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STATED MEETING
BLUESTONE CAMP AND RETREAT
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ONE HUNDRED THIRTY SECOND STATED MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order with prayer at 10:03 a.m. by Moderator Peter Vial.

ELECTION OF STATED CLERK PRO TEM

The Moderator recognized Randy Fife, Chair of Leadership Team, who moved that Ed Thompson serve as Stated Clerk Pro Tem for the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved after determining there were no nominations from the floor.

GREETINGS

Mark Miller, Director of Bluestone Camp and Retreat, greeted and extended a warm welcome. He recognized men who recently attended the Guys Weekend and all persons who ever volunteered at Bluestone.

INTRODUCTIONS

The Moderator called on the Stated Clerk Pro Tem who welcomed New Teaching Elders Rebecca Mihm, Fleming Memorial and Rachel Shepherd, Marlinton and asked them to sign the Book of Obligations. He made a motion to seat Rebecca Davis, a member of the Charlotte Presbytery, as a Corresponding Member for the duration of the meeting. The motion was seconded and adopted.

Ruling Elders attending Presbytery for the first time were recognized.

STATEMENT OF QUORUM

Stated Clerk Pro Tem Thompson stated there was a quorum present of 49 teaching elders and commissioners from 39 churches. (Attendance record in Appendix A, pages 73-79.)

CONSENT AGENDA

The Moderator presented the Consent Agenda. It was moved and seconded to adopt the consent agenda. The motion was **adopted**.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. From the Stated Clerk

- a. Recommend that the requests for Excused Absences be approved.
2. From the Ministry Committee
 - a. Approval of Session Moderators (pages 63-64.)
 - b. Approval of Covenant for an Interim Pastor (page 64.)
 - c. Approval of Terms of Call (page 64.)
 - d. Approval of renewal of Covenants for Ruling Elders Commissioned to a Particular Pastoral Service (pages 64-65.)
 - e. Approval of renewal of Covenant for an Interim Pastor (page 65.)
 - f. Approval of renewal of Covenant for a Temporary Supply Pastor (page 65.)
 - g. Approval of renewal of Covenant for a Lay Supply Pastor (page 65.)
 - h. Approval of Requests for Waiver of Rotation of Officers (page 65.)
 - i. Approval of Ecclesiastical Endorsement for Chaplaincy (page 65.)
 - j. Approval of Installation Commissions (pages 65-66.)
 3. From the Mission Committee
 - a. Recommend that the worship offering for today's meeting go to the West Virginia Ministry of Advocacy and Workcamps (WVMAW). This ministry offers the opportunity for discipleship by partnering with those in need whose lives have been devastated by natural disasters or by the disaster of poverty in West Virginia.

MODERATORIAL APPOINTMENTS

Moderator Vial appointed as Temporary Clerks: Kyle Key, Teaching Elder, Teay's Valley Presbyterian, Scott Depot; Joan Stewart, Teaching Elder, Director of WVMAW; Jeff Howard, Ruling Elder, First Presbyterian, Williamstown; Susan Perry, Ruling Elder, First Presbyterian, Logan.

He appointed the Leadership Team members present as the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Moderator recognized Nellie Howard, Director of the Resource Center who highlighted the new resources in the Center. The Moderator recognized Robin Ray of the Mission Committee who highlighted the WVMAW mission trip in August. Susan Sharp Campbell reported for the Nurture Committee. She highlighted the NONES Workshop in November and the Child Protection Policy Workshop in September.

DOCKET

Stated Clerk Pro Tem Thompson presented the docket and moved its adoption. After receiving a second, Presbytery adopted the docket. (Appendix B, pages 80-81.)

EDUCATION PRESENTATION

The Moderator called on Susan Sharp Campbell who introduced Dr. Rebecca Davis, Professor f

Religion at Presbyterian College. She presented a program *Protecting Our Children*. She highlighted the incidence of child abuse, as well as the devastation of false accusations. She stressed that parents trust the church to do due diligence in caring for their children and that the church has taken vows to be responsible for all children. All Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations are required to have a Child Protection Policy and to follow it. By doing so, we are saying we love all children.

MORNING WORSHIP

Morning worship was led by Mike Burton, Liturgist; Andy Rice, Preacher; Joan Stewart and Chris Kilbert, Communion Celebrants; and Mark Parsons-Justice, Pianist.

PRAYER AND HYMN

Following a lunch break, the Moderator reconvened Presbytery with the announcement that \$857.56 was collected for WVMAW. Todd Wright led the Presbytery in prayers, followed by a hymn.

STATED CLERK

Stated Clerk Pro Tem Thompson presented the Stated Clerk's report.

Correspondence (received 2/9/16 through 5/9/16)

1. 3/9/16 A letter from Sally Pendleton, Interim Vice President for Institutional Advancement of Louisville Seminary, of acknowledgement and thanks for the gift given in honor of the retirement of staff member, Rev. J. Craig Butler.

ACTION: Shared with Presbytery.

2. 3/9/16 A note from Michael Jenkins, President of Louisville Seminary, thanking Presbytery for the gift given in honor of the retirement of staff member, Rev. J. Craig Butler.

ACTION: Shared with Presbytery.

3. 4/4/16 A note from the Alzheimer's Association's West Virginia Chapter of acknowledgement and thanks for the gift given in honor of Leslie Curtis Bremer as she leaves the Presbytery staff.

ACTION: Shared with Presbytery.

4. 5/3/16 A letter from Virginia Rainey, Stated Clerk of Huntingdon Presbytery and Convener of the Synod of the Trinity's Presbytery Records Review, including the minutes of the Record Review on April 27, 2016. The minutes of the Presbytery of West Virginia were reviewed and approved with no exceptions and no delinquencies.

ACTION: Reported to Presbytery.

5. 5/3/16 A letter from Timothy Cargal, Assistant Stated Clerk, Preparation for Ministry, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), reminding the presbyteries of the ordination exam reader cycle, the need to elect and report readers and notifying presbyteries that due to the decreased number of exam registrations that the Presbytery of West Virginia is requested to provide one ruling elder, one teaching elder and one alternate reader.

ACTION: Reported to Presbytery.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. (CA) That the requests for Excused Absences be approved.

INFORMATION:

- A. The minutes of the February 20, 2016, Presbytery meeting have been approved in accordance with the Manual of Presbytery.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Stated Clerk Pro Tem presented Procedural Matters and moved the adoption of Item C3, limiting debate to 30 minutes per main motion, with each individual limited to 3 minutes per speech. The motion received a second. (Appendix C, page 82.)

John Minihan made a motion to amend the original motion with no limitation of debate for each main motion, with each individual limited to 10 minutes per speech. The amendment was defeated.

John Minihan made a motion to amend the original motion with limitation of debate at 45 minutes per main motion, with each individual limited to 10 minutes per speech. The amendment was defeated.

John Minihan made a motion to amend the original motion with limitation of debate at 30 minutes per main motion, with each individual limited to 10 minutes per speech. The amendment was adopted by a two-thirds vote.

GENERAL PRESBYTER

The Moderator recognized General Presbyter, Ed Thompson. He commented on his recent activities. Dr. Thompson lifted up and asked for prayers for the 222nd General Assembly to be held in June in Portland, OR and for the Presbytery's commissioners. The work of presbytery staff was highlighted. He also provided some explanation about the role of Administrative Commissions in light of the Ministry Committee's recommendation to establish an Administrative Commission at First Presbyterian Church, Huntington.

MINISTRY COMMITTEE

The Moderator recognized Cinda Harkless, Chair of Ministry Committee. She thanked all the persons who worked on the Small Church Conference and the Fayetteville Church for hosting

the conference. Rev. Harkless also thanked Shelly Barrick Parsons and the Task Force that provided the New Pastors Orientation at Festival of Faith.

Cinda Harkless recused herself from presenting and participating in the debate of the recommendation regarding First Presbyterian Church, Huntington due to a conflict of interest.

Susan Perry, committee member, made the following motion.

That the Presbytery of West Virginia appoint an Administrative Commission.

- a. The purpose of the Administrative Commission shall be to act on behalf of the presbytery on all matters regarding the First Presbyterian Church of Huntington (hereinafter referred to as First Huntington);
- b. The Administrative Commission shall be composed of both teaching elders and ruling elders from this Presbytery. Specifically, the teaching elders shall be Nancy Didway and John Holland and the ruling elders shall be Randy Fife, (Bream Memorial, Charleston) Barbara Hopta (First, Charleston), and Cherrie Sizemore (Village Chapel, Charleston)
- c. A quorum of the commission members will be a majority of the membership of the commission;
- d. The presbytery, by this action, shall delegate to the commission the following powers, to take effect upon the passage of this motion:
 1. Access to all church records, including but not limited to: membership rolls, minutes of Session and all boards and committees, financial records, membership directories, newsletters, and materials distributed for congregational information for First Huntington;
 2. Authority to call congregational meetings (G-1.0502) and to obtain current and accurate membership lists from the church for this purpose;
 3. Authority to engage appropriate legal counsel;
 4. Authority to develop and put into place ways to hear the joys and concerns of the membership of First Huntington in order to identify and clarify reported difficulties of First Huntington including, but not limited to, Listening Teams so that it might be better able to develop and suggest “appropriate actions to resolve the reported difficulties” (G-3.0303 d (1)) within the congregation;
 5. Authority to determine on behalf of the Presbytery, after a thorough investigation and after full opportunity to be heard has been accorded to the Session, if the Session is able to exercise its authority in the church (G-3.0303);
 6. If the commission determines, after investigation and opportunity to be heard, that the Session is unable to exercise its authority in the church (G-3.0303), the commission shall then have authority to assume the full powers and original jurisdiction of the Session. In the event that such a situation occurs, the commission shall be empowered to deal with any other matters that the Session would ordinarily be empowered to address;

7. To report its actions and findings to the Presbytery of West Virginia and the Leadership Team in addition to reporting to the session and congregation of Huntington as their work progresses.

Rationale: Since the fall of 2015, the Ministry Committee has received numerous reports from concerned members of the congregation and staff of the First Presbyterian Church of Huntington. The concerns were varied in nature, both in the matters that were addressed and in the manner in which they were received. Some of these concerns came from persons who felt excluded from the spiritual life of the church because their opinions differed from those of the head of staff.

These persons expressed feelings of being “talked about” by other members of the church. They also expressed concerns that statements made in confidence to pastoral staff persons had been shared with others. After discussing these matters, the Ministry Committee voted to ask the Session of First Huntington for permission to conduct a Listening Event. This event would have provided an opportunity for persons from First Huntington to speak directly with teams of ruling and teaching elders from other churches of the presbytery. This initial request was rejected, but the proposed Listening Team was invited to make a presentation to a meeting of the Session of First Huntington.

On January 10, 2016 the majority of the members of the proposed Listening Team appeared at the meeting of the Session of First Huntington. The request was again made to permit the proposed Listening Team to invite persons who wanted to share joys or concerns about First Huntington to meet with the proposed Listening Team, acting in pairs. The proposed Listening Team offered to share any findings that it might make with the Session of First Huntington and with the Ministry Committee.

While the Session members listened and engaged in dialogue with the proposed Listening Team, the Session ultimately voted to reject the request. The Session at some later date apparently voted to conduct their own version of Listening Teams and received training from Kanawha Pastoral Counseling Center on listening skills.

It is the understanding of the Ministry Committee that the listening opportunity was not announced from the pulpit and that no letter was sent to the members of First Huntington to advise them that such an opportunity was available to them. Instead, notice was only given in the church newsletter.

While this series of events has played out, congregation members and staff have continued to contact members of the Listening Team and the Ministry Committee to express their disappointment in being unable to fully share their concerns with persons who would be perceived as neutral parties. Some have expressed fear of retaliation if they participate in the Session-led Listening Team opportunity, and they have urged the Ministry Committee to act independently. The continuing concerns mirror the concerns received earlier.

It is acknowledged that this congregation is currently engaging in a period of study and discernment to determine whether they wish to remain within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) denomination. However, this circumstance, while mentioned by several of the persons who have called, has had little bearing on the recommendation of the Ministry Committee. The primary

concern of the Ministry Committee remains the reported difficulties in the areas of spiritual nurture of all members, confidentiality and pastoral care as exercised by the staff, and the administrative functioning of the session.

The Ministry Committee seeks to fulfill the responsibility given to it by this presbytery “to serve as a pastor and counselor to the teaching elders and congregations of the presbytery” and “to facilitate the relations between the presbytery and its congregations.” (G-3.0307)

Since it has heard troubling reports about events within the life of this congregation and is unable to independently speak to persons in this church, therefore, the Ministry Committee respectfully requests that the Presbytery of West Virginia appoint an Administrative Commission so that it can investigate and propose ways to resolve the reported difficulties in this congregation. It will report to each meeting of the Leadership Team and of the Presbytery of West Virginia and will present reports to the Session and congregation of Huntington First as their work progresses.

Ms. Perry explained the authority of the Presbytery regarding congregational discord and its duty to advise sessions. Commissioners spoke for and against the motion.

John Minihan and Jane Nicholas distributed information from First Presbyterian Church, Huntington. (Appendix D, pages 83-91.)

Jane Nicholas moved to amend the motion to Strike d 2, 3, 5, and 6. The motion was seconded.

Time was called. John Minihan moved to extend debate time an additional 30 minutes. The motion was seconded and defeated. John Minihan moved to extend debate time an additional 15 minutes. The motion was seconded and defeated.

The motion to amend the motion to Strike d 2, 3, 4, and 5 was voted on and defeated.

John Minihan moved to amend Item b. in order to allow individuals on the proposed Administrative Commission be named jointly by the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Huntington, and the Ministry Committee. The motion was seconded. Commissioners spoke for and against the motion. The motion was defeated.

The main motion to appoint an Administrative Commission as stated above was voted on; it was approved by vote of 55 to 26, with 1 abstention.

John Minihan moved to Stay Presbytery’s enforcement of the Administrative Commission until appeal to and action by the Synod. The motion was seconded and defeated.

Items for Presbytery’s Action:

1. **(CA) Approve Rev. Jim Robinson** to moderate the session of the **Clothier Church**.
2. **(CA) Approve Ruling Elder Mike Burton**, Ministry Committee member, to moderate the sessions of **Hico** and **Kesler Memorial**.

