



**Stated Meeting**  
**Highlawn Presbyterian Church, Huntington**  
**August 17, 2024**

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# THE PRESBYTERY OF WEST VIRGINIA

Synod of the Trinity – Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

**Highlawn Presbyterian Church  
Huntington, West Virginia  
August 17, 2024**

## A MISSION STATEMENT FOR THE PRESBYTERY OF WEST VIRGINIA

**Who are we?** The Presbytery of West Virginia is a baptized, covenant people called by God to reflect Christ's love through mission, ministry, and relationships.

**What is our vision?** It is our vision that everyone will experience the love of God.

**What is our mission?** The Presbytery of West Virginia strengthens, supports, and serves our worshipping communities as they share God's love through mission, ministry, and relationships.

## 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

\*10:00 Call to Order Dawn Adamy, Moderator

Greetings from Highlawn Presbyterian Church Sharon Bell

### Business of the Presbytery

- Seating of new Corresponding Members
- 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

\*10:15 Educational Focus *Outdoor Ministry*  
Brian Frick,  
Director of Camp and Retreat Ministries  
Presbyterian Mission Agency

11: 25 Announcements: Resource Center

*11:30	Morning Worship	
*12:30	Recess for Lunch	
*1:30	Afternoon Prayer	Moderator
	Report of the Stated Clerk	Stated Clerk
	- Presentation of Procedural Matters	
	Report of the Transitional General Presbyter	Maureen Wright
	Report of the Leadership Team	Randy Fife
	Report of the General Assembly Commissioners	
	Greetings from the Presbyterian Foundation	Ellie Johns-Kelley
	Report of the Stewardship Committee	Mark Boyd
	- Presentation of 2024 Budget	
	- Recommendation Regarding Investments	
	- Financial Reports	Chris Alfred
	“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 Committee on Representation	Rich Cardot
	Report of the Relations Committee	Margaret Bolt
	Report of the Administrative Commission to dissolve Alderson Presbyterian Church	Susan Sharp Campbell
	Report of the Committee on Ministry	George Lilley
	Report of the Vocations Committee	Todd Wright
	Report of the Nurture Committee	Claire Butler-Bass
	New Business	
	Completion of Feedback Forms	
4:00	Anticipated Time of Adjournment with Charge and Benediction by the Moderator	
	Printed Reports for Information Only: Administration, Bluestone, and Mission Committees, the Administrative Commission for Anderson Memorial Presbyterian Church, and the Trustees.	

**2024 Stated Meeting: November 21 – First Presbyterian Church, Fairmont**

# **PRESBYTERY OF WEST VIRGINIA**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

August 17, 2024

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

#### **From the Stated Clerk**

1. That the requests for Excused Absences be approved.

#### **From the Mission Committee**

1. That the offering received at the August 17 Presbytery meeting be directed to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

# **PRESBYTERY OF WEST VIRGINIA**

## **OFFICE OF THE STATED CLERK**

August 17, 2024

### **Correspondence** (received 4/26/24 through 7/30/24)

1. 7/15/24 A letter from Frank Orzechoski, Business Administrator of the Synod of the Trinity, regarding the Presbytery of West Virginia's Per Capita and Mission giving received by the Synod as of June 30, 2024.

ACTION: Referred to the Financial Administrator/Treasurer and the Stated Clerk.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. (CA) That the requests for Excused Absences be approved.
2. That the Administrative Commission to Dissolve the Ruffner Memorial Presbyterian Church be dismissed with thanks.

The Administrative Commission to Dissolve the Ruffner Memorial Presbyterian Church made a final report to the Presbytery at its stated meeting on August 17, 2023. At the time of this report, there was a pending sale of the church property. In order to expedite this sale, the final recommendation to dismiss the Administrative Commission with thanks was not approved by the Presbytery. Following a recent consultation with legal counsel from Spilman, Thomas, & Battle, there is no reason to continue the work of the commission in order to expedite a future sale.

### **INFORMATION:**

#### **1. Receipt of Accusation in a Disciplinary Matter**

On May 20, 2024, the Stated Clerk received a written allegation in a disciplinary matter against a minister member of the Presbytery of West Virginia.

#### **2. Appointment of Investigative Committee in Disciplinary Matter IC 24-01**

Pursuant to the provisions of the Manual of the Presbytery of West Virginia, the Moderator appointed the following individuals to constitute the Investigating Committee for this matter.

- Ruling Elder Lynn Proudfoot
- Rev. Annie McMillan
- Rev. James Morley
- Ruling Elder Barbara Smith
- Ruling Elder James Wilson

The Investigating Committee met for the first time on August 1, 2024.

3. Statement on the balance or numerical parity of ministers of the Word and Sacrament and Ruling Elders in the presbytery. The Book of Order in G-3.0301 requires that a presbytery address any imbalance that may exist between the number of voting ministers of the Word and Sacrament and the number of voting Ruling Elders. No significant imbalance exists in the Presbytery of West Virginia at this time. As of July 23, 2024, there are 118 congregations entitled to send 117 ruling elders to meetings of the presbytery. There are 102 ministers of the Word and Sacrament members of presbytery.

## **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.

# Motion Basics

## STEPS OF THE MOTION

1. *Commissioner* rises and addresses the Moderator.
2. *Moderator* recognizes commissioner and grants the floor.
3. *Commissioner* makes motion. (Commissioner may not debate before the motion is seconded.)
4. *Another commissioner* seconds the motion without recognition from the moderator.
5. *Moderator* states the motion.
6. *Moderator* calls for debate. (Maker of the motion has the privilege of first debate.) All speakers must address the moderator and be recognized by the moderator.
7. *Moderator* states the motion.
8. *Moderator* takes the vote and announces the vote and the results of the vote.
9. *Moderator* states the next order of business.

## SEVEN USEFUL MOTIONS

1. **Amend.** There are *only* three forms of simple amendment.
  - a. to delete or strike out
  - b. to add or insert
  - c. to strike out and insert

The words proposed for deletion or addition *must be consecutive words*. When the amendment does not involve consecutive words or is longer than a paragraph, the motions "to substitute" (a form of amendment) is used. This is a difficult motion and should *never* be used when the simple form of amendment can be used.

2. **Commit or Refer.** To commit or refer back to committee for further study and amendment allows the consultative process to be used in greater depth. When this motion is made, it needs to state clearly what committee; appointment of the committee, if necessary; the task of the committee; and report time.
3. **Postpone to a Particular Time.** This motion takes precedence over the preceding two and has the power to grant additional time to a particular member or committee or do further study or consultation. It should always be used in preference to "table" because it permits debate on the propriety of postponement.
4. **Limits on Debate.** The assembly always has the power, and the moderator the right of suggestion, to limit debate to a particular hour, or extend or shorten speeches according to the necessity of the moment. Limits on the length of speeches are advisable in instances where the issue before the assembly is highly divisive and many members wish to speak.
5. **Previous Question.** The maker of the motion "to move the previous question" (close debate and immediately take the vote) must be recognized by the moderator and the motion must receive a second. *It is never in order when called from the floor.* This motion should never be considered when it is used to prevent legitimate debate.
6. **Lay on the Table.** This motion is seldom necessary. The motion "to postpone" is always preferable because of its lower rank and its debatability. Misuse of this subsidiary motion can be a strategy that seriously abridges the rights of the assembly because of its high rank and its adoption by a majority vote without debate. The moderator is obliged to explain carefully to the assembly the implications of this motion should it be made.
7. **Consideration by Paragraph or Seriatim.** Consideration by paragraph or seriatim is an incidental motion that may be suggested by the moderator or any two members of the assembly, allowing for orderly consideration of a complex proposal with several different parts, clarifying for the assembly the controversial aspects of the proposal. Each paragraph of the proposal can be amended without finally adopting the new wording until the final action on the main motion as amended.

(Adapted from *Parliamentary Procedures in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)* by Marianne L. Wolfe, P.R.P.)



# **PRESBYTERY OF WEST VIRGINIA**

## **REPORT OF THE LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Randy Fife, Leadership Team Chair

August 17, 2024

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Approve the following Presbytery stated meeting dates and places for 2025 and dates for 2026.
  - 2025 Meeting Dates and Locations  
Thursday, February 20 – Zoom Meeting  
Thursday, May 15 – First Presbyterian Church, Logan  
Saturday, August 16 – Fleming Memorial Presbyterian Church, Fairmont  
Saturday, November 15 – Old Stone Presbyterian Church, Lewisburg
  - 2026 PWV Meeting Dates  
Saturday, February 21 – Zoom Meeting  
Thursday, May 21  
Saturday, August 15  
Thursday, November 19
2. Approve the cost of morning refreshments and lunch for Presbytery meetings as \$15 per person.
3. Adopt the policy that immediately follows this report as the Presbytery of West Virginia's Anti-Racism policy as required by the Book of Order (G-3.0106).

### **INFORMATION:**

1. The Leadership Team met on May 21 and July 11, 2024. As part of A Season of Discernment, Holy Cow! Consultant Emily Swanson worked with the Team on July 11 to further its efforts to discern God's will for what the Presbytery is to do and be next. The Team continued to work on developing specific goals and milestones, committee structure and staff structure, timeframes for implementation, and determining those who would be responsible for various aspects of the plan.

The Leadership Team has called a meeting of the Presbytery for September 17, 2024, at Elk Hills Presbyterian Church, beginning at 1 p.m., to be held in-person, for the sole purpose of presenting the body with the plan developed from the discernment process and recommending its adoption.

2. Additionally, the Leadership Team:
  - Reviewed and approved, pending review of legal counsel, a revised draft anti-racism policy from the ad hoc group appointed to develop the policy pursuant to new requirements of the Book of Order.

- Reviewed the status of the revision and drafting of additional policies: sexual misconduct, child and youth protection, and harassment.
- Reviewed a draft of the docket for the August 17, 2024, meeting of the Presbytery.
- Considered various options for educational presentations at upcoming Presbytery meetings and decided the August 17, 2024, meeting would focus on camp and outdoor ministry.
- Reviewed and approved the proposed 2025 budget from the Stewardship Committee.
- Reviewed and concurred with the recommendation of the Stewardship Committee to institute a new plan for investing the Presbytery's funds with the New Covenant Trust.
- Reviewed the work of the Trustees in furtherance of repairs needed to Ruffner Memorial Presbyterian Church in order to prepare the building for sale.
- Reviewed feedback from the body as to the May Presbytery meeting and reviewed the means by which the August Presbytery meeting would be held [in-person only; in-person with live streaming (allowing viewing, but not giving voice or vote for those online); hybrid (in person and Zoom participation)]. The Team decided to hold the August meeting in-person with live streaming. The team is seeking additional input/information and will continue the discussion as to future meetings.
- Reviewed a plan from the Bluestone Working Group with regard to its work on options for the future use, management, and involvement of the Presbytery at the Bluestone Camp. The team determined the need to obtain additional information before making decisions as to recommendations to Presbytery.

## **Our Theological Understanding**

The Scripture reveals the existence of a singular, true God who manifests as a communion of three distinct Persons: The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19-20, 2 Corinthians 13:14). This divine communion is characterized by a profound embodiment of mutual love, respect, welcome, and celebration. It is within this framework of divine relationship that God created humanity in God's own image (Genesis 1:26-27). This act imbues every human being with inherent dignity, a gift bestowed without distinction across all races and ethnicities.

The transgression of Adam and Eve introduced sin and fostered the blight of racism, corrupting the divine intention for human relationships. As followers of Christ, it is our sacred call to work continuously and actively to dismantle the structures and attitudes of racism, recognizing that such efforts are integral to the restoration of God's intended order.

In pursuit of a community that reflects the unity and love of the Triune God, we are called to embrace and practice love, welcoming, celebrating, and respecting one another, transcending all barriers of ethnicity and race. This pursuit is empowered by the Holy Spirit and grounded in the scriptural affirmation that in Christ Jesus, there is no division between Jew and Greek, slave and free, male and female; for all are one (Galatians 3:28). Our commitment to this principle is not only a response to the divine mandate but also a testament to the transformative power of the Gospel in addressing and overcoming the sin of racism.

## **Our Social and Historical Context**

This community that God calls us to restore exists in a historical and present reality. West Virginia was created three years after Virginia succeeded from the Union. Virginia was a slave state, while West Virginia argued whether slavery should be abolished gradually or all at once. They also wanted to remain a part of the Union. On its face, it would seem obvious that the new state would be on the right side of anti-racism. Sadly, such was not the case.

Indigenous people were occupying the land in the 1600s when colonizers arrived from Europe. In an effort to erase the history of the First Nation Peoples, the White power structure forcibly removed them from the area in the 1800s. According to Wayne Appleton of the Appalachian American Indian Association, "The official state position is that there were no Indians here when the white settlers arrived. Nobody knows why, but they weren't. And the fact is, that's nonsense." (WV Public Broadcasting. "Wild, Wondering West Virginia: Exploring West Virginia's Native American History" by Corey Knollinger, published February 8, 2019.)

In the 19th century life for people of color, West Virginia was fraught with contradictions. With the issuing of the Emancipation Proclamation and the passing of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments, it seemed that all the horrors of slavery would be abolished. People of color were free to practice all the rights of any citizen of the United States. They had access to education. That, however, was short-lived. "Separate but equal" was the order of the day. On paper, their rights looked promising. Due to continued racism, it was the opposite.

## Presbytery of West Virginia Antiracism Policy

Jim Crow became the law of the land, and West Virginia was no different than the rest of the states regarding how Blacks were treated. People of color yet again found themselves tied to the land, unable to make much economic progress compared to the Whites living around them. They were paid less, more in debt, and less likely to ever attain an equal economic status. As a result, they are economically disadvantaged to the present day. “Black West Virginians are more likely to be in poverty, get sick, die during childbirth, be suspended from school, or be incarcerated than their White counterparts.” (Mountain State: SPOTLIGHT. West Virginia Legislature.) “Black communities in West Virginia know what policies could make their lives better. Now they need them to happen.” (By P.R. Lockhart, February 27th, 2023.)

