol, TN
December 4, 2007

Holston Presbytery met for its stated meeting at King College in Bristol, TN on Tuesday, December 4, 2007. Moderator Cheryl Rice welcomed those gathered to the meeting. Rev. Robert L. Lowry opened with worship and prayer with Commissioned Lay Pastors Cheryl Rice and Chip Herndon, IV assisting. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was served by Rev. Lowry, Mrs. Rice, Mr. Herndon and Rev. Gordon Turnbull. Rev. Errol Rohr welcomed everyone on behalf of the College. Commissioners and guests were welcomed with first time commissioners and guests recognized.

Enrollment:

MINISTERS PRESENT: Sharon Amstutz, Earle Barron, Gary Bement, Ike Brighton, Elmon Brown, David Cagle, Greg Cartwright, Alan Chapman, Martin Christian, Daniel S. Clark, Harrell Cobb, Conrad Crow, Dan Donaldson, Charles Echols, Baron Eliason, John Everett, Rich Fifield, Craig Foster, Barrett Gilmer, Yale Gunn, Bill Goforth, Jim Gray, David Hale, Glenda Hollingshead, William D. Hyers, Greg Jordan, Gary Kelly, Phillip Kestner, Mark L. Knisley, Mun-Gye Lee, Arnold Lovell, Robert L. Lowry, Jim McClanahan, Jim Mays, Tim Meredith, Charlie Murphy, Fred Niles, Tom Phillips, Steve Rembert, Errol Rohr, George Rolling, Angus Shaw, John Shuck, Andrew Spence, Terry Sutherland, Fred Foy Strang, Harrison Taylor, Gordon Turnbull, Russ Weekley, Steve Weisz, David Welch, Davis Whitesides, Brian Wyatt, Beth Yarborough.

MINISTERS ABSENT: William Allen, Robert Armistead, Richard Austin, Margaret Burkey, John Campbell, Payne Cave, Catherine Clasen, John Dowling, Clarence Durham, Kaye Florence, Don Frederick, David Hambrick, William Herd, Barron Hopper, Ira Howard, Ralph Hutchison, Lewis Lancaster, Jim Martin, John Martin, Dennis Maxey, David Miller, Don Muncie, William Olson, Gradye Parsons, J. Wiley Prugh, Richard Ray, Raymond Saunders, Glenn Scruggs, Ed Shackelford, David Sims, Charles Sydnor, Thomas Wade, Fred Walker, Katherine White, Ray White, William Young.

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

Amity –	Erwin –
Bethany – (P)	Grays Chapel –
Bethel, Dandridge – (P)	Greeneville, First –Phil Hamblett (P); Mark Stokes (V); Alan Kobs (V); Erin Kobs (V); Barb Kobs (V); David Hendrickson (V)
Bethel, Kingsport – Harry Bentley (P); Joe Davy (V); Barbara Kelly (V)	Hebron –
Blountville – Harold Barr (P); Sue O'Dell (V)	Hopewell – John Manney (P)
Bristol, First – Randy Cook (P); Ann Galliher (A)	Jefferson City, First – Matt Cowan (P)
Cedar Creek –	Jennie Moore – Helen Edwards (P)
Cedarview – Coy Klepper (P)	Johnson City, First – Gilbert Rosenberger (P); Paul Helphenstine (V, staff)
Chuckey –	Jonesborough – Jacqueline Riddle (P); Angus Walton (V)
Clinton –	Keystone – Spencer Pickle (P)
Cold Spring – Carl Hatcher (P); Chuck King (A)	Kingsport, First – Jane Boyd (P); Betty Dickson (V); Patsy Garriott (V); Elizabeth Ann Hay (V); Don Brown (V)
Colonial Heights – Ted Hagen, Sr. (P)	
Cove Creek –	
Covenant – Butch Carr (P); Harold Hunter (V)	
Cross Anchor – Fred Malone (P)	
Elizabethton, First –	

Leesburg –
Liberty –
Magill Memorial – Gloria Baird (P); Peggy
Burluson (A)
Meadowview – Rose Sorrell (P); Jerry Sorrell (A)
Morristown, First – Linda Handel (P)
Mountain City – Rudy Lucas (P); C. M. Harris (A)
Mt. Hermon – Ed Hutchinson (P)
New Bethel –
New Ebenezer –
New Market –
New Providence –
Newport –
Oakland –
Old Kingsport –
Philadelphia –
Piney Flats –
Preston Hills – Mary Fabick (P)
Reedy Creek, Bristol –
Reedy Creek, Kingsport – Mike Culbertson (P)
Rock Creek – F. B. White (A)

Rogersville – Mary Jane Fink (P)
Rosemont – Fern Nelson (P)
Salem – Santo Cicirello (P); Mona Barron (V)
Shady Valley –
Shenandoah –
St. Paul –
Strawberry Plains –
Tabernacle –
Timber Ridge – Oliver Burkey (P)
Tri City Korean –
Walkertown – John Long (P)
Watauga Avenue – Mike Miyamoto (P); Karen
Foote (V); Anne Jane Taylor (A)
Waverly Road – David Petke (P); Chuck Green (V);
Charlie Smith (V)
Weaver Union –
West Ridge – Gladys Shackelford (P)
Whitesburg –
Windsor Avenue – Wayne Ausmus (P)
Zion –

PRESBYTERY STAFF: Craig Bell, Kim Fifield, Jim Kirkpatrick, Susan Smith, Paulette Thompson

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Cheryl Rice (Moderator), Charles Brumley (Holston Camp & Retreat Center)

COMMISSIONED LAY PASTORS: Tom Burluson (Grays Chapel); Chip Herndon, IV (Philadelphia); David Light
(Shenandoah); Anna Maddox (Tabernacle); John Snyder (Liberty)

CANDIDATES/INQUIRERS: Erin Kobs (First, Greeneville); Kent Pettit (First, Johnson City)

VISITING MINISTERS: Tom Bier (The Journey); Ronnie Duncan (Walkertown/Cross Anchor); Tom Peake
(Mountain City); Gordon Washington (Tabernacle)

OTHER VISITORS: Jovanna Emerson (Evergreen Ministries); Dan Myers (Youth & Young Adult Ministry);
Anne Peake (Mountain City); Valerie Taylor (Holston Camp); Norie Anne Young (Grandfather Home);
Don Lonan

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 September 11, 2007 Stated Meeting
- Appointment of Committee on Thanks: Gary Bement, Baron Eliason
- Appointment of the Bills & Overture Committee: David Hale, Tom Burluson
- And, Adoption of the Docket

The Consent Agenda was approved.

Declaration of New Business: A motion was received from the Session of First Church, Johnson City by the
Stated Clerk. The Moderator referred the motion to the Bills and Overtures Committee.

Elder Commissioner Randy Cook (First, Bristol) made the following motion, was also referred to the Bills and Overtures Committee by the Moderator.

Whereas, it is the duty of every Christian to nurture the peace, unity and purity of the church;

And

Whereas, the Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church (USA) requires the business of the church to be done decently and in good order;

And

Whereas, Rich Fifield and Kim Fifield, both employees of Holston presbytery, have recently become married;

And

Whereas, there does now exist, on the staff of Holston Presbytery, a conflict of interest between Mr. and Mrs. Fifield's marriage and professional relationships, to wit: that the very nature of the marriage relationship makes it impossible for Mr. Fifield to render an objective evaluation of Mrs. Fifield's job performance; and that the very nature of the marriage relationship makes it impossible for Mrs. Fifield to provide such independent financial advice to Holston Presbytery as may be in the best interest of the Presbytery;

And

Whereas, any remedy of this conflict of interest short of the resignation of either Mr. or Mrs. Fifield would render one or the other or both of them less than totally effective in the performance of their job in a small organization that requires maximum effectiveness of all its employees;

Now, therefore, in the sole interest of maintaining the peace, unity and purity of Holston Presbytery and of ensuring that the business of Holston Presbytery be conducted decently and in order, I move Holston presbytery to require the resignation of either Mr. Fifield or Mrs. Fifield, with the choice to be theirs, with the following stipulations:

1. That the resignation shall be effective no later than January 1, 2008:
2. That the individual who resigns be forbidden to engage in any activity related to the conduct of the business of Holston Presbytery, whether as a volunteer or as a paid consultant or as an employee of any entity hired by the Presbytery, with the exception that this shall not preclude membership or service in any capacity within any particular church in Holston Presbytery;
3. Notwithstanding the exception noted in stipulation #2, the individual who resigns employment on the staff of Holston Presbytery shall also resign from and shall not be reinstated to any position of advisorship or trusteeship related to any and all financial or fiduciary entities or foundations having anything whatsoever to do with Holston Presbytery. This stipulation shall not, however, preclude the individual from performing similar functions within any particular church in Holston Presbytery.

Stated Clerk's Report: Rich Fifield presented.