3. (CA) Approve **Ruling Elder Jim Wilson**, Ministry Committee member, to moderate the session of the **Grafton Church of the Covenant**.
4. (CA) Approve **Rev. James Morley** to moderate the session of the **Mannington Church**.
5. (CA) Approve **Rev. Kevin Starcher** to moderate the session of the **Mill Creek Church**.
6. (CA) Approve **Rev. Claire Butler** to moderate the session of the **First South Charleston Church**.
7. (CA) Approve **Rev. Joan Stewart** to moderate the session of the **Summersville Church**.
8. (CA) Approve **Rev. David Bush** to moderate the session of the **Buffalo Church**.
9. (CA) Approve the Temporary Supply as Interim Pastor covenant for **Doug Pendleton** and **First Presbyterian Church, Williamson**, from November 1, 2015-December 31, 2016. Terms: Cash salary: \$2,545.41 per month; auto reimbursement at the IRS rate; SECA; use of manse; Board of Pension medical and pension; reimbursable continuing education; vacation 4 weeks (including Sundays); continuing education 2 weeks (including Sundays. Responsibilities: weekly worship and special services; lead Wednesday night bible study; administer sacraments; officiate at weddings and funerals; lead the congregation in outreach and its ministries of healing and reconciliation; provide guidance to youth and offer confirmation classes; visit the sick and home-bound members; provide leadership to the trustees and other organizations within the congregation; additional interim duties as listed on the interim covenant set by the Ministry Committee.
10. (CA) Approve Terms of Call for **Rebecca Mihm** and the **Fleming Memorial Church** beginning April 1, 2016. Terms: salary: \$31,666 per year, utilities: \$4,800 per year; manse equity: \$500; SECA: \$3764; Board of Pensions medical and pension; vacation: 4 weeks per year (including Sundays); continuing education: 2 weeks per year (including Sundays); auto expenses at the IRS rate up to \$1000 per year; continuing education: \$1000; 12 days of sick leave per year.
11. (CA) Approve Terms of Call for **Rachel Shepherd** and the **Marlinton Church**, beginning April 1, 2016. Terms: salary: \$32,500 per year, housing allowance: \$9,600 per year; utilities allowance: \$3,100; SECA: \$3743; Board of Pensions medical and pension; vacation: 4 weeks per year (including Sundays); continuing education: 2 weeks per year (including Sundays); auto expenses at the IRS rate up to \$600 per year; continuing education: \$1000; 12 days of sick leave per year. Paid moving expenses to the field.
12. (CA) Approve the covenant renewal as **Commissioned Ruling Elder** between **Jim Musgrave** and the Presbytery of West Virginia, as Moderator of the **Gilbert Church** through December 31, 2016. Terms: 5 hours per month as a volunteer.

13. (CA) Approve the Interim Pastor covenant renewal between **Ellen Dawson** and the **Westminster Foundation** as Interim Campus Pastor at **Marshall University** through December 31, 2016. Terms: 40 hours per week; salary: \$3722.17 per month, of this amount \$791.67 is designated housing allowance; includes SECA, utilities, continuing education; Board of Pensions medical and pension; auto reimbursement at the IRS rate; vacation: 4 weeks (including Sundays); continuing education: 2 weeks (including Sundays). Responsibilities: weekly worship and special services; counsel students; assist in the operation of the Campus Christian Center; meet with the local campus ministry committee; participate in outreach programs; attend Westminster Foundation board meetings and provide reports.
14. (CA) Approve the Temporary Supply covenant renewal between **Bill Stutler** and the **Beulah Humble Church** through December 31, 2016. Terms: 10 hours per week; salary \$100 per week. Responsibilities: provide worship leadership on the second and fourth Sundays each month.
15. (CA) Approve the Lay Supply covenant renewal between **Raymond Maleke** and the **Beulah Humble Church** through December 31, 2016. Terms: 10 hours per week; salary \$100 per week. Responsibilities: provide worship leadership on the first and third Sundays each month.
16. (CA) Approve the renewal of covenant as Ruling Elder Commissioned to Particular Pastoral Service for **Kellan Sarles** and **First Presbyterian Church, Bluefield** through December 31, 2016. Terms: 30 hours per week; \$2,400/month plus pulpit supply at \$150/service; auto expense reimbursement at IRS rate; vacation 4 weeks (including Sundays); continuing education 2 weeks (including Sundays), \$250; sick leave – 6 days/calendar year. Responsibilities: provide staff and administrative support; worship planning, pulpit supply and assist the congregation with a mission study. As part of the covenant, Ms. Sarles may also provide pastoral services to the following churches: Centerville Presbyterian, First Presbyterian, Hinton, Beckley Presbyterian, Bramwell Presbyterian and Union Presbyterian.
17. (CA) Approve request for waiver of rotation of officers for the **Anderson Memorial Church**, Welch.
18. (CA) Approve for Ecclesiastical Endorsement for the Chaplaincy, the Presbyterian Council for Chaplains and Military Personnel, for **Charla Waters Koerner**.
19. (CA) Approve the commission to install **Rebecca Mihm** to the **Fleming Memorial Church**, May 8, 2016, at 4pm. To chair the commission, preside and propound the constitutional question to the minister: Rev. Dr. Peter Vial, Moderator, Presbytery of West Virginia. Rev. John Koerner, Pastor First Presbyterian Church, Clarksburg, to preach the sermon. Ruling Elder Patti Snider, Fleming Memorial, to propound the

constitutional questions to the congregation. Rev. Robin Ray, Pastor, Bridgeport Church, to charge the minister. Ruling Elder Steve Hornbeck, First Buckhannon, to charge the congregation. Ruling Elder Beth Madison, First Morgantown to participate in the service of installation.

20. **(CA)** Approve the commission to install **Rachel Shepherd** to the **Marlinton Church**, May 22, 2016 at 5pm. To chair the commission, preside and propound the constitutional questions to the minister: Rev. Dr. Peter Vial, Moderator, Presbytery of West Virginia. Ruling Elder Sue Herold, Marlinton Church, to propound the constitutional questions to the congregation. Rev. Andy Rice, Pastor, Oak Grove Church, to charge the minister. Rev. Cam Harkless, HR, to charge the congregation. Ruling Elder Sue Hollandsworth, Oak Grove Church, and Ruling Elder Carolyn Napier, Edgewood Church to participate in the service of installation. Invited to sit with the commission and to preach the sermon: Rev. Kerra Becker English, Presbytery of the James.
21. **(CA)** Approve commission to install **Kyle Key** to the **Teays Valley Church**, May 15, 2016. To chair the commission, preside and propound the constitutional question to the minister: Rev. Dr. Peter Vial, Moderator, Presbytery of West Virginia. Rev. Rob Laukoter, Pastor Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, Hurricane, to preach the sermon. Ruling Elder Reggie Lowe, Teays Valley Presbyterian Church, to propound the constitutional questions to the congregation. Revs. Doug and Jan Jenkins, Pastor, member-at-large and HR, to charge the minister. Rev. Chris Kilbert, Riverlawn Presbyterian Church, St. Albans, to charge the congregation. Ruling Elder Pamilla Ferrell, First Presbyterian Church, St. Albans and Ruling Elder, Pam Johnson, Riverlawn Presbyterian Church, St. Albans to participate in the service of installation.

Items for Presbytery's Information:

1. Examined and approved for match Rachel Shepherd and the Marlinton Church.
2. Examined and approved Rachel Shepherd for membership in the Presbytery of West Virginia.
3. Examined and approved for match Rebecca Mihm and the Fleming Memorial Church.
4. Examined and approved Rebecca Mihm for membership in the Presbytery of West Virginia.
5. Appointed Bonnie Boyce as liaison to the Westminster Foundation for the purpose of calling an Installed Pastor to the campus ministry of Marshall University.
6. Appointed Ruling Elder Jim Wilson as liaison to the Grafton Church of the Covenant.
7. Appointed Mike Burton as liaison to the Summersville Church.

8. Appointed Charla Waters Koerner as mentor for incoming pastor Rebecca Mihm.
9. Appointed Larryetta Ellis as mentor for incoming pastor Rachel Shepherd.
10. Approved Rev. Steve Lightner (United Methodist Church) as pulpit supply for the Arthurdale Church.
11. Continued work on the Presbytery dissolution policy for churches and pastors upon the conclusion of their relationship.
12. At the request of the Leadership Team, the committee is collaborating with the Nurture Committee to provide an ongoing program of leadership development for pastoral leaders.
13. Conducted New Pastor Orientation at the Festival of Faith.
14. Conducted the Small Church Conference.
15. Updated the Guidelines for Guest Preachers which is now available on the presbytery website.
16. Received update on triennial visits in the Charleston Cluster.
17. Reviewed six-month and one year reports from those serving as interim pastors.
18. Received updates on churches in transition including: Arthurdale, First Bluefield, Bream Memorial, Gilbert, First Hinton, First Logan, Marshall University, First Morgantown, Old Stone, Ripley-Ravenswood, First South Charleston, Spencer, Summersville, and Upper Glade.
19. Received a report of Listening Team assigned to First Huntington.
20. Reviewed the Ministry Committee budget to date.
21. Recommended that Presbytery give thanks to God for the Pastoral Ministry of Rev. Jacq Campbell, Grafton Church of the Covenant, and celebrate her retirement from active service at this meeting of the Presbytery.

COMMISSION TO DISSOLVE THE BRUSH CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Moderator recognized Doug Heidt, Chair of the Administrative Commission to Dissolve the Brush Creek Presbyterian Church. He introduced Ellen Dawson, member of the commission, who reported briefly on the history on the Church and introduced Delores Cook, the last remaining member.

The report of the Administrative Commission follows.

1. The Commission has worked with the Clerk of the Session, Delores Cook, transferring to the Presbytery all minutes and records of the Brush Creek Church, which will be forwarded to the Presbyterian Historical Society, and affirming that all members have transferred or will transfer their membership to another church, with the assistance of the Presbytery.
2. The Trustees of Presbytery are in the process of researching possibilities for the sale of the property including the church building, and will report to Presbytery when they have recommendations.
3. The Commission and the Trustees have consulted with the Clerk of the Session regarding the disposition of property, and report that as long as she can remember, the congregation has been active in its support of Davis Stuart (a Presbyterian residential treatment center for teens and their families since 1919, at Lewisburg, not long after the Brush Creek Church began). As the church declined in size, it had been their hope and desire that if the church ever had to sell its property that the proceeds would be given to Davis Stuart. The Commission concurs in this request by the Brush Creek Church, and recommends it to Presbytery. The Commission also reports some contents and equipment have been given to Davis Stuart, and that the steeple bell will be installed outside the new Dining Hall there as a gift from the church.
4. The Commission hereby asserts the claim of the Presbytery to any property of the church not known at this time or property which may come to the church as the beneficiary of a will or trust.
5. The Commission joins the request of the Clerk of the Session in her request that in place of a service in the church building, the life and ministry of the Brush Creek Presbyterian Church be celebrated during the May 19, 2016 meeting of Presbytery.
6. The Commission requests that the Presbytery express its thanks to and lift its prayers for Dolores Cook, a member of this body, the Clerk and last remaining member of the Brush Creek Church, who has been a member of that church all her life, who played the piano for worship since she was a little girl, and whose enthusiastic participation in the life of her congregation and the wider church has been an inspiring witness to the eternal Love of Jesus Christ.
7. The Commission requests that The Brush Creek Church be dissolved, as of this date, May 19, 2016. Thanks be to God.

The Presbytery adopted the report. A celebration of the life and work of the Brush Creek Church was led by Moderator Vial.

A motion was made, seconded and approved that the history of the church be entered as part of the record of the meeting. (Appendix E, pages 92-99.)

LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Moderator recognized Randy Fife, Chair of the Leadership Team. He highlighted work which is being done ecumenically in communities and within clusters and encouraged continuation of this type of relational work.

Mr. Fife introduced Mark Parsons-Justice who presented the Presbytery's new Communication Plan which was developed at the request of the Leadership Team. Entitled *Building Bridges*, it stresses a relational or two-way approach to communication. He explained the use of the presbytery's Twitter hashtag, #MyPWV, and other social media, a survey to be completed, web conferencing, video technology and other pieces that will be forthcoming. Mr. Parsons-Justice closed by sharing that **Together Everyone Accomplishes More = TEAM**.

Mr. Fife introduced Nancy Didway who provided an update on the Presbytery's Prayer Vision Initiative. She highlighted the SEEKING GOD'S VISION WORKSHOPS being held.

Items for the Presbytery's INFORMATION:

The Leadership Team met on March 9 and April 19. At both meetings, the Team discussed the Presbytery's progress on the Jeremiah 29:11 and Strategic Plans. At the April meeting, the Team invited committee chairs to participate in a discussion of the presbytery's progress in implementing these plans, and to provide input going forward. In addition, the Team took up the following items of business:

- The progress of the small group studying the budgeting process, and the Mission Committee's plan to present its process for receipt of grant requests at Presbytery. The Team also received information from committee chairs about each committee's review of its budget.
- The plans of the Leadership Development Coordinating Team (comprised of members of the Nurture and Ministry Committees and staffed by Susan Sharp Campbell) towards developing courses and topics pertinent to the Strategic Plan's goal of providing a program of leadership development for pastoral leaders including teaching elders, authorized lay pastors, commissioned ruling elders and certified Christian educators.
- The progress of the subgroup of the Leadership Team to draft language to amend the Presbytery Manual to provide a process for consideration of overtures and concurrence requests in the future, specifically noting that such language is expected to be presented at the August meeting of Presbytery for a first reading.
- Considered potential educational pieces for future meetings.
- Appointed a subgroup to determine locations for future Presbytery meetings.
- Heard a presentation and approved a plan by Mark Parsons-Justice for improving communications within our Presbytery.
- Reviewed an update of the Prayer Vision Initiative.

- Reviewed a draft docket for this meeting of Presbytery.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Moderator Vial called on Terry Cunningham, Chair of the Nominating Committee who presented the following motions:

The Nominating Committee nominates Jim Musgrave, Ruling Elder from Highlawn, Huntington to serve an unexpired term on the Leadership Team, Class of 2016. There were no nominations from the floor. The motion was approved.

The Nominating Committee nominates the following to serve presbytery as noted:

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| 1. Trustees Committee | |
| CHAIR 2016 | James Rowe (RE, Old Stone) |
| Class of 2016 | James Rowe (RE, Old Stone) |
| 2. Mission Committee | |
| CHAIR 2016 | Larryetta Ellis (TE) |
| Class of 2016 | Mike George (RE, Community) |
| 3. Permanent Judicial Commission | |
| Class of 2017 | Bob Bondurant |
| 4. Relations Committee | |
| Class of 2018 | Carlene Rose (RE, Ripley First) |

There were no nominations from the floor. The motion was approved.

BLUESTONE COMMITTEE

The Bluestone Committee gave no verbal report.

Items for the Presbytery's INFORMATION:

1. Guys Weekend: 42 men participated representing 12 churches. Program theme was "Becoming Fools for Christ" led by Alf Laukoter of Flower Mound, Texas. Pastor John Holland of Point Pleasant PC led communion during Sunday morning worship, April 24.
2. Spring Getaway: 30 people participated representing six churches. Program emphasis was on Appalachian Crafts and Music, led by Pastor John McKinnon and special presenter, Tish Westman of Beckley. Pastor Denny Dodson led Sunday morning worship, May 1.
3. The primary summer leadership and counseling staff have been hired. There is still need for kitchen and lifeguard support staff. Please refer any interested individuals to email the Bluestone Camp Director, Mark Miller at mark@bluestonecamp.com.
4. Summer Staff training will begin on June 3. The first camper session will begin on June

12 and run Sunday to Saturday for four weeks concurrently.

5. The Elementary School Retreat will be September 16 - 18, and the Fall Getaway Retreat will be October 7 - 9.

MISSION COMMITTEE

- A. The Moderator recognized Doug Jenkins of the Mission Committee. He highlighted a revised Mission grant process. (Appendix F, pages 100-101.) Details of the revised process will be available on the presbytery website. Rev. Jenkins and the committee were thanked for their work developing the revised process.