In the mid-1950s, Black West Virginians became involved in the Civil Rights movement with people joining organizations such as the NAACP, CORE, Black churches, and fraternal organizations. While those organizations made some progress over time, it has not been enough to combat the historical/systemic racism that has kept people of color from achieving all that they might have without that oppression.

The final issue to which attention needs to be paid is immigration. As a state with a lower overall population, the number of immigrants coming to West Virginia is also lower than that of states with higher populations. Nevertheless, from 1880 through 1920 tens of thousands of individuals from Hungary, Slovakia, Poland, Italy, and Greece migrated to West Virginia to work in the state’s burgeoning industries, including railroads, timber, coal, steel, and glass. (e-WV, The West Virginia Encyclopedia, Ethnic Life). They, too, were discriminated against at that time. Today immigrants continue to settle in the state and face challenges.

West Virginians have a long, proud history of Appalachian culture. Therefore, immigrants of color (primarily Brown and Black people) may find themselves facing people in their new communities who are more resistant to people whose culture is different from what they have known. As we try to “welcome the stranger” (Hebrews 13:2) in our churches, we need to be cognizant of what ministries we support, what flags we fly, and how our theological stance might be viewed by our new neighbors.

### **Our Call to Action**

Recognizing that racial prejudice has been and remains ingrained in the United States, our state, and our church, we too must recognize we are all complicit in the still entrenched legacies of racism and white supremacy that plague our communities and our church. But with greater awareness and deeper understanding, we can come to affirm that racism is the opposite of what God intends for humanity. All forms of discrimination and marginalization are sins against God and humanity, inconsistent with our Christian values. With opened eyes, minds, and hearts, we can unlearn racist values and undo racist structures that persist. The Presbytery of West Virginia heeds God’s call to become an inclusive church where all peoples and all individuals are welcomed and treated as equals. To this end:

## Presbytery of West Virginia Antiracism Policy

1. The Presbytery shall commit to offer, disseminate, and make available information and resources that focus on dismantling racism within our church institutions (Presbytery and congregations) and the communities we serve.
2. The Presbytery shall require “Dismantling Racism Training” at least once every five years for:
  - Teaching Elders
  - Christian Educators
  - Commissioned Pastors, Authorized Lay Preachers, and Ruling Elders elected to serve on Presbytery Committees
  - Any non-Presbyterian pastoral leaders
  - All Candidates for Ministry
  - All Presbytery Staff
  - Honorably retired teaching elders, ruling elders serving sessions, and other congregational leaders and staff shall strongly be encouraged to participate in such training.
- a. Training Content, Training Schedule, and Evaluation
  - i. The “Dismantling Racism Training” shall be developed and administered by the Committee on Ministry and include the following elements and concepts to be presented in the training:
    1. A theological foundation in our calling to be a mutually loving, respectful, just, and welcoming community, as reflected in our Triune God.
    2. Core concepts and understandings of institutionalized and individual racism.
    3. Historical Christian and Presbyterian Church positions on race and racism.
    4. The history of racism within West Virginia.
    5. Tools, strategies, and practices to develop anti-racist behavior and culture within our Presbytery and congregational life.
  - ii. The training shall be offered at least once a year.
  - iii. All required leaders, as defined above, shall attend the Presbytery’s “Dismantling Racism Training” within one year of approval of this policy/or one year after their arrival, and once every five years thereafter.
  - iv. Tracking of Training - “Dismantling Racism Training” presenters will report completion of training within 2 months to:
    1. The Committee on Ministry: Who will track completion of the training of Teaching Elders, non-Presbyterian pastoral leaders, Commissioned Pastors, and Christian Educators.

## Presbytery of West Virginia Antiracism Policy

2. Stated Clerk: Who will track completion of the training of persons serving in Presbytery leadership and Presbytery Staff.
  3. Vocations Committee: Who will track completion of the training of Candidates for Ministry.
  - v. Failure to fulfill this training requirement within the specified time will result in a call from Presbytery entities with oversight (COM, Stated Clerk, VC) to discuss obstacles and remind individuals to complete the training and undertake further steps if necessary.
  - vi. Evaluation of the impact of training on individual and institutional practices shall be assessed 6 months after the training through a (qualitative/ quantitative) survey. Results shall be reviewed annually by the Committee on Ministry to determine any needed revisions to the training and recommend changes.
  - vii. Sufficient funding to implement this training shall be designated in the Presbytery Budget.
3. The Presbytery shall commit to seeking to recruit and select racial and ethnic minorities to leadership roles.
4. The Presbytery shall actively attempt to fill 5% of all annual contracts for services, supplies, and purchases by firms/organizations owned by racial and ethnic minorities. (References on where to find information on minority businesses:
  - <https://www.mbda.gov/page/us-business-fact-sheets>,
  - <https://minorityaffairs.wv.gov/Pages/default.aspx>- Call for list of minority businesses
  - Annual Spring WV Minority Business Expo - See Herbert Henderson, Office of Minority Affairs)Presbytery staff shall report annually to the Presbytery the percent of contracts filled by racial and ethnic minorities.
5. This policy shall be reviewed by the Presbytery every three years.

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# **PRESBYTERY OF WEST VIRGINIA**

## **GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONER REPORT**

Chris Kilbert, Minister of Word and Sacrament Commissioner

August 17, 2024

### *A Reflection on the 226th General Assembly in Salt Lake City*

Allow me to share something I found surprising. Even though parliamentary procedure had its share of ... “moments,” let’s call them ... the thing that may have impressed me the most as “spiritual” ALSO came in the midst of “Robert’s Rules.” Try to stick with me through this. Two times, a vote/action was reconsidered (both times that required not only a 2/3 majority to revisit but the motion to do so had to come from the prevailing side – in other words, someone from the “winners” had to move it). One of these times, not only was the action reconsidered, but it was *reversed* – which is extremely rare; someone told me it hasn’t happened in this century. But here’s the part that struck me ... the electronic tally poll showed a *sizeable* number willing to reconsider. I was not expecting this because I don’t see this kind of openness in the world usually.

Keep in mind this had already been a LENGTHY process (it had been *past 2 hours*). But in that moment, when a sizeable number of the “winners” were ready to reconsider, I became personally convinced that the Holy Spirit was at work. It wasn’t merely an “openness” to the Spirit. The level of patience, humility, and love (the wonderful sacrificial thing) showed forth in and through commissioners who disagreed. This wasn’t just “good argument”; this kind of mutual submission to the leading of the Lord was WAY more than what you find in other national and governmental spheres. And you might say you’d expect that from the Church. Exactly. My reflection is that I saw it at GA.

Yes, there were overtures and votes that did not go the way I would have wanted. But I was encouraged by the way the Church (who could disagree so strongly) treated each other with respect, dignity, and hope. I’m grateful that God let me see the Church do what the theme of this year’s GA was: “Live into Hope.”

Respectfully,

Teaching Elder Commissioner Chris Kilbert

*[With thanks to my fellow West Virginia representatives: Ruling Elder Commissioner Susan Perry and Young Adult Advisory Delegate Emma Rau]*

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## **GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONER REPORT**

Susan Shelton Perry, Ruling Elder Commissioner

August 17, 2024

The Stated Clerk asked me to write a brief report on my GA experience to share with you. I used my personal Facebook account as a journal during the time I was in Salt Lake City, so I thought I would share a couple of my posts with you.

“I am not even sure where to begin. It’s like you just found 500 relatives that you kinda thought were out there somewhere, but you didn’t even know where to look for them. And then you found them and they love you and you love them, just because.

“And, people, when they say, ‘It’s dry, and you need to continually hydrate,’ they aren’t kidding.

“I’m off to drink a little more before bed.

“Tired and dry but happy!”

On another day, I wrote this.

“What if a dance party broke out during a break in the business meeting? I am down for that every day!

“So, we had been debating some pretty heavy stuff. Then we had a technical glitch that was going to take a few minutes to resolve. So, what’s a good way to kill 10 minutes? Honestly, it’s probably been 15 to 20 years since I’ve done the Electric Slide, but I was up for re-learning!

“We have been dealing with BIG issues today. We heard and prayed about the real, human toll gun violence is having on our families, about the problems facing pastors and churches regarding the increase in Board of Pensions coverage, and the reality that climate change is wreaking havoc on God’s handiwork. Ten minutes of levity was necessary and cathartic.

“Now I need to go hydrate – again!”

Three things continue to stick out in my mind.

1. The hospitality of our brothers and sisters from the Presbytery of Utah was amazing. They met us at the airport, helped us get to the shuttles, and they were present throughout GA to help with directions, encouragement, and travel tips.
2. My heart was broken by stories told by Korean female pastors about insulting remarks and discriminatory practices leveled against them by some male Korean pastors.



3. GA Commissioners whose family members and friends had been victims of gun violence spoke eloquently about the need for us to lift up this issue in our communities.

I am happy to attend lunches or dinners in our local congregations to talk about the GA experience in more detail. Thank you so much for giving me this opportunity.

# **PRESBYTERY OF WEST VIRGINIA**

## **GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONER REPORT**

Em Rau, Young Adult Advisory Delegate

August 17, 2024

It was an honor to represent Presbytery of West Virginia as a Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD) to the 226th General Assembly of the PC(USA). I served on the Christian Formation Committee, so I was able to listen to the 5 new seminary presidents discuss what they see as the future of Christian Education. I made some really close connections to the other YAADs from across the country during the orientation when we were able to speak with the Co-Moderator candidates. During plenary, I was able to speak during discussion about fossil fuel divestment, which was a bit scary but I ended up getting quoted in this article,

<https://www.pcusa.org/news/2024/7/3/general-assembly-backtracks-on-complete-divestment/>. A

few of the overtures that I think are particularly important for this presbytery are ORD-01, 02, and 03, which will make changes/clarifications on Shared Ministry. FIN-12 is also important as it changes how Special Offerings are dispersed to give more money to smaller churches through grants. I had a really amazing experience, and I'm so grateful to the Presbytery for giving me this opportunity.

# **PRESBYTERY OF WEST VIRGINIA**

## **REPORT OF THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

Mark Boyd, Committee Chair

August 17, 2024

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. That Presbytery approve the 2025 Budget as presented.
2. That Presbytery approve the transfer of all investment accounts to the New Covenant Trust Company, a subsidiary of the Presbyterian Foundation.

**Rationale:** The committee met with several investment firms at its April 2024 meeting and after prayerful consideration voted unanimously to recommend to Presbytery the transfer of the Presbytery's investment portfolio and management of said investments to the New Covenant Trust Company, a subsidiary of the Presbyterian Foundation.

**Investment Proposal Philosophy:** New Covenant Trust Company (NCTC) is committed to investing in alignment with your values to secure your legacy. We follow an evidence-based approach that's backed by rigorous academic research and pioneered by Nobel Prize winners.

NCTC will perform an objective assessment of your goals, risk tolerance and status of your current fund portfolio to develop and/or implement a customized Investment Policy Statement and Distribution Policy.

We maintain an open architecture platform and utilize a variety of asset classes and sub-asset classes to build your portfolio. Because we listen carefully to your long-term investment goals, we are able to assemble a portfolio that will ensure you can weather market fluctuations or an economic downturn.

In general, rather than employing market timing and active trading strategies, NCTC focuses more on long-term expected rates of return, appropriate asset allocation, achieving high levels of diversification, and selecting investments with low internal operating expense ratios, high transparency and high liquidity. We do not use a cookie-cutter approach, however. No two investment strategies are alike. When you work with NCTC, we will customize our services for you, down to the smallest detail.

### **Fee Schedule**

For the Presbytery, we have provided our standard investment management fee schedule below for your review. We have also provided a proposed fee schedule for member Churches.

#### **Presbytery Fee Schedule**

1.00% on the first \$1,000,000

#### **Member Churches Fee Schedule**

.8% on the first \$1,000,000

.80% on the next \$1,000,000  
.60% on the next \$1,000,000  
.40% on the remaining balance

.64% on the next \$1,000,000  
.54% on the next \$1,000,000  
.40% on the remaining balance

Applying 5,750,000 to the standard Presbytery schedule, the investment management fee calculates to approximately .57%.

**Investment Performance:**

- 60% Equity/40% Fixed Income
- 70% Equity/30% Fixed Income
- Socially Responsible (screened) & Standard (no screening) portfolios included.

**INFORMATION:**

1. The committee met in person on June 19, 2024, to review the financial reports as of May 31, 2024, and draft the 2025 Budget. The committee invited committee chairs to present their budget requests for 2025.
2. The 2024 second quarter financial reports follow this report and will be presented by Financial Administrator/Treasurer Chris Alfred.

