



**PRESBYTERY**  
of West Virginia

“Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can never hurt me.” I never liked that saying. As a student of the use of words, I have learned that the power of words is much greater than the saying would suggest and, as a student of the Word, I personally have experienced the profound effect of God’s grace through the words of the gospel. The ministry of the Presbytery of West Virginia, as taught and preached throughout the State and beyond, furthers the work of God. And God answers our prayers. How much more powerful can it get? Through ministries like the Westminster Foundation, the ALP/CRE preparation program and Counselor in Training support, the Presbytery ensures support of this critical work.

But more, the Presbytery’s mission work reaches from the flood devastated areas of West Virginia to the hurricane ravaged areas of New Jersey, and even beyond the country’s borders. WVMAW serves those struck by disaster long after other agencies have left. Bluestone opens kids’ hearts and minds to the lives of others and the need for mission in our world. Davis Stuart provides a welcoming, loving alternative to otherwise challenging circumstances for our youth. Families find a safe community center at the Shack Neighborhood House. The clusters created around the Presbytery provide a more local support network to carry out the work we are sent to do.

Thanks be to God for your support of the work we do together!

*Randy Fife, Moderator of Presbytery of West Virginia*

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## MISSION & MINISTRY

**2015**

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## Mission Dollars at Work for You!

Under the Ministry and Vocations Committees fall the ministries which help equip and nurture elders for their ministries.

Under the Mission and Ministry Committees fall the ministries which help us imagine new possibilities for the future.

Under the Nurture, the Mission, Relations, and the Blue-stone Committees fall the ministries which help to build and strengthen relationships with God and one another.

### Some of the ministries supported by your mission dollars:

- West Virginia Ministry of Advocacy & Workcamps
- PWV Resource Center
- Bluestone Camp & Conference Center
- Westminster Foundation Campus Ministries
- Davis Stuart Inc.
- Kenya Partnership
- Scholarships
- Retreats
- The Shack Neighborhood House, Monongalia County, WV

## Support & Outreach

### Bluestone Committee

- Counselor in Training Support \$2,500

### Ministry Committee

- Mission Insite \$5,000
- Professional Development \$3,500
- Emergency Church Assistance \$2,000

### Mission Committee

- Missional Church Development \$10,000
- New Transformation Initiatives \$1,750
- United Christian Food Pantry \$2,400

### Nurture Committee

- Retreats \$4,200
- Mission Trip \$8,000
- Adult Spiritual Development \$1,000

### Relations Committee

- Cluster Shepherds \$10,000

### Vocations Committee

- ALP/CRE Preparation \$13,000
- Career Counseling \$1,000
- Scholarships \$5,000



## Reflections

"My experiences serving on youth council, participating in PWV Youth Retreats, and attending Montreat Youth Conference have greatly strengthened my relationship with God, as well as my connection to our community. These opportunities have taught me how to share my faith not only through scripture, but through showing kindness and compassion to others." *Madalyn DiGiulian, Beckley Presbyterian Church*

"The highlight of the week was watching our young adults grow as Christians and develop a cohesive team. They will never forget this life-changing experience!" *WVMAW Participant*

"As someone newly in a leadership role, Christian Educator, the Institute for Leaders in Ministry helped me assess my strengths and weaknesses. The learning and fellowship was great for my spiritual growth." *Sarah Specht, Highlawn Presbyterian Church*

The Presbytery of WV is a baptized covenant people called by God to reflect Christ's love through mission, ministry, and relationships.