Items for the Presbytery's ACTION:

1. **(CA)** The committee recommends that the worship offering for today's meeting go to the West Virginia Ministry of Advocacy and Workcamps (WVMAW). This ministry offers the opportunity for discipleship by partnering with those in need whose lives have been devastated by natural disasters or by the disaster of poverty in West Virginia.

Items for the Presbytery's INFORMATION:

- A. The committee received a report from Bob McCutchen about his recent trip to Nyeri. He was in Kenya for 10 weeks. He has already scheduled another trip for January 2017 and may have room for members of WV Presbytery to go with the students from D&E. Work continues on a renewal of the covenant between our two presbyteries. Bob is available to preach and to lead workshops about his experience in Nyeri and the church in Kenya.
- B. The committee approved a draft plan for a restructured Mission Committee web page and greatly expanded resource pages for congregations as a part of our web pages.
- C. The committee will try video conferencing for its next meeting.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Moderator recognized Treasurer, Rocky Poole, who presented the Presbytery's Financial Reports for the first quarter, which were positive. (Appendix G, pages 102-116.)

NEW BUSINESS

The Moderator recognized Larryetta Ellis, Chair of the Mission Committee, who reported that within the Funds of the Presbytery of West Virginia there were excess funds received and designated by presbytery for the R.H.I.N.O. mission trip to New Orleans and that there were deficit funds from other mission trips sponsored by the presbytery. She moved that the excess designated funds from the R.H.I.N.O. mission trip be used to cover the deficits from the Nicaragua and Restore/Shore mission trips and that the balance be made available for future mission trips. The motion was seconded and approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Presbytery was adjourned at 4:25 p.m. with a charge and benediction by the Moderator.

Next Stated Meeting: August 20, 2016 at First Presbyterian Church, Clarksburg

Mavis Grant-Lilley
Recording Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ed Thompson".

Ed Thompson
Stated Clerk Pro Tem

Peter Vial
Moderator

APPENDIX A RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

GENERAL PRESBYTER: Ed Thompson (also listed as minister member below).

OFFICERS OF PRESBYTERY: Peter Vial, (also listed as minister member below) Moderator; Ed Thompson, Stated Clerk Pro Tem; Rockland Poole, Treasurer; Mavis Grant Lilley, Recording Clerk; Susan Perry, Moderator Elect.

MEMBERS OF LEADERSHIP TEAM (who are not Ministers or Elder Commissioners): Randy Fife, Barbara Hopta, George Lilley.

COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS: Roger Eskins, Jim Irwin, Nancy Martin, Jim Musgrave, Kellan Sarles, Elizabeth Stone, John Yeager.

CERTIFIED CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS: Marcia Brandt Leitch

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS: David Bush (Shenandoah Presbytery), Rebecca Davis (Charlotte Presbytery).

MEMBERS OF PRESBYTERY COMMITTEES: Mike Burton, Terry Cunningham, Steve Hopta, Nancy Tissue.

STAFF: Susan Sharp Campbell (also listed as minister member below), Barbara Chalfant, Nellie Howard, Mark Miller, Mark Parsons-Justice.

VISITORS (who registered): Peter Barclay, Linda Given, Dawn Hammat, Pam Heib, Daniel Hollandsworth, Jenka Lockwood, Joyce McMurray, Connie Musgrave, Medina Poole, Tori Poole, Debbie Taylor, Tina Vial, Ann Wells, Nancy Westlund, Judith Woods.

ATTENDANCE OF MINISTERS

P=Present E=Excused A=Absent AE=Automatically Excused (Honorably Retired)

Name of Minister	8/29/15	12/3/15	2/20/16	5/19/16
Accord, Barbara A.	P	P	P	P
Alford, Ralph Judson, II	AE	AE	AE	AE
Atkins, Ken	AE	AE	AE	AE
Baldwin, Stephen	E	P	E	P
Blakeman, Robin	P	P	P	E
Bondurant, Robert K.	AE	P	AE	AE
Bowen, Ed	E	P	E	E
Bower, David	AE	AE	AE	AE
Boyce, Bonnie	A	P	A	P
Buckalew, Ronald W.	AE	P	AE	AE
Butler, Claire	E	P	A	E
Butler, Craig	P	P	P	AE
Calebaugh, Kenneth B.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Campbell-Malake, Elizabeth	E	P	P	P
Campbell, Jacqueline	E	P	E	E
Campbell, Susan Sharp	P	P	E	P
Carroll, R. Leon, Jr.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Case, Walter A.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Clark, Thomas F.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Craven, Doug	AE	AE	AE	AE
Dawson, Ellen	P	P	E	E

Name of Minister	8/29/15	12/3/15	2/20/16	5/19/16
Didway, Nancy	P	P	P	P
Deaderick, David S.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Debnam, Robert W.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Dodson, E. Denison	A	E	A	A
Dreyer, Charles B.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Ducheneau, Mike	A	A	A	A
Ellis, Larryetta	P	P	P	P
Fraser, Janice	P	P	P	P
Gamble, Larry	A	A	A	A
Gentry, Calvin P.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Glaser, Joanne	P	A	A	A
Glaser, Robert H.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Goehner, Paul E.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Graham, Leonard E.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Gurley, Ben E.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Haig, Kristine	AE	AE	AE	AE
Harkless, Cinda	P	P	P	P
Harkness, Cameron	AE	AE	AE	AE
Harrah, Jerry D.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Heidt, Paul Douglas	AE	P	AE	P
Holland, John	P	E	P	P
Hollis, Virginia Kay	AE	AE	AE	AE
Hood, Leonard L.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Howe, Lanny	AE	AE	AE	AE
Jenkins, Doug	P	P	P	P
Jenkins, Janet	AE	AE	AE	AE
Johnson, Rick	E	P	P	A
Johnston, Thomas M., Jr.	P	AE	AE	AE
Kyle Key	*	*	P	P
Kilbert, Chris	P	P	P	P
Karen R. Kinney	P	P	P	E
Koerner, Charla Waters	P	P	P	P
Koerner, John F.	P	P	P	P
Krum, David P.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Kupar, Greg	P	P	P	A
Lamb, Richard C.	P	P	P	AE
Laukoter, Rob S.	P	P	P	P
Lee, David A.	P	P	P	P
Leitch, James O.	P	AE	AE	P
Locke, Kenneth	E	P	P	A
Lyles, W. Patterson	E	P	P	P
Mansell, Wm. Franklin, Jr.	AE	P	P	P
Maynard, Arvie L.	P	AE	AE	AE
McChesney, Charles S.	AE	AE	AE	AE
McCoy, William	A	P	P	P
McGrew, Gary S.	AE	AE	AE	AE
McGuire, Richard W.	A	A	E	A
McKinnon, John	P	P	P	P
McMorran, William G., Jr.	AE	AE	AE	AE
McMurray, Stewart M.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Rebecca Mihm	*	*	*	P

Name of Minister	8/29/15	12/3/15	2/20/16	5/19/16
Minihan, John	E	A	E	P
Minnerly, Douglas A.	E	P	P	A
Mobayed, Richard S.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Mohrman, James A.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Monschke, Alice	AE	AE	AE	AE
Morgan, Norman K.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Morley, James E.	A	E	A	A
Neal, Elise	P	P	P	P
Newman, Robert G.	P	P	P	AE
Palmer, Harry W.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Parker, Amy S.W.	E	P	P	E
Parsons, Shelly Barrick	P	E	E	A
Pendleton, P. Douglas, Jr.	A	P	E	A
Perkins, Chris	P	P	P	P
Posey, Lawton W.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Purcell, Boyd C.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Ray, Robin	E	P	E	P
Rice, Andrew "Andy"	A	P	E	P
Richards, David P.	E	P	E	P
Riley, John A.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Ringe, Charles	AE	AE	AE	AE
Roberts, Jim	P	P	P	A
Robertson, M. Bruce	AE	AE	AE	AE
Robinson, James E.	AE	P	P	P
Romine, Paul D.	P	P	P	P
Ryan, Patrick "Pat"	P	A	P	A
Seely, Mike	A	P	A	A
Seibel, Frank L. "Skip"	A	P	P	P
Shaffer, David	AE	AE	AE	AE
Shepherd, Rachel J.	*	*	*	P
Shogren, Donna Lee	AE	AE	AE	AE
Snyder, Richard J. Daly	AE	AE	AE	AE
Sonnenday, John	AE	AE	AE	AE
Spencer, Donald L.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Spransy, George B. Jr.	AE	P	P	P
Spring, Charles M.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Starcher, Kevin	P	A	P	P
Sterling, Julie	A	P	P	A
Stevens, Bruce	AE	AE	P	AE
Stewart, Joan W.	P	P	P	P
Stone, Greg	A	A	A	A
Styron, Monica	P	E	A	E
Sutton, Dana W.	A	A	A	A
Sutton, Jean C.	A	A	A	A
Taylor, J. Dexter	AE	AE	AE	AE
Thompson, Dean K.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Edward J. Thompson	*	*	P	P
Vial, Peter	P	P	P	P
Walker, Gary C.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Walther, James A., Jr.	P	A	P	A
Washburn, Francis T.	AE	AE	AE	AE

Name of Minister	8/29/15	12/3/15	2/20/16	5/19/16
Willoughby Weed, Kathryn A.	E	A	A	E
Wilson, Richard B.	E	P	P	P
Wood, Robert M.	P	P	E	P
Woodard, Sara G. (Sally)	AE	AE	P	P
Wright, Todd	P	P	P	P
Young, Samuel T.	AE	AE	AE	AE
Youngblood, Lucy	AE	AE	AE	AE

ATTENDANCE OF CHURCHES

E=Excused N=No Representation, did not request excuse

Name of Church	8/29/15	12/3/15	2/20/16	5/19/16
Alderson	N	N	N	N
Alexander Memorial, Stony Bottom	Agnes Doyle-Kalland	Agnes Doyle-Kalland	N	N
Anderson Memorial, Welch	N	N	N	N
Bates Memorial, Huntington	Sandra Thomas	Jennifer Barton	Sandra Thomas	Sandra Thomas
Baxter, Dunmore	N	N	N	N
Beckley	Bill Hartling	Peggy Debnam	N	N
Beechwood, Parkersburg	N	Cragin Blevins	Cragin Blevins	N
Belington	E	N	N	N
Belle	N	E	N	E
Bethlehem, Shinnston,	N	N	N	N
Beulah Humble, Elizabeth	N	N	N	N
Beverly	E	N	N	N
Beverly Hills, Huntington	N	Peg Somerville	N	N
Bradley	E	Sandra McIntire	N	E
Bramwell	N	N	N	N
Bream Memorial, Charleston	Derek Hudson	Derek Hudson	Derek Hudson	Karen Robinson
Bridgeport	N	N	N	N
Brush Creek, Ridgeview	N	N	N	Delores Cook
Buffalo	N	N	N	Neal Jeffreys
Canyon Community, Morgantown	N	N	N	N
Centerville, Greenville	Bruce Dunlop	E	N	Dorothy Larew
Church of our Saviour, Clarksburg	N	N	N	N
Church of the Covenant, Grafton	N	N	N	N
Church of the Covenant, Hurricane	Joe McMillion	N	N	N
Clear Creek	N	N	N	N
Clifton, Maxwelton	Teresa Bostic	Ryan Blake	Donna Nickell	Ann Davis
Clothier	N	N	N	N
Comfort	N	N	N	Marshall Bowne
Community, Arthurdale	N	E	E	N
Davis Memorial, Elkins	Lynn Proudfoot	Lynn Proudfoot	Mark Armentrout	Lynn Proudfoot
Davis Memorial, Gassaway	JoAnn McChesney	Rob Robinson	Steve Beane	Rob Robinson
Dupont City, Belle	N	N	N	N
Edgewood, Lewisburg	Julian Arbuckle	Carolyn Napier	Larry Napier	Julian Arbuckle
Eleanor	Ann Elliott	Jeff Jefferies	Ann Elliott	Beverly Luikart
Elk Hills, Charleston	Jean Naylor	N	Jean Naylor	N
Enslow Park, Huntington,	N	Golden Adkins	Susan Fabry	Michael Bonyak

Name of Church	8/29/15	12/3/15	2/20/16	5/19/16
Falls View, Charlton Heights	N	N	N	N
Fayetteville	Phil Tissue	Mike Burton	N	Charlene Romans
First, Bluefield	Robert Park	Rick Lowry	N	N
First, Buckhannon	N	Steve Hornbeck	Steve Hornbeck	N
First, Charleston	Sallie Daugherty	Jim McCain	Kay Lamb	Karen Scherr
	Jim McCain	Frankie McCain	N	Payne Warner
	N	Karen Scherr	N	Tish Whitney
First, Clarksburg	Jenna Bennett	Connie Leulitte	Denver Atkinson	Bryan Delawder
First, Colcord	N	N	N	N
First, Dunbar	Barbara Palmer	N	N	N
First, Fairmont	N	N	Jim DeLong	N
First, Hinton	Marion Harris	N	N	Elizabeth Reed
First, Huntington	N	N	N	Jane Nicholas
First, Kenova	N	N	N	N
First, Kingwood	E	N	N	N
First, Logan	Robert L. Baldwin	Linda Marsh	N	Roger Perry
First, Mannington	N	N	N	N
First, Morgantown	Margaret Bolt	John Bolt	N	N
First, Nitro	Jim Westlund	Larry Harris	N	Jim Westlund
First, Oak Hill	Kathy Moss	Betty Davis	N	N
First, Parkersburg	N	Wayne Sanders	Sarah Townsend	N
First, Ravenswood	N	N	N	N
First, Ripley	N	N	N	N
First, St. Albans	Jack Rogers	Mel Burch	Jack Rogers	Kathryn Maddy
First, South Charleston	E	Bill Kimmons	Bill Kimmons	N
First, Terra Alta	E	E	N	N
First, Thomas	N	N	N	N
First, Welch	Wendy Brewster	E	Vesta Larkin	E
First, Weston	N	N	N	N
First, White Sulphur Springs	Peggy Clements	N	N	N
First, Whitesville	Mike Lykens	Mike Lykens	Mike Lykens	N
First, Williamson	Susan Conn	Susan Conn	Susan Conn	Susan Conn
First, Williamstown	Medina Poole	Jeff Howard	Peter Thayer	Jeff Howard
Fleming Memorial, Fairmont	Judy Roylance	E	Sally Yost	Mike Yost
Frankford	Jeanie Boone	Linda Boone	E	Linda Boone
Gilbert	N	Debra Burgess	N	N
Glenville	Susan Lilly	E	Kathy Gilbert	N
Grace Covenant, Charleston	E	E	E	N
Green Bank, Liberty	N	N	N	N
Harman	N	N	N	N
Highlawn, Huntington,	Rochelle Bragan	N	Howard Aulick	Paulette Mabry
Highlawn, St. Albans	N	E	N	N
Hughes River, Cairo	E	E	Anne Banks	N
Kanawha United, Charleston	N	Robert Passmore	Roberta Fowlkes	Richard Hartman