**Presbytery of West Virginia  
2025 Draft Budget**

	2024 Budget		2025 Budget		Restricted Funds
	Budget	R/F Amount	Budget	R/F Amount	
<b><u>ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE</u></b>					
OFFICE EXPENSES	47,500	35,000 12,000	<b>49,500</b>	<b>37,000</b> <b>12,500</b>	Mission Development Fund Funds of PWV
SALARY & PERSONNEL EXPENSE					
All Salaries (including housing & utilities)	300,303		<b>305,102</b>		
Pension Expense	25,319		<b>20,104</b>		
Medical Insurance Expense	99,056		<b>74,136</b>		
Payroll Taxes	20,527		<b>20,654</b>		
Workers' Compensation	1,750		1,750		
Continuing Education & Professional Expense	14,900		<b>11,900</b>		
Travel & Program Expense	26,500		26,500		
<b>TOTAL SALARY &amp; PERSONNEL EXPENSE</b>	<b>488,355</b>	92,000	<b>460,146</b>	<b>92,500</b>	<b>\$46K Small Church, \$20K MDF \$26.5K Funds of PWV</b>
COMMITTEE EXPENSES					
Staff Development	1,000	1,000	1,000	<b>1,000</b>	Mission Development Fund
Committee Meetings	500		500		
	<b>\$ 537,355</b>		<b>\$ 511,146</b>		
<b><u>BLUESTONE COMMITTEE</u></b>					
CIT Support	4,500	4,500	4,500	<b>4,500</b>	Rachel McClintic Fund
Committee Meetings	1,000		1,000		
	<b>\$ 5,500</b>		<b>\$ 5,500</b>		
<b><u>LEADERSHIP TEAM</u></b>					
GOVERNING BODY EXPENSE					
Presbytery Meetings	2,500		<b>3,000</b>		
Moderator Expenses	1,000		1,000		
General Assembly	6,000	6,000	0		Mission Development Fund
<b>Consulting Group-Presbytery</b>	10,000	10,000	0		
<b>Transition Expenses</b>			<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	Building Sale Proceeds
<b>Presbyter Search Committee</b>			<b>7,500</b>	<b>7,500</b>	Building Sale Proceeds
Legal Consultation	5,000	5,000	5,000	<b>5,000</b>	Funds of PWV
Leadership Team	2,500		2,500		
	<b>\$ 27,000</b>		<b>\$ 24,000</b>		
<b><u>MINISTRY COMMITTEE</u></b>					
1,001 New Worshipping Comm.	500	500	500	<b>500</b>	Small Church Fund
Small Church Conf.	500	500	500	<b>500</b>	Small Church Fund
	1,000		1,000		
CRE Training (Con. Ed.)	500	500	500	<b>500</b>	Small Church Fund
Ministry Training	500	500	500	<b>500</b>	PEPS
Kanawha Pastoral Counseling Center	1,500		0		
Professional Development	3,000	3,000	3,000	<b>1,500</b>	Small Church Fund
Church Professional Orientation	1,000		1,000		
COM Resources	500		500		
Congregational Care Travel	500		500		
Memorials	500	500	500	<b>500</b>	Funds of PWV-COM Discretionary
Emergency Church Assistance	1,500	1,500	1,500	<b>1,500</b>	Small Church Fund
Validated Ministry Dinners	0		<b>1,200</b>		
Committee Meetings	5,000		<b>3,800</b>		
	<b>\$ 15,500</b>		<b>\$ 14,000</b>		

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2025 Draft Budget**

	2024 Budget		2025 Budget		Restricted Funds
	Budget	R/F Amount	Budget	R/F Amount	
<b><u>MISSIONS COMMITTEE</u></b>					
INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERSHIPS					
Davis & Elkins	1,250		1,250		
Davis-Stuart	1,250		1,250		
Westminster Foundation	1,250		1,250		
Covenant House	1,250		1,250		
MISSIONS PARTNERSHIPS					
Kenya Partnership	1,500	1,500	1,000	1,000	Kenya Partnership Fund
The Shack NH Support	15,000	15,000	12,000	12,000	Mission Development Fund
Tyrand Coop. Ministry Support	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	Midland Memorial Fund
WV Min. of Advocacy & Workcamps	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	Mission Development Fund
MISSIONS GRANTS	11,000		11,000		
Older Adult Ministry	1,000		1,000		
<b>Children on the Spectrum</b>	1,000		1,000		
Peacemaker Support	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	Mission Development Fund
Committee Meetings	500		500		
	<b>\$ 53,500</b>		<b>\$ 50,000</b>		
<b><u>NURTURE COMMITTEE</u></b>					
Resource Center Acquisitions	1,000		500		
Resource Ctr. - Supplies/Equip.	400		200		
Resource Ctr. - Catalog Program	800		800		
Video license	300		300		
Festival of Faith	1,500		1,500		
Church Educators Support	400		300		
ECCA Retreat	1,300		1,500		
Children's Retreat	0		2,000	2,000	Rachel McClintic Fund
Spring Youth Retreat	7,000	3,200	2,000	2,000	Rachel McClintic Fund
Fall Youth Retreat	4,000	3,000	4,000	4,000	Rachel McClintic Fund
HS Youth Conference/Mission Trip	5,000	5,000	7,000	7,000	Rachel McClintic Fund
Youth Council	400	400	400	400	Rachel McClintic Fund
Adult Spiritual Development	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	Mission Development Fund
Scholarships	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	PEPS
Presbytery Worship	300		200		
Miscellaneous	200		200		
APCE Membership	200		400		
Leadership Development Program	5,000	5,000	2,200	2,200	Small Church Fund
Committee Meetings	400		200		
	<b>\$ 30,200</b>		<b>\$ 25,700</b>		
<b><u>PJC</u></b>					
Permanent Judicial Commission	\$ 200		\$ 200		
<b><u>RELATIONS COMMITTEE</u></b>					
Cluster Support	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	Small Church Fund
Relations Committee Expenses	250		250		
	<b>\$ 2,250</b>		<b>\$ 2,250</b>		
<b><u>REPRESENTATION COMMITTEE</u></b>					
Committee on Representation	\$ 200		\$ 200		

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2025 Draft Budget**

	2024 Budget		2025 Budget		Restricted Funds
	Budget	R/F Amount	Budget	R/F Amount	
<b><u>STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE</u></b>					
Outside CPA Costs	14,000		<b>15,000</b>		
Committee Meetings	250		250		
	<b>\$ 14,250</b>		<b>\$ 15,250</b>		
<b><u>TRUSTEES</u></b>					
Trustees	<b>\$ 400</b>		<b>\$ 400</b>		
<b><u>VOCATIONS COMMITTEE</u></b>					
PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY					
Care of Candidates	1,000		1,000		
Career Counseling	3,000		<b>2,500</b>		
Scholarships	5,000	5,000	5,000		<b>5,000 Bush Fund</b>
Conferences	500		500		
ALP/CP Preparation Program	8,000	8,000	<b>14,000</b>		<b>14,000 Small Church Fund</b>
Support of ALP	3,000	3,000	3,000		<b>1,000 \$1K Funds of PWV</b>
Committee Meetings	500		500		
	<b>\$ 21,000</b>		<b>\$ 26,500</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 707,355</b>		<b>\$ 675,146</b>		
<b>REVENUE IN SUPPORT of BUDGET</b>	<b>2024 Budget</b>		<b>2025 Budget</b>		
Shared Mission (net of GA & Synod support)	310,501		<b>268,141</b>		PWV/GA/Synod = 81/14/5
Per Capita (net of GA & Synod portions)	112,057		<b>106,066</b>		Per capita rate \$30.30 = \$112,057
Previous Year Shared Mission & Per Capita	11,184		<b>10,000</b>		
Outside Funding (Presb. Housing & PHP)*	6,300		<b>40,000</b>		
Interest & Gifts	16,150		<b>10,839</b>		
Building Sale Proceeds	10,000		<b>12,500</b>		
Restricted Fund Support (see below)	241,163		<b>227,600</b>		
	<b>\$ 707,355</b>		<b>\$ 675,146</b>		
Midland Memorial	2,500		2,500		
Rachel McClintic Fund	16,100		19,900		
MDF	100,563		87,000		
Small Church Fund	67,000		65,700		
Funds of PWV	45,000		45,000		
Bush Fund	5,000		5,000		
Slaughter Fund	2,000		0		
PEPS	1,500		1,500		
Kenya Partnership	1,500		1,000		
	<b>\$ 241,163</b>		<b>\$ 227,600</b>		

**PRESBYTERY of WEST VIRGINIA**  
**Budget vs. Actual**  
YTD June 2024

COMPOSITE BY COMMITTEE

<b>Committee</b>	<b>YTD 6/30/24</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Restricted Fund Support</b>
ADMINISTRATION	223,965.20	537,355	41.7%	192,400
BLUESTONE	0.00	5,500	0.0%	4,500
LEADERSHIP	8,797.63	27,000	32.6%	5,000
MINISTRY	2,681.52	15,500	17.3%	7,000
MISSIONS	23,750.00	53,500	44.4%	35,000
NURTURE	2,464.48	30,200	8.2%	18,600
PJC	402.00	200	201.0%	
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN	0.00	0	0.0%	
RELATIONS	5.00	2,250	0.2%	2,000
REPRESENTATION	0.00	200	0.0%	
STEWARDSHIP	9,000.00	14,250	63.2%	
TRUSTEES	0.00	400	0.0%	
VOCATIONS	6,536.62	21,000	31.1%	18,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 277,602.45</b>	<b>707,355</b>	<b>39.2%</b>	<b>\$ 282,500</b>
SHARED MISSION (net)	108,154.82	310,501	34.8%	
PER CAPITA (net)	47,692.07	112,057	42.6%	
PREV. YR BENEV./PER CAPITA	13,987.18	11,184	125.1%	
OUTSIDE FUNDING	20,000.00	6,300	317.5%	
INTEREST & GIFTS	7,630.58	16,150	47.2%	
Building Sale Proceeds	3,525.54	10,000	35.3%	
RESTRICTED FUND SUPPORT	76,612.26	241,163	31.8%	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 277,602.45</b>	<b>\$ 707,355</b>	<b>39.2%</b>	



**PRESBYTERY of WEST VIRGINIA**

**Budget vs. Actual**

YTD June 2024

	YTD 6/30/24	Budget	%	Restricted Fund Support
<b><u>ADMINISTRATION</u></b>				
OFFICE EXPENSES				
Postage	549.76			35,500 Mission Dev. Fund
Supplies	846.52			12,000 Funds of PWV
Publications & Subscriptions	2,024.41			
Presbytery Directory	325.00			
Telephone	204.34			
Rent	1,050.00			
Equipment	320.99			
Equipment Maintenance	2,400.00			
Staff Expenses	2,989.65			
Insurance - Property	15,171.75			
Web Site Maintenance	150.00			
Internet Service	853.38			
Bank service fees	378.83			
Background Check Fees	(60.00)			
Miscellaneous	34.98			
<b>TOTAL OFFICE EXPENSE</b>	<b>27,239.61</b>	<b>47,500</b>	<b>57.3%</b>	
SALARY & PERSONNEL EXPENSE				
All Salaries (including housing & utilities)	126,793.12	300,303	42.2%	
Pension Expense	10,044.26	25,319	39.7%	
Medical Insurance Expense	39,737.77	99,056	40.1%	
Payroll Taxes	7,710.65	20,527	37.6%	
Workers' Compensation	454.00	1,750	25.9%	
Continuing Education & Professional Expense	3,877.46	14,900	26.0%	
Travel Expense	8,108.33	26,500	30.6%	
<b>TOTAL SALARY &amp; PERSONNEL EXPENSE</b>	<b>196,725.59</b>	<b>488,355</b>	<b>40.3%</b>	92,000 \$46K Small Church, \$26,563K MDF \$26.5K Funds of PWV
COMMITTEE EXPENSE				
Consultant Fees	0.00	0	0.0%	
Staff Development		1,000	0.0%	1,000 Mission Development Fund
Committee Meetings		500	0.0%	
<b>TOTAL COMMITTEE EXPENSE</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	
	<b>\$ 223,965.20</b>	<b>\$ 537,355</b>	<b>41.7%</b>	
<b><u>BLUESTONE</u></b>				
CIT Support	0.00	4,500	0.0%	4,500 Rachel McClintic Fund
Committee Meetings	0.00	1,000	0.0%	
	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 5,500</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	
<b><u>LEADERSHIP TEAM</u></b>				
GOVERNING BODY EXPENSE				
Presbytery Meetings	1,833.21	2,500	73.3%	
Moderator Expenses		1,000	0.0%	
General Assembly	1,189.20	6,000	19.8%	6,000 Mission Development Fund
Denomination Resources	(247.00)			
COMMITTEE EXPENSE				
Consulting Group-Presbytery	3,525.54	10,000		10,000 Building Sale proceeds
Legal Consultation	1,991.00	5,000	39.8%	5,000 Funds of PWV
Leadership Team	505.68	2,500	20.2%	
	<b>\$ 8,797.63</b>	<b>\$ 27,000</b>	<b>32.6%</b>	

**PRESBYTERY of WEST VIRGINIA**

**Budget vs. Actual**

YTD June 2024

	YTD 6/30/24	Budget	%	Restricted Fund Support
<b><u>MINISTRY</u></b>				
CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT				
1,001 New Worshipping Comm.		500	0.0%	500 Small Church Fund
Small Church Conf.		500	0.0%	500 Small Church Fund
COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY				
CRE Training (Cont. Ed.)		500	0.0%	500 Small Church Fund
Ministry Training		500	0.0%	500 PEPS
Kanawha Pastoral Care Center		1,500	0.0%	
Professional Development		3,000	0.0%	3,000 Small Church Fund
Church Professional Orientation		1,000	0.0%	
COM Resources		500	0.0%	
Congregational Care Travel	52.80	500	10.6%	
Memorials	200.00	500	40.0%	500 Funds of PWV - COM Disc.
Miscellaneous		0	0.0%	
Emergency Church Assistance		1,500	0.0%	1,500 Small Church Fund
Committee Meetings	2,428.72	5,000	48.6%	
	<b>\$ 2,681.52</b>	<b>\$ 15,500</b>	<b>17.3%</b>	
<b><u>MISSIONS</u></b>				
INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERSHIPS				
Davis & Elkins College	625.00	1,250	50.0%	
Davis-Stuart	625.00	1,250	50.0%	
Covenant House, Inc	625.00	1,250	50.0%	
Westminster Foundation	625.00	1,250	50.0%	
MISSION PARTNERSHIPS				
Kenya Partnership	1,500.00	1,500	100.0%	1,500 Kenya Partnership
The Shack NH Support	7,500.00	15,000	50.0%	15,000 Mission Dev. Fund
Tyrand Coop. Ministry Support	1,250.00	2,500	50.0%	2,500 Midland Memorial
WVMAW	7,500.00	15,000	50.0%	15,000 Mission Dev. Fund
MISSION GRANTS				
	3,000.00	11,000	27.3%	
Older Adult Ministry		1,000	0.0%	
Children on the Spectrum	500.00	1,000	50.0%	
Peacemaker Support		1,000	0.0%	1,000 Mission Dev. Fund
Committee Meetings		500	0.0%	
	<b>\$ 23,750.00</b>	<b>\$ 53,500</b>	<b>44.4%</b>	
<b><u>NURTURE</u></b>				
CHRISTIAN NURTURE & WORSHIP				
Resource Ctr Acquisitions		1,000	0.0%	
Resource Ctr. - Supplies/Equip.		400	0.0%	
Resource Ctr. - Subscriptions		0	0.0%	
Resource Ctr. - Catalog Program		800	0.0%	
Video License		300	0.0%	
Festival of Faith	399.90	1,500	26.7%	
Church Educators Support	131.07	400	32.8%	
Educator/Clergy/ALP/CP Retreat	(396.33)	1,300	-30.5%	
Spring Youth Retreat	206.86	7,000	3.0%	3,200 Rachel McClintic Fund
Fall Youth Retreat	(90.00)	4,000	-2.3%	3,000 Rachel McClintic Fund
HS Youth Conf. Mission Trip		5,000	0.0%	5,000 Rachel McClintic Fund
Youth Council	189.04	400	47.3%	400 Rachel McClintic Fund
Adult Spiritual Development		1,000	0.0%	1,000 Mission Dev. Fund
Scholarships		1,000	0.0%	1,000 PEPS
Presbytery Worship	19.78	300	6.6%	
Miscellaneous		200	0.0%	
APCE Membership		200	0.0%	
Leadership Development Program	2,004.16	5,000	40.1%	5,000 Small Church Fund
Committee Meetings		400	0.0%	