Information:

1. Received the minutes of the Commission to Ordain Allen Brimer as Minister of the Word and Sacrament. ([see attached](#))
2. Received the minutes of the Commission to Ordain Kirk Weisz as Minister of the Word and Sacrament. ([see attached](#))

Recommendation:

3. *The Stated Clerk nominates Paulette Thompson to serve as the Recording Clerk, effective January 1, 2008, for a term of one year. Following no nominations from the floor, Ms. Thompson was elected to serve as Recording Clerk.*
4. The stated clerk received the following motion from the Session of First Church, Johnson City on Monday, December 3, 2007:

With the understanding that the Holston Presbytery's Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk is recently married to the Presbytery's Financial Manager and Treasurer, it is the recommendation to the Session that financial integrity, generally accepted business practices in regard to nepotism policies, and the importance of avoiding the appearance of impropriety can only be achieved at our Presbytery through the resignation of one of the two and that this recommendation should be made to the Presbytery through the appropriate channels at its next stated meeting. This recommendation is procedurally driven and not based in regard to the personalities involved.

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION of Holston Presbytery to ordain Allen Brimer as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

The Commission, according to the appointment of Holston Presbytery, met at First Presbyterian Church in Morristown, TN on September 16, 2007 at 6:45 p.m. with ministers Gary Kelly, Greg Cartwright (First, Morristown) and Elders Mary Lee Harmon (First, Kingsport), Scott Reams (First, Morristown) present. Corresponding members were Rev. Ruth Lovell (Mid-South Presbytery, Member at Large) and Rev. Dr. Jimmy Moore (First United Methodist Church, Bloomington, IN). The Reverend Dr. Gary Kelly opened the meeting with prayer. Mary Lee Harmon was elected Moderator and Clerk of the Commission. A quorum was declared. Responsibilities and procedures for the Service of Ordination were reviewed. The Commission recessed to be reconvened in the presence of the congregation at 7:00 p.m. and agreed to adjourn at the benediction.

Elder Mary Lee Harmon reconvened the Commission in the presence of the congregation and led the Call to Worship following Dr. Kelly's Welcome and Invocation. Elder Scott Reams read from Jonah 1:1, 2, 17; 2:1-10 and the sermon was delivered by Rev. Ruth Lovell. A Statement of Ordination was read by Dr. Gary Kelly with anointing done by Deacon Mary Beth Morgan. Constitutional Questions were delivered by Dr. Kelly and being answered in the affirmative, Allen Brimer was ordained as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA) agreeably to the Word of God and the constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA). A welcome and charge to the newly ordained minister was given by Rev. Dr. Jimmy Moore. Rev. Lovell delivered a charge to the congregation. Deacon Morgan presented a stole to the newly ordained minister.

At the conclusion of the service Rev. Brimer pronounced the benediction. After the service, officers and members of the church offered an appropriate expression of cordial reception and affectionate regard.

Signed by Clerk: *Mary Lee Harmon*

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION of Holston Presbytery to ordain Joseph Kirk Weisz as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

The Commission, according to the appointment of Holston Presbytery, met at Zion Presbyterian Church in Greeneville, TN on October 7, 2007 at 3:45 p.m. with ministers Gordon Turnbull (First, Bristol), Stephen Weisz (Zion), and Brian Wyatt (Timber Ridge) and elders Juanita Jones (Zion) and Mark Stokes

(First, Greeneville) present. The Reverend Dr. Gordon Turnbull opened the meeting with prayer and was elected Moderator and Clerk of the Commission. A quorum was declared. Responsibilities and procedures for the Service of Ordination were reviewed. The Commission recessed to be reconvened in the presence of the congregation at 4:00 p.m. and agreed to adjourn at the benediction.

Reverend Dr. Gordon Turnbull reconvened the Commission in the presence of the congregation. The Call to Worship was led by Rev. Stephen Weisz and Rev. Kaye Florence followed with the Call to Confession. Reading of the Gospel was from Matthew 5:13-16. Reverend James Pollard, Chaplain Educator at James H. Quillen Veterans Medical Center, delivered the sermon. A Litany of Ordination was delivered by Rev. James Mays. A Statement of Purpose and presentation of the Candidate was done by Rev. Turnbull. Constitutional Questions were delivered by Rev. Brian Wyatt and being answered in the affirmative, Joseph Kirk Weisz was ordained as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA) agreeably to the Word of God and the constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The laying on of hands was led by Rev. Mays. The Declaration of Ordination was delivered by Rev. Dr. Turnbull. A charge to the newly ordained minister was given by his father, Rev. Stephen Weisz.

At the conclusion of the service Rev. J. Kirk Weisz pronounced the benediction. After the service, officers and members of the church offered an appropriate expression of cordial reception and affectionate regard.

Signed by Clerk: *Gordon Turnbull*

Treasurer's Report
Holston Presbytery
Fund Balances
Cash Basis January through October, 2007

	Oct 31, 07
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10000 · CHECKING - CITIZENS BANK (Checking - Citizens Bank)	
10101 · Jonesborough Ministers Con Ed. (Jonesborough Ministers Con Ed)	500.00
10111 · Select Monies (Select Monies)	48,654.89
10211 · Hattie Farthing Fund (Hattie Farthing Fund)	1,878.77
10410 · Global Mission Fund (Global Mission Fund)	2,914.36
10415 · Brazil Mission Trip (Brazil Mission Trip)	-1,945.47
10420 · 3 Cents-a-Meal Local (3 Cents-a-Meal Local)	2,441.12
10421 · 3 Cents-a-Meal International (3 Cents-a-Meal International)	-57.54
10530 · Indian Ridge Payment (Indian Ridge Payment)	2,000.00
10531 · Youth Ministry Endowment (Youth Ministry Endowment)	5,500.00
10640 · EIHN - Restoring Creation (EIHN - Restoring Creation)	1,425.00
10712 · Ministry - Hawkins County (Ministry - Hawkins County)	3,750.00
10714 · Church Hill - Undesignated (Church Hill - Undesignated)	2,750.00
10752 · New Church Development/Designat (New Church Development/Design)	-9,166.71

11309 · Synod - Campus Ministry Designa (Synod - Campus Ministry Monie)	775.00
11861 · Williams Capital Fund Interest (Williams Capital Fund Int.)	2,601.39
11862 · Williams Program Fund Interest (Williams Program Fund Int.)	6,085.64
11910 · Honoraria - FIFIELD (Honoraria - FIFIELD)	1,392.14
14000 · Grant Program Restricted (Grant Program Restricted)	72,741.99
15000 · Charitable Gift Annuity (Charitable Gift Annuity)	2,903.09
20000 · Citizens Bank (Citizens Bank)	
20210 · Pastoral Care (Pastoral Care)	-319.37
20531 · Youth Triennium (Youth Triennium)	1.71
20710 · Church Development (Church Development)	305.08
20750 · New Church Development (New Church Development)	2,884.57
20780 · Evangelism (Evangelism)	8,785.36
20911 · Equipment Reserve (Equipment Reserve)	681.66
21810 · Devries Scholarship Fund a (Devries Scholarship Fund)	16.04
21820 · Grigsby Scholarship (Grigsby Scholarship)	16,476.45
21830 · Braziel Scholarship (Braziel Scholarship)	1,260.87
21840 · Dixon Scholarship (Dixon Scholarship)	9,298.37
21881 · Ninth Street Loan Fund - Hold (Ninth Street Loan Fund - Hold)	<u>3,542.35</u>
Total 20000 · Citizens Bank (Citizens Bank)	42,933.09
10000 · CHECKING - CITIZENS BANK (Checking - Citizens Bank) - Other	<u>61,462.80</u>
Total 10000 · CHECKING - CITIZENS BANK (Checking - Citizens Bank)	251,539.56
30000 · PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION (Presbyterian Foundation)	
30211 · Hattie Farthing Fund (Hattie Farthing Fund)	35,308.08
30710 · Church Development (Church Development)	29,918.71
30730 · Small Church Fund (Small Church Fund)	192,300.03
30750 · New Church Development (New Church Development)	166,521.41
31820 · Grigsby Scholarship (Grigsby Scholarship)	77,946.82
31830 · Braziel Scholarship (Braziel Scholarship)	45,242.85
31840 · Dixon Scholarship (Dixon Scholarship)	32,755.45
31870 · Pattie Bushong Fund (Pattie Bushong Fund)	2,017.81
31880 · Robinson Fund (Robinson Fund)	737.00
31881 · Ninth Street Loan Fund (Ninth Street Loan Fund)	11,478.18
31882 · Ninth Street Scholarship (Ninth Street Scholarship)	52,441.68
31883 · Tusculum College Endowment (Tusculum College Endowment)	<u>104,406.63</u>
Total 30000 · PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION (Presbyterian Foundation)	<u>751,074.65</u>
Total Checking/Savings	1,002,614.21
Other Current Assets	
40000 · The PFSA, Inc Grant Program	<u>627,000.00</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>627,000.00</u>
Total Current Assets	1,629,614.21