Name of Church	8/29/15	12/3/15	2/20/16	5/19/16
Keller, Pence Springs	N	N	N	N
Kesler Memorial, Hico	N	N	N	N
Kuhn Memorial, Barboursville	N	N	N	N
Lakeview, Lakebottom	N	N	N	N
Marlinton	N	E	N	N
Marsh Fork, Dry Creek	N	E	N	N
McElhenney, Alderson	N	N	N	N
McKinnon, Charleston	E	N	N	N
McLean, Ronceverte	E	N	E	E
Mill Creek	N	N	E	N
Milton	N	N	N	N
Mingo	N	N	N	N
Montgomery	N	N	N	N
Mount Hope	N	N	N	N
Oak Grove, Hillsboro	N	N	Sue Hollandsworth	Sue Hollandsworth
Old Stone, Lewisburg	Jacqueline Bennett	N	Nancy Smallenberger	Joe Taylor
Orgas	N	N	N	N
Parsons	N	N	N	N
Philippi	N	N	N	N
Pickens	E	N	N	N
Pineville	N	E	N	N
Point Pleasant	N	N	Pam Heib	Donna Lambert
Red Sulphur Springs, Ballard	N	N	N	N
Richwood	N	N	N	N
Riverlawn, St. Albans	Pam Johnson	N	Sherry Marcum	Jane Lothes
Rock Forge, Morgantown	N	N	N	N
Rock Lake, South Charleston	N	John Solberg	Kay Rotz	John Solberg
Rome, Proctorville	N	N	N	N
Ronceverte	Alyson Dotson	Alan Clower	E	Alan Clower
Ruffner Memorial, Charleston	N	N	N	N
St. Andrew, Pinch	Steve Winkel	N	Steve Winkel	N
St. Marys	N	N	N	N
Salem, Ronceverte	Page Dickson	N	E	E
Second, Huntington	Stacy Wehrle	Donna Cowley	E	Jack Ferrell
Slatyfork, Big Spring	N	N	N	N
Smithers	E	N	N	N
South Park, Charleston	E	Debra Schultz	Larry Sites	E
Spencer	N	Brenda Wilson	Brenda Wilson	E
Spring Creek, Renick	N	N	N	N
Spring Valley, Huntington	N	N	N	N
Sugar Grove, Morgantown	N	N	N	N
Summerlee	N	N	N	N
Summersville	N	N	N	N
Teays Valley, Scott Depot	Bill Hensley	Cathy Conaway	Reggie Lowe	Bill Hensley
Trinity, Shady Spring	Leah Stalnaker	E	N	N
Tygarts Valley, Huttonsville	E	N	N	N
Union	Edith McKinley	E	N	N
Upperglade	James Gamble	James Gamble	N	James Gamble
Valley Bend, Beverly	N	N	N	N

Name of Church	8/29/15	12/3/15	2/20/16	5/19/16
Village Chapel, Charleston	Sheila Danzer	Martha Foster	Kathryn McCrary	Barbara Smith
Waverly – Bethel, Waverly	Dawn Hammat	N	Mark Skidmore	Dick Hammat
Westminster, Charleston	N	N	N	N
Westminster, Vienna	N	N	N	N
Whittico Memorial, Keystone	N	N	N	N
Winfield	John Hannan	Nancy Baldwin	E	N
Zion, Helvetia	N	N	N	N

APPENDIX B DOCKET

*Indicates “Order of the Day” (To be taken up precisely at the time indicated)

9:00 – 10:00 Registration and time for fellowship and refreshments
9:15 First Time Commissioner Orientation

*10:00 Call to Order Peter Vial, Moderator

Greetings from Bluestone Camp and Conference

Election of a Stated Clerk Pro Tem

- Welcome of new Teaching Elders Ed Thompson, Stated Clerk Pro Tem
- Seating of new Corresponding Members
- Introduction of Visiting Teaching Elders
- Recognition of Ruling Elders attending Presbytery for the first time
- Statement of Quorum
- Approval of Docket
- Consent Agenda
 - Moderator
 - o A consent agenda groups together routine items and resolutions under one agenda item. Items included in the consent agenda will not be open for discussion and all are approved in one vote. Opportunity will be given prior to the vote for members to remove items from the consent agenda. Items that are removed will be added to the regular agenda for separate discussion.
- Appointment of Temporary Clerks
- Appointment of Standing Committees
 - o Committee on Bills and Overtures
 - Leadership Team members present

Announcements: Resource Center, Mission Committee, Nurture Committee

Education Focus	<i>Protecting Our Children</i>	Dr. Rebecca Davis
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*11:15 Worship

*12:30 Recess for Lunch

*1:30 Prayer & Hymn Moderator

Report of the Stated Clerk	Stated Clerk Pro Tem
- Presentation of Procedural Matters	

Report of the General Presbyter	Ed Thompson
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Report of the Ministry Committee Cinda Harkless

Report of the Commission to Dissolve the Brush Creek Presbyterian Church &
Celebration of the Work and Ministry of the church

Report of the Leadership Team Randy Fife
- Presentation of Presbytery's Communication Plan Mark Parsons-Justice
- Update on Presbytery's Prayer Vision Initiative Nancy Didway

Report of the Nominating Committee Terry Cunningham

Report of the Bluestone Committee John McKinnon

"Good News from the Pews" Moderator
This is a time of sharing good news from churches throughout the presbytery
by Ruling Elder Commissioners only.

Report of the Mission Committee Doug Jenkins

Report of the Stewardship Committee David Lee
- Financial Reports Rocky Poole

New Business

Completion of Feedback Forms

4:00 Anticipated Time of Adjournment with Charge and Benediction by the Moderator

Printed Reports for Information Only: Nurture, Relations and Vocations
Committees

NEXT Stated Meeting:

August 20 at First Presbyterian Church, Clarksburg

2016 Presbytery Meeting:

November 17 at First Presbyterian Church, St. Albans

APPENDIX C – PROCEDURAL MATTERS

A. Principles of Parliamentary Law

- Courtesy to all
- Majority rule
- Justice for all
- One Item at a time
- Respect the rights of the minority
- Partiality for none
- Usually pro and con speakers will alternate and individual speaking will identify his or her position.
- No one is allowed to speak more than once on a pending question until all wishing to speak have been heard; a person can then speak a second time, but no more than twice (unless the body gives special permission by two-thirds vote for a third speech).

B. Relevant Provisions of Presbytery's Manual (Section III of Manual)

1. "No new business shall be introduced after Presbytery recesses for lunch (unless by two-thirds vote Presbytery sets a different deadline for introduction of new business), and any new business not listed on the docket shall be presented in written form."
2. "...each elder elected an officer, General Presbyter, or a member of Leadership Team shall be enrolled as a member of the Presbytery for the term of office, whether or not commissioned by his or her session."
3. "The privilege of the floor without vote shall be granted to lay members of Presbytery's committees and to laypersons serving on Presbytery's staff, if not enrolled as members of the Presbytery."
4. "The privilege of the floor without vote shall be granted to certified church educators serving the churches of Presbytery, if not enrolled as members of the Presbytery. Certified church educators who are ruling elders and serving churches of Presbytery shall have voice and vote privileges. (G-2.1103b)"

NOTE: The phrase, "privilege of the floor without vote," means that the person has the privilege of speaking on the floor of Presbytery, including debating a motion under consideration, subject to rules and guidelines that govern discussion and debate. However, the person does not have the privilege to make motions or to vote.

Those who have "privilege of the floor without vote" are lay members of committees, lay members of Presbytery staff, church educators, and youth advisory delegates. Those with "voice and vote" privileges are member Teaching Elders, Ruling Elder commissioners, Certified Christian Educators*, Commissioned Ruling Elders, General Presbyter, Stated Clerk, Recording Clerk, Treasurer, Moderator, Members of Leadership Team and Presbytery Committee chairs.

C. Procedural Rules for the meeting of Presbytery (approval by two-thirds vote required to adopt #3).

1. Persons wishing to speak to the Presbytery - giving a report, debating a motion, raising questions - will do so by using the microphones.
2. Each speaker, after recognition by the Moderator, will give his or her name and church name (or other relationship to the Presbytery if not pastor or elder commissioner from a session).
3. Limitation of Debate - 30 minutes per main motion, with each individual limited to 3 minutes per speech.
4. A recommendation from a committee or other entity elected by the Presbytery, upon being presented to Presbytery by an elected member of that entity, is considered to be on the floor for Presbytery's debate, amendment, and disposition without the necessity of a motion placing the recommendation on the floor.

APPENDIX D
DOCUMENTS FROM FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HUNTINGTON

Timeline

- Aug. – Presbytery begins receiving calls from concerned members of FPC. Calls are referred to the Ministry Committee who name a Listening Team to receive calls. When concerned persons contact the Presbytery office, they are given the contact information for members of the Listening Team.
- FPC Huntington is not made aware of phone calls from concerned members and is not aware that a Presbytery Listening Team has been created and assigned to receive calls. The Ministry Committee does not inform FPC until November 5.**
- The Book of Order states: “*The Session is the council for the congregation.*” “*The Session shall have responsibility for governing the congregation and guiding its witness to the sovereign activity of God in the world...*” (G-3.0201)**
- Nov. 4 -- A concerned member of FPC sends 4 page letter to Session outlining concerns, including the creation of a Task Force to study our relationship with the denomination. This same letter is mailed anonymously to every member of FPC encouraging people to contact Rev. Frank Mansell and Pam Ferrell of the Presbytery and includes *specific* contact information for each. This is before any information is communicated to FPC by the Presbytery.
- Nov. 5 – Dr. Minihan and Dr. Kent, the Pastor and Clerk of FPC, meet with Rev. Jim Robinson and Randy Fife and, are informed for the first time that the Ministry Committee has been receiving calls since August. It is stated that a total of 10-12 calls have been received. Dr. Minihan asks about the nature of alleged complaints. None are given except the allegation that at Congregational Meetings the floor is never opened to nominations for church officers. Dr. Minihan immediately forwards PDF copies of the congregational minutes to Rev. Jim Robinson demonstrating otherwise.
- Randy Fife proposes Listening Teams from the Ministry Committee be established at FPC. Dr. Minihan invites the Listening Team to visit with the Session as this is the first the church has heard about any concerns.
- Nov. 12 -- Email correspondence from Rev. Jim Robinson is received accepting a meeting with the Session. In the correspondence the Session is complimented regarding its establishment and handling of a Task Force to study denominational concerns and affiliation. “*Your Task Force process of education and discernment seems to be really solid, and we feel encouraged about what we have seen and heard about it.*”

- Nov. 17 -- At a special Session before worship (for the purpose of receiving new members) the FPC Session votes to invite the Ministry Committee Listening Team to the January stated meeting.
- Nov. 18 -- Letter from Ministry Committee Vice-Chair, Susan Perry, reiterating information shared by Rev. Jim Robinson and Randy Fife and detailing a plan already in place from the Ministry Committee to act (prior to any dialogue with the Session). The Letter (in part) reads:

An appropriate time and place will be established for listening sessions to take place. The Listening Team will compile a report of what they have heard and will present that to the Ministry Committee with recommendations, and also share the report with the FPC Session. The Ministry Committee will hear that report and then decide any action to take. Any action will be fully communicated to the leadership at FPC...”
(emphasis mine)

Please note this is all prior to any dialogue with the FPC Session and that the planned Listening Teams are identical to the ones now being proposed under the authority of an Administrative Commission, with additional powers, including being able to assume Original Jurisdiction.

- Dec. 3 -- Presbytery Packet mailed to all churches in the Presbytery includes information about reported difficulties at FPC (again, prior to any dialogue with the Session).
- Dec. 8 -- Letter from FPC Session is sent to Susan Perry asking for specifics of what will be discussed and the nature of the communications received from concerned members by the Ministry Committee.
- Dec. 16 -- A follow-up email / 2nd request is sent to Susan Perry again asking for specifics so there can be genuine dialogue with the Session.
- Jan. 4 -- Letter received from Susan Perry outlining topics to be discussed (almost a month after the initial request). This correspondence is received only a few days before the meeting with Session. It is also noteworthy that the very first item listed in the items to be discussed is the creation of a Task Force at FPC to study the church's relationship with the denomination. FPC had been previously assured that the existence of the Task Force was not a major concern.

It is also noteworthy that the items of concern listed in Susan Perry's letter were almost *verbatim* from the letter sent to the FPC Session and later anonymously to the entire congregation on November 4.

- Jan. 10 -- Session meeting with Listening Team. The Session dialogued with Listening Team and afterward discussed Listening Team member, Jean Summerfield's experience of 2x2 teams from the Session used to address any member

concerns. The Presbytery Listening Team promises to refer all calls back to Session and FPC Elder Shepherds on the Session.

The Session never voted to deny the Listening Team's request, as alleged in today's Presbytery packet. No vote was ever taken by the Session. Instead the Session discussed setting up their own listening teams to hear and address any member concerns.

- Jan. 10 -- Email correspondence from Rev. Jim Robinson stating, "*I was encouraged by our meeting this evening.*"
- Jan. 25 -- Email correspondence from Susan Perry stating, "*I will be reporting on the positive meeting that we had with First Huntington's Session.*"
- Jan. 25 -- Letter from Dr. Minihan to FPC Session about facilitating our own listening team process by contracting with Kanawha Pastoral Counseling Center.
- Jan. 25 -- Email to Susan Perry explaining upcoming proposal for specialized training and the creation of our own listening teams.
- Jan. 26 -- Acknowledgement of email by Susan Perry and thanks expressed for such a quick response.
- Jan. 29 -- Follow-up lunch with Rev. Jim Robinson, Pam Ferrell and Jean Summerfield. Information shared about proposed plan to have KPPC training. Positive response from Rev. Robinson and expression of thanks for the time spent with them.
- Jan. 31 -- At its stated meeting (held one week earlier than normal) the FPC Session approves contracting Sky Kershner, Director of the Kanawha Pastoral Counseling Center to train in NVC and Empathy Listening at a cost of over \$1,000.
- Feb. 12 -- Second Letter sent by the same concerned FPC member (as above on Nov 4) to FPC members and the Presbytery, again voicing complaints (including the existence of a Task Force and the "gay issue"). Encourages FPC members to continue contacting the Presbytery to express dissatisfaction and again includes contact information for Pam Ferrell.
- Feb. 25 -- Email communication from Dr. Minihan to Susan Perry and Rev. Jim Robinson expressing frustration at this member's continued letters to the congregation and Presbytery's continued dialogue with FPC members.
- Feb. 26 -- Email received from Susan Perry noting that Presbytery has received 2 calls and the letter from the concerned member and has shared with those contacting the Presbytery FPC's plan for special training and subsequent Elder-led listening teams from the Session. Susan also notes that the Ministry Committee will likely

not dissolve the Presbytery Listening Team until the “*Session fulfills the assurance that was made to us that the Session, acting in teams, would hear the concerns of your people.*”

- March 13 -- Training with Sky Kershner of KPPC. Note that March 13th was the *earliest* date Mr. Kershner and the Session could meet together. Session attendance was 100% and came after Sunday School, worship and a funeral/committal service by Dr. Minihan.
- March 31 -- April Church Newsletter published informing the congregation of Elder-led Listening Teams to be available for any congregational concerns.
- April 3 -- FPC Elder Listening Teams established for the purpose of initiating contact with concerned members. (Please note the publication date of the newsletter was the Thursday before the Sunday Session meeting. Even though elders were not officially paired until Sunday, the events were basically simultaneous).
- April... -- Elders (paired in two's) meeting with concerned members. Note: in most cases FPC elders initiated contact.
- April 29 -- May Church Newsletter published continuing to inform the congregation of Elder-led Listening Teams to be available for any congregational concerns.
- May 1 -- Regular Session meeting. Initial reports from Elder-Listening Teams. A June 9, date set for Elder Listening Teams to complete their work and report back at a special called meeting of the Session.

