

A Note from the Executive Presbyter

Over the years in the Presbytery of West Virginia and its antecedent presbyteries, faithful Presbyterians have contributed generous financial gifts in order to provide for the continuing support of special mission opportunities and to undergird the ongoing ministry in an ever-expanding area of need. These individual acts of generosity supplement the stewardship giving of our congregations.

Through planned giving, individuals have both given to their local churches and the presbytery in wills and bequests. From time to time, there have been substantial financial contributions designated for particular purposes. At the presbytery level, gifts have come from individuals, churches, and grants.

Historically, Presbyterians have been generous people. We continue to practice the spirit of liberality. We need to give and we respond when we become aware of the need. We are eager to provide for others. Trust is also important to us. We trust that our gifts will be used wisely and well. We trust that those with responsible oversight will be good stewards of our gifts. This trust is an important value to the elected leadership of the presbytery.

There are many challenges before us as we strive to be faithful witnesses. The future is filled with possibilities and promises. Together we affirm the great ends of the church:

- The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind;
- The shelter, nurture and spiritual fellowship of the children of God;
- The maintenance of divine worship;
- The preservation of the truth;
- The promotion of social righteousness;
- The exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

Through your financial gifts, these affirmations become deeds of ministry and mission.

Grace and peace,



Forrest Palmer

Current Donor Designated Funds (Additional gifts may be added)

- ❖ Unrestricted Presbytery of West Virginia Funds
- ❖ Capital improvements at Bluestone Conference Center
- ❖ Assist small churches, rural churches, new church development, and evangelism.
- ❖ Provide programs directly benefiting small congregations
- ❖ Support hunger relief programs within the Presbytery
- ❖ Minister to the aging, the hungry, the oppressed, and those affected by disaster in West Virginia
- ❖ Provide assistance and scholarships to those in the Certified Lay Pastor (CLP) training
- ❖ Loans for college students
- ❖ College grants for students with legal residence in Boone County
- ❖ Loans or grants to WV students attending a Presbyterian seminary
- ❖ Scholarships & loans for full-time & part-time persons studying to become Ministers of Word and Sacrament
- ❖ Scholarships for church professionals and lay leaders in leadership training
- ❖ Support of projects in Nyeri Presbytery in Africa
- ❖ Provide long-term income to Tyrand Cooperative Ministries in Mill Creek, WV
- ❖ Fund initiatives to assist, encourage, and provide incentive to young people and youth in their Christian journeys

Current Wish List for Mission Presbytery of West Virginia

- ❖ Endowment for Educational Leadership (DCE or Youth) in each cluster.
- ❖ Mobile Resource Center—van to be equipped to put the resource center “on the road” and “out into the fields”...or...the development of Resource Centers in each of the cluster.
- ❖ Scholarships for College
- ❖ Seed money for local congregations’ ministry in early childhood education, weekday kindergarten and nursery school programs; playground development, and extended Child Care for working parents
- ❖ Support for Camp and Conference facilities and maintenance at Bluestone Conference Center
- ❖ Scholarship funds for summer program staff at Bluestone
- ❖ Endowment of Camp, Conference, and Retreat Programming
- ❖ Grants for media equipment at the presbytery office
- ❖ Computer and technology equipment and leaders equipped to use it in each congregation
- ❖ Support for Evangelism through technology
- ❖ Grants to support multi-parish ministry — specifically leadership (pastors and educators)
- ❖ Endowed fund for Travel/Study Seminars and Mission Work groups beyond the USA (Kenya fund already exists, others may be created)
- ❖ Expansion of Campus Ministry programs and pastors/leaders on other college campuses, in addition to WVU and Marshall, through the Westminster Foundation
- ❖ Endowment for Sabbatical Leaves for pastors serving the same small church for a minimum of seven years in WVP
- ❖ Support of the Neighborhood House Ministries and the Shack
- ❖ Support for Ministry to Aging

Current Investment Managers

Wells Fargo – T. Rowe Price - New Covenant Funds

How Can I Participate?

Having fulfilled your financial obligations at your church home, you may want to consider a special “above and beyond” gift to the Presbytery of West Virginia. For example, an outright designated gift, assignment of an insurance policy, a bequest in your will, or a special gift arrangement.

Insurance

An existing or a new insurance policy may designate the Presbytery of West Virginia as beneficiary or receiver of proceeds.

Bequest in your Will

“I give and bequeath to the Presbytery of West Virginia Mission Funds the sum of \$_____ (or ‘the remainder of my estate’ or ‘the securities or other property described herein, namely, _____’), for the Presbytery of West Virginia Mission Fund (or you may name your own fund) of the Presbytery of West Virginia.”

Tax Advantages of Gifts to the Mission Funds

- Gifts to the church are fully tax deductible, as permitted by law.
- When you give appreciated assets, you may not be required to pay taxes on the capital gain.
- For estate tax purposes, your net taxable estate will be reduced by the amount of your gift.

Oversight of Bequest and Restricted Funds is the Responsibility of the Presbytery’s Investment Sub-Committee

“Through the years, The Presbytery of West Virginia has been blessed by many benefactors who have created a personal legacy of support to the missions and ministries of Jesus Christ through planned gifts. These gifts reflect a commitment to our church’s future.”

The “What” And “Why” Of Planned Giving

A planned gift is a special gift to your local congregation and/or to the Presbytery of West Virginia (if you wish). Investment income is handled under the guidance and discretion of the Presbytery through its investment managers. Careful attention is given to the terms and conditions set by the donor with respect to programs and ministry. A living gift, or a bequest made in your will, enables your giving for special causes to grow through the years and to continue even beyond your lifetime.

For More Information

Contact Lois Coffey, Financial Administrator/Treasurer, Presbytery of West Virginia — 304/744-7634 or e-mail her at treasurer@wvpresbytery.org. You will be mailed comprehensive brochures on the types of gifts listed below upon request. Also available are the names and phone numbers of consultants with whom you may speak in the event you may not already have an attorney, bank trust officer, or insurance agent who generally assists you. Complete the request form below and mail to the address shown below.

Information Request Form

I am interested in learning how I can participate in the Presbytery of West Virginia Mission and Program Funds. Please:

- _____ send me additional information on giving through
_____ direct charitable gift
_____ insurance
_____ gifts of stocks and bonds (to be sold)
_____ gifts of real estate (to be sold)
_____ life income plans
- I am interested in talking to you about participation in the Presbytery of West Virginia Mission Funds. Call me to make an appointment.

Name Telephone

Address

Please mail information form to:

Lois Coffey, Presbytery of West Virginia, 520 Second Avenue, South Charleston, WV 25303.



Meeting Tomorrow’s Mission Challenges Today

A Gift to Your Presbytery for:

- ❖ Urban Rural Ministry
- ❖ Presbytery Mission
- ❖ Salary Support for Pastors
- ❖ Congregational Support
- ❖ Congregational Transformation
- ❖ Educational Leadership
- ❖ Children’s & Youth Ministry
- ❖ Scholarships
- ❖ Computer Technology
- ❖ Mission Work Groups
- ❖ Camps and Conferences
- ❖ New Church Development
- ❖ Hunger Relief
- ❖ Disaster Relief
- ❖ General Unrestricted Endowment

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