TOTAL ASSETS

1,629,614.21

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

0.00

Income versus Expenses January through October, 2007

	<u>Jan - Oct 07</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
60160 · Unified Mission Designated Fund (Unified Mission Designated Fu)	62,758.60	121,301.00
60500 · Unified Monies (Unified Monies)	398,076.29	616,750.46
61900 · Other Forms of Income (Other Forms of Income)	6,200.00	18,000.00
61905 · Interest Income (Interest Income)	<u>7,955.34</u>	<u>44,485.00</u>
Total Income	<u>474,990.23</u>	<u>800,536.46</u>
Expense		
70100 · Presbytery Council/Governing Bo (Presbytery Council/Governing)	93,997.80	113,933.47
70200 · E- Committee on Ministry (E- Committee on Ministry)	3,220.05	4,000.00
70300 · E-Committee Prep for Ministry (E-Committee Prep for Ministry)	10,698.66	11,800.00
70400 · WW Mission Committee (WW Mission Committee)	1,396.25	2,700.00
70500 · Congregational Life Committee (Congregational Life Committee)	4,624.02	12,800.00
70600 · EIHN Committee (EIHN Committee)	0.00	4,500.00
70700 · Church Development & Evangelism (Church Development & Evangelism)	60,101.05	76,100.00
70800 · Committee on Institutions (Committee on Institutions)	41,750.00	52,500.00
70900 · Administration & Planning Com (Administration & Planning Com)	340,730.28	421,116.62
71100 · Stewardship & Budget Committee (Stewardship & Budget Committee)	2,476.22	4,500.00
71200 · Holston Camp & Retreat Center (Holston Camp & Retreat Center)	80,014.23	88,000.00
71300 · Youth & Young Adult Ministry (Youth & Young Adult Ministry)	26,819.10	31,400.00
71400 · Trustees (Trustees)	<u>20.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>665,847.66</u>	<u>823,450.09</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-190,857.43</u>	<u>-22,913.63</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-190,857.43</u></u>	<u><u>-22,913.63</u></u>

Elder Commissioner Jane Boyd (First, Kingsport) moved that the Treasurer's Report not be approved pending a thorough audit of the Presbytery's finances. The motion was seconded and passed.

10:23 AM Small Group Time with emphasis on World Wide Missions.
11:00 AM Meeting reconvened.

Council Minutes:

Present were: Jane Boyd, Elmon Brown, Ike Brighton, Dan Donaldson, Mary Lee Harmon, Barron Hopper, Barbara Kelly, Chuck King, David Light, Robert Lowry, Cheryl Rice, Jackie Riddle, Brian Wyatt, Beth Yarborough, Rich Fifield, Bob Millard, Susan Smith, Paulette Thompson, Craig Bell, Jim Kirkpatrick, Steve Rembert, John Shuck and visitor Valerie Taylor.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the office of the Presbytery by Presbytery Moderator Cheryl Rice for Chair Beth Yarborough and opened with 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.

Cheryl Rice turned the meeting over to Moderator Beth Yarborough.

Administration & Planning Committee Report – Elmon Brown, Chair

1. Recommendation to Council: That the compensation recommendations for presbytery staff be approved. Motion approved.
2. Recommendation to Council: That the Executive Presbyter compensation be increased by 3%. Motion approved.
3. Recommendation to Council: That the financial records of Holston Presbytery be audited by an independent CPA. Motion approved.

Motion that the selection of an independent CPA to audit the financial records of Holston Presbytery be referred to the Stewardship & Budget Committee and recommend that the Committee select an independent CPA firm outside of Holston Presbytery. Motion was seconded and approved.

Motion that upon the election of the Assistant Treasurer, that all checks be signed by two persons. Motion was seconded and approved.

There were no actions referred to Council by Presbytery at the September 11 meeting.

A Draft Copy of the Handout Packet for December 4, 2007 stated meeting of presbytery at King College in Bristol, TN, including proposed docket and committee reports to presbytery, was reviewed. The World Wide Mission Committee's request to use the small group time at this meeting was approved.

An emphasis on Peacemaking coordinated by the Ethical Issues & Human Needs Committee is designated for the September, 9 2008 meeting. There being no other business proposed for Council, Moderator Yarborough asked for a sharing of concerns and prayers.

Future dates for Council and Presbytery meetings in 2008 were noted with no changes.

Council:

February 19, 2008

May 20, 2008

August 26, 2008

November 18, 2008

Presbytery:

Saturday, March 1 – First, Morristown

Saturday, June 7 – Lees-McRae College

Tuesday, September 9 – Holston Camp, Banner Elk

Tuesday, December 2 – Jonesborough

Valerie Taylor (Holston Camp) was introduced to the Council. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM with prayer by

Brian Wyatt. The Council Minutes Committee (Rich Fifield, Barbara Kelly) approved the recorded minutes. The next meeting of Council will be February 19, 2008 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Paulette H. Thompson

Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report: Brian Wyatt introduced Erin Kobs for examination as a Candidate in the process of preparation for ministry.

Information:

At its stated meeting on September 8, 2007, the Committee on Preparation for Ministry took the following actions:

1. Conducted annual consultation for Deven Johnson, Diana Moore, Hayley O'Connor, Chris Larimer, Erin Kobs, Daniel Henninger, Jeremiah Richards, and Kent Pettit. In each case, the Committee on Preparation for Ministry declared that the candidate's or inquirer's current phase of preparation for ministry be continued.

At its stated meeting on November 5, 2007, the Committee on Preparation for Ministry took the following actions:

2. Received **Kathryn Everett Shanks** (Watauga Avenue) as an Inquirer in the process of preparation for ministry under care of Holston Presbytery.
3. Accepted the withdrawal of **Daniel Lindsay Henninger** (Meadowview) from the care of Holston Presbytery in the process of preparation for ministry.

Recommendations:

4. *The Committee on Preparation for Ministry endorses the application for candidacy of **Erin Kobs** (First Greeneville), and recommends that she be examined by Presbytery and, if approved, received as a candidate for Ministry of the Word and Sacrament. [See attached narrative material.]*

Erin Kobs was called forward and examined as to faith, forms of Christian service, and motive for seeking the ministry. The Moderator asked for a vote from the presbytery on approval to move Erin from Inquirer to Candidate and approval was received. The Moderator asked the Constitutional questions with each being answered in the affirmative. A brief charge was given by father, Alan Kobs and pastor Rev. Dan Donaldson.

5. *The Committee on Preparation for Ministry recommends that the standard ordination examination for Open Book Bible Exegesis be waived for **Chang Woo Lee** (Tri City Korean), and recommends the following substitute to the Presbytery for approval:*
 - a. Whereas, Chang Woo Lee has completed successfully all other requirements for ordination, including the four remaining standard ordination exams, and
 - b. Whereas, Chang Woo Lee has attempted, and failed, the Open Book Bible Exegesis exam on three separate occasions, and
 - c. Whereas, Chang Woo Lee has demonstrated competency through the successful completion of 18 semester hours of Greek and Hebrew language work in pursuit of his M.Div. at Emmanuel School of Religion, having achieved 5 A's and 1 B+ in the six classes, and

- d. Whereas, the CPM has reviewed Chang Woo Lee's exegetical work on the exegesis ordination exams and the readers' comments and satisfied itself as to Chang Woo's competency in this area, and
- e. Whereas, the acceptance of an alternative examination method would allow Chang Woo Lee to proceed with a Final Assessment,
- f. The CPM, therefore, recommends that Chang Woo Lee be granted an exception to the Open Book Bible Exegesis exam under the guidelines of G-14.0472, with his class work and the CPM's review of his exegetical work serving as satisfactory evidence of his competency. Such an exception may be granted by the Presbytery by the three-fourths vote of the members of the presbytery present.

This recommendation was approved.

Erin Kobs

1. *A statement of his or her understanding of Christian vocation in the Reformed tradition and how it relates to his or her sense of call;*

Paul writes in the letter to the Ephesians, "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who us above all and through all and in all. The gifts he gave us were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the full measure of the full stature of Christ." (Ephesians 4: 4-6, 11-13). I believe Christian vocation derives from this passage for all of us. It highlights the various gifts given to each person by God and charges each of us to use these gifts in order to promote and build up the body of Christ. As Presbyterians, we take seriously the idea of living out our vocations, especially our Christian vocation, as it is not separate from worshipping God.

The book of James poses a deep question of how to live out the Word of God in this world (1.19-25). God calls every single person to live a life of not only hearing the Word, but acting upon that Word. The call of God takes on many different forms for different people, and it can be within their employment or outside areas of their lives. Vocation is not just a job; it is truly a calling in life. Frederick Buechner said, "The place where God calls you is where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet".

For me, it was a long and winding road to get to a place where I could answer the call from God. I was indeed very active as a teenager in church mission and activities, including youth group and Presbytery Youth Council; however, I never really thought I would end up working for the church. I went to Maryville College thinking I would major in psychology, but soon after, I changed to religion. After four years of studying religion, I knew that I needed a break. So, I went off to work on a master's degree in student affairs administration at Western Kentucky University. God had plans for me, and soon after arriving in Kentucky, I was offered a position doing campus ministry work with the Presbyterian Church of Bowling Green. It was during those two years when I came to realization that God was calling me into ministry. In the summer of 2005, I worked with the Montreat Youth Conferences as a planning team member and a small group leader. That summer changed me in ways I still cannot fully explain in words. It completely confirmed what I was feeling about going into ministry, and I received confirmation from those around me. After graduating from Western Kentucky University and spending the summer in Montreat, I began at Columbia Theological Seminary in fall of 2005.

In terms of my call to ministry, I do feel called to ordained ministry in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). These past two years as an inquirer have provided me time and space to be in discernment, listening for the still,

small voice of God and to the voices of the church community. I feel my call is to nurture relationships and encourage the church to be models of compassion in the world. I want to help open up sacred space for God to bring love, peace, and comfort. I believe the church should be a place where wounded people, all people, gather in an open, healing space abundantly filled with compassion, hospitality, and God's grace.