**PRESBYTERY of WEST VIRGINIA**  
**Budget vs. Actual**  
YTD June 2024

	YTD 6/30/24	Budget	%	Restricted Fund Support
	<b>\$ 2,464.48</b>	<b>\$ 30,200</b>	<b>8.2%</b>	
<b><u>PJC</u></b>				
Permanent Judicial Commission	402.00	200	201.0%	
<b><u>RELATIONS</u></b>				
Cluster Support		2,000	0.0%	2,000 Small Church Fund
Relations Committee Expenses	5.00	250	2.0%	
	<b>\$ 5.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,250</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	
<b><u>REPRESENTATION</u></b>				
Committee on Representation		200	0.0%	
<b><u>STEWARDSHIP</u></b>				
FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT				
Outside CPA Costs	9,000.00	14,000	64.3%	
Committee Meetings		250	0.0%	
	<b>\$ 9,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 14,250</b>	<b>63.2%</b>	
<b><u>TRUSTEES</u></b>				
Trustees	0.00	400	0.0%	
<b><u>VOCATIONS</u></b>				
PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY				
Care of Candidates		1,000	0.0%	
Career Counseling	1,087.50	3,000	36.3%	
Scholarships		5,000	0.0%	5,000 Bush Fund
Conferences		500	0.0%	
ALP/CP Preparation Program	5,769.12	8,000	72.1%	8,000 Small Church Fund
Support of ALP/CP	(320.00)	3,000	-10.7%	3,000 2K Slaughterm 1K Funds of PWV
Committee Meetings		500	0.0%	
	<b>\$ 6,536.62</b>	<b>\$ 21,000</b>	<b>31.1%</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 277,602.45</b>	<b>\$707,355</b>	<b>39.2%</b>	

REVENUE IN SUPPORT of BUDGET	YTD 6/30/2024	Budget
Shared Mission (net of GA & Synod support)	108,154.82	310,501
Per Capita (net of GA & Synod support)	47,692.07	112,057
Previous Year Shared Mission & Per Capita	13,987.18	11,184
Outside Funding (Presby. Housing & PHP)	20,000.00	6,300
Interest & Gifts	7,630.58	16,150
Building Sale Proceeds	3,525.54	10,000
Restricted Fund Support	76,612.26	241,163
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>277,602.45</b>	<b>\$707,355</b>

**Presbytery of West Virginia**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
As of June 30, 2024

	<u>06/30/24</u>	<u>06/03/23</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets		
<b>CHECKING/SAVINGS</b>		
Petty Cash	133.93	250.00
Payroll - WesBanco Bank	2,732.65	4,570.20
Cash - United Bank Checking	397,194.65	143,427.86
WV Federal Credit Union	237,516.25	234,056.19
New Life Fund - WesBanco Bank	256,417.60	301,535.48
Building Sale proceeds - WesBanco Bank	464,573.00	464,573.00
<b>Total Cash/Checking</b>	1,358,568.08	1,148,412.73
<b>Wells Fargo - MDF</b>		
Equities -- Index Fund	1,380,111.21	1,181,528.34
Fixed Income	457,843.03	476,114.85
<b>Total Wells Fargo - MDF</b>	1,837,954.24	1,657,643.19
<b>Wells Fargo Money Market</b>		
Wells Fargo MM - PWV	62,167.90	61,244.01
Kay Long Memorial Fund	10,486.21	9,099.53
Molly Gant Scholarship Fund	16,920.34	14,682.87
Kenya Partnership	4,114.19	4,956.52
Presbyterian Hunger Program	43,024.85	26,488.86
Pack Endowment Fund	220,921.00	220,553.51
<b>Total Wells Fargo Money Market</b>	357,634.49	337,025.30
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>		
New Covenant Funds of PWV	250,412.05	265,284.64
New Covenant New Ch. Devel	232,166.30	203,199.93
New Covenant PEPS	3,804.35	3,778.91
New Covenant Slaughter	2,207.21	2,015.84
New Covenant Riner	92,673.33	80,722.87
New Covenant Scholarship	10,557.66	9,642.47
New Covenant Seminary Student	50,429.01	44,137.16
New Covenant Dickinson	76,238.70	66,726.66
New Covenant Bush Fund	279,306.99	254,075.17
New Covenant Midland Mem.	106,178.33	97,738.91
New Covenant Small Church	1,240,754.40	1,193,004.61
T Rowe Price - Rachel McClintic	1,593,022.26	1,399,950.85
<b>Total INVESTMENTS</b>	3,937,750.59	3,620,278.02
<b>TOTAL CHECKING/SAVINGS</b>	7,491,907.40	6,763,359.24
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	0.00	0.00

**Presbytery of West Virginia**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
As of June 30, 2024

	<u>06/30/24</u>	<u>06/03/23</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	0.00	0.00
<b>Other Current Assets</b>		
Notes Receivable MDF	52,302.18	36,586.09
Notes Receivable Riner	3,415.04	18,707.04
Notes Receivable R. McClintic	111,581.93	115,921.93
Workers Comp Deposit	247.09	247.09
Total Other Current Assets	<u>167,546.24</u>	<u>171,462.15</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	7,659,453.64	6,934,821.39
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Land	0.00	0.00
Building & Grounds	0.00	0.00
Furniture & Fixtures	0.00	0.00
Capital Equipment	16,456.11	16,456.11
Software	669.51	669.51
Accumulated Depreciation	-16,542.05	-16,542.05
Total Fixed Assets	<u>583.57</u>	<u>583.57</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>7,660,037.21</u></u>	<u><u>6,935,404.96</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>		
Benevolence Receipts Payable	-42,243.17	-43,121.87
Payroll Liabilities	17,103.97	14,484.98
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>-25,139.20</u>	<u>-28,636.89</u>
Deferred Revenue	0.00	296.50
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>-25,139.20</u>	<u>-28,340.39</u>

**Presbytery of West Virginia**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
As of June 30, 2024

	<u>06/30/24</u>	<u>06/03/23</u>
<b>Equity</b>		
Fund Balance Funds of PWV	1,643,601.54	1,490,131.99
Fund Balance - MDF	1,750,277.27	1,520,744.27
Fund Balance New Ch. Devel	214,343.33	184,604.99
Fund Balance Hunger Prog	24,085.86	19,287.29
Fund Balance PEPS	3,986.00	3,433.06
Fund Balance Slaughter	2,084.69	1,892.07
Fund Balance Riner	95,841.65	92,835.12
Fund Balance Scholarship	10,005.14	9,050.41
Fund Balance Seminary Student	46,557.29	40,097.71
Fund Balance Dickinson	70,385.39	60,619.84
Fund Balance Bush Fund	262,600.27	225,822.10
Fund Balance Midland Mem.	100,395.03	86,293.77
Fund Balance Small Church	1,203,179.55	1,030,282.28
Fund Balance Kenya Partnership	3,872.89	2,751.95
Fund Balance Rachel McClintic	1,460,220.44	1,363,483.00
Fund Balance Kay Long Memorial	8,906.84	8,906.84
Fund Balance Molly Gant Fund	15,561.87	14,731.94
Fund Balance Pack Endowment	220,974.40	200,290.01
Fund Balance New Life	426,537.40	348,218.99
Net Income	81,363.06	416,790.10
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>7,644,779.91</u>	<u>7,120,267.73</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>7,619,640.71</u></u>	<u><u>7,091,927.34</u></u>

## 2024 BENEVOLENCE PLEDGING & PER CAPITA REPORT

	2024 Pledge	2024 Giving at 06/30/24			2024 Per Capita Rec'd at 06/30/24	
				12/31/22 Membership	Per Capita (\$30.30/mbr)	
Alderson				7	212.10	
Alexander Memorial	290	290		7	212.10	212
Anderson Memorial				22	666.60	
Bates Memorial				83	2,514.90	1,260
Baxter				10	303.00	
Beckley	12000	3333.31		196	5,938.80	2,182
Beechwood	319	79.75		35	1,060.50	265
Belington	720	300		19	575.70	240
Belle	1633	816.5		6	181.80	182
Bethlehem		100		18	545.40	240
Beulah Humble				13	393.90	
Beverly				17	515.10	515
Big Spring				10	303.00	303
Bluefield-First		3375		80	2,424.00	1,010
Bradley	0			17	515.10	394
Bramwell				16	484.80	
Bream Memorial		375		115	3,484.50	1,000
Bridgeport (all PWV)	3000	1000		113	3,423.90	1,142
Buckhannon-First	273	273		9	272.70	273
Canyon Community		500		6	181.80	182
Centerville	5360	5360		26	787.80	788
Charleston-First (all PWV)	38588	16078.3		712	21,573.60	8,989
Church of Our Saviour	800	800		7	212.10	212
Ch. of the Covenant-Grafton	2388.55	1391.25		26	787.80	197
Clarksburg-First	6500	3250		133	4,029.90	2,045
Clear Creek				18	545.40	545
Clifton	3000	1250		62	1,878.60	783
Clothier				9	272.70	
Comfort		545.5		15	454.50	455
Arthurdale - Community	1300	650		26	787.80	394
Davis Mem. - Elkins	11000	5500.02		152	4,605.60	2,303
Davis Mem. - Gassaway	1061	240		11	333.30	120
Dunbar-First	2121	333.34		70	2,121.00	884
Edgewood	3528	882		42	1,272.60	318
Eleanor				12	363.60	
Elk Hills	1000	416.65		42	1,272.60	530
Enslow Park				96	2,908.80	727
Fairmont-First	5150	858.33		100	3,030.00	505
Falls View	1855			8	242.40	
Fayetteville	9119	3800		83	2,514.90	1,050

## 2024 BENEVOLENCE PLEDGING & PER CAPITA REPORT

	2024 Pledge	2024 Giving at 06/30/24			2024	Per Capita
				12/31/22	Per Capita	Rec'd at 06/30/24
				Membership	(\$30.30/mbr)	
Colcord-First				25	757.50	328
Kingwood-First	6000	3000		30	909.00	455
Nitro-First	1000			79	2,393.70	
Fleming Memorial	2700	675		28	848.40	213
Frankford	2956	2956		20	606.00	606
Gilbert				48	1,454.40	
Glenville	4520	4520		20	606.00	606
Grace Covenant				15	454.50	
Harman				16	484.80	
Highlawn Huntington	14000	6250		146	4,423.80	1,843
Highlawn St. Albans	4000	2020		45	1,363.50	686
Hinton-First	2100	525		25	757.50	455
Hughes River - Cairo				8	242.40	
Huntington-First				258	7,817.40	
Kanawha United	15225	7613		157	4,757.10	4,775
Kenova-First				29	878.70	450
Kesler Memorial				27	818.10	
Kuhn Memorial	1500	750		81	2,454.30	1,227
Liberty				17	515.10	
Logan-First	9791	4895.52		74	2,242.20	2,242
Mannington-First				20	606.00	
Marlinton	2260.8	1130.4		64	1,939.20	970
Marsh Fork				13	393.90	
Mill Creek		2547.5		19	575.70	576
Milton				20	606.00	
Mingo				19	575.70	576
Morgantown-First		6865		238	7,211.40	2,935
Mount Hope				8	242.40	242
Oak Grove	1200			62	1,878.60	
Oak Hill-First				39	1,181.70	
Old Stone				200	6,060.00	
Parkersburg-First				108	3,272.40	510
Parsons				16	484.80	121
Philippi	0			8	242.40	242
Pineville				35	1,060.50	442
Pt. Pleasant	10343	4309.6		70	2,121.00	884
Ravenswood-First	4603.4	4058		18	545.40	545
Ripley-First		406		16	484.80	202
Riverlawn		1000		71	2,151.30	896
Rock Forge				14	424.20	