To date, FPC elders have had “9” listening session with a total of 13 concerned members. 5 more listening sessions are being scheduled. These numbers are consistent with the Presbytery’s report of receiving calls from 10-12 concerned members.

Please note that the concerned member responsible for sending letters to the Session and members of FPC and the Presbytery (on Nov. 4 and Feb. 12) has refused to meet with the Session or Elder-led listening teams despite repeated invitations from the Session and Elder listening teams.

- May 10 -- Presbytery information stating intention of asking for the establishment of an Administrative Commission with the powers to establish their own Listening Team and additional vast powers over the church – including the right to assume Original Jurisdiction over the Session. There was no prior indication to the FPC Session of this intended action.

The above timeline is provided to demonstrate the following:

1. That the Ministry Committee had been fielding calls from 10-12 members of FPC for several months and had established their own Listening Team prior to any knowledge by the FPC Session or any dialogue with the Session to ascertain the nature of these calls.

Violation of G -3.0201, which states: The Session is the council for the congregation,” and that, “The Session shall have responsibility for governing the congregation and guiding its witness to the sovereignty of God in the world, so that the congregation is and becomes a community of faith, hope, love and witness” (G-3.0201).

2. That prior to any dialogue with the Session, the Ministry Committee had already determined a specific plan of action. This plan is similar to the one being proposed by today’s motion for an Administrative Commission with the addition of unjustifiably broad powers over the church, including the right to assume Original Jurisdiction.
3. That the Ministry Committee had been in contact with at least one concerned member of FPC and given that member the names and contact information of Presbytery personnel to call. This information was mailed to the FPC congregation prior to any disclosure on the part of the Ministry Committee that they had been receiving calls.
4. The Presbytery had published information in the December 2015 Presbytery packet about “reported difficulties” at First Presbyterian Huntington. This was more than a month before the Ministry Committee Listening Team had ever met with the Session.
5. That upon hearing the Ministry Committee’s concerns, although general in nature, the FPC Session embarked on a detailed plan to address the concerns of its members. This plan included adopting the suggestion of Listening Team member, Jean Summerfield’s experience of elders teams initiating contact with concerned members.
6. At its own expense, the FPC Session contracted with the Kanawha Pastoral Counseling Center to train in NVC and Empathy Listening at a cost of over \$1,000. The rationale for this training was to provide Session members with the best tools possible for dialoguing with any concerned members.
7. Upon completion of training with KPCC, the FPC Session made the congregation aware that pairs of elders were available to meet to discuss any concerns. These meetings have been on-going and the number of meetings having taken place (9) and still to be scheduled (5) is consistent with the reports of calls from 10-12 concerned members.
8. That the Session of First Presbyterian Church is managing its affairs wisely and in good order, and that request for an Administrative Commission with broad powers, including the right of assuming Original Jurisdiction (taking over the church) is unjustified and out of order.

FPC – Active in Ministry and Mission

Discipling God's Children – of all ages

- **Worship** services are well-ordered in the Reformed Tradition
- New **Adult Elective Sunday school class**: began 5/15/16 – 42 in attendance
- Children coming forward during worship for “Time with Children”: 30-40 each week
- **Children in Worship**:
 - Preschool – average is 12 children
 - K-2nd - average is 16 (19 children two Sunday's ago filled newly-designed room to capacity)
- Multiple options for **on-going adult small group Bible Study**:
 - WIGS (“Women in Godly Study”) – morning and evening classes
 - Missional Moms
 - John Knox class
 - Pea Ridge class
 - Thursday Night Bible Study
 - Woodlands Bible Study
 - Young Adult Bible Study
 - College Bible Study
- **Youth**: 25 to 35 participate regularly in activities;
 - 10 of these are graduating seniors
 - 30 youth participated in Youth Sunday - 5/8/16
- **Confirmation Class** – seven 8th- 9th grade students participated in class with Dr. Minihan from September through April. They read and discussed the Gospel of Mark, were challenged to think critically about their faith, and wrote their own Statements of Faith.
- **LOGOS** – Wednesday evening intergenerational program of worship skills, Bible Study, recreation, and a family meal.
 - 65-70 children participating weekly
 - 85 adult volunteers in LOGOS program
- **VBS** – (June 2015) -more than 70 children on several days
 - between 50-60 volunteers

Membership Notes

- 18 new members to join FPC in the past year

- 9 baptisms in the past year
- Multiple families travel to FPC from a considerable distance: Ashland, Milton, Scott Depot

FPC has a **passion** to share the message of **Jesus Christ** by serving as His hands and feet in our community and around the world.

In 2015 and 2016, a total of over \$400,000 is devoted to our mission projects - both locally and abroad.

Local Missions

- **Harmony House** – FPC members serve 3 meals a month to 100-125 homeless individuals at Harmony House; also FPC provides breakfast foods 2 days a week.
- **‘Helpington’** – is a neighborhood cleanup project started with another downtown church in 2011. This spring the project involved 4 churches and 253 people - cleaning a 23-block area on Huntington’s west side.
- **New Beginnings Crisis Pregnancy Center** – During Lent, we collected “Baby Bottle Offering” to contribute \$1,885 to support mothers in a crisis pregnancy situation.
- **Blessings in a Backpack** – Recognizing that many children’s meals are provided primarily at school, and they have inadequate food resources on weekends: FPC has partnered with 3 other churches to provide 240 Central City Elementary students with a backpack containing snack meals every Friday.
- **Empty Bowls** – An annual mission of selling handmade ceramic bowls with a soup lunch. Bowls are donated from several sources – including FPC’s own Skip Seibel and his wife Karal. This year the project raised \$17,000 for Fighting Hunger Foodbank in Huntington.
- **Christmas International House** – FPC was the founding church of CIH in 1965 by Rev. Pete Peterson. We have a long history of hosting up to 25 international students each year during the holiday period while their university dormitories are closed. Church members have them in their homes for meals, take them to group activities (ice-skating, caving, laser tag, roller skating, sledding, sporting events, movies, and more), prepare meals with and visit with the students during their holiday stay. Several non-believers have accepted Jesus as their Savior after experiencing Christ’s love through our members.
- **Christmas Day Dinner** – This program was developed to allow other meal program providers to have Christmas Day off with their families. Many FPC families make serving the homeless and shut-ins in Huntington a priority on the birthday of our Lord. This past Christmas we prepared and served or delivered

800 meals! In addition, we witness the true meaning of Christmas through Scripture lessons and carols to our dining room guests. Guests are encouraged to take a gift of mittens, gloves, or scarves and a handmade pillow.

- **World Changers** – Each summer, 300 youth and adults spend a week in Huntington working on homes. FPC hosts 3 crews of 12 participants each. This involves having them for worship and lunch on Sundays and providing lunchtime meals at their worksites for 5 days.
- **Cridlin Food Pantry** – FPC donates at least 96 food items every month.

Outreach Ministries and Mission Partners

- **Cabwaylingo Presbyterian Chapel** – FPC supports the monthly food bank and clothing closet for about 200 families. We help to provide lay pastors for worship and support various youth and children activities throughout the year.
- **Loved Ones Group** – is a community outreach support group for people who have a loved one who is suffering with addictions. FPC offers this group which meets once a week.
- **Narcotics Anonymous** – FPC hosts 2 meetings per week with 8-12 individuals attending each.
- **Alcoholics Anonymous** – FPC hosts 2 meetings per wk with average of 46 individuals on Mondays and 8-10 on Saturdays.
- **Recovery Point Huntington** – Lauded in WV for its success in treatment of alcohol and/or drug addiction, Recovery Point has partnered with FPC as a location for clients to “trudge” to class – which will meet twice daily, five days a week. Project Coordinator is a member of FPC.
- **Young Life Huntington**– FPC provides office and meeting space for this important ministry to adolescents. 30-40 youth attend each gathering.
- **Young Lives** – A group of Young Life for teenage mothers. FPC provides nursery care and a meeting place each month.
- **Riverview Manor** – FPC provides monthly worship services at this downtown assisted living apartment building. Also, FPC provides a monthly meal and entertainment evening and transports residents for shopping twice a month.
- **Habitat for Humanity** – FPC hosts multiple groups that come to Huntington to participate in this worthy ministry including: Boston College group, Johns Hopkins group, Mechanicsburg, PA group, Bike-n-Build groups.

Foreign Missions

- **Peru Mission Trip** – This July is our 19th year of mission work in the Iquitos, Peru area; we are taking 9 people. Over the years, FPC has donated and installed over 300 water filters in the village of Gallito. Each week our groups are there we teach 60 children in Bible school, see about 300 patients in the medical clinic, and perform construction projects on the church and village homes.
- **Uganda Mission Trip** – After our first group of 9 people went in 2013, FPC adopted the Village of Lapinollyo. This is our third year to provide financial and spiritual support – including paying the pastor and helping to build a church facility. This year, a group of 10 FPC members and senior pastor are planning to go in October.

FPC - Children in Worship
K - 2nd Grade
Sunday, May 15, 2016

[Picture of Children in Worship]

NOTE: In addition to the information above a trifold pamphlet, *First Presbyterian Church Confirmation Class of 2016 What We Believe Statements of Faith*, was included in the packet. Due to the fact that the confirmand participants are youth, this information has not been included here.

APPENDIX E
HISTORY OF THE BRUSH CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

BRUSH CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TIMELINE

July, 1902	Mr. George Reaugh, a Sunday-School Missionary, visits the Sunday school in Oliver A. Eastep's Blacksmith's shop, located in Ridgeview, WV
October 21, 1905	Petition for church organization presented to Presbytery in Charleston
November 5, 1905	Brush Creek Presbyterian Church's first organizational meeting
December 27, 1952	Brush Creek Presbyterian Church building dedicated
July 20, 2002	Brush Creek Presbyterian Church's 100 Year Celebration
October 25, 2015	Final Worship Service held at Brush Creek Presbyterian Church

Brush Creek Presbyterian Church: A History

The history of Brush Creek Presbyterian Church begins in the town of Ridgeview, West Virginia, where the community had a one room log schoolhouse, a teacher, and approximately thirty children from the area who were students. "As yet we had no church or Sunday school, but occasionally a preacher would come in and have meetings in our schoolhouse. Our folks decided we needed a Sunday school for the children, but no house was available."¹ So that the children's books would not be misplaced or misused, the community leaders asked Oliver Eastep if they could use his blacksmith shop as a location for the church and Sunday school. Because Mr. Eastep was no longer using his shop, he quickly agreed.

"They cleaned it out to make room for the Sunday school class," says Eastep's granddaughter Delores Cook. She continues, "They got logs and made seats. It didn't even have a floor."²

After the work of clearing out the blacksmith shop, cutting lumber, and sending out the invitations, a few people, all of whom were lovingly referred to as "Uncle" brought families together there in Ridgeview. "Uncle Oliver, Uncle Joe Epling and Uncle Esthel Snodgrass organized our Sunday school, and we were very happy people. Our only literature was cards for the children that had Bible story questions and answers all on the one card."³

In the summer of 1902, Rev. George Reaugh arrived to visit the Sunday school class. He and Rev. R.H. Rogers, who were both sent there by the Synod, held a series of meetings while overseeing the instruction. The church history documents several people accepted Christ during those meetings. It

¹ Brush Creek Presbyterian Church, 100 Years of Witnessing Celebration: 1902-2002, "History of the Church," (2002).

² Dawson, Ellen. Interview with Delores Cook. Personal interview via telephone. Huntington, WV. May 7, 2016.

³ Brush Creek Presbyterian Church, 100 Years of Witnessing Celebration: 1902-2002.

was obvious that the Holy Spirit was moving, so the leaders started considering what it would mean to actually undergo the work of constructing a church building. Delores Cook explains, "a man named Ballard Hurley donated land on which a church building could be constructed. This property was about 1 mile from where the current church is located."⁴

As the community grew, Mr. Reaugh invited a woman named Mate Edna Peabody to come assist him in with work in the area. In addition, a Sunday school missionary commissioned by the Synod named Rev. Charles Humble came to teach and reach out to the families living in Ridgeview. A few more teachers and missionaries in the region, D. J. Gillanders, R. H. Rogers, and a "Miss Clarke" also contributed to the Sunday school classes and meetings. The minutes of the church's organization read, "As a result of the work done by these Sunday School Missionaries and the Bible Teachers eighteen person petitioned the Presbytery for the organization of a Presbyterian Church."⁵ This petition was presented at the Presbytery meeting in Charleston on October 21, 1905. A committee was appointed to visit the building site and bring the community together for planning. A few weeks later, Rev. D. Alex. Henry, Secretary of the Board of Sunday School Work, went to Ridgeview to preach and preside over the organizational meetings that day. The minutes, as recorded by W. B. Sterrett, reflect that nine individuals were received by letter of transfer and nine people were received by profession of faith and baptism. "Mr. Ward Ferrall and D. J. Gillanders were elected and ordained Elders. The Church chose the name of The Presbyterian Church of Brush Creek."⁶

Fourteen years after the congregation was established, the congregation members became active in their support of the Davis-Stuart School, a Presbyterian residential treatment center for teens and their families. "George N. Davis and his wife, Mary Estelle Kinports Davis donated their 574-acre farm near Lewisburg, WV to the Synod of West Virginia...to serve as a home for orphaned and dependent children. The home was chartered in 1919 to a board of directors."⁷

Over the years, the congregation of Brush Creek Presbyterian Church not only supported regional missions and organizations, they held weddings, funerals, baptisms, and dedications, held Bible Studies, and organized a Vacation Bible School in the summertime. "We even hosted a Presbytery meeting," states Delores Cook, the current Clerk of Session. "Our little church, can you imagine? That was quite a few years ago."⁸

As a child, Cook remembers Dr. Linus E. Brown and his wife Jenny coming to the church. She recalls, "They would go into the schools, and Mrs. Brown would play a keyboard. He would have a little Bible story and she would play that little keyboard and we would sing." As a student at Brush Creek grade school, Cook describes the school and the little bridge that went across the creek that she could see from her classroom. "I would be excited to death when I knew it was there day to come to school and would see them coming across the bridge with that little keyboard," says Cook.

The years brought change in the valley, but Brush Creek Presbyterian Church remained. Members of the church decided that the only location in town that had sufficient acreage for a building and parking

⁴ Dawson, Ellen. Interview with Delores Cook. Personal interview via telephone. Huntington, WV. May 7, 2016.

⁵ W. B. Sterrett, Chairman, "Minutes of the Organization of the Brush Creek Presbyterian Church," November 5, 1905.

⁶ Ibid.

⁷ Davis-Stuart, Inc. <http://www.davis-stuart.org/history>, (accessed May 14, 2016).