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

I believe in the one Triune God, the creator, redeemer, and sustainer. For I know there is nothing in life or death or anything else that can ever separate me from the love of God. My purpose in life is to worship and glorify God in all I do.

I believe in God, the eternal parent who freely grants mercy and grace upon God's whole creation. God created all, male and female, in the image of God, and we are called to live in unity within diversity. The love and peace of God surrounds us in both our times of joy and sorrow. The greatest gift humanity was ever given was God's only Son, Jesus Christ, sent to redeem the world.

I believe in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully divine. He came into this world to walk among us, teaching and preaching good news, eating with outcasts, blessing and healing those in pain, and forgiving all the sins of the world. In his suffering death on the cross, he redeemed not only my burdens, but also those of the whole world. My core identity is found and realized in the saving death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I believe the Holy Spirit is present everywhere- the giver, renewer, and sustainer of life. It is the Spirit, moving and breathing, that sustains faith, gives courage, and grants peace in the hearts of believers. This same Spirit, through Jesus Christ, justifies and sanctifies us, strengthening us to do the work of God in the world.

I believe the church is a safe space where the community of faith can gather to worship and glorify God. This body has shaped who I am as a person, and continues to help me discern my call to ministry and spiritually feed me with love, grace, and comfort from God. It is here where I am at home with my brothers and sisters in Christ as well as God.

Administration and Planning Committee Report: Elmon Brown reported the following.

Recommendation:

That the following changes to the *Manual of Administrative Operations* be approved/adopted at the March 1, 2008:

1. Delete entire §3.2. "The general locations of the churches within the Presbytery are shown in Figure 2..."
2. Delete in §8.2.7.5. "...at Montreat, North Carolina and..."
3. In §15.3.4. change the number of members on the Holston Presbytery Camp and Retreat Center Committee from 9 to 12
4. In §25.3.1 change the list of institutions by deleting Canon Memorial Hospital and adding Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries

Holston Camp & Retreat Center Committee Report: Craig Bell, Charles Brumley and Valerie Taylor reported.

Information:

The Camp Committee met Thursday, July 26 at Holston Camp to discuss the final long range report from Pam and Garrie. We accepted the final report and decided to hold off on the feasibility study until we had time to share the long range plan with the Presbytery over the next year or so.

At this meeting we decided to hire Valerie Taylor as the new Marketing Director for Holston Center. Her primary job is to recruit campers.

Good News! Thanks to a generous gift from Miller Lyons, son of Pitser Lyons, we have been able to build our own one acre lake at the barn field. Lake Lyons is complete and the sand is being spread and the grass being sown. We will have a 40 x 80 pavilion, restrooms, Frisbee golf, a tube slide into the lake, a large swimming area and a large boating area. Everything will be ready for our 2008 summer camp program.

New Construction: Thanks to a large contribution and a work crew from White Memorial Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, we have been able to build one new cabin at the devastated Rustic Rock campsite. First, Johnson City, and a crew led by Mike McCalmont, will be building the next cabin on the site.

We would like to challenge other churches to help build one more campsite with two cabins and a cook shelter before next summer. We will have the site prepped with the footers poured and a base ready to build the flooring. Contact Craig Bell on how you can help with this project.

Accredited! Holston Presbytery Camp & Retreat Center, Inc. is accredited. On September 24, 2007, the Board of Directors of ACA, Southeastern met to determine the Standards classification of each camp in the Southeastern Section. Based on the scores calculated by the National Office, the board has voted to classify Holston Presbytery Camp & Retreat Center as ACA Accredited. The following areas are ones that were reviewed for our accreditation.

Site & Food Service	Human Resources
Transportation	Program Design and Activities
Health & Wellness	Program Aquatics
Operational management	Program Adventure Challenge

Accreditation is done every three years. We have been accredited since 1992 and have worked hard to keep this accreditation. Many thanks to the camp staff for their hard work in all areas. Also, thanks go out to Gil Rosenberger for all of his hard work on our ACA paperwork. He continues to find ways to help improve this process.

Tree-Cutting Party: Our annual event will take place **November 30–December 1**. We begin at 8pm with refreshments and Christmas crafts. Enjoy hot apple cider by the fire while singing carols with friends and family. On Saturday morning we will travel to a local Choose and Cut tree farm for the finest Fraser Firs (ranging from \$35 - \$45 for a 6 foot tree). Your cost includes one night's lodging, refreshments, and Peggy's hearty mountain breakfast. Cabins are \$12 per persons, Guenther Lodge is \$22 per person, and children under 3 are FREE. Make your reservations today.

Fall Open House: This past October nearly 30 people visited camp for our Open House event. New neighbors, current campers, friends of campers, past volunteers, and churches from multiple Presbyteries enjoyed guided tours, refreshments, and conversation. Five staff from this past summer returned as volunteers for the program.

Family Weekend: Reserve your lodging at camp on **March 7–8** for the same reduced rate as offered for the Tree-Cutting Party! Bring your kids, their friends, and your friends to enjoy Peggy's excellent breakfast, sit around a campfire, and watch the sunset from Rock of Ages. Perhaps the ski slopes will be offering discounted tickets for March Madness!

Discover Camp: A spring program designed for **first-time campers and their families** to experience a taste

of camp together will be held **April 18 – 20** for grades 1–5. \$100 per family, up to 20 families.

Spring Open House: Join us on **April 26** at the Dining Hall from **1pm–3pm** for guided tours, refreshments, and a chance to explore camp on your own.

Holston Camp has received a grant of \$7,000 from **Bristol Motor Speedway’s Children’s Charities**. This money will help provide camper scholarships for many children the Holston Presbytery bounds for the 2008 Summer Camp season.

Summer Schedule:

Programs	Fee	Code	Capacity	Program Descriptions
June 15—20 Adventure Explosion <i>(ages 12—17, Rustic)</i> *add \$75 to raft	\$440	AE81	84	Main Camp: <i>Climbers, Ramblers, Outdoor Explorers</i> Main Camp youth live in cabins and eat in the Dining Hall while enjoying camp activities.
June 22—27 Climbers <i>(ages 8—9, Main Camp)</i> Pioneers <i>(ages 10—11, Rustic)</i>	\$370 \$410	CI82 PI82	24 48	
June 29— July 4 Outdoor Explorers A or B <i>(ages 8—9, Main Camp)</i> Trail Blazers A or B <i>(ages 10—11, Rustic)</i>	\$390 \$430	OE83 TB80	24 48	Rustic Camp: <i>Pioneers, Trail Blazers, Adventure Explosion</i> Rustic campers live in screened-in, tin roof cabins while cooking breakfast and supper over a fire. Their week includes time-honored camp activities.
July 6—11 Ramblers <i>(ages 12—13, Main Camp)</i> Highlanders <i>(ages 12—13, Rustic)</i> High Country Explorers <i>(ages 14—17, Rustic)</i>	\$430 \$430 \$515	Ra84 Hi84 HC84	24 36 24	
July 13—18 Outdoor Explorers A or B <i>(ages 8—9, Main Camp)</i> Trail Blazers A or B	\$390 \$430	OE85 TB85	24 36	Adventure Camp: <i>Highlanders</i> Caring staff and friends encourage you as you explore adventure favorites such as rock climbing, the tree climb, and backpacking on the Appalachian Trail! Adventure Camp: <i>High Country Explorers</i> Excitement awaits those who enjoy the outdoors and search for challenge. You will raft, cave, and climb Eagle’s Nest. Choice Camp: <i>Outdoor Explorers</i> A: Mystery Camp Hike, Canoeing/Swimming, Build Forts/Slide, Climbing Wall B: Camp Trails Hike, Crafts, Nature Study, Field and Water Games Choice Camp: <i>Trail Blazers</i> A: Tree Climb, Compass Quest, Canoeing/Swimming, Mystery Camp Hike B: Field and Water Sports, Nature Hike, Rock

(ages 10—11, Rustic)				of Ages, Build Forts/Slide
July 20—25				Choice Camp: <i>Adventure Explosion</i>
Climbers (ages 8—9, Main Camp)	\$370	CI86	24	Choose from activities when registering such
Pioneers (ages 10—11, Rustic)	\$410	Pi86	36	as: rafting, caving, hiking, rock climbing, water
				sports and more!