## 2024 BENEVOLENCE PLEDGING & PER CAPITA REPORT

	2024 Pledge	2024 Giving at 06/30/24			2024	Per Capita
				12/31/22	Per Capita	Rec'd at 06/30/24
				Membership	(\$30.30/mbr)	
Rock Lake	2636	1318.2		87	2,636.10	1,099
Rome	189	93.75		4	121.20	61
Ronceverte	3100	1550		73	2,211.90	1,100
Salem	1000	500		13	393.90	196
Huntington Second	454.5			15	454.50	455
Smithers	1000	746		18	545.40	400
South Charleston-First				124	3,757.20	1,879
South Park	2300	575		30	909.00	227
Spencer	1124			7	212.10	
Spring Creek	1313	1313		34	1,030.20	1,030
Spring Valley				54	1,636.20	
St. Albans-First				116	3,514.80	
St. Andrew	1697			56	1,696.80	
Sugar Grove	2378	2378		12	363.60	364
Summerlee	210	105		9	272.70	136
Summersville	3138	811.5		50	1,515.00	758
Teays Valley	0			108	3,272.40	659
Thomas-First	424.2	132		14	424.20	106
Trinity				10	303.00	25
Tygarts Valley				29	878.70	879
Union	2536	400		21	636.30	160
Upper Glade	1000	500		41	1,242.30	850
Valley Bend	2399	1199.5		30	909.00	455
Village Chapel	15000	6540.4		193	5,847.90	2,437
Waverly-Bethel	1628			11	333.30	
Westminster-Vienna	5630	2816		92	2,787.60	1,395
Weston-First	1400			10	303.00	1,402
White Sulphur Springs-First		508		33	999.90	590
Whitesville-First	0			9	272.70	
Williamson-First	0			63	1,908.90	1,909
Williamstown-First				73	2,211.90	
Winfield	575	144		12	363.60	91
Zion				34	1,030.20	
TOTALS	244,336.45	126949.32		6,140	\$186,042	71,930

**BLUESTONE CONFERENCE CENTER, INC**  
**FINANCIAL REPORT as of June 30 2024**

INCOME	2024 Actual	2024 Budget				Balance Sheet	
Grant Subsidy - McClintic Fund	-	\$ -				<b>06/30/24</b>	<b>06/30/23</b>
Retreats - Bluestone Events	4,245.00	<b>6,500</b>	65.3%		ASSETS		
Retreats - Presbyterian	344.00	<b>5,000</b>	6.9%		Current Assets	\$ 30,948.21	\$ 24,060.33
Retreats - Non - Presbyterian	7,212.00	<b>60,000</b>	12.0%	Property & Equip. (net of depr.)		174,635.82	174,280.11
Summer Camp Registrations	30,999.27	<b>40,500</b>	76.5%		<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 205,584.03</b>	<b>\$ 198,340</b>
RV/Tent Camping	189.00	<b>2,000</b>	9.5%				
Donations	7,949.00	<b>15,000</b>	53.0%		LIABILITIES		
Friends of Bluestone	20,000.00	<b>60,000</b>	33.3%		Current Liabilities	\$ 94,270.59	\$ 92,953.39
MDF-Line of credit		<b>0</b>			Long Term Debt	77,227.34	64,825.40
Hinton Account		<b>2,000</b>	0.0%		<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 171,497.93</b>	<b>\$ 157,779</b>
Reserves		<b>19,000</b>	0.0%				
Interest	1.36	<b>0</b>			EQUITY	\$ 34,086.10	\$ 40,561.65
Miscellaneous	8,834.32	-			<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 205,584.03</b>	<b>\$ 198,340.44</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 79,774</b>	<b>\$ 210,000</b>	38.0%				
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>2024 Actual</b>	<b>2024 Budget</b>					
Salaries & Personnel	\$ 18,865	<b>\$ 46,100</b>	40.9%				
Office & Administration	6,256	<b>17,058</b>	36.7%				
Plant & Operation	24,203.17	<b>67,259</b>	36.0%				
Special Expenses	4,467	<b>6,624</b>	67.4%				
Special Projects	1,317	<b>37,000</b>	3.6%				
Planned Expenses	11,327	<b>15,000</b>	75.5%				
Summer Camp Registration Exp	1,340	<b>2,289</b>	58.5%				
Summer Staff & Salary		<b>13,120</b>	0.0%				
Summer Program	891	<b>1,550</b>	57.5%				
Summer Camp Trips		<b>4,000</b>	0.0%				
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ 68,666</b>	<b>\$ 210,000</b>	32.7%				<b>107,819</b>
<b>NET GAIN/(LOSS)</b>	<b>\$ 11,108</b>						

**\*NOTE\* - Presbytery Budget Support**

Facilities Director comp	\$ 71,597
Program Director comp	20,000
Property Insurance	15,172
Committee expense	1,000
Banking fees	50

# Friends of Bluestone

## Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2024

	TOTAL
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
1000 BB&T 8395	51,926.68
60202 Zoom Subscription	169.49
investment	7,505.69
Office Supplies	89.92
returned check	500.00
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$60,191.78</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$60,191.78</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$60,191.78</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	
Equity	
1008 Edward Jones	-11,654.98
30000 Opening Balance Equity	26,551.22
32000 Unrestricted Net Assets	48,843.15
Net Income	-3,547.61
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$60,191.78</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$60,191.78</b>

# Friends of Bluestone

## Profit and Loss Detail

January - June, 2024

DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	NUM	NAME	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	SPLIT	AMOUNT	BALANCE
Ordinary Income/Expenses							
Income							
3000 Other Income							
01/31/2024	Deposit		interest		1000 BB&T 8395	0.42	0.42
<b>Total for 3000 Other Income</b>						<b>\$0.42</b>	
4000 Donations - Individuals							
01/23/2024	Deposit	152923890			1000 BB&T 8395	500.00	500.00
01/23/2024	Deposit	8089			1000 BB&T 8395	125.00	625.00
01/23/2024	Deposit	9962			1000 BB&T 8395	200.00	825.00
01/23/2024	Deposit	00548			1000 BB&T 8395	400.00	1,225.00
01/30/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	25.00	1,250.00
01/30/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	739.56	1,989.56
01/30/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	50.00	2,039.56
01/30/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	75.00	2,114.56
01/30/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	25.00	2,139.56
01/30/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	50.00	2,189.56
01/30/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	25.00	2,214.56
01/30/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	10.00	2,224.56
02/25/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	40.00	2,264.56
02/25/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	50.00	2,314.56
02/25/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	100.00	2,414.56
04/29/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	25.00	2,439.56
04/29/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	10.00	2,449.56
04/29/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	50.00	2,499.56
04/29/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	40.00	2,539.56
04/29/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	100.00	2,639.56
04/29/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	25.00	2,664.56
04/29/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	25.00	2,689.56
04/29/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	25.00	2,714.56
04/29/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	25.00	2,739.56
04/29/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	10.00	2,749.56
04/29/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	50.00	2,799.56
04/29/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	40.00	2,839.56
04/29/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	75.00	2,914.56
04/29/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	50.00	2,964.56
04/29/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	25.00	2,989.56
04/29/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	25.00	3,014.56
04/29/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	25.00	3,039.56
04/29/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	500.00	3,539.56
04/29/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	10.00	3,549.56
05/28/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	10.00	3,559.56
05/28/2024	Deposit	4668			1000 BB&T 8395	300.00	3,859.56
05/28/2024	Deposit	1407			1000 BB&T 8395	1,000.00	4,859.56
05/28/2024	Deposit	2315			1000 BB&T 8395	200.00	5,059.56
05/28/2024	Deposit	8124			1000 BB&T 8395	125.00	5,184.56
05/28/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	50.00	5,234.56
05/28/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	25.00	5,259.56
05/28/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	25.00	5,284.56
05/28/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	250.00	5,534.56
05/28/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	50.00	5,584.56
05/28/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	75.00	5,659.56
05/28/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	40.00	5,699.56
05/28/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	200.00	5,899.56
05/28/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	50.00	5,949.56
06/07/2024	Deposit	8134			1000 BB&T 8395	125.00	6,074.56
<b>Total for 4000 Donations - Individuals</b>						<b>\$6,074.56</b>	

# Friends of Bluestone

## Profit and Loss Detail

January - June, 2024

DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	NUM	NAME	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	SPLIT	AMOUNT	BALANCE
4001 Donations - Churches							
01/23/2024	Deposit	28197			1000 BB&T 8395	1,000.00	1,000.00
02/25/2024	Deposit	1711			1000 BB&T 8395	1,100.00	2,100.00
02/25/2024	Deposit	21528			1000 BB&T 8395	83.33	2,183.33
02/25/2024	Deposit	21545			1000 BB&T 8395	500.00	2,683.33
02/25/2024	Deposit	8462			1000 BB&T 8395	1,000.00	3,683.33
02/25/2024	Deposit	8099			1000 BB&T 8395	125.00	3,808.33
04/29/2024	Deposit	21573			1000 BB&T 8395	41.67	3,850.00
04/29/2024	Deposit	1612			1000 BB&T 8395	250.00	4,100.00
04/29/2024	Deposit	21611			1000 BB&T 8395	41.67	4,141.67
04/29/2024	Deposit	8114			1000 BB&T 8395	125.00	4,266.67
05/28/2024	Deposit	21651			1000 BB&T 8395	67.67	4,334.34
05/28/2024	Deposit	1276			1000 BB&T 8395	100.00	4,434.34
05/28/2024	Deposit	21651			1000 BB&T 8395	125.00	4,559.34
06/07/2024	Deposit	46897		for Maintenance	1000 BB&T 8395	5,000.00	9,559.34
06/07/2024	Deposit	7700			1000 BB&T 8395	1,000.00	10,559.34
<b>Total for 4001 Donations - Churches</b>						<b>\$10,559.34</b>	
4006 Donations Other							
04/29/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	1.00	1.00
05/28/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	73.51	74.51
<b>Total for 4006 Donations Other</b>						<b>\$74.51</b>	
4008 Fundraiser							
4018 Guys Weekend							
05/28/2024	Deposit	1098			1000 BB&T 8395	50.00	50.00
05/28/2024	Deposit	580.			1000 BB&T 8395	325.00	375.00
<b>Total for 4018 Guys Weekend</b>						<b>\$375.00</b>	
<b>Total for 4008 Fundraiser</b>						<b>\$375.00</b>	
<b>Total for Income</b>						<b>\$17,083.83</b>	
Expenses							
2000 Advertising							
04/29/2024	Check			Christmas Cards	1000 BB&T 8395	111.02	111.02
<b>Total for 2000 Advertising</b>						<b>\$111.02</b>	
2001 bank Service Charge							
01/31/2024	Check		Service Charge		1000 BB&T 8395	7.50	7.50
<b>Total for 2001 bank Service Charge</b>						<b>\$7.50</b>	
5000 Operating Expenses							
5001 Distributions to Bluestone via PWV							
04/29/2024	Check	1237	Presbytery of WV		1000 BB&T 8395	20,000.00	20,000.00
<b>Total for 5001 Distributions to Bluestone via PWV</b>						<b>\$20,000.00</b>	
<b>Total for 5000 Operating Expenses</b>						<b>\$20,000.00</b>	
5500 Direct Expenses							
6001 Thriva/paypal Discount Fees							
01/30/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	8.62	8.62
02/25/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	5.25	13.87
04/29/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	7.44	21.31
05/28/2024	Deposit				1000 BB&T 8395	20.35	41.66
<b>Total for 6001 Thriva/paypal Discount Fees</b>						<b>\$41.66</b>	
6006 Post Office Box Rental							
05/28/2024	Check		US Postmaster		1000 BB&T 8395	232.00	232.00
<b>Total for 6006 Post Office Box Rental</b>						<b>\$232.00</b>	
<b>Total for 5500 Direct Expenses</b>						<b>\$273.66</b>	

# Friends of Bluestone

## Profit and Loss Detail

January - June, 2024

DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	NUM	NAME	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	SPLIT	AMOUNT	BALANCE
6051 ConstantContact							
01/02/2024	Check	1235	ConstantContact		1000 BB&T 8395	48.15	48.15
01/02/2024	Check	1236	ConstantContact		1000 BB&T 8395	48.15	96.30
03/29/2024	Check	1238	ConstantContact		1000 BB&T 8395	48.15	144.45
04/01/2024	Check		ConstantContact		1000 BB&T 8395	48.15	192.60
04/30/2024	Check		ConstantContact		1000 BB&T 8395	48.15	240.75
<b>Total for 6051 ConstantContact</b>						<b>\$240.75</b>	
<b>Total for Expenses</b>						<b>\$20,632.93</b>	
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>						<b>\$ -3,549.10</b>	
Other Income/Expense							
Other Income							
4100 - Interest Earned							
02/29/2024	Deposit		interest		1000 BB&T 8395	0.47	0.47
03/29/2024	Deposit		interest		1000 BB&T 8395	0.52	0.99
04/30/2024	Deposit		interest		1000 BB&T 8395	0.50	1.49
<b>Total for 4100 - Interest Earned</b>						<b>\$1.49</b>	
<b>Total for Other Income</b>						<b>\$1.49</b>	
<b>Net Other Income</b>						<b>\$1.49</b>	
<b>Net Income</b>						<b>\$ -3,547.61</b>	

# **PRESBYTERY OF WEST VIRGINIA**

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION**

Susan Perry, Committee Chair

August 17, 2024

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1. For Moderator Elect:** John Bolt (ruling elder, First Morgantown)
- 2. For Presbytery 2025 Committee Chairs**
  - a. **Bluestone Committee** – David Kaufman (ruling elder, First Parkersburg)
  - b. **Committee on Ministry** – George Lilley (ruling elder, First Morgantown)
  - c. **Mission Committee** – Sharon Bell (minister, Highlawn Huntington)
  - d. **Relations Committee** – Margaret Bolt (ruling elder, First Morgantown)
  - e. **Stewardship Committee** – Mark Boyd (minister, First St. Albans)
  - f. **Vocations Committee** – Todd Wright (minister, Village Chapel)
- 3. For Presbytery Committees:**
  - a. **Leadership Team – Class of 2027**  
John Bolt (ruling elder, First Morgantown)
  - b. **Bluestone Committee – Class of 2027**  
Gene Cowgill (ruling elder, Tygarts Valley)  
Debbie Taylor (ruling elder, Old Stone)
  - c. **Committee on Ministry – Class of 2027**  
David Bower (minister, retired)  
David Lee (minister, Marlinton)  
Frankie McCain (ruling elder, First Charleston)  
Evan Walker (minister, First Fairmont)  
Beth Vorhees (ruling elder, First Charleston)
  - d. **Mission Committee – Class of 2027**  
Stephen Baldwin (minister, Clifton & Ronceverte)  
Se Hwan Isaiah Kim (minister, First Hinton)
  - e. **Nurture Committee – Class of 2027**  
Charles McNeel (ruling elder, Beckley)  
Amy Wallace Parker (minister, Village Chapel)
  - f. **Relations Committee – Class of 2027**  
Barbara Accord (minister, retired)