⁸ Interview with Delores Cook.

was near the manse where Dr. and Mrs. Linus Brown were living. The 2 ½ acre plot of land was sold to the church for the small sum of \$500.00. To save on the cost of construction, they actually were able to use some of the timber on the property. "They set a day and asked for anyone who would like to help cut timber to come along."⁹ In order to finance the church building, the members asked for donations, had fundraisers, and also contributed their own "sweat equity." The current church building was dedicated in 1952.

"In our little town of Ridgeview, we used to have a post office, a grade school, a coal company, a company store, and we had another little store that was in the same building where the post office was. And the church. That was our community," says Cook. She proudly explains how the church was served the people there, even in the midst of an economic downturn. "We hosted many work groups from various parts of United States who came to serve the people in the valley. And, many people don't know this, but we were one of the first churches in the area to have a rummage sale. We got items donated from as far away as New York." She says that the Women's Association got the proceeds from these sales, and they purposely sold items for 10 cents each so that the residents could afford to make purchases. "If there was a need there, we would try to fill it. If there was a need for an electric bill or gas bill, for food or for clothing, we would reach out. And we didn't just reach out materialistically, we also reached out spiritually."¹⁰

Cook continues, "When the church was built we had a lot of people that attended. When the coal company closed, some people moved away. The young people moved because of the downturn in the economy. Those of us who are left, well, I must be the only one. I think that God kept me here because I played the piano, and I attended the church. This was my home and I stayed."¹¹

On Saturday, July 20, 2002, the congregation of Brush Creek Presbyterian Church hosted a 100 Year Celebration from 6:30-8:30 pm. The program began with a welcome and prayer led by Rev. Harley Tweed, and included a presentation about the church's history, an introduction of former pastors, and special music.

Sadly, the population of Ridgeview continued to decline, and the church members started moving away, becoming shut-ins, or passing away. It was clear that the few members who were left in the area could not pay for the maintenance of the building or a pastor anymore. Therefore, after much prayer and deliberation, a decision was made to close the church. The final Service of Worship at Brush Creek Presbyterian Church was held on October 25, 2015, with Rev. Ralph "Jed" Alfred presiding.

"It's almost like pouring liquid out of a bottle. After so long the last drop is the last drop. I guess I am the last drop," says Cook, with a sigh. After reminiscing and sharing stories, she concludes, "We used to be a thriving church. But I want people to know the reasons we got down to one drop is because new people didn't move in."¹²

As the church is closed and officially dissolved, it is important to remember the past and celebrate what the Lord has done for the people who made a home in the town of Ridgeview. Consider the

⁹ Brush Creek Presbyterian Church, 100 Years of Witnessing Celebration: 1902-2002.

¹⁰ Interview with Delores Cook.

¹¹ Ibid.

¹² Ibid.

people who, over the 100-plus years of existence, taught a Sunday school class; shared a prayer request; learned a new song at Vacation Bible School; sang "Silent Night" on Christmas Eve; grieved for family member; celebrated on Easter morning; proclaimed the Word of God; participated in The Lord's Supper; signed up to cook a meal for a neighbor; sang in the choir; made a repair in the church sanctuary; or generously placed money in the offering plate.

Delores Cook wrote an acrostic poem about her beloved church in August of 1997, entitled "Past, Present, and a Challenge for the Future: Brush Creek." It is shared here as a tribute to the work the Lord has done through the people Brush Creek Presbyterian Church.

Beautiful are the memories of the Brush Creek Church
Reverence to God has been first and foremost
Ushered in with patience, love, faith and hope
Seemingly revealed from records and notes
Heavenly messages carried out by God's people

Contained a direction for both young and old
Revive us again are the words I am hearing
Every day is His day to bring souls to Him
Energize us today with Your love and guidance and our
Keeping Your commandments will be our challenge for the Future.¹³

FORMER MINISTERS OF BRUSH CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH RIDGEVIEW, WEST VIRGINIA

George A. Reaugh
R. H. Rogers
Christopher Humble
D. J. Gillanders
Mate Edna Peabody
William R. Easter
G.D.L. Parsons
Jason C. Hart
Donald Lomas
Bruce Morgan
Dr. Linus E. Brown
Paul Gabrielson
Ron Roberts
Timothy Jessen
Don Vogel
Tom Eggebeen
Charles Browning
Ron Dunning
Harry Palmer
William McMorran
Dr. Timothy Ma
Dean Veltman
Max Perrow
David Witherell
Harley Tweed
Ralph "Jed" Alford

¹³ Brush Creek Presbyterian Church, 100 Years of Witnessing Celebration: 1902-2002.

The Light of Christ in the Coal River Valley

Brush Creek Presbyterian Church in Ridgeview, West Virginia is part of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s pioneering efforts to spread the Good News of the Gospel in the Southeastern United States. Numerous articles, Presbytery Reports, Minutes from Presbytery meetings, and Minutes from the meetings of the Board of National Missions, Home Missions, and Women's Missions tell the stories of the missionaries that were in the region—all of whom had a role in establishing Brush Creek Presbyterian Church, as well as many other congregations. These missionaries, and therefore, Brush Creek Presbyterian Church, are part of the story of our denomination's rich mission history here in the state of West Virginia.

Rev. Dr. Christopher Humble, Martha Priscilla Spencer, and Mr. George Reaugh were among the individuals who were called to ride on horseback and travel on foot into the Coal River Valley and the mountains south of Charleston.

[Rev. Dr. Christopher Humble]

A member of the First Presbyterian Church of Colcord, lovingly known as "Aunt Moll" began praying daily that a minister would come to their town, a remote area in Raleigh County. According to their history, she began her prayer vigil in 1887, knowing that the Clear Fork Valley was mostly inaccessible. "Ministers visited infrequently, and this made isolation more painful, according to Aunt Moll. 'Others used to bring the light and take it away again,' she was quoted as saying in a 1928 edition of the Presbyterian publication *Home Missions*. 'Then it was blacker then ever.'"¹⁴

However, she persisted in prayer, and in 1893, the Synod's new Sunday School Missionary arrived. His name was Dr. Christopher Humble. Aunt Moll's story declares that Dr. Humble "came over the top of Kayford Mountain," and that he had been appointed by the Synod "to bring the light to the wilderness."¹⁵

Author John Somerndike wrote the following in 1912, in his book *On the Firing Line with the Sunday School Missionary*:

Think what this means to the future of this region. Is it not to the lasting credit of our church that she sends forth messengers to perform this Christlike service?

In studying the conditions and the progress of missionary effort in this field mention should be made of the noble and self denying labors of Dr. Christopher Humble of sacred memory.

In 1895, the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work first secured the services of Dr. Humble placing him in charge of Sunday school missions among the mountaineers of West Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee. For fourteen years Dr. Humble labored faithfully in that field,

¹⁴ First Presbyterian Church of Colcord. http://www.wvexp.com/index.php/First_Presbyterian_Church_of_Colcord (accessed May 1, 2016).

¹⁵ Ibid.

living the life of the people in those mountain fastnesses, and ministering to their needs in many ways. With rare patience, with sweet and gentle spirit, and yet with a firmness, born of true conviction, this man of God wrestled with the difficult problems confronting him. The mountain work in those days was not yet organized.

With the aid of the missionary funds of the Board, he succeeded in gathering a force of eighteen or twenty Sunday-school missionaries, locating them at strategic points. From their labors, the results have been truly marvelous. Dr. Humble also originated the plan and organized the work of the women Bible readers of the Woman's Board of Home Missions whose labors have been blessed of God in following and developing the missions planted by the Sunday school missionaries.

Dr. Humble was beloved by all the mountaineers. He understood them and they trusted him implicitly. Many benighted souls in those dark mountain cabins found peace and freedom as the light of God's love dawned upon them through the Christlike character and faithful words of this man who opened the Book to them and gently led them out of their ignorance and superstition. The memory of this hero of the Cross remains fresh and honored among these appreciative people.

This was his appeal in their behalf:

*Long these people have waited silently except to God. Is it for the Presbyterian Church they are waiting? So God's providence seems to say for truly its word is, 'Behold, I have set before thee a door opened.' Shall we enter while the door is open or shall we permit this noble people at our very doors now awakening to be the prey of immorality, Mormonism, or other forms of godlessness? May the voice of God move our church and move her now to the rescue of our mountain brethren and their children.*¹⁶

Rev. Dr. Christopher Humble used his gifts as an organizer, recruiter, teacher, missionary, and pastor. His efforts allowed for others to live out their own call to share the Good News of the Gospel in the mountains and valleys of West Virginia. He truly believed God had opened doors for Christ's light to be shared in that region. Dr. Humble's tireless efforts are to be remembered, celebrated, and gratefully acknowledged.

/Martha Priscilla Spencer/

In 1895, in response to many appeals, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church had authorized the Board of Home Missions to commission women as Bible readers and community workers. "The need for such service had been especially urged by Dr. Humble, and by members of Parkersburg Presbytery, who saw the slow progress being made in isolated communities when only occasional preaching could be provided." There was a need for daily interactions with people in their homes, and

¹⁶ John Somerndike, *On the Firing Line with the Sunday-school Missionary* (Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1912), 88-89.

Dr. Humble knew he needed not only more people, but those who could provide good leadership. An article in a 1926 issue of *The Presbyterian Magazine* tells us that authorization was given for the Presbyterian Church to make roads where there were none, for at that time, the railroad did not reach the Coal River Valley. The author explains, "At the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago was a woman of unusual Christian and educational background, of strong physical power, a woman equipped with a sweet but indomitable spirit—Martha Priscilla Spencer."¹⁷

Spencer, who came from a large Quaker family in Pennsylvania, moved to Kansas where she not only studied, but also worked as a teacher and superintendent. She then continued her schooling in Boston and Philadelphia in the early 1880s. But God was calling her to full time mission work. So she moved to Chicago for training at the Moody Bible Institute. "...in 1890 [she] entered Moody Institute, and it was there that Dr. Humble, in search of an intrepid spirit, unafraid of hardship, found her and challenged her to pioneer work. Her response was immediate, and October of 1895 found her in the Coal River Valley, commissioned by the Board at a salary of \$300 per year."¹⁸

It is clear that her willingness, determination, and calling led her to this region, but also gave her the sustaining grace she needed to tirelessly travel and so readily serve. "Miss Spencer went out into the valleys and coves over a circuit of some fifty miles to the points now known as Colcord, (then Lawson), Dorothy, Jarrold's Valley, up Marsh Fork to Dry Creek, up Clear Creek to Fulton, and later to Cabin Creek," writes Bennett on behalf of the Board of National Missions. Describing Spencer as "dauntless" and "cherished," Bennett continues:

To her came the mothers for advice and the daughters for encouragement, to isolated homes and lonely families and to all who were spiritually needy went the Bible woman. She organized six Sunday school and kept them alive by personal leadership, developing helpers as rapidly as possible. 'Most of the journeys were made on foot, though occasionally by the use of a neighbor's steed. The very stones were sometimes agonizingly familiar, yet as the mountains were round about, so the Lord hovered and protected His own.'¹⁹

Reflecting on the legacy of Martha Priscilla Spencer's many talents and years of service, Bennett writes, "When God creates a need He also creates the person to meet that need."²⁰

/Mr. George Reaugh/

In July of 1902, Mr. George Reaugh visited a Sunday School that had been started in Oliver Eastep's Blacksmith shop in Ridgeview, WV.

Reaugh was supported by Tenth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. A 1903 *New York Observer* article entitled "Presbyterianism in Philadelphia" explains, "During the past five years this church has expended for all purposes above \$200,000 an average of more than \$40,000 a year. Nearly

¹⁷ Katharine M. Bennett, "Martha Priscilla Spencer," *The Presbyterian Magazine*, November 1926, 508-509.

¹⁸ *Ibid.*, 508.

¹⁹ *Ibid.*

²⁰ *Ibid.*

\$10,000 is annually divided almost equally between the Home and Foreign Boards.”²¹ This congregation allowed Mr. Reaugh to work as a Sunday school missionary, and was one of 30 missionaries supported by these special offerings who were establishing Sunday Schools in the mountains of West Virginia.

Only a few years after Mr. Reaugh arrived in Ridgeview, his report to the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church at the General Assembly reflected that the Sunday School in that community was one of many in the area that had been established. His report states, “When I came to Boone County, I could learn of but two Sabbath schools in operation. I have organized twenty-five. We have now seven permanent Sabbath schools and of the fifteen summer schools, ten are ours.”²²

This movement of sending organizers for Sunday schools (or Sabbath Schools) was a strategy that had been in place since the end of the 1800s, yet many congregations, and their members, were unaware of the ways in which the churches in such rural areas were established. The leadership of these movements did what they could to communicate the need for both people and for finances.

Somerndike explains and encourages it in his 1912 publication:

The Presbyterian Church at large has been sadly lacking in knowledge of Sunday school missionary work. It is a form of missionary effort which has a sphere distinctly its own, cultivating fields beyond the reach of the activities of any other benevolent board of the church, and producing results that should satisfy the most exacting....this cause, which is so far reaching in its influence upon the future of our national and church life before Christians everywhere [is] one which should be earnestly and generously supported both as a religious and as a patriotic duty.²³

The Lord called people to faithfully and obediently carry the light of Christ into the mountains of the Coal River Valley, and the established congregations and leadership of the denomination supported this work through financial donations, training, and prayer. As a result, Brush Creek Presbyterian Church became one of the many beacons of the Gospel. Mr. Reaugh forged the way for a small Sunday school meeting in a blacksmith’s shop to grow into a willing Body of Christ in Ridgeview. He also became a leader, teacher and pastor in that town, opening the way for over a century of ministry to be lived out by the people who made that town their home.

Rev. Ellen R. Dawson
Presbytery of West Virginia

Submitted to the Administrative Commission to dissolve the Brush Creek Presbyterian Church
May 15, 2016

²¹ Rev. Willard M. Rice, D.D., “Presbyterianism in Philadelphia,” *The New York Observer*, January 1, 1903, Vol. 81, No. 4156, 425.

²² *One Hundred and Second Annual Report of the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America*, presented May 24, 1904, Buffalo, NY, “Synods of Pennsylvania, Kentucky, and Tennessee, Work Among the Mountaineers,” Appendix, 40.

²³ Somerndike, 88.

APPENDIX F

MISSION COMMITTEE GRANTS

There are three different kinds of grants that are accessed through the work of the Mission Committee.

- **Mission Grants:** Funds that are budgeted each year to support Mission activity in the Presbytery of WV. There are three categories of funding: Institutional Partnerships, Mission Partnerships, Mission Startups.
- **Brick and Mortar Grants:** Funds from the Presbytery Budget for Building needs, primarily emergency needs.
- **Hunger Action Grants:** Funding available through the generosity of our congregations giving to through the “Centsability Offering.”

Brick and Mortar Grants:

1. In general related to program or building needs.
2. Usually take a minimum of three months to process.
3. Mission Committee approves the concept
4. Mission Committee then passes it on to Stewardship and Trustees; they approve based on fund availability.
5. There is a rolling deadline.
6. Funding renews at the beginning of the year. \$15,000 per calendar year for all projects funded through this grant.
7. Remember: Receiving a grant can help you as you seek to find other grant possibilities.