RECOMMENDATIONS: None

<p>Holston Camp & Retreat Center December 4, 2007 Financial Report</p>
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	<u>Jan - Oct 07</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
40000 · Operating Income	
406000 · Holston Support	80,666.63
406200 · Camp Store & Drinks	1,971.00
406300 · NC Tax Rebate	9,403.64
406350 · HUB Interest	548.78
Total 40000 · Operating Income	<u>92,590.05</u>
406400 · Retreat Income	
H/A Retreat Sleep	17,011.00
H/A Retreat Food	7,871.75
Other Retreat Sleep	72,096.00
Other Retreat Food	38,303.70
406400 · Retreat Income - Other	4,799.32
Total 406400 · Retreat Income	<u>140,081.77</u>
407000 · Summer Camp Income	
407100 · Camper Fees	86,780.00
407150 · Summer CD's	1,460.00
Total 407000 · Summer Camp Income	<u>88,240.00</u>
407200d · Camper Scholarships	350.00
407300d · Camper Program Restricted Gifts	3,740.00
Total Income	<u>325,001.82</u>

Expense	
60000 · Overhead Expenses	
Utilities	36,817.23
Repair/Maintenance	9,990.43
Vehicle Upkeep	4,686.21
Administration	27,200.61
Board of Pensions	30,960.00
Total 60000 · Overhead Expenses	<u>109,654.48</u>
6560 · Payroll Expenses	138,320.93
64000 · Retreat Expenses	30,700.56
70000 · Summer Camp Expenses	53,013.79
Total Expense	<u>331,689.76</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-6,687.94
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
408000 · Unrestricted Gifts	13,278.04
408500d · Restricted - Directed Gifts	57,173.37
408500 · PFSA Grant	14,493.46
Total Other Income	<u>84,944.87</u>
Other Expense	
80000 · Unrestricted Gift Exp.	8,204.23
80555 · PFSA Grant Expense	13,913.35
85510d · Restricted - Directed Expenses	26,308.56
Total Other Expense	<u>48,426.14</u>
Net Other Income	<u>36,518.73</u>
Net Income	<u><u>29,830.79</u></u>

World Wide Missions Committee Report: Steve Rembert encouraged the churches of the Presbytery to share their Mission Activity with the committee by returning the Church Involvement Report.

Information:

1. The Committee requests that every church use the **Church Involvement Report** (see attached) to update us on your Mission Activity for 2007 and plans for 2008. Please return them to Gordon Turnbull.
2. If your group is planning a Mission Trip in the future, please let the Committee know. We can help spread the word to increase the involvement.

**World Wide Missions Committee
Church Involvement in World Missions
2008**

*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 outside of the United States in the following way(s):

Please return to: Gordon Turnbull, 701 Florida Ave., Bristol, TN 37620 gturnbull@fpcbristol.org or to paulette@holstonpresbytery.org at the Presbytery office by December 31.

Ethical Issues & Human Needs Committee Report: John Shuck reported the following:

Information:

1. The following Local Hunger and Matching Grants requests have been received in 2007 by the Committee for Three Cents a Meal funds with total amounts disbursed depending on the total funds received at year's end:

Local 3 Cents a Meal			
<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Sponsoring Church</u>	<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>
Abuse Alternatives	1st Pres. Bristol	7/13/2007	\$1,000
Haven of Rest Rescue Mission	1st Pres. Bristol	7/13/2007	\$2,000
Not By Bread Alone	Cold Spring Pres.	7/15/2007	\$2,000
Feed My Lambs	Mountain City Pres.	6/29/2007	\$1,500
Rural Resources Farmers' Market	1st Pres. Greeneville	7/15/2007	\$2,000
Tabernacle Mission Soup Kitchen	Tabernacle Pres.	6/28/2007	\$2,000
Blue's Backpack Food For Kids	Hopewell Pres.	6/28/2007	\$2,000
Hope Haven Ministries	First Pres. Kingsport	6/26/2007	\$1,000
WRPC Food Pantry	Waverly Rd. Pres.	6/18/2007	\$2,000
Hope Haven Ministries	Colonial Heights Pres.	6/6/2007	\$1,000
Ministerial Assoc. Temporary Shelter, INC.	1st Pres. Morristown	4/23/2007	\$2,000
ALPS Adult Day Services (Morristown)	1st Pres. Morristown	3/27/2007	\$2,000
Emergency Food Pantry (Morristown/Hamblen Central Services)	1st Pres. Morristown	3/27/2007	\$2,000
Senior Citizens' Center Morristown	1st Pres. Morristown	3/27/2007	\$550
Daily Bread Community Kitchen, Morristown	1st Pres. Morristown	3/27/2007	\$2,000
CEASE Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault	1st Pres. Morristown	4/2/2007	\$2,000
Youth Emergency Shelter	1st Pres. Morristown	3/27/2007	\$2,000
Living Waters for the World	Reedy Creek Pres.	1/30/2007	\$2,000
Food Bank of Greene County TN	Zion Pres.	3/14/2007	\$2,000
Care and Share	Rock Creek Pres.	3/20/2007	\$2,000
TOTAL for LOCAL			\$35,050

MATCHING GRANTS			
<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Sponsoring Church</u>	<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>
Not By Bread Alone	Cold Spring Pres.	7/15/2007	\$500
Blue's Backpack Food For Kids	Hopewell Pres.	6/28/2007	\$500
WATeR	Waverly Road Pres.	3/15/2007	\$500
		TOTAL	\$1,500

Recommendations:

2. *That the presbytery policy designating the distribution ratio of Three Cents a Meal grants as local grants, 60%, international grants, 40% (adopted by the presbytery on March 10, 2001) be amended as follows: The distribution **goal** of Three Cents a Meal grants is designated as: local grants 60%, international grants 40%, **with the goal of making said distributions no later than the end of the first quarter of each year, to allow receipt of monies from the fourth quarter of the preceding year.** Approved.*

(Rationale: The current distribution of Three Cents a Meal grants is designated by the presbytery as: local grants, 60%, international grants, 40%, (March 10, 2001, pg. 754). The presbytery has also mandated that all Three Cents a Meal funds be distributed in the year that they are received (June 5, 2004, pg. 1244). The two existing policies are in tension, because the committee has no control over the amount of Three Cents a Meal funds received or the number of Hunger Grant Requests received during the year. By changing the distribution ratio between local grants and international grants from **a fixed percentage to a goal**, it permits the Ethical Issues and Human Needs Committee to honor both policies of presbytery. The distribution ratio for 2007 Three Cents a Meal grants is: local grants 64%, international grants 36%.)

3. *The Committee respectfully requests approval of the following International Hunger allocations from the Three Cents a Meal funds. Total amounts disbursed will depend on the total funds received at year's end. Approved.*

INTERNATIONAL			
East Kananga Hunger Project	Waverly Road Pres.	5/13/2007	\$4,500
Grass Roots Level Development Agency, Ghana	Colonial Heights Pres.	10/25/2006	\$500
India Evangelistic and Relief Fellowship	Rock Creek Pres.	3/20/2007	\$2,500
Good Samaritan School, Jasola, New Delhi, India	Cold Spring Pres.	7/15/2007	\$5,000
Christian Rural Orphanage Support Organization	Hopewell Pres. Church	3/23/2007	\$5,000
Felipe Camarao Independent Pres. Church Soup Kitchen, Natal, Brazil	1st Pres. Bristol	8/1/2007	\$2,000
TOTAL INTERNATIONAL			\$19,500
TOTAL 3 CENTS A MEAL			\$54,550

To: Churches of Holston Presbytery
From: Ethical Issues and Human Needs Committee
Re: Update on Three-Cents-a-Meal Program



In the past 20+ years, churches within Holston Presbytery have generously given over \$1,000,000 to the Three-Cents-a-Meal program to help alleviate hunger. Yet, the current needs to both local and international programs have reached beyond the giving by these congregations.

The gap between requests and giving has become even greater this year. Requests amount annually to around \$55,000. Current giving to date in 2007 reflects a shortfall of about \$5,000 compared to previous years. If this trend continues, Holston Presbytery will be forced to reduce the amount of money we grant to churches and agencies requesting help. All of the agencies, which have been chosen to receive grants, have been carefully evaluated and are worthy of our Three Cents funds.

In sharing information about Three-Cents-a-Meal with your congregations, please consider the following so that we can continue to fully fund the requests we have received:

- **Share the good news of how your Three-Cents-A-Meal offering is making an impact on local and international hunger relief!**
- **If your church isn't currently participating, please consider becoming a part of this worthy program.**
- **Do a Minute for Mission in your worship service to make your congregation aware of the need for increased giving; one church changed their giving to 4-Cents-a-Meal and showed a 20% increase.**
- **Speak to individuals in your congregation to inform them of the need for increased giving.**

Committee on Ministry Report: Bob Lowry reported. Arnold Lovell was introduced.

Information:

1. Approved the request of the **Rev. Ted Hagen, II**, to transfer his membership from Holston Presbytery to Abingdon Presbytery, effective March 15, 2007.
2. Approved the request from the **Rev. Fred Niles** to dissolve the pastoral relationship with Meadowview Church effective October 31, 2007
3. Approved the request from **Tabernacle Presbyterian Church** to invite the Rev. Grover Washington (Missionary Baptist) as Temporary Supply Pastor (with permission to administer the sacraments), effective November 1, 2007 through October 31, 2008, with the following terms: \$100 each Sunday; \$200 annual continuing education reimbursement; travel reimbursement at IRS rate; four weeks vacation; two weeks continuing education. The Rev. Jim Mays was appointed as moderator.
4. Approved the request from **First Church, Johnson City**, to invite the Rev. Arnold Lovell as Interim Pastor, effective November 1, 2007 through October 31, 2008, with the following terms: Annual Cash Salary - \$39,000; Annual Housing Allowance - \$36,000; SECA Allowance - \$6,176.42; Reimbursed Business Expenses - \$8,820; Full participation in the Board of Pensions; Annual Vacation – Four weeks; Annual Continuing Education – Two weeks; and appoint him as Moderator.