Erica Layton (ruling elder, Marsh Fork United)

**g. Trustees – Class of 2027**

Alyson Dotson (ruling elder, Ronceverte)

**h. Vocations Committee – Class of 2027**

Sue Hollandsworth (ruling elder, Oak Grove)

Elizabeth Lewis (minister, Glenville)

**4. For Ordination Exam Reader – Class of 2027**

Susan Sharp Campbell (minister, Frankford)



# **PRESBYTERY OF WEST VIRGINIA**

## **REPORT OF THE RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Margaret Bolt, Committee Chair

August 17, 2024

### **INFORMATION:**

1. The committee is continuing calls to each of the churches not already in conversation with the Committee on Ministry. We appreciate the responses from the Clerks of Session and have heard wonderful stories of the mission and ministry that is ongoing in the Presbytery of West Virginia. Committee members have heard the concerns of congregations with aging membership in areas of declining population and the hardships that confront them with deteriorating buildings. We offer our prayers and support to all of the churches and stand ready to assist in any way possible.
2. We welcome invitations to visit congregations for triennial visits. We have enjoyed worshipping with and meeting with sessions and look forward for the opportunity to visit other churches. If you are willing to visit with us in person, please contact Margaret Bolt.
3. The committee has *Relations Committee Cluster Support Grants* available for collaboration between churches in our Presbytery, which have been underutilized in the past few years. We welcome the opportunity to support your mission and work in your community. Here is a link to the grant application:  
<https://wvpresbytery.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Cluster-Support-Fund.pdf>
4. Contact Chair Margaret Bolt at [mboltwv@gmail.com](mailto:mboltwv@gmail.com) or 304-395-3698.

# **PRESBYTERY OF WEST VIRGINIA**

## **REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION TO DISSOLVE THE ALDERSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Susan Sharp Campbell, Chair of the Commission

August 17, 2024

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. That the Alderson Presbyterian Church, Alderson, WV, be dissolved effective August 17, 2024.
2. That the following be entered into the minutes of the meeting: The Commission hereby asserts the claim of the Presbytery of West Virginia 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.
3. That the Administrative Commission be dismissed with thanks.

### **RATIONALE AND BACKGROUND**

At the November 18, 2023, meeting of the Presbytery of West Virginia, held at First Presbyterian Church, Charleston, the Moderator was authorized to appoint an Administrative Commission (AC) to dissolve the Alderson Presbyterian Church in Alderson, WV, at their request.

The following members were appointed to the commission:

- Stephen Baldwin, minister of Word and Sacrament
- Susan Sharp Campbell, minister of Word and Sacrament
- Margaret Hambrick, ruling elder, Alderson Presbyterian Church
- Larry Napier, ruling elder, Edgewood Presbyterian Church
- James Rowe, ruling elder, Old Stone Presbyterian Church
- Ex Officio: Maureen Wright, Transitional General Presbyter/Stated Clerk, Presbytery of West Virginia

This commission was empowered pursuant to Presbytery's policy to do the following:

- a. Assist the Session to wind up the affairs of the church, provide pastoral care during the dissolution process, transfer members as directed, and plan a final service of worship
- b. Receive Session records, retain records to wind up the affairs and deposit the records with the Stated Clerk, who will forward them to the Presbyterian Historical Society
- c. Grant letters of dismissal to members of the church within one year of the effective date of dissolution
- d. With the aid of the Presbytery Trustees, arrange for the sale of the property

- e. Take possession of appropriate financial records, arrange for transfer to the Presbytery on all accounts, consult with the remaining members regarding the financial legacy of the congregation, and make recommendations to Presbytery regarding the financial legacy of the church
- f. Consult with the Session regarding requests of the congregation with regard to the disposition of the property and arrange for the disposition of the property or arrange for its retention and storage with the Presbytery Trustees
- g. Assert 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.

This church shall be dissolved effective on the date on which this commission reports the completion of its work to the Presbytery.

The initial meeting of the AC was held on January 11, 2024, with additional meetings on February 23, March 5, May 17, and June 21. In addition to members of the commission, Pat Nash, Church Treasurer, attended most meetings. The following are the highlights of its work.

**Finances:** The church had two checking accounts and one endowed fund. The primary checking account was used for all church transactions. A financial review for the year ending December 31, 2023, was shared with the commission. This checking account will be transferred to the Presbytery of West Virginia on August 15, and a cashier's check will be delivered to the presbytery. The second checking account was a joint account with Edgewood and Old Stone Presbyterian Churches for the purpose of supporting the ministry of Reverend Arpi Tordai in Romania. The Edgewood Presbyterian Church Session agreed to continue this fund with the approval of the commission, and the checking account was transferred. Prior to requesting to be dissolved, the Session set up the "Alderson Presbyterian Church Charitable Fund" with the Greenbrier Valley Community Foundation, with a committee of former church members to recommend distributions to charities in the Alderson and Greenbrier Valley area. If for any reason the fund is unable to continue, any amounts in the fund will be paid over to the Presbytery of West Virginia, or its successor.

**Session Records:** All of the known session records and church rolls were turned over to the Stated Clerk of the presbytery on July 7, 2024, to be transferred to the Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia.

**Property:** The commission asked the session to determine what to do with the furnishings of the building. Several items were given to interested members; other items were donated to community organizations. The AC accepted a Comparable Market Analysis in lieu of a formal appraisal of the church property. In March, the property was listed for sale with Tom Johnson, Realtor, Coldwell-Banker, for a price of \$295,000. In June, the commission accepted an offer from Fred M. Cox and

Valorie Cox for \$180,000 for the building and some of its contents, including the sanctuary furniture and a few other pieces; the presbytery trustees approved the sale on June 24. The sale was final on July 31. Utilities will be transferred at that time. The insurance will be discontinued on that date.

**Closing Worship:** A Closing Worship Service was held on Sunday, July 7, at 4 p.m., followed by a reception. The offering received was for the presbytery's fund to assist pastoral leaders.

**Members:** The church has six remaining members. They are continuing to worship together at the Johnson Memorial United Methodist Church. At this point in time, their membership will remain with the presbytery.

## **HISTORY OF ALDERSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 1876-2024**

Compiled from the "Seventy-Fifth Anniversary History;" the "Centennial History of the Alderson Presbyterian Church," by Pauline Johnson, with a supplement by Thomas W. Dixon, Jr; and Session minutes from 1976-2023.

The final page of the last Session Records book of Alderson Presbyterian Church begins:

"The Alderson Presbyterian Church has a long heritage, beginning in 1876, of serving God's will with its mission in Alderson. Over the years, many members and their families have been dedicated to and involved in the Church."

The Alderson Presbyterian Church was organized on November 25, 1876, with five members and one ruling elder. However, two years earlier, the church had begun a building with joint ownership with the Masonic Fraternity. In 1874, the Reverend Paul F. Brown filled the pulpit. The Reverend H.R. Laird succeeded him as pastor and served until 1883. In December 1879, a Presbyterian Sunday School was organized. A mission school was organized during 1911. In 1913, Marguerite Sloan was recommended to the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions as a suitable person for mission work. The Session minutes note in 1914 that each baby born into a Presbyterian family had his or her name registered on a small sock, which was attached to a plaque and hung in a prominent place in the sanctuary.

During World War I, in cooperation with the Red Cross, the church was a distribution site for food and saw that every man going to war from Monroe County had a comfort kit with khaki Testaments, shaving soap, safety pins, needles, thread, and more. They also supplied sweaters for soldiers. During World War II, the church again participated in the war effort in connection with the Red Cross.

By 1925, the church had acquired full ownership of the property, and it was decided to build a new church at the same location. The cornerstone of the church was laid in November 1926. Included in the cornerstone were the roll of Sunday School officers, teachers, and pupils; the minutes and names of the building committee; the roll of church members and the list of subscribers to the new building, and a list of those who served in World War I. The new church was dedicated July 10, 1927. Many windows in the sanctuary, along with several other items in the sanctuary, were given as memorials to loved ones. The final payment on the mortgage, and the burning of the mortgage, took place in 1933. In 1952, property was purchased, and a manse built; this was the first manse in many years for the church.

At various times in its history, the church engaged in ministry and shared pastors with other Presbyterian Churches in the area. In 1923, the session agreed to give the pastor one Sunday night a month to preach at McElhenny Church. In the late 1940s/early 1950s, Alderson Presbyterian Church became part of a three-church field, with the addition of McElhenny and Muddy Creek (Lewis) Presbyterian Churches. In the late 1990s and early 2000s, a shared pastorate was established with Sinks Grove Presbyterian Church. Contributions to special offering of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), shared mission contributions, and faithful participation in presbytery meetings and Area/Quadrant Gatherings reflected their involvement in the connectional, connected church.

Throughout its history, the Alderson Presbyterian Church has worked closely with other churches in Alderson, the Alderson Ministerial Association, and the presbytery. Examples of this include

the Alderson Christian Day Camp; joint Holy Week and Thanksgiving Services; VCS with the Methodists; presbytery area pulpit exchanges; revivals; bloodmobiles; and the area food pantry, which it has housed since 1983.

Alderson Presbyterian Church's ministry and mission have reached far into the community, as they have worked to assist in meeting the needs of those in the Alderson community. Examples of this include making their building available in the event of any emergency or natural disaster and permitting outside groups to use their facilities for meetings; GED classes, AA, Girl Scouts and Brownies troops, which it sponsored; Habitat for Humanity; a Spanish-speaking congregation; the historical society; a model train show; and neighboring churches.

But their ministry has not been limited to their community. It has reached into Romania through their gifts to support the ministry of Arpi Tordai with scholarship, Sunday school supplies, and even guitars. Arpi served as an intern minister with Alderson and Old Stone from mid-2006 to mid-2007.

Throughout its 148 years, the Alderson Presbyterian Church faithfully served Christ, its members, and its community. Their witness in Alderson will continue through the Alderson Presbyterian Church Charitable Fund through the Greenbrier Valley Community Foundation with an advisory committee to recommend distributions.

#### **Pastors of Alderson Presbyterian Church**

Paul F. Brown, 1874  
H.R. Laird, 1876-1883  
J.H. Lewis, 1884-1885  
E.D. Jefferies, 1885-1887, 1887-1895,  
J.M. Sloan, 1895-1916  
J.L. Lineweaver, 1917-1918  
J.E. Flow, 1918-1922  
Paul Nickell, 1923-1928  
Dupuy Holladay, 1929-1948,  
William Edward Garda, 1949-1954  
William Wooten Peters, 1954-1959  
William O. Smith, 1960-1962  
Elwin H. Roberts, 1963-1971  
Robert Lyman Yoder, 1972- 1980,  
John Mitchell Scholar, 1981-1984  
Stephenson Watson, 1985  
Stewart McMurray, 1986-1988  
Billyreed Wickline, Methodist, 1999  
Deana Marie Armstrong, 1999-2004  
Billyreed Wickline, 2004-2009+  
Arpi Tordai, intern, 2006-2007  
Debbie Garber, intern, 2008-2009  
Lanny Howe, 2009-2023

# **PRESBYTERY OF WEST VIRGINIA**

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

George Lilley, Committee Chair

August 17, 2024

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. For installed pastors, no change in minimum compensation for 2025.

Cash salary	\$36,435
Housing	\$11,011
<u>Utilities</u>	<u>\$ 3,672</u>
	\$51,118

2. Because installed pastors are required to enroll in Board of Pensions medical coverage, that churches be required to use the Transitional Pastor's Participation option for 2025 unless it is clear that enrollment in the Congregational Pastors Package benefits both the church and the pastor.
3. That the Stewardship Committee establish a fund to match 50% of the increase a church sustains for enrollment of child, spouse, or family coverage. Calculated as the difference between 2024 Pastor's Participation Plan cost and 2025 Congregational Pastors Package or Transitional Pastor's Package cost due to enrollment of child, spouse, or family.
4. That churches be advised that church employees working more than 20 hours per week may be enrolled in the Board of Pensions' Covenant Package.
5. That the Presbytery approve **Susan Sharp Campbell** as the installed Minister of Word and Sacrament for **Frankford Presbyterian Church**.

### **INFORMATION:**

1. Appointed the following ministers to serve as Moderator of a church without a pastor:
  - **Zion Presbyterian Church and James Morley**
  - **Kanawha United Presbyterian Church and Amy Wallace Parker**
2. Appointed the following liaisons to work with a church in pastoral transition:
  - **First Logan and Gilbert Presbyterian Churches and Rebecca Alvaro**
3. Appointed mentors to the following Commissioned Pastors (CP) as outlined in G-2.1004.
  - **Nancy Bulla, CP – Kristi Shay Moore**
8. Approved the transfer of **Agnes Brady** to **Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery**.
9. Approved the negotiated severance agreement between **Marietta Macy** and **First Charleston**.