Mission Grants:

The deadline for all categories is early fall. Grant applications will always be due on the first Tuesday following Columbus Day to receive funding for following calendar year. Annual reports are due by September 1 each year. Grants are ordinarily paid in four quarterly installments. Grants are divided into three categories:

1. Mission Start up Grants: Apply every year, limited to 3 consecutive years. If an organization has been funded 3 consecutive years that organization will need to wait for at least one calendar year before reapplying.
2. Institutional Partnerships: Report back yearly, but do not have to apply every year.
 - a. An annual report is required each year. The Report should include:
 - a basic mission statement from organization,
 - A statement of what were funds were used for
 - How the organization communicated within the presbytery at large about their ministry.
 - A plan for the following year.
 - b. A reminder will be sent in early June from the presbytery office. Reports are due no later than September 1 and will be read at the September meeting of Mission Committee.
3. Mission Partnerships: Report back yearly, but do not have to apply every year.
 - a. An annual report is required each year. The Report should include:
 - a basic mission statement from organization,
 - A statement of what were funds were used for

- How the organization communicated within the presbytery at large about their ministry.
 - A plan for the following year.
- b. A reminder will be sent in early June from the presbytery office. Reports are due no later than September 1 and will be read at the September meeting of Mission Committee.

Grant Application basics:

Cover sheet:

- a. Name of program
- b. Type of need addressed
- c. Amount requested
- d. Church/Denomination affiliation
- e. List any prior years when grants were received.

Application:

1. Program or project description
 - a. What caused you to choose this program/project?
 - b. How will it affect your community?
2. What will the funds be used for?
 - a. What is your program budget
 - b. What portion you are seeking support for?
 - c. Where are you getting your other support? What are your other sources of funding?
 - d. Total amount of request.
 - e. What is your plan for becoming self-sustaining?
3. What is your plan for next year?

End of year report:

At the conclusion of the year please submit the following as a report. If this is not your first year applying for the grant please attach your report from last year.

1. What have you accomplished in the past year?
2. How many units of service were provided?
3. Number of people benefited.
4. Projected benefit of the program of the year ahead.

When a grant from any category is approved:

The Mission Committee will send letter announcing the funding of the request, the amount and a request to the organization to report to Presbytery in one of the following ways:

- a. A newsletter article
- b. A video for link for our website,
- c. Photos,
- d. A display at a presbytery meeting
- e. An oral report at a presbytery meeting

COMPOSITE BY COMMITTEE

	YTD (03/31/16)	Budget	% of Budget	Restricted Fund Support
ADMINISTRATION	129,351.16	625,000.00	20.7%	95,300.00
BLUESTONE	200.00	6,000.00	3.3%	4,500.00
LEADERSHIP	1,539.14	5,000.00	30.8%	
MINISTRY	2,723.35	36,500.00	7.5%	23,500.00
MISSIONS	134.63	62,624.00	0.2%	37,250.00
NOMINATING	0.00	200.00	0.0%	
NURTURE	(5,343.76)	23,500.00	-22.7%	16,200.00
PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION	0.00	300.00	0.0%	
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN	1,000.00	6,000.00	16.7%	
RELATIONS	1,215.89	10,000.00	12.2%	4,000.00
REPRESENTATIONS	0.00	200.00	0.0%	
STEWARDSHIP	13,538.21	41,000.00	33.0%	25,000.00
TRUSTEES	0.00	2,000.00	0.0%	
VOCATIONS	2,716.16	19,100.00	14.2%	15,000.00
TOTALS	\$ 147,074.78	\$ 837,424.00	17.6%	\$ 220,750.00

APPENDIX G – FINANCIAL REPORTS

Presbytery of West Virginia
Budget vs. Actual
YTD March 2016

	As of 03/31/16	Budget	% of Budget	Restricted Fund Support
ADMINISTRATION				
OFFICE EXPENSES				
5105 · Postage	22.25			
5110 · Supplies	2,015.65			
5115 · Publications & Subscriptions	0.00			
5117 · Presbytery Directory	0.00			
5120 · Telephone	1,387.84			
5125 · Utilities	1,532.02			
5130 · Cleaning/Bldg Maintenance	1,132.20			
5135 · Equipment	199.92			
5140 · Equipment Maintenance	1,768.60			
5150 · Staff Expenses	2,693.90			
5155 · Insurance - Property	3,897.50			
5160 · Bad Debt Expense	0.00			
5165 · Web Site Maintenance	0.00			
5168 · Internet Service	393.75			
5180 · Bank service fees	212.47			
5185 · Miscellaneous	2,500.00			
TOTAL OFFICE EXPENSE	17,756.10			
SALARY & PERSONNEL EXPENSE				
All Salaries (including housing & utilities)				65,000
Pension Expense	71,562.22			
Medical Insurance Expense	8,057.50			
Payroll Taxes	19,186.64			
Workers' Compensation	3,959.83			
Continuing Education & Professional Expense	354.50			
Travel & Program Expense	4,655.40			
Moving Expense	3,238.72			
TOTAL SALARY & PERSONNEL EXPENSE	111,014.81			
COMMITTEE EXPENSE				
7030 · Consultant Fees	0.00			
7050 · Staff Development	277.81			
7090 · Committee Meetings	302.44			
TOTAL COMMITTEE EXPENSE	580.25			
	\$ 129,351.16	\$ 625,000	20.7%	
BLUESTONE				
CAMP, CONFERENCE, RETREAT MINST				
7240 · CIT Support	0.00	4,500	0.0%	4,500 Rachel McClintic Fund
7290 · Committee Meetings	200.00	1,500	13.3%	
	\$ 200.00	\$ 6,000	3.3%	

53,000 Mission Development Fund
12,000 Funds of PWV

30,300 Small Church Fund

4,500 Rachel McClintic Fund

Presbytery of West Virginia

Budget vs. Actual

YTD March 2016

	As of 03/31/16	Budget	% of Budget	Restricted Fund Support
LEADERSHIP TEAM				
5310 - Leadership Team/Council	1,539.14	5,000	30.8%	
MINISTRY				
CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT				
6008 - Mission Insite	0.00	5,500	0.0%	5,500 Mission Development Fund
1,001 New Worshipping Comm.	0.00	2,500	0.0%	2,500 Small Church Fund
Small Church Residency Program	0.00	4,000	0.0%	4,000 Small Church Fund
Small Church Conf.	0.00	5,000	0.0%	5,000 Small Church Fund - \$3K, Funds of PWV - \$2K
Cong. Develop Comm. travel	0.00	1,500	0.0%	
Cong. Develop Comm. meetings	0.00	1,500	0.0%	
COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY				
6130 - CLP Training (cont. ed.)	0.00	500	0.0%	500 Small Church Fund
6140 - Ministry Training	0.00	500	0.0%	500 PEPS
6145 - Kanawha Pastoral Care Center	0.00	1,500	0.0%	
6160 - Professional Development	0.00	3,500	0.0%	3,500 Small Church Fund
6165 - Church Professional Orientation	0.00	1,000	0.0%	
6170 - COM Resources	0.00	500	0.0%	
6175 - Congregational Care Travel	131.48	500	26.3%	
6180 - Consultation & Mediation	0.00			
6185 - Miscellaneous	90.65	500	18.1%	
6189 - Emergency Church Assistance	0.00	2,000	0.0%	2,000 Small Church Fund
6190 - Committee Meetings	2,501.22	6,000	41.7%	
	\$ 2,723.35	\$ 36,500	7.5%	
MISSIONS				
SOCIAL & ECUMENICAL MINISTRIES				
INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERSHIPS				
6732 - Davis & Elkins College	0.00	1,500	0.0%	
6710 - Davis-Stuart	0.00	1,500	0.0%	
6770 - Westminster Foundation	0.00	1,500	0.0%	
7165 - CEPAD	0.00	3,000	0.0%	
MISSIONS PARTNERSHIPS				
7130 - Kenya Partnership	0.00	1,500	0.0%	1,500 Kenya Partnership
6760 - The Shack NH Support	0.00	15,750	0.0%	15,750 Mission Development Fund
6765 - Tyrand Coop. Ministry Support	0.00	2,500	0.0%	2,500 Midland Memorial
6780 - WV Min. of Advocacy & Workcamps	0.00	17,200	0.0%	17,200 Mission Development Fund
MISSIONS GRANTS				
6763 - Gatehouse	0.00	3,000	0.0%	
6766 - Bradley PC-Backpacks	0.00	2,794	0.0%	
6767 - Covenant House, Inc	0.00	3,000	0.0%	
6768 - Leaps & Bounds	0.00	2,880	0.0%	
6769 - FPC St Albans-Shower project	0.00	2,500	0.0%	

Presbytery of West Virginia

Budget vs. Actual

YTD March 2016

As of 03/31/16	Budget	% of Budget
0.00	3,000	0.0%

Restricted Fund Support

6772 · Davis Mem. Elkins Afterschool

6740 · PHEWA Life Membership

6790 · Committee Meetings

0.00
0.00
134.63

0

1,000

13.5%

\$ 134.63 \$ 62,624 0.2%

NOMINATING

5320 · Nominating Committee

NURTURE

CHRISTIAN NURTURE & WORSHIP

6320 · Resource Center Acquisitions

6321 · Resource Ctr. - Supplies/Equip.

6322 · Resource Ctr. - Subscriptions

6323 · Resource Ctr. - Catalog Program

6330 · Festival of Faith

6332 · Church Educators Support

6335 · Educator/Clergy/CLP Retreat

6345 · Younger Youth Retreat

6348 · Older Elementary Event

6350 · Older Youth Retreat

6355 · HS Youth Conf. Mission Trip

6358 · Summer Youth Conferences

6360 · Youth Council

6370 · Adult Spiritual Development

6380 · Scholarships

6382 · Presbytery Worship

· Video License

6385 · Miscellaneous

6390 · Committee Meetings

327.34

15.75

154.94

0.00

(1,228.39)

108.40

439.86

(1,149.76)

0.00

(70.00)

(4,390.00)

0.00

287.43

0.00

0.00

10.60

0.00

0.00

150.07

\$ (5,343.76)

\$ 23,500

-22.7%

1,200 Rachel McClintic Fund

500 Rachel McClintic Fund

1,600 Rachel McClintic Fund

10,000 Rachel McClintic Fund

500 Rachel McClintic Fund

400 Rachel McClintic Fund

2,000 PEPS

PJC

5305 · Permanent Judicial Commission

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

7310 · Presbyterian Women Support

RELATIONS

GOVERNING BODY EXPENSE

5410 · Presbytery Meetings

5415 · Moderator Expenses

5420 · General Assembly

0.00

300

0.0%

1,000.00

6,000

16.7%

694.50

0.00

2,000

34.7%

1,000

0.0%

4,000

1.0%

4,000 Mission Development Fund

Presbytery of West Virginia

Budget vs. Actual

YTD March 2016

	As of 03/31/16	Budget	% of Budget	Restricted Fund Support
5430 • Synod	0.00			
5450 • Denomination Resources	(20.00)			
5480 • Cluster Shepherds	338.65	2,000	16.9%	
5490 • Relations Committee Expenses	162.94	1,000	16.3%	
	\$ 1,215.89	\$ 10,000	12.2%	
REPRESENTATION				
5315 • Committee on Representation	0.00	200.00	0.0%	
STEWARDSHIP				
FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT				
5355 • Transition Expenses	1,535.69	10,000	15.4%	10,000 Mission Development Fund
6545 • Outside CPA Costs	0.00	15,000	0.0%	
6550 • Brick & Mortar Grants	11,900.00	15,000	79.3%	15,000 Small Church Fund - \$5K, Funds of PWV - \$10K
6590 • Committee Meetings	102.52	1,000	10.3%	
	\$ 13,538.21	\$ 41,000	33.0%	
TRUSTEES				
5325 • Trustees	0.00	2,000	0.0%	
VOCATIONS				
PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY				
6210 • Care of Candidates	0.00	1,200	0.0%	
6220 • Annual Consultation	0.00			
6230 • Career Counseling	0.00	1,000	0.0%	
6240 • Scholarships	0.00	5,000	0.0%	5,000 Bush Fund
6250 • Conferences	0.00	900	0.0%	
6260 • ALP/CLP Preparation Program	2,558.79	10,000	25.6%	10,000 Small Church Fund - \$10K, Funds of PWV - \$3K
6290 • Committee Meetings	157.37	1,000	15.7%	
	\$ 2,716.16	\$ 19,100	14.2%	
TOTAL	\$ 147,074.78	\$ 837,424	17.6%	\$220,750

	As of 03/31/16	Budget
REVENUE IN SUPPORT OF BUDGET		
Shared Mission (net of GA & Synod support)	62,096	360,000
Per Capita (net of GA & Synod support)	38,288	184,745
Previous Year Shared Mission & Per Capita	7,952	10,629
Outside Funding (Presby. Housing & PHP)	6,300	46,300
Interest & Gifts	1,730	15,000
Restricted Fund Support	64,378	220,750
TOTAL	\$ 180,743	\$ 837,424

Presbytery of West Virginia
Statement of Financial Position
As of March 31, 2016

	<u>03/31/16</u>	<u>03/31/15</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
1005 · Petty Cash	250.00	250.00
1012 · Payroll - WesBanco Bank	133.37	537.42
1020 · Cash - United Bank Checking	92,127.21	25,393.46
1022 · Cash - United Bank Sweep Acct	0.00	124,085.13
1023 · WV Federal Credit Union	227,041.36	226,388.06
1029 · First Community Bank - Fr. Crk.	8,270.82	15,736.13
1030 · Wells Fargo - MDF		
1032 · Equities -- Index Fund	999,736.29	1,023,948.81
1035 · Fixed Income	598,024.59	634,325.53
Total 1030 · Wells Fargo - MDF	<u>1,597,760.88</u>	<u>1,658,274.34</u>
1050 · Wells Fargo Money Market		
1051 · Wells Fargo MM - PWV	33,625.10	37,877.17
1052 · Kay Long Memorial Fund	8,452.46	8,415.44
1053 · Molly Gant Scholarship Fund	14,092.21	10,909.87
1054 · Kenya Partnership	10,950.68	10,955.41
1055 · Presbyterian Hunger Program	19,201.72	19,283.66
1056 · Pack Endowment Fund	<u>206,980.70</u>	<u>205,192.58</u>
Total 1050 · Wells Fargo Money Market	293,302.87	292,634.13
INVESTMENTS		
1070 · New Covenant Funds of PWV	256,538.50	261,744.21
1072 · New Covenant New Ch. Devel	119,486.26	121,910.85
1074 · New Covenant PEPS	2,905.62	3,338.40
1075 · New Covenant Slaughter	772.69	775.71
1076 · New Covenant Riner	47,215.46	53,389.24
1077 · New Covenant Scholarship	11,785.48	11,831.18
1078 · New Covenant Seminary Student	23,503.86	23,980.78
1079 · New Covenant Dickinson	39,236.62	40,032.88
1080 · New Covenant Bush Fund	166,464.09	171,835.18
1081 · New Covenant Goin Estate	55.85	56.96
1084 · New Covenant Midland Mem.	70,937.70	74,868.59
1086 · New Covenant Lee Beard	679.75	682.37
1087 · New Covenant Small Church	971,479.54	959,707.71
1090 · T Rowe Price - Rachel McClintic	<u>847,088.67</u>	<u>863,945.47</u>
Total INVESTMENTS	<u>2,558,150.09</u>	<u>2,588,099.53</u>
 Total Checking/Savings	 4,777,036.60	 4,931,398.20