5. Received the **Rev. Arnold Lovell** from East Tennessee Presbytery to Holston Presbytery, effective November 1, 2007. (see attached [Faith Journey](#) and [Statement of Faith](#))
6. Approved changes in the terms of call between the **Rev. Fred Niles and Reedy Creek Church**, effective November 1, 2007 with the following terms of call: Cash Salary - \$22,750; Manse; SECA Allowance - \$3,071.86; Travel Reimbursement at IRS allowable rate up to \$2,000; Continuing Education Reimbursement up to \$500; Full participation in the Board of Pensions; Annual Vacation – Four weeks; Annual Continuing Education – Two weeks.

Recommendations: None

Faith Journey—Arnold B. Lovell

I am a native of North Carolina, having been reared in the heart of the Bible-belt when our nation, particularly the Southeast, was governed by what I call the common culture of *Bapti-Metho-terian piety*. This normative Christian faith was part of the air we breathed and the water we drank. I learned my first major passage of Scripture by heart from the King James Version in the First Grade in the public schools, as narrator of the Cecil Elementary School Christmas Play in December of 1957, reciting the words of Luke 2 from memory. This is the way I still know them today and remember them each Advent and Christmas season.

I grew up in a small town governed by the mills, both furniture and cotton, with an alcoholic father and loving mother. We were a two-career marriage from the start, just to make ends meet. I was nurtured in the Christian faith at the knee of my maternal grandmother, who suffered from very painful rheumatoid arthritis for many years. I remember learning old Gospel hymns and Negro spirituals as Granny, and "the Colored maid," Goldie Hargrave, taught me to love Jesus, say my prayers, and "follow de Lawd, whether he taked me." I drank in the faith and practice of these two, excited about growing up in this loving, caring environment, for it gave a respite in the midst of the hard times of my dad's drinking and his abuse of my mother, me, and the rest of my family.

I was baptized at Beck's Lutheran, the church of my grandparents, which was out in the country a few miles from home. In my childhood, we attended Second Evangelical and Reformed Church, a church populated by school teachers, plant foremen, and mill workers; it was the largest church in town, numbering over 2000 members in the late 1950's and through the late 1960's. I asked to join the church, did Communicants Class, and was received as a professing Christian and active member of the church at 12 years of age. In high school, after trying the E&R church youth group, I went to the First Presbyterian Church where all my friends attended. I have been there ever since that first youth group meeting I attended. At FPC I found the transparent faith, commitment to service and witness, a community of faith, and the real, safe place which I had been seeking for a long while. The concept of ministry in this youth group that changed my life was based on the *Acts Alive* curriculum, written by Lyman Coleman. At First Presbyterian Church as a congregation, and in this new denomination, I found a home in the faith, and in our Lord, one which I will not let go of until I dwell with Him in the Church Triumphant.

During college, I began to consider that God might be calling me into the ministry. Through prayer, the struggle in my nuclear family, a back injury which quenched my desire to play college football, and the death of both my maternal grandparents during my first semester of college, I sought comfort and strength in God and the church. Since my childhood, our Lord Jesus Christ, and the shelter of the church and its people, had provided a safe haven for me. This continued to be the case as the next few years unfolded. I considered seminary upon college graduation, but decided to wait and see.

After graduation from college, I began a career as a high school teacher and football coach. Emily, my wife, and I met there, in October of 1973, and were married in 1976. We were asked to be the youth group advisors for *Acts Alive*, the youth group I had joined in high school. Through the grace of God, this experience of working in the church, and the love of my wife, God enabled me to feel the reality of the call of Christ upon my life and to respond. By the next spring, early in 1977, we had applied and been accepted to Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, VA, and we began our life there in July, 1977. I graduated with a D.Min. Degree in 1981, and with two beautiful daughters, Carolyn and Catherine.

Over the last 26 years since ordination, through all types of tumult, tragedy, and some triumphs, I have seen the providential hand of God guiding, directing, comforting, clarifying, cajoling, and creating opportunities for witness and mission. I have had the honor to serve God as a pastor, seminary professor, consultant, and in many ways, even though a broken, helpless sinner, saved only by grace. I look forward to the next chapter in the journey of faith into which He is leading us in Intentional Interim Ministry, serving in partnership with the people of First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, Tennessee. To God, and to Him Alone, be the Glory!

Statement of Faith— Arnold B. Lovell

In a written statement of faith, one is giving testimony to the essentials or core values in which one believes, stands, and lives as a Christian. I believe that the strength and vitality of my personal confession of faith rests not in my creativity or ability to re-imagine God in new, different, or unique ways, but rather in my willingness to stand alongside of, and to claim anew for me today, the historic affirmations of the Church as found in its creeds and confessions. I consider myself an heir to the apostolic faith, the Reformed tradition, and the classic Presbyterian confessional heritage. It is within this historic faith tradition that I was ordained as a Teaching Elder, a Minister of Word and Sacrament, on July 19, 1981, by Greenbrier Presbytery, in the former PCUS.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, the Maker of Heaven and earth; God is made known to us in the three persons of the Trinity, as Father, as Son, and as Holy Spirit.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by God through the Holy Spirit and was born of the Virgin Mary; our Lord lived, died, was crucified, and buried, descending into hell, death, and destruction, suffering total separation from God on our behalf for the remission of our sins. On the third day, God raised Jesus from the dead; as the historic traditions of the Church have stated time and again, the resurrection is a real event in time, space, and human history, not a tool of magic, myth, or metaphor; Jesus Christ is the Risen Lord, seated and reigning in power at the right hand of God; and, that he shall come again to judge both the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who at Pentecost called forth the Church in power to give witness to Jesus Christ; in the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, made visible by the witness of confessing Christians everywhere; the Church is called forth in mission, giving witness to the grace, mercy, and love of God as seen in Jesus Christ; Christians are called to be engaged in constant witness in all aspects of life, sharing the love, peace, unity, and fellowship seen in our Lord as representatives and exemplars of Jesus Christ.

I believe in justification by grace through faith alone, grounded in the Reformation and Protestant

traditions of Luther, Calvin, and so many others. For I, like you and all other humans, am a sinner saved not by my actions, works, worth, or deeds, but only by the grace and love of God. *Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace through our Lord Jesus Christ* (Romans 5:1). Thus, I am a broken Presbyterian pastor, who ministers to broken people, with broken dreams, in a broken church, in a broken denomination, in a broken world, one that can only be touched, transformed, and taught by the Word of Truth and Hope. For I, and we all, are lost without the sovereign love and grace of God. Therefore, I affirm along with these historic words from the Heidelberg Catechism.

Q1. What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

A: That I belong --- body and soul, in life and in death --- not to myself but to my faithful Saviour, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

I believe and accept that the Holy Scriptures are the only unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, God's Word to me personally as a Christian, and the Word of God still speaking in and to the Church and the world; The Scriptures are our rule and guide in all matters of the faith; that by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in and through human beings, the Old and New Testaments were written, gathered, and exist for us today to still give witness and tell the story of God's grace, love, and our only hope. I believe Scripture is the Word of God, and that as it was inspired in its original writing, it is still inspired by the Holy Spirit in its reading, preaching, and hearing today, becoming the living, breathing, Word of God anew for us in the life of Christians and the Church today.

I believe, along with our theological mentor, John Calvin, that the Church exists where the Word is preached and heard, the Sacraments are rightly administered and received, and where Church discipline is properly exercised as a means of mercy and grace. By the testimony of our lives, we are called to live in obedience to God, to exhibit love of God and of neighbor, and to show Christ's gracious presence to the world, being the body of Christ in unity and a visible witness of Christ to all humanity.

I believe Baptism is a sacrament signifying our entrance and engrafting into the body of Christ; that regardless of its manner, mode, or one's age when it is administered, it is a rite of the church that should be administered only once in a Christian's life. I believe the Lord's Supper is a meal of grace given to remind us of our Lord's constant provision for us and should not be eaten unworthily or without preparation. Through the celebration of this feast, we continually proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again. May God guide and strengthen us as we seek to honor his memory and the traditions of the faith given to the saints.

Congregational Life Committee Report:

Information:

The Congregational Life Committee met on November 5, 2007 to continue planning for **THE QUILT**. This event will be comprised of a worship service, several workshops focused on prayer, spiritual gifts, ministries to families, music in worship, end of life ministries, and others. Keep watching for more information because this is an exciting program still in development. Just keep this date:

APRIL 19, 2008
COLONIAL HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Hope to see you there!!!

Recommendations: None

Church Development & Evangelism Committee Report:

Information:

1. The Committee approved/ratified the grant request of \$3,000 for **Bethel Church (Dandridge)**.
2. Steve Wintermute was present to explain the **Hebron Church** request for a low/no interest loan for needed capital repairs. The Committee approved a loan of up to \$30,000 for needed capital repairs to Hebron Church; terms: 3% annual interest, 10 year term; loan to be disbursed from the Small Church Fund (#30710). The actual disbursement of the loan is contingent upon the final repair estimate and the CDE Committee approval.
3. The Committee approved a \$50,000 grant for **The Journey New Church Development** for 2008; to be disbursed as follows: \$20,000 from the Reynolds Fund designated for New Church Development/Evangelism and \$30,000 from the New Church Development Fund (#30750).
4. The Committee approved a grant of \$5,200 for **Tabernacle Church** to be disbursed over 12 months beginning October 1, 2007. (The funds will come from the CDE General Mission Budget).