10. Approved the request for waiver of rotation of officers (G-2.0404) from the **Gilbert Presbyterian Church**.
4. Approved a memorial gift in honor of Carol Howe Hamblen, wife of Honorably Retired minister **Don Spencer**.
11. The Church Professional Care Team continues to support pastoral leaders through its card ministry.
12. The Congregational Development team continues its work with small churches.
13. The committee is planning the annual **Small Church Conference** on September 14 at Fayetteville Presbyterian Church. Please see the flyer in the packet for today's meeting for details.
14. The Relationship Team continues to discuss the options for Healthy Boundary Training.
15. Assigned exit interviews as needed.
16. Assigned "six-month" ministry reviews for new pastors and the session of the church.
17. Reviewed at each meeting those churches experiencing pastoral leadership transitions.
18. Lifted up the work of those ministers serving in Validated Ministry and approved the following **Validated Ministries** for 2024:
  - **Emily Harden** – Amedisys Hospice Care
  - **William "Will" Myers** – Westminster Foundation WVU Campus Minister
19. Commissioned Pastor Covenant renewals for 2024 have not been received from First Kenova, Pineville, Spring Valley and First Whitesville.
20. Stated Supply Covenant renewals for 2024 have not been received from Beechwood, Clifton, Clothier, Marlinton, and Marsh Fork.
21. A Parish Associate Covenant renewal for 2024 has not been received from First Huntington.



# **PRESBYTERY OF WEST VIRGINIA**

## **REPORT OF THE VOCATIONS COMMITTEE**

Todd Wright, Committee Chair

August 17, 2024

### **INFORMATION:**

1. The committee met on July 8 to review two documents – An Assessment and Examination Process for those who complete the Commissioned Pastor (CP) preparation program, and a Moderator Training Plan for ruling elders to serve as “Commissioned Moderators.”
2. On behalf of the committee, the chair, Todd Wright, requested that the Presbytery of West Virginia Stated Clerk send letters to the Stated Clerks of the presbyteries of Cliff Haddox, Emily Haddox, and Jamie Smith who have not made payments on their McClintic loans to express concern that this might indicate financial or pastoral issues and asked them for their help addressing these issues.
3. The Level Three Authorized Lay Preacher/Commissioned Pastor (ALP/CP) classes have finished, and participants are doing their summer practicums.
4. Presby Prep participants who wish to continue in the ALP/CP Preparation Program are applying for Level 2 of the program.
5. The committee met with Inquirer Rosa Ross on May 13 for her annual review.
6. We reviewed our 2024 budget and submitted a budget request for 2025.
7. Through regular check-ins with Inquirers and Candidates via their liaisons, the committee offers continuing support to those preparing for ministry under the care of our presbytery.
8. We have scheduled a Preparation/Training for Ruling Elders to preside at communion in their churches of membership on August 11.

# **PRESBYTERY OF WEST VIRGINIA**

## **REPORT OF THE NURTURE COMMITTEE**

Claire Butler-Bass, Committee Chair

August 17, 2024

### **INFORMATION:**

1. **Resource Center** – The mission of the Presbytery of West Virginia Resource Center (PWVRC) is to support the ministries of the presbytery and its local congregations by providing a wide variety of resources, maintaining up-to-date selections, reflecting the breadth of the Reformed tradition.

Resources are checked out for a period of four (4) weeks unless other arrangements are made with Resource Center personnel.

The Resource Center's location on the second floor of Bream Memorial Presbyterian Church is new, but its mission is still the same as when the PWV office was in South Charleston – offering resources that pastoral leaders, Christian Educators, lay leaders, and other patrons can check out for temporary use. If you are not in the greater Charleston area, do not worry! The catalog is on the PWV website, and you can browse it there, then reach out to Resource Center volunteers Amy Parker and Claire Butler-Bass at [resourcecenter@wvpresbytery.org](mailto:resourcecenter@wvpresbytery.org) to see about having your desired resources mailed to you or delivered to a Presbytery meeting.

The Resource Center also has a display of resources available at today's meeting to assist you as you begin making plans for Sunday School and children and youth ministries this Fall.

2. The committee has been surveying churches across the Presbytery to determine the desire for a Presbytery children's retreat. The Nurture Committee thanks those that have already participated in the survey. The committee would also like to learn what topics or structure might be most helpful to the children and families in your congregation. You may reach out to committee chair Claire Butler-Bass at [revcbutlerwv@outlook.com](mailto:revcbutlerwv@outlook.com) to share your ideas.
3. **Upcoming Events** sponsored by the Nurture Committee – Registration information can be found at [www.wvpresbytery.org](http://www.wvpresbytery.org) and in the flyer section of this packet.
  - Expanding Your Ministry Toolbox: **A Dynamic Conversation**, Saturday, October 26, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Zoom with Ellie Johns-Kelly of the Presbyterian Foundation. The cost per person is \$20. For details, please see the flyer in the packet for this meeting.
  - The Fall Youth Retreat for those in grades 6-12 will be Friday, November 15 through Sunday, November 17, at Bluestone Camp and Retreat. Information will be sent to church leaders in mid-September. For details, please see the flyer in the packet for this meeting.

- Presbyterian Youth Triennium for those in grades 8-12 and early college (who did not have a chance to attend when it was cancelled in 2022) will be Monday, July 28 through Thursday, July 31, 2025, in Louisville, Kentucky. More information will be available this fall.

# **PRESBYTERY OF WEST VIRGINIA**

## **REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Monte Mitchell, Committee Chair

August 17, 2024

### **INFORMATION:**

1. The Committee unanimously approved a 4% pay raise for staff for 2025. The recommendation was forwarded to the Stewardship Committee as part of the budget request. The amount of money is \$10,400, which includes salary increases totaling \$9,028; pension increases of \$767; and payroll taxes of \$605. (The pay raise is for the Transitional General Presbyter/Stated Clerk, Financial Administrator/Treasurer, Associate for Educational Ministry, Office Administrator/Communications Director, and Bluestone Facilities Director. Not included in the raise would be two positions recently hired: Administrative Assistant to the Stated Clerk, which is a temporary position, and Associate for Ministry to the Aged, which is funded through a Presbyterian Housing grant.)

# **PRESBYTERY OF WEST VIRGINIA**

## **REPORT OF THE BLUESTONE COMMITTEE**

David Kaufman, Committee Chair

August 17, 2024

### **INFORMATION:**

#### **1. 2024 Bluestone Summer Activities**

2024 Summer Camp took place over three weeks, June 16-July 7. The young program staff supported by veteran leadership, volunteers, and part-time former staffers did an exceptional job working with campers to provide a traditional Bluestone Summer Camp experience. Much appreciation also to Mark Miller, who served as both Bluestone Facilities Director and Summer Camp Director during this period. While Family Camp enrollment increased by 60% from 2023, regular/traditional camper enrollment was down 25% compared to 2023. Overall, user days for Summer Camp decreased by 10% compared to 2023. A good, meaningful, and memorable time was had by all.

#### **2. The 2024 Summer Retreat Season for Bluestone (July 14 – Labor Day) includes:**

- Camp Billo (a Catholic faith-based group, est. 1973) used the facility for the second year, with 100+ participants including staff.
- The West Virginia Bible Conference has been using the facility since the early 1980s.
- Two other retreats are on the summer calendar: Living Hope Church from Cross Lanes, WV is scheduled to use the facility the first weekend of August and a Family & Friends Reunion/Wedding is scheduled to use the facility over Labor Day Weekend.

#### **3. Due in part to a planned staff medical leave, there are no other events scheduled for the remainder of August and September.**

#### **4. The **Fall Getaway Retreat** will take place **October 4-6**. Please see the flyer and registration form in your packet.**

# **PRESBYTERY OF WEST VIRGINIA**

## **REPORT OF THE MISSION COMMITTEE**

Sharon Bell, Committee Chair

August 17, 2024

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. **(CA)** That the offering received at the August 17 Presbytery meeting be directed to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Note: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) enables congregations and mission partners of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crises and catastrophic events. PDA is currently highlighting their work in response to Hurricane Beryl that hit on July 1 of this year. They are partnering with the Synod of the Sun. They are also responding to the Texas Panhandle's Smoke House Fire, offering funds toward the recovery efforts there. PDA is working in Ghana following the 2023 collapse of two dams that caused widespread flooding. They are also involved in humanitarian assistance in response to the war in Israel/Palestine. For more information on the work of the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance please visit their website at <https://pda.pcusa.org/>.

### **INFORMATION:**

1. The committee reviewed its 2025 budget request.
2. As a result of the 2025 budget conversation, the committee plans to explore the relationship between local congregations in the greater Morgantown area and The Shack Neighborhood House.
3. The committee met in June with Bob McCutcheon (ruling elder, Davis Memorial Elkins) regarding the Presbytery of West Virginia's partnership with Nyeri Presbytery. The committee plans to continue to explore the presbytery's commitment to this ongoing partnership.

**PRESBYTERY OF WEST VIRGINIA**  
**REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION FOR**  
**ANDERSON MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WELCH**

Monte Mitchell, Chair of the Commission

August 17, 2024

**INFORMATION:**

Rev. Mitchell spoke with Stated Supply Pastor Chuck Hammond, who shared that the church has about six people who meet in the church on Sundays, if everyone is in attendance. The service follows more of a bible study format. In spite of ongoing health issues, Rev. Hammond and the remaining members wish to continue meeting until they can no longer do so.

Rev. Mitchell requested an in-person conversation, sharing the connectional nature of the Presbyterian Church and a desire to support the church in its ministry. Ultimately, Rev. Hammond declined a meeting, saying that the church would prefer to leave things as they are for now. There is no session.

The Administrative Commission will meet to share their reflections on this conversation and discuss their recommendations regarding the ministry and mission of the Anderson Memorial Presbyterian Church.

# **PRESBYTERY OF WEST VIRGINIA**

## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

Bonnie Boyce, Chair of Trustees

August 17, 2024

### **INFORMATION:**

1. The Trustees continue to prepare the Ruffner Memorial Presbyterian Church for sale. The roofing replacement and repair is complete, as is the removal of accumulated detritus left behind. The Trustees are in the final stages of consulting with Todd Goldman of Goldman Associates prior to the official listing of the property.
2. The Trustees met on June 24, 2024, to consider the request from the First Presbyterian Church, Ripley, to list for sale the church manse for \$166,000. The Trustees also considered a request from the Administrative Commission to Dissolve the Alderson Presbyterian Church to recommend approval of a cash offer for the church property for \$180,000. The Trustees voted to recommend to the Presbytery the approval of both recommendations.
3. As allowed by the Presbytery's Manual of Operations, lines 198-203, June 26, 2024, Bonnie Boyce met with Moderator Dawn Adamy, Leadership Team chair Randy Fife, and Transitional General Presbyter and Stated Clerk Maureen Wright to present the recommendation of the Trustees to approve:
  - First Presbyterian Church, Ripley be permitted to list its manse for sale for the amount of \$166,000.
  - The sale of the Alderson Presbyterian Church property to Fred M. Cox and Valorie Cox for \$180,000, cash.

Both recommendations were approved unanimously.



# FEEDBACK

We want to hear from you!

1. What part of today's meeting was meaningful to you?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Did you view the orientation video for the meeting? If so, did you find it helpful?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. How can we improve the meeting?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. How can Presbytery be more sensitive to the needs of your congregation?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. Did you experience any issues with accessibility and the meeting? Do you know anyone who did not attend today's meeting due to accessibility?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. I would be willing to help with worship at a future Presbytery meeting: \_\_\_\_ Y \_\_\_\_ N  
(If yes, please include your name and contact information below.)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. Other comments:

Your name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Put in basket at exit doors at the end of the meeting, or mail to:  
Presbytery of West Virginia, P.O. Box 11720, Charleston, WV 25339



# **Worship**

# **Bulletin**

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## CALLED TOGETHER

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### PRELUDE

“How Majestic Is Your Name”

MICHAEL W. SMITH

ARRANGED BY HEATHER SORENSON

### \*INTROIT NO. 472

“Kum ba Yah”

KUM BA YAH

**v. 1 Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah!**

**v. 3 Someone’s singin’, Lord, kum ba yah.**

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### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on *Psalms* 65)

**Leader:** Come, let us worship God who answers prayer!

**People:** Let us enjoy the goodness of gathering with God’s people.

**Leader:** Come, let us sing praises to the God of our salvation:

**People:** Let us proclaim the awesome deeds of the God who delivers us.

**Leader:** Come, awestruck yet unafraid, let us celebrate the Creator of overflowing bounty:

**People:** Let us shout and sing together for joy!

### \*OPENING HYMNS

“This Is the Day”

**This is the day, this is the day,**

**that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;**

**we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.**

**This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

**This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.**

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“Come, Now Is the Time to Worship”

**Come. Now is the time to worship. Come now is the time to give your heart.**

**Come, just as you are to worship. Come just as you are before your God. Come.**

**One day every tongue will confess You are God, One day every knee will bow.**

**Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose You now.**

**Come. Now is the time to worship. Come now is the time to give your heart.**

**Come, just as you are to worship. Come just as you are before your God. Come.**

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### \*LITURGY OF CONFESSION (based on *Psalms* 65)

#### \*Invitation to Confession

**Leader:** In prayer and praise to God the psalmist proclaims, “When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.” Though our world is very different from theirs, this simple truth remains. Believing in God’s grace, let us confess our sins together:

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\* You are invited to stand as you are able.

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession**

God of mercy, when life becomes difficult, when the future is so uncertain,  
when truth and integrity are rare, we grow anxious and full of fear.  
When things do not turn out the way we want, when we face loss and grief,  
when disappointment seems to be the theme of our days,  
we outwardly deny our hardships and hurts while nursing our grievances.  
When the heat of the sun and the heat of our anger dry up our hope  
and parch our faith, our spirit withers and melts away.  
In these times, we call on your grace, God of steadfast love.  
For these transgressions, we seek your mercy that is everlasting.  
In our threadbare souls, we trust in your unchanging faithfulness.  
*(silent prayers of confession)* And all God's people say, **Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Onto our parched hearts, God pours out grace.  
**People: Into our downcast spirits, God sends streams of living water,  
sustaining our lives and blessing our growth.**  
Leader: Hear and believe the good news:  
People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*Song of Praise No. 581**

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

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**TO RECEIVE GOD'S WORD**

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**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 65

**SERMON**

"Place of Refuge"

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**TO RESPOND IN FAITH**

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**HYMN NO. 701**

"Lord Prepare Me (Sanctuary)"

SANCTUARY

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.**

**With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

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**OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS**

**Offertory Invitation:** From the abundance of Creation, we have been blessed. Some of these gifts we set apart to use in service to the church and to do God's work around the world. In gratitude, let us make our offerings to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology No. 610**

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" v. 5

AZMON

**To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.**

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## THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

### The Invitation to the Table

Leader: Friends, welcome to God's table.