Presbytery of West Virginia
Statement of Financial Position
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	<u>03/31/16</u>	<u>03/31/15</u>
Accounts Receivable		
1210 · Accounts Receivable	125.60	125.60
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>125.60</u>	<u>125.60</u>
 Other Current Assets		
1220 · Notes Receivable MDF	17,641.73	21,029.07
1240 · Notes Receivable Riner	29,000.00	29,000.00
1309 · Notes Receivable R. McClintic	142,616.01	140,356.01
1450 · Workers Comp Deposit	247.09	247.09
Total Other Current Assets	<u>189,504.83</u>	<u>190,632.17</u>
 Total Current Assets	4,966,667.03	5,122,155.97
 Fixed Assets		
1510 · Land	58,000.00	58,000.00
1520 · Building & Grounds	299,782.00	299,782.00
1530 · Furniture & Fixtures	18,024.20	18,024.20
1540 · Capital Equipment	27,635.11	27,635.11
1550 · Software	10,022.51	10,022.51
1590 · Accumulated Depreciation	-247,104.73	-235,104.73
Total Fixed Assets	<u>166,359.09</u>	<u>178,359.09</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>5,133,026.12</u></u>	<u><u>5,300,515.06</u></u>
 LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Other Current Liabilities		
2010 · Benevolence Receipts Payable	648.13	648.13
Payroll Liabilities	2,850.01	212.39
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>3,498.14</u>	<u>860.52</u>
2200 · Deferred Revenue	0.00	0.00
Total Liabilities	<u>3,498.14</u>	<u>860.52</u>
 Equity		
3010 · Fund Balance Funds of PWV	853,510.79	853,510.79
3011 · Fund Balance - MDF	1,587,298.01	1,587,298.01
3012 · Fund Balance New Ch. Devel	119,917.21	119,917.21

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	<u>03/31/16</u>	<u>03/31/15</u>
3013 · Fund Balance Hunger Prog	12,265.71	12,265.71
3014 · Fund Balance PEPS	2,908.82	2,908.82
3015 · Fund Balance Slaughter	764.18	764.18
3016 · Fund Balance Riner	76,516.16	76,516.16
3017 · Fund Balance Scholarship	10,955.33	10,955.33
3018 · Fund Balance Seminary Student	26,088.67	26,088.67
3019 · Fund Balance Dickinson	39,378.17	39,378.17
3020 · Fund Balance Bush Fund	167,025.19	167,025.19
3021 · Fund Balance Goin Estate	56.03	56.03
3024 · Fund Balance Midland Mem.	71,144.28	71,144.28
3026 · Fund Balance Lee Beard	672.22	672.22
3027 · Fund Balance Small Church	925,572.14	925,572.14
3028 · Fund Balance Kenya Partnership	9,038.17	9,038.17
3029 · Fund Balance Rachel McClintic	978,449.13	978,449.13
3030 · Fund Balance Kay Long Memorial	8,402.20	8,402.20
3031 · Fund Balance Molly Gant Fund	10,892.70	10,892.70
3032 · Fund Balance Pack Endowment	204,160.74	204,160.74
Net Income	<u>24,512.13</u>	<u>194,638.69</u>
Total Equity	<u>5,129,527.98</u>	<u>5,299,654.54</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	 <u><u>5,133,026.12</u></u>	 <u><u>5,300,515.06</u></u>

2016 Benevolence Pledging & Per Capita Assessment -- alpha by Church					
				2016	
	2016	2016	12/31/14	Per Capita	Per Capita Rec'd
Church	PLEDGE	Giving at 3/31/16	Mbrship.	(\$29/member)	at 3/31/16
Alderson			11	319	
Alexander Memorial	240	240	8	232	232
Anderson Memorial	0	200	35	1,015	175
Arthurdale	1,000		55	1,595	
Bates Memorial		500	131	3,799	950
Baxter	500		12	348	
Beckley	17,000	2,833	254	7,366	1,842
Beechwood			81	2,349	
Belington	600	163	26	754	200
Belle	1,100	275	7	203	51
Bethlehem	110		18	522	
Beulah Humble	0		17	493	
Beverly			28	812	
Beverly Hills			50	1,450	
Big Spring			10	290	
Bluefield First	8,000	1,333	190	5,510	910
Bradley	0		20	580	580
Bramwell			18	522	542
Bream Memorial			181	5,249	
Bridgeport (all PWV in 2014)	2,000	1,000	118	3,422	1,824
Brush Creek			5	145	
Buckhannon First	1,200	300	30	870	218
Buffalo	200	200	4	116	116
Canyon Community	1,000	1,000	10	290	171
Centerville	3,000		40	1,160	
Ch. of the Covenant - Grafton	2,302	576	24	696	174
Charleston First	55,700	13,925	1,099	31,871	7,967
Church of Our Saviour	1,700	1,700	15	435	435
Clarksburg First	4,500		223	6,467	
Clear Creek			18	522	
Clifton	1,200	300	107	3,103	517
Clothier			9	261	
Colcord First	0		30	870	145
Comfort			15	435	
Davis Mem. - Elkins	17,650	4,413	202	5,858	1,464
Davis Mem. - Gassaway	700	175	30	870	145
Dunbar First	1,000	167	76	2,204	367
DuPont City			10	290	

2016 Benevolence Pledging & Per Capita Assessment -- alpha by Church					
				2016	
	2016	2016	12/31/14	Per Capita	Per Capita Rec'd
Church	PLEDGE	Giving at 3/31/16	Mbrship.	(\$29/member)	at 3/31/16
Edgewood	5,000		109	3,161	
Eleanor			19	551	
Elk Hills	6,600	1,650	70	2,030	507
Enslow Park	4,901		169	4,901	817
Fairmont First	4,700	1,428	153	4,437	733
Falls View	1,600		12	348	
Fayetteville	6,200	100	99	2,871	275
Fleming Memorial	2,500		40	1,160	
Frankford	2,000	500	25	725	181
Gilbert			50	1,450	
Glenville	3,500	3,500	21	609	609
Grace Covenant		675	22	638	157
Harman			27	783	1,553
Highlawn Huntington	18,500	3,083	178	5,162	860
Highlawn St. Albans	6,400	1,599	77	2,233	555
Hinton First	2,100		27	783	
Hughes River/Cairo			18	522	
Huntington First			451	13,079	
Huntington Second			21	609	672
Kanawha United	11,500		168	4,872	4,872
Keller			7	203	203
Kenova	0		33	957	
Kesler Memorial			38	1,102	
Kingwood First	5,200	1,300	55	1,595	399
Kuhn Memorial	1,000	250	112	3,248	812
Lakeview			6	174	
Liberty			17	493	
Logan First	7,300	1,825	84	2,436	2,436
Mannington First			20	580	
Marlinton			92	2,668	667
Marsh Fork			10	290	
McElhenney			12	348	348
McKinnon	1,018		34	986	498
McLean			30	870	
Mill Creek			19	551	551
Milton	1,000		21	609	
Mingo	100	25	16	464	114
Montgomery	1,700		10	290	
Morgantown First	14,000	3,555	246	7,134	1,780

2016 Benevolence Pledging & Per Capita Assessment -- alpha by Church					
				2016	
	2016	2016	12/31/14	Per Capita	Per Capita Rec'd
Church	PLEDGE	Giving at 3/31/16	Mbrship.	(\$29/member)	at 3/31/16
Mount Hope			25	725	725
Mount Pleasant			31	899	
Nitro First	1,200		87	2,523	
Oak Grove			71	2,059	
Oak Hill First			30	870	
Old Stone	24,000	6,000	407	11,803	2,875
Parkersburg First	0		182	5,278	1,975
Parsons			29	841	
Philippi			11	319	
Pickens			6	174	
Pineville			35	1,015	
Pres. Ch of the Cov	500		94	2,726	
Pt. Pleasant	7,000	2,316	118	3,422	1,153
Ravenswood First	2,750	2,750	31	899	
Red Sulphur Springs	175	175	7	203	203
Richwood	1,850	463	31	899	131
Ripley First	4,800	1,200	54	1,566	392
Riverlawn	3,000	500	100	2,900	483
Rock Forge	100	100	31	899	884
Rock Lake	11,250	2,813	141	4,089	1,005
Rome	120	30	7	203	51
Ronceverte	2,500	625	77	2,233	625
Ruffner Memorial			47	1,363	
Salem	3,000	750	15	435	143
Smithers	1,000	300	16	464	264
South Charleston			192	5,568	1,856
South Park	1,800	450	26	754	189
Spencer	800		13	377	
Spring Creek	725	725	25	725	725
Spring Valley	560	140	54	1,566	392
St. Albans First			219	6,351	
St. Andrew			146	4,234	
St. Marys			12	348	
Sugar Grove	1,600	1,600	29	841	841
Summerlee			12	348	
Summersville	1,740	290	60	1,740	290
Teays Valley	10,800	4,230	228	6,612	1,890
Terra Alta First			25	725	800
Thomas First	2,400		30	870	

2016 Benevolence Pledging & Per Capita Assessment -- alpha by Church					
				2016	
	2016	2016	12/31/14	Per Capita	Per Capita Rec'd
Church	PLEDGE	Giving at 3/31/16	Mbrship.	(\$29/member)	at 3/31/16
Trinity			21	609	
Tygarts Valley	3,000	750	29	841	841
Union	2,100		42	1,218	
Upper Glade	2,400		65	1,885	
Valley Bend	1,700	1,700	29	841	841
Village Chapel	17,000		253	7,337	
Waverly-Bethel	1,100	275	18	522	522
Welch First	2,100		22	638	
Westminster Chas.	7,200		26	754	
Westminster Vienna	4,000	1,000	83	2,407	602
Weston First	1,000		9	261	
White Sulphur Springs	2,000		37	1,073	285
Whitesville First	0		15	435	435
Whittico Memorial			7	203	
Williamson First			65	1,885	
Williamstown First	4,500	1,125	88	2,552	638
Winfield		375	20	580	285
Zion			34	986	
TOTALS	359,291	79,471	9,452	274,108	60,959
<i>Presbytery portion 80%</i>	287,433	63,577		185,078	
<i>GA portion 15%</i>	53,894	11,921		67,293	
<i>Synod portion 5%</i>	17,965	3,974		21,737	

BLUESTONE CONFERENCE CENTER, INC

Budget to Actual as of March 31, 2016

INCOME	03/31/16	Budget	% of Budget	03/31/15
Presbytery support	-	-	-	0
Grant Subsidy - Rachel McClintic Fund	0.00	4,500	0.0%	0
Retreats - Bluestone Events	547.00	8,000	6.8%	158
Retreats - Presbyterian	500.00	11,000	4.5%	0
Retreats - Presbyterian Affiliate	750.00	2,900	0.0%	0
Retreats - Non - Presbyterian	2,250.00	65,000	3.5%	500
Summer Camp Registrations	3,255.00	71,800	4.5%	625
Donations	2,519.20	26,800	9.4%	8,725
Friends of Bluestone	15,000.00	36,000	41.7%	0
Interest	0.39	-	-	0
Miscellaneous	0.00	-	-	0
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 24,821.59	\$ 226,000	11.0%	\$ 10,009

EXPENSES				
Salaries & Personnel	5,723.12	62,993	9.1%	6,618
Office & Administration	3,901.17	12,309	31.7%	3,217
Bluestone Committee expense	0.00	1,400	0.0%	0
Plant & Operation	16,364.70	111,548	14.7%	7,474
Summer Staff & Salary	585.48	24,250	2.4%	437
Summer Program	0.00	3,700	0.0%	0
Summer Camp Trips	200.00	9,800	2.0%	400
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 26,774.47	\$ 226,000	11.8%	\$ 18,145

NET LOSS (excluding store acct. & depreciation expense) = (\$1,952.88)

BALANCE SHEET

	03/31/16	03/31/15
ASSETS		
Current Assets	9,557.65	9,829
Property & Equipment (net of depreciation)	136,775.87	136,776
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 146,333.52	\$ 146,605
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities	520.88	545
Long Term Debt	17,640.73	21,028
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 18,161.61	\$ 21,573
EQUITY	128,171.91	125,032
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$ 146,333.52	\$ 146,605

Friends of Bluestone, Inc.
BALANCE SHEET
As of April 30, 2016 and 2015
ASSETS

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash - BB&T	\$ 9,867.15	\$ 10,820.04
Restricted Funds	6,382.00	5,899.15
Cash in Transit - Thriva/PayPal	1,125.00	0.00
Total Current Assets	<u>17,374.15</u>	<u>16,719.19</u>
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT		
Equipment	<u>2,200.00</u>	<u>2,200.00</u>
Net Property and Equipment	<u>2,200.00</u>	<u>2,200.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 19,574.15</u>	<u>\$ 18,919.19</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

CURRENT LIABILITIES

LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

FUND BALANCE

Fund Asset Balance	<u>19,574.15</u>	<u>18,919.19</u>
Total Fund Balance	<u>19,574.15</u>	<u>18,919.19</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	<u>\$ 19,574.15</u>	<u>\$ 18,919.19</u>

Friends of Bluestone, Inc. INCOME STATEMENT

	1 Month Ended April 30, 2016	1 Month Ended April 30, 2015	4 Months Ended April 30, 2016	4 Months Ended April 30, 2015
Income				
Donations - Churches	\$ 3,741.67	\$ 2,350.00	\$ 5,734.21	\$ 3,380.00
Donations - Individuals	2,006.00	1,075.00	5,056.00	2,325.00
Donations - Foundations	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.50
Donations - Restricted	510.00	0.00	510.00	0.00
Fundraiser - Other	0.00	0.00	2,523.11	0.00
Golf Tournament Sponsors	2,310.00	1,020.00	2,310.00	1,020.00
Golf Registrations	1,035.00	360.00	1,035.00	360.00
Interest Earned	0.00	0.14	0.57	0.60
Total Income	<u>9,602.67</u>	<u>4,805.14</u>	<u>17,168.89</u>	<u>7,095.10</u>
Operating Expenses				
Distributions to Presbytery				
Camp - Major Improvements	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00
Camp - General Operating Expenses	0.00	10,000.00	15,000.00	10,000.00
Total Distributions to Presbytery	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>10,000.00</u>
Direct Expenses				
FoB - Chair Replacement	509.97	0.00	509.97	0.00
Admin Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	32.45
Thrive/PayPal Discount Fee	13.75	19.74	85.29	34.18
Postage	0.00	0.00	31.04	31.20
Fundraising Expenses	0.00	0.00	521.69	0.00
Licenses & Fees	25.00	0.00	25.00	0.00
Total Direct Expenses	<u>548.72</u>	<u>19.74</u>	<u>1,172.99</u>	<u>97.83</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>10,548.72</u>	<u>10,019.74</u>	<u>26,172.99</u>	<u>10,097.83</u>
Net Income (Loss)	<u>\$ (946.05)</u>	<u>\$ (5,214.60)</u>	<u>\$ (9,004.10)</u>	<u>\$ (3,002.73)</u>

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