Recommendations: None

Holston Presbyterian Women Report: Jackie Riddle reported on the following dates.

Information:

1. Judy Neas (Secretary/Historian, Cluster Leader) and I just returned from the **Columbia Friendship Circle** meeting in Decatur, Georgia. This Circle began when the wives of two seminary professors encouraged other Atlanta wives to contribute one dollar each to help the seminary. From that small group, Columbia Friendship Circle has grown to include all women who are members of the Presbyterian Church throughout the synods of South Atlantic and Living Waters. This year we have provided five scholarships for students with families. This particular year they are all young men, two of which are Korean.
2. We will hold a **Special Meeting at First Church in Morristown on Saturday, January 26, 2008 from 10 a.m. to noon**. This meeting will be to tell the story of Presbyterian Women from 200 years ago until today. Ladies, we have most certainly shed the girdle of old and are embracing new freedoms! We will be holding work sessions on being a leader, special classes on Moderators, Treasurers, Secretary/Historians, Peace and Justice and Mission. Cluster Leaders will be present for those who do not want to attend a class but have questions. If you have no idea of becoming a leader, come anyway. It will be a time of sharing ideas and good fellowship with the other women in our Presbytery.
3. Our **Spring Gathering** will be held at **First Church in Greeneville on April 19, 2008**. Our keynote speaker will be Mary Weber, Moderator of the Presbyterian Women for the Synod of Living Waters.

4. Our **Fall** Gathering will be held at **Strawberry Plains Church** on **September 6, 2008**.
5. Our **Spiritual Growth Retreat** will be held at **Holston Camp & Retreat Center** on **September 26-28, 2008**. MARK YOUR CALENDAR, MORE INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW.

Recommendations: None

Youth & Young Adult Ministry Report: Jim Kirkpatrick and Dan Myers shared information.

Information:

1. **Student Intern Program:**

At the Youth and Young Adult Ministry committee meeting of October 22, 2007 approval was given for the **Student Intern Program**. A committee was formed to implement this long awaited program. That committee consists of Alan Kobs (FPC, Greeneville) as convener, Angus Shaw (Retired) and Russ Weekley (FPC, Jefferson City).

This program is a direct result of the Camp & Campus Campaign of several years ago. However, the program is short several thousand dollars; therefore, YYAM is beginning the program with faith.

Youth and Young Adult Ministry Committee

The Mission Statement of Campus Ministry at ETSU

To share the gospel to and with the ETSU community by providing a fellowship group for students and faculty with opportunities for study, worship and service, by providing a place at ETSU where students can meet, relax, and fellowship, as well as a facility for the use of our churches as a retreat and meeting place.

Student Intern Program

For many years Holston Presbytery has been moving towards a full time *Student Intern Program*. For the past six years Holston's Campus Ministry has hired students from Emanuel School of Religion to work with either the American and/or International students. However, our goal is—by the Fall of 2008—to work with a PCUSA Seminary (namely Columbia) to support a Student In Ministry seminarian who would work with us full time in the areas of campus and youth ministry.

Such a program would:

- provide the help we need to keep our current ministry with youth and young adults growing;
- provide a learning experience for candidates in seminary in the areas of campus ministry at a state institution, youth ministry at the presbytery level, contacts with local churches and ministry in a presbytery camp setting;
- use our ministry as a model for campus/youth ministry throughout the denomination;
- and, help develop leaders for tomorrow's church.

In working with Holston Camp the Intern would be hired separately and directed by the camp during the summer. The Intern would begin working with Holston Presbytery during the summer at the camp and finish with Campus/Youth ministry in May.

To bring a student intern onto this field by the Fall of 2008 it is important that during the month of November to make contact with Columbia and fill out a a CIF form. Interviews with candidates usually take place in January or February and should be completed by March.

It is estimated that the cost of this program will be \$35,000* per year. In order to realize these funds the Campus-Administration Committee makes the following recommendations:

- that Youth and Young Adult Ministry committee form a sub-committee consisting of two or three people to implement this program;
- use existing funds including the current intern money, and the available interest from the endowment fund and the grant money;
- and to increase the endowment balance to \$500,000 by:
 - working through the *Charitable Gift Annuity* program;
 - and, asking for gifts from Alumni and parents.

Student Intern

Salary	25,000.00
Employer's FICA	1,912.05
Health Insurance	6,071.21
Reimbursed Expenses . . .	2,000.00
Total	34,983.71

*over

2. New Directions in Youth Ministry with the Presbytery of Western North Carolina:

To strengthen the youth ministry of both Holston and Western North Carolina the two neighbors have been working together. Under a joint planning team last October the Youth Leader's Connection was presented for all our youth ministry people, and the Youth Council's from both presbyteries planned and implemented the Youth Council Advance. The Advance was a time for each Council to learn about the other and to explore ways that the two presbyteries may work together.

3. Montreat College Conference, January 3-6, 2008:

We are seeking to take 10 students to this outstanding conference which will include college students from across the eastern half of the PCUSA. The conference will feature **Ishmael Beah**, who was born in Sierra Leone, as one keynote speaker. Ishmael wrote [A Long Way Gone, Memoirs of a Boy Soldier](#) which tells his riveting story. Also, **Shane Claiborne** will keynote as a creative spirit, in a gathering movement of young people known as the "new monastics." He is the author of [The Irresistible Revolution: Living As An Ordinary Radical](#).

The Youth and Young Adult Ministry has a policy that no young person or student is to be kept away from an event because of money. Even with the \$1000 we have set aside for this event it will cost each student \$100 to attend. At this point should a student not be able to pay the full amount they will still be allowed to attend. However, currently there is no money to support such students. Therefore, we are hoping that gifts or commitments will come in which will allow us to honor this policy.

Recommendations: None

**Presbyterian Campus Ministry
Financial Report
January through December 2007**

	Jan - Dec 07	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Income				
Bank	5.01	15.00	-9.99	33.4%
Facility Use	2,250.00	4,400.00	-2,150.00	51.1%

Holston Presbytery	30,101.65	31,400.00	-1,298.35	95.9%
IDS Dividends	26.45	15.00	11.45	176.3%
Meal Receipts	553.48	1,800.00	-1,246.52	30.7%
Miscellaneous Receipts	280.00	1,500.00	-1,220.00	18.7%
PFSA rate of return	9,271.19	10,768.44	-1,497.25	86.1%
Presbytery of East TN	3,000.00	6,000.00	-3,000.00	50.0%
Synod of Living Waters	9,300.00	9,300.00	0.00	100.0%
Total Income	54,787.78	65,198.44	-10,410.66	84.0%
Expense				
Cable TV	1,221.14	1,200.00	21.14	101.8%
Campus Labor	266.00	400.00	-134.00	66.5%
Cleaning	700.00	1,400.00	-700.00	50.0%
Electricity	3,337.37	3,500.00	-162.63	95.4%
Food/Cleaning Supplies	4,517.44	6,000.00	-1,482.56	75.3%
Gas	214.02	400.00	-185.98	53.5%
Miscellaneous	138.47	250.00	-111.53	55.4%
Office Supplies	886.89	2,200.00	-1,313.11	40.3%
Payroll Expenses	18,211.64	24,125.00	-5,913.36	75.5%
Print./Postage/Promotion	4,087.83	4,300.00	-212.17	95.1%
Professional Expense/Intern	556.80	900.00	-343.20	61.9%
Repairs/Maintenance	7,946.09	5,000.00	2,946.09	158.9%
Special Events	999.85	800.00	199.85	125.0%
Telephone	1,573.19	1,500.00	73.19	104.9%
Triennium	8,864.10	850.00	8,014.10	1,042.8%
Water	652.55	900.00	-247.45	72.5%
Youth Ministry	4,415.92	6,350.00	-1,934.08	69.5%
Total Expense	60,824.73	60,075.00	749.73	101.2%
Net Ordinary Income	-6,036.95	5,123.44	-11,160.39	-117.8%
Other Income				
Annual carryover	8,800.00	5,800.00	3,000.00	151.7%
Total Other Income	8,777.59	5,800.00	2,977.59	151.3%
Net Other Income	7,869.11	5,800.00	2,069.11	135.7%
Net Income	1,832.16	10,923.44	-9,091.28	16.8%

New Business: Report of Bills & Overture Committee: Tom Burleson and David Hale

Recommendation: That the motions from First Church, Johnson City, and Elder Commissioner Randy Cook (First, Bristol) be referred to the Council in accordance with the Book of Order G-9.0705. The motion passed unanimously.

Nominations Committee Report:

1. The report was given by Ike Brighton with the following slate of nominees presented by the

committee. Moderator Cheryl Rice asked for nominations from the floor. Receiving none, new members present were asked to stand for an installation service.