Christ has prepared it for us.

A table that does not discriminate.

A table that allows us to come as we are.

A table that says, "You are members of one body."

He invites anyone and everyone to trust him

and to taste and see that God is good. So come.

### The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: Children of God, the Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: You who yearn for refuge and refreshment, lift up your hearts!

**People: We lift our heavy hearts to the Lord.**

Leader: Let's pause to show our gratitude to the God of our salvation:

**People: Let us shout and sing together for joy.**

Leader: We are grateful, Lord, to gather at this table and take part in this sacrament, not because we feel like we have to, but because it is a time for us to say,

"Thank you! Thank you for loving us; thank you for creation; thank you for the ways you provide!"

We are grateful you have walked with your children, entered into covenants with your chosen people, and spoken through the prophets when they went their own way, forgetting the commitments they made to you.

We are grateful for your patience with us, for even though your followers continued to go their own way, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, as a free gift of grace, not only for them, but for all of us.

Lord, we ask your Holy Spirit to be present here with us, and for us all to know Christ's presence here in bread and cup.

May we, as your grateful people, understand that at your table we are nourished, united, and reminded of our role in the world, as members of the body of Christ and your beloved children.

Thank you, Lord! Hallelujah! Amen.

### The Words of Institution

Here at the Lord's Table, we see this bread and this cup.

It reminds us of what Jesus did on the night he was arrested, when he was with his closest friends, his disciples.

He took some bread, and he asked God to bless it.

Then he broke it, and said to them, "This is my body broken for you."

He instructed them to eat bread, and to never forget what it means.

He then took the cup and poured wine into it.  
He gave thanks to God, and then he said to them,  
“This is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you, and poured out for many.”  
He instructed them to drink the wine, and to never forget what it means.  
Jesus taught this sacrament to the disciples that night  
because he knew his followers would need  
something physical to practice to remind them of his sacrifice.  
So we are here at the Lord’s Table, and we take part in this sacrament,  
proclaiming his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
affirming we believe Jesus reigns, and that he will come again!

Songs during communion: “Our God Is an Awesome God” (#616)

AWESOME GOD

**Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom, power, and love Our God is an awesome God**

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“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

**Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord I love to sing your praises.  
I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.**

**You came from heaven to earth to show the way  
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky  
Lord, I lift your name on high.**

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### **Unison Prayer After Communion**

**Loving God, you have satisfied us with good things.  
Through the bread and cup, we have been filled.  
Now, send us out to be your people in the world,  
serving one another in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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### **TO LIVE AS DISCIPLES**

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**\*HYMN NO. 300**

“We Are One in the Spirit”

THEY’LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

**1. We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;  
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored.  
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our  
love; yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.**

**2. We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;  
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,  
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:**

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our  
love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**3. We will work with each other; we will work side by side;  
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,**

**and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our  
love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:**

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our  
love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

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## **\*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE "You Shall Go Out with Joy" (#80)**

THE TREES OF THE FIELD

**You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;  
the mountains and the hills will break forth before you;  
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field  
will clap, will clap their hands;**

**All the trees of the field will clap their hands (*clap clap*)  
the trees of the field will clap their hands (*clap clap*)**

**the trees of the field will clap their hands (*clap clap*) while you go out with joy.**

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## **POSTLUDE**

**"Amazing Grace"**

VIRGINIA HARMONY

ARRANGED BY MARK HAYES

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**TODAY'S OFFERING** will go to PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE. Our online participants may contribute to the offering by sending a check, payable to the Presbytery of West Virginia with the notation "August 2024 meeting offering," to the presbytery's PO Box, or

pay by credit card using the “Donate” button under “About Us” at [www.wvpresbytery.org](http://www.wvpresbytery.org), with the notation “August meeting offering.”

#### **WORSHIP LEADERS:**

**Liturgist:** Amy Kesterson, Ruling Elder, Old Stone Presbyterian Church

**Preacher:** Nellie Howard, Ruling Elder, Waverly-Bethel Presbyterian Church

**Celebrants:** Bonnie Boyce, Honorably Retired; and Todd Wright, Village Chapel Presbyterian Church

**Musicians & Song Leaders:** Alanna Cushing, pianist; Mark Miller, guitarist;  
David Chenoweth, Choir Director

#### **RESOURCES:**

The Communion Liturgy, including the Invitation, The Words of Institution, and the Prayer After Communion were slightly adapted from the UKirk *UWorship* resource, 2015.

Unless otherwise noted, all other liturgy was created by Rev. Dr. Amy Wallace Parker and may be used for congregational worship.

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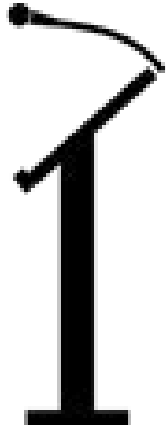




# **Flyers & Information**

Join us for the 10<sup>th</sup> annual

# *SMALL CHURCH CONFERENCE*



"God is Here:  
Worship in the  
Small Church"

9:15 AM – 3 PM

Saturday, September 14, 2024

Fayetteville Presbyterian Church

**Featuring Keynote Presenter Pam Ferrell**

Plus, your choice of two workshops

- **Then Sings My Soul...**
- **Where Two or Three are Gathered**
- **God is Calling, Can You Hear?**

9:15-9:45 AM	Registration and refreshments
10-10:45 AM	Worship and The Lord's Supper
10:45-11:30 AM	Keynote: The Drama of Worship <i>Pam Ferrell</i>
11:30 AM-12:20 PM	Lunch and fellowship
12:30-1:30 PM	Workshop choice 1 <i>see descriptions on back</i>
1:45-2:45 PM	Workshop choice 2
3 PM	Regather in sanctuary for closing prayer

The conference is free. Register by August 30 to allow for meal planning; late registrations will not be guaranteed lunch. Register with [this form](#) or by giving your name, church, and a contact email address or phone number to the Presbytery office at 304-744-7634 or [office@wvpresbytery.org](mailto:office@wvpresbytery.org).

### **KEYNOTE: The Drama of Worship**

In the Service for the Lord's Day, the drama of worship unfolds in three acts with multiple scenes. We retell the ancient story and re-enact old traditions when we gather in worship. But who are the actors in this drama? You may be surprised!

### **KEYNOTE PRESENTER: Pam Ferrell**

Pam Ferrell is a life-long church musician, having been "volunteered" to be organist as a teenager. She has served full time and part time in small churches and large churches, conducted choirs from pre-school to adult, singing and instrumental, and founded and administered a summer music camp for Kanawha Valley children. She is currently semi-retired as organist at Rock Lake Presbyterian Church in South Charleston and is an elder and member of First Presbyterian Church, St. Albans. She has also served the Presbytery in several capacities as Office Administrator, Moderator, Recording Clerk, and on several committees.

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### **WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS**

#### **Then Sings My Soul...**

Hymns and spiritual songs have been sung in Christian worship from the first century to last Sunday. Why do we sing hymns? And what are we singing? How do the hymns we sing shape our faith?

*Led by Pam Ferrell*

#### **Where Two or Three are Gathered**

*"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." – Matthew 18:20*

This workshop is designed to equip members of small Presbyterian churches with the knowledge and skills necessary to prepare and lead meaningful worship services. Through a combination of theological exploration, practical guidance, and hands-on activities, participants will learn how to create worship experiences that are biblically grounded, spiritually enriching, and engaging for the congregation.

*Led by Rev. Bill Myers, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Charleston*

#### **God is Calling, Can You Hear?**

God has placed a call on your life to do something. Perhaps you are feeling a twinge, hearing a soft inner voice or maybe a loud, clanging gong is telling you that you are being called to preach? What do you do about it? If going to seminary is not possible, the Presbytery of West Virginia's Authorized Lay Preacher (ALP)/Commissioned Pastor (CP) Preparation Program may be right for you! The ALP/CP Preparation Program in the Presbytery of West Virginia is a three-level program taught by local pastors and a variety of seminary professors. Learn about the ALP/CP program and the way it will help you to answer God's call to be a more faithful disciple of Christ, to lead worship and to engage in the proclamation of God's Word through preaching as an Authorized Lay Preacher, or, perhaps, to serve as Commissioned Pastor to a congregation. God is calling, can you hear?

*Led by Sallie Daugherty, Authorized Lay Preacher*

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Fayetteville Presbyterian Church is located at 401 West Maple Ave.

Lunch will be provided. There will be several choices of sandwiches, plus salad, dessert, and drinks.

# FALL GETAWAY RETREAT

October 4 - 6 @Bluestone

Adults \$85  
(ages 12 & older)

Youth \$50  
(ages 4 - 11)

Children FREE  
(ages 3 & under)

Registration deadline is September 30

**There'll be plenty of good food  
and fellowship... plus**

- † arts & crafts you can do at your leisure †
- † campfires and devotions †
- † opportunities to hike and enjoy the fall  
foliage around Bluestone †
- † games we can play together †
- † plenty of time and space to just simply be †

**Come on out and join us for a  
relaxing low key weekend!**

Get Registration and Medical Release Forms online at

**[bluestonecamp.org/fall-getaway](http://bluestonecamp.org/fall-getaway)**

Alternatively, please copy the form on the back of this flyer!

# REGISTRATION FORM

## Fall Getaway Retreat at Bluestone

OCTOBER 4 - 6, 2024

Name (if attending with family, please list all family members on this page)	Gender (mark one)	Age (A=adult or provide age)
1. _____	M   F	A or _____
2. _____	M   F	A or _____
3. _____	M   F	A or _____
4. _____	M   F	A or _____
5. _____	M   F	A or _____
6. _____	M   F	A or _____

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email (please be sure this is legible): \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary or Special Needs \_\_\_\_\_

I (or my family) would like to be housed with \_\_\_\_\_ if possible.

**PRICE PER PERSON**      Adults (12 and up) \$85.00      Youth (ages 4 – 11) \$50.00  
Children (3 and under) no charge

The price is for the retreat cost even if you need to come late or leave early.  
**September 30 is the deadline for all registrations.**

Money MUST accompany your registration.

Total Cost: \$85 Adult (x \_\_\_\_\_) + \$50 Youth (x \_\_\_\_\_) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Bluestone Camp & Retreat and mail in with your registration to:

**Bluestone Camp & Retreat**  
**36 Middle Camp Road, Hinton, WV 25951**

Presbytery of West Virginia's Nurture's Committee Leadership Development Coordinating Team Presents:

# "A Difficult Conversation"

with

**Ellie Johns-Kelly**

**Saturday, October 26**

**9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**on Zoom**



**Course Description:** In our time together, we will look at where American Protestantism is today in a time of declining membership and churches, with particular focus on the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Through presentation and breakout groups, participants will:

- be encouraged that they are not alone;
- claim hope as resurrection people;
- identify tools that can help the session clarify its mission and vision and tell the congregation's story well;
- learn about best practices and resources.

The registration deadline is Monday, September 30, to give participants time to go online prior to October 5 to complete the new "Congregational Financial Health Assessment" on the Presbyterian Foundation's website; this will generate a report for your congregation, identifying where your congregation is doing well, areas that need attention and those that beg for immediate review.

**Leader:** The Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelly is the Ministry Relations Officer of the Presbyterian Foundation for the Allegheny and Chesapeake Region. She is a minister member of the Presbytery of Lake Erie...living on a farm in Carmichaels, PA...with an office at First Presbyterian Church of Morgantown. Having served the Presbyterian Foundation for over ten years, she finds great joy in resourcing sessions as they seek to celebrate their mission and ministry, nurture a culture of generosity, inspire planned giving and claim resurrection.

Registration deadline: Monday, September 30. Cost: **\$20**, due with registration

To register and pay online, go to [www.wvpresbytery.org](http://www.wvpresbytery.org).

To pay by check, complete the form below and return it with a check to:

Presbytery of West Virginia, P.O. Box 11720, Charleston, 25339.

**Questions?** Contact Susan Sharp Campbell at [susan\\_sharp\\_campbell@hotmail.com](mailto:susan_sharp_campbell@hotmail.com) or 304-667-9428.

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Church \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_



The Youth Council of the Presbytery of West Virginia presents:

# FALL YOUTH RETREAT

(FOR THOSE IN GRADES 6-12 AND THEIR ADULT ADVISORS)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15 –  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024



## “LEVEL UP YOUR CONNECTION TO GOD AND OTHERS”



BLUESTONE CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER, HINTON, WV

**FOCUS:** Come, join with youth from across the presbytery and explore new ways to connect with God through spiritual practices and new ways to connect with others through color jam and real-life video games.

**RETREAT LEADERS:** Members of Presbytery's Youth Council: John Bicksler, Georgia Mathews, Abby McCrory, Aiden Shipley, Isaac Specht, Chris Bailey, Megan McCrory, Sarah Specht and Susan Sharp Campbell, with Special Guest, Zane Pinson, First Presbyterian Church, Huntington.



For more information, contact your pastor, Christian Educator, Youth Ministry Leader or Clerk of Session.

You will also find it at [www.wvpresbytery.org](http://www.wvpresbytery.org).

**For more information,** contact Susan Sharp Campbell, 304-667-9428 or [susan\\_sharp\\_campbell@hotmail.com](mailto:susan_sharp_campbell@hotmail.com).