2. That the Committee be authorized to fill vacancies and report them to the next Presbytery meeting. Approved.

	Class of 2010	Class of 2009	Class of 2008
Committee on Ministry	<i>Barbara Kelly (E) Bethel, Kspt.</i> <i>Fred Niles (M)</i> <i>Angus Shaw (M)</i> <i>Patsy Garriott (E) First, Kspt.</i>	Chip Herndon IV (E) 1 st , JCity <i>Jim Skillen (E) Waverly Road</i> Steve Weisz (M) Dan Clark (M)	John Everett (M) Rebecca Nunley (E) First, Elizabethton <i>*Tom Phillips (M)</i> David Light (E) Shenandoah
Representation	<i>VernElla Hayter (L) First, Morr.</i> <i>Edward Hutchison (L) Mt. Hermon</i>	Anna Maddox(L) <i>Ray White (M)</i>	<i>*Brian Dulaney (L) First, Kingsport</i> Hae Estep (L) Tri City Korean
Administration & Planning	<i>Lewis Carson (L) Waverly Road</i> <i>Jim Foote (L) Watauga Avenue</i> <i>Glenda Hollingshead (M)</i> <i>Elmon Brown (M)</i>	Shirley Pecktol (L) Windsor Ave. Pam Pope (L) Covenant George Rolling (M) Davis Whitesides (M)	Conrad Crow (M) Davis Hale (M) John Porter (L) First, Kingsport Charlie Moore (L) First, Bristol
Youth/Young Adult Ministry	<i>Harry Bentley (L) Bethel, Kspt.</i> <i>Charles Echols (M)</i> <i>Barron Hopper (M)</i> <i>Alan Kobs (L) First, Greeneville</i>	Joyce Paar (L) Colonial Heights Vacancy (M) Donna Hunter(L) Erwin Tim Meredith (M)	Russ Weekley (M) Herbert Van Nostrand (L) First, Bristol Keith Hampton (L) First, Johnson City Clark Lewis (L) Covenant
Church Development & Evangelism	<i>Erik Anderson (L) Magill Memorial</i> <i>Peggy Dockery (L) Bethel, Dandridge</i> <i>Martin Christian (M)</i> <i>Harrell Cobb (M)</i>	Scott Wise (L) Windsor Avenue <i>*David Light (L) Shenandoah</i> David Hambrick (M) Vacancy (M)	Baron Eliason (M) Bill Hyers (M) <i>Martha Hopper (L) Preston Hills</i> Ted Hagen, Sr. (L) Colonial Heights
Congregational Life	<i>Gloria Baird (L) Magill Memorial</i> <i>Bobbie Carroll (L) Covenant</i> <i>Craig Foster (M)</i> <i>Gary Bement (M)</i>	Deven Johnson (L) Colonial Hgts. Jim Pahriss (L) Jonesborough Errol Rohr (M) <i>*Mary Lee Harmon (L) 1st, Kspt.</i>	Charlie Murphy (M) Bill Hyers (M) Vacancy (M) Starr Owens (L) Meadowview
Ethical Issues & Human Needs	<i>Todd Barkman (L) Timber Ridge</i> <i>Jim Amstutz (L) Covenant</i> <i>Steve Wintermute(L) Hebron</i> <i>Kaye Florence (M)</i>	Elizabeth Ann Hay (L) 1 st , Kspt. Beth Flannagan (L) First, Bristol <i>Steve Miller (L) First, Kingsport</i> Jim Mays (M)	Gary Kelly (M) Susan Foster (L) Waverly Road Ted Neeves (L) Bethel, Kingsport <i>*John Shuck (M)</i>
Holston Camp & Retreat Center	<i>*Greg Cartwright (M) 1st, Morr.</i> <i>John Hurt (L) Bethany</i> <i>Miller Lyons (L) Colonial Heights</i> <i>Zoe Ann Cagle (L) 1st, Kingsport</i>	Ike Brighton (M) Katie Sword (L) First, Bristol Pat Patton (L) First, Jefferson City <i>Harold Hunter (L) Covenant</i>	Charles Brumley (L) Timber Ridge Mark Knisley (M) Gil Rosenberger(L) 1 st , Johnson City <i>Yale Gunn (M)</i>
Institutions	<i>Betty Dickson (L) First, Kingsport</i> <i>Phil Kestner (M)</i>	Iva Winebarger (L) Bethel, Kingsport James McClanahan (M) 1765	Alan Chapman(M) <i>* Sue O'Dell (L) Blountville</i>

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Preparation for Ministry	Vacancy Ray Saunders (M) Tom King (L) First, Bristol	Peg Lincoln (L) Waverly Road Sharon Amstutz (M) * Brian Wyatt (M)	Karen Vann (L) First, Bristol David Welch (M) Mary Lee Harmon (L) First, Kingsport
Stewardship & Budget	Dan Donaldson (M) Bob Lowry (M) * Chuck Green (L) Waverly Road Vacancy	Gene McFarlane (L) Bethany Jim Bell (L) Preston Hills Joe Davy (L) Bethel, Kingsport Angus Walton (L) Jonesborough	Earle Barron (M) David Cagle (M) Liza Howle (L) First, Kingsport Peggy Hill (L) First, Bristol

World Wide Missions	Joyce Johnson (L) First, Greeneville Mun-Gye Lee (M) Vickie Hodges (L) New Bethel	* Gordon Turnbull (M) Bill Goforth (M) Scott Wise (L) Windsor Avenue	Fred Foy Strang (M) Sarah Hauk (L) Reedy Creek, Kspt. Tom Burleson (L) Magill Memorial
Council At-Large	Bob Hart (L) Covenant	Barbara Kelly (L) Bethel, Kingsport	Ed Hutchinson (L) Mt. Hermon
Treasurer Asst. Treasurer		Kim Fifield Chuck Green (L) Waverly Road	
Nominations	Vacancy Karen Foote (L) Watauga Avenue	Dick Burow (L) Reedy Creek, Kspt. Mark Knisley (M)	* Ike Brighton (M) Jim Skillen (L) Waverly Road
Ordination Exam Readers			Mary Lee Harmon (E) First, Kspt. Brian Wyatt (M) Dave Sims(MA) Vacancy (EA)
Synod Commissioners		John Manney (E) Hopewell Martin Christian (M)	
GA Commissioners			Dan Donaldson (M) Beth Yarborough(M) Gale Manley(E) Preston Hills Don Brown (E) First, Kingsport Jason Reese (Y) Jonesborough
	Class of 2012	Class of 2010	Class of 2008
Trustees	Bill Wade (E) First, Bristol Walter Kirby (E) Bethany	Coy Klepper (E) Cedarview * Tom Wilson (E) First, Kingsport	Dorman Stout (E) First, Johnson City Marcia Porter(E) First, Kingsport
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Institutions Trustees	Class of 2011	Class of 2010	Class of 2009	Class of 2008
Evergreen Ministries			Don Raber, First, Kingsport Vacant	
Grandfather Home			Dan Dietrich, First, Kingsport	Jane Scott, First, Kingsport
Lees-McRae	Allan Rothwell, First, Kingsport	DeLois A. Dietrich, First, Kingsport		
King College			Jeff Byrd, 1 st , Kspt Bill Adams 1 st , Kspt	
Sunset Gap			Iva Winebarger, Bethel, Kingsport Betty Dickson, First, Kingsport	Jerry Ward, 1 st , Greeneville George Large, First, Morr.
Tusculum College			Martha Bachman, First Greeneville Jane Pilloni, First, Greeneville Rev. Wiley Prugh, Life Trustee Don Raber, First, Kingsport	

The remainder of the meeting was conducted by 2008 Moderator Robert Lowry. Cheryl Rice was presented with a gift of appreciation for the excellent job done this year and received an expression of appreciation from those present.

Institutions Committee Report: Jane Boyd introduced Greg Jordan for his report on King College.

Information:

1. **Evergreen Presbyterian Ministries** continues to search for a director for East Tennessee. Funding from Holston Presbytery provides clients with basic needs not provided by other funding.
2. **Grandfather Home** has 215 children in its care. Groundbreaking for the sixth cottage occurred recently. Construction will begin late 2008.
3. **King College** is expanding to Big Stone Gap and Wytheville. Fall enrollment is at a record 1516. Buechner Institute at King, headed by Prof. Dale Brown, will host Katherine Paterson, Clyde Egerton, Frederick Buechner, and Walter Brueggemann. A special Appalachian May term will focus on connecting to the land.
4. **Lees-McRae College's** new director for church relations is Mae Weed, who brings her many years in Christian Education to the campus. A brochure will be sent to all Holston churches.
5. **Sunset Gap's** financial picture has improved significantly. Summer work camps were very, very successful.

6. **Tusculum's** search for a new president is underway with the new person expected to be named by May. A brochure for 2008 Theologian in Residence was distributed. The speaker is Oliver Thomas, teacher, attorney, pastor, community leader, and Executive Director of the Niswonger Foundation. The February dates are 5, 12, 19, and 26; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Recommendations:

7. *That we hear the report by **King College President, Dr. Greg Jordan** at today's meeting.*

Promotions

12:35 PM Lunch – **Adjournment:** Jim Kirkpatrick offered prayer for adjournment. There being no further business, Moderator Robert Lowry announced that the meeting would be adjourned following lunch and the report of the Committee on Thanks.

_____ Cheryl Rice, Moderator

_____ Richard L. Fifield, Stated Clerk

_____ Paulette H. Thompson, Recording Clerk