

PRESBYTERY OF THE PEAKS
One Hundred Ninth Stated Meeting
Covenant Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, VA
August 20, 2016

The MISSION of the Presbytery of the Peaks (approved by POP 11/06)
is to: enhance and empower congregations and leaders
to become bold servants of transformation for the glory of the Triune God.

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Hugh Springer
Stated Clerk

Ron Coleman
Moderator

ATTENDANCE 8/20/2016 PRESBYTERY MEETING

Active Teaching Elders Attending

George Anderson
Jeff Binder
Philip Bouknight
Dale Brown
Kathy Carpenter
Janet Chisom
Nancy Dawson
Linda Dickerson
Stephen Earl
David Etheridge
Marina Gopadze
Mark Hinchcliff
Fred Holbrook
Geoff Hubbard
Kim Jeffreys
Russell Lee
Bradley Long
Iain Maclean
Don Makin

Robert McLavey
Melissa McNair-King
Russ Merritt
Christy Mitchell
Loren Mitchell
Mikel Pugh
Kristin Reinhold
David Roberts
Kim Steinhorst
Catherine Taylor
Andrew Taylor Troutman
Allen Thompson
Peter Thompson
Carlton Utley
Andrew Whaley
Morgan Whitfield
John Wiederholt
Brent Williams
Rodney Wilson

Active Teaching Elders Excused

Stewart Childress
David Dickerson
Bart Edwards
Jane Johnson
Elizabeth Link
Gary Marshall
Lisa Marshall
Tom Robinson

John Salley
James Smith
Barry Tucker
Allison Unroe
Matthew Gaventa
Jason Grimes

Active Teaching Elders Absent

Ellen Anderson
Matthew Bowman
Paul Brokaw
Kenneth Chorle
Steve Darr
Robert Hall
Michael Hickman
Paul Johnson
Ronald Johnson
Andy King
John Losee

Sarah Martin
Amy Merrill Willis
Kristine Miles
Monte Mitchell
James Moss
Will Robinson
Ginny Taylor-Troutman
Rodney Wilson

Members at Large Excused

Members at Large Attending

Susan Verbrugge
Steve Willis

John Scholer

Members at Large Absent

Tupper Garden
Todd Hester
Katherine Jackson

Kelly Kaufman
Catherine Snyder
Wes Williams
Charles Willoughby
Ellen Woodworth

HR Teaching Elders Attending

Terry Blevins
Bob Fiedler
Dusty Fiedler
George Goodman
W.D. Hasty
David Kirk
Shirley Larson

Jamie Lloyd
Edgar Mayse
Joe McCutchen
Gary Scheidt
Hugh Springer
George Wilson

CREs Attending

Margie Anderson
Todd Atkins
Phil Berry
Dick Boswell
Terri Cornwell

Richard Henderson
Jennifer Makin
William Rountree
Tony Ward

CREs Absent

Joe Allmond
Lynwood Ladd

Kelvin Perry
Mike Price

CREs Excused

Gary Pillow
Bill Meneeley

Cabinet & Committee Chairs Attending

Ronald Coleman
Sarah Eller
John Erb
Pam Claterbaugh

Sarah Gisiner
Theresa Underwood
Howard Jennings
Roger Dalton

Voting Elders for Churches

Church	Elder	
Altavista	Mark	Younkin
Appomatox CH	Jude	Swanson
Belmont	Chris	Fowler
Bluemont	Elmo	McAlexander
Briery	Susan	Jones
Buchanan	Sue	Watts

Buffalo	Patricia	Hudson
Campbell Memorial	Lynn	Andrews
Chatham	Kathryn	Buck
Christiansburg	Rachel	Sutphin
College	Joan	Witschey
Cool Spring	Michael	Francisco
Covenant, Roanoke	Scott	Hodge
Covenant, Roanoke	Meg	Munton
Cumberland	Juanita	Hazlegrove
Diamond Hill	Sammy	Dawson
Drakes Branch	Willie	Pettus
Farmville	John	Arehart
Fifth Avenue	Ray	Williams
First, Collinsville	Kym	Wiederholt
First, Covington	Linda	Trumbo
First, Lynchburg	James	Richards
First, Lynchburg	Lisa	Richards
First, Martinsville	Bill	Kirby
First, South Boston	Michael	Freshour
Floyd	Wanda	Hylton
Forest	Robin	Carter
Forest Hills	Lynn	Dudley
Glasgow	Judy	Loughhead
Green Ridge	Jeff	Echols
High Bridge	Lorna J.	Whisler
Holbrook St.	Carrie	Ashe
Maysville	Paul	Louis
McAllister Memorial	Gail	Washburn
Mt. Carmel	John	Sibley
New Concord	John	Lewis
New Dublin	Moe	Millar
Northminster, Pres roanoke	Lynn	Kirby
Northside	Sue	Bentley
Oak View	Jon	Stallard
Peace	Leisha	Cook
Pearisburg	Don	Clark
Pulaski, First	Barry	Long
Quaker Memorial	Jim	Brent
Radford	David	Young
Raleigh Court	Henry	Schaefer
Raleigh Court	Anne	Travers
Roanoke	Donna	Fore
Roanoke Valley	Teresa	Agnew
Rough Creek	Eleithe	Pugh
Rustburg	Bob	Hover
Salem	Jim	Bowen
Second, Roanoke	Ronald	Ayers

Second, Roanoke	John	Frank
Second, Roanoke	Cynthia	Lawrence
Trinity Ecumenical Parish	Christine	Dideon
West End	Janice	Lack
Westminster	Greg	Hoag
Williamson Memorial	Jerry	Arthur

Churches Not Represented by Ruling Elder

Amherst	Falling Spring AC	Mercy Seat
Appomattox PE	Falling Spring RC	Mizpah
Arvon	Fellowship	Montvale
Beale Memorial	Fincastle	Narrows, First
Bedford	Fork Union	New Concord
Belspring	Gethsemane	Oak Level
Bethlehem	Glen Wilton	Old Brick
Blacksburg	Grace	Old Concord
Brookneal	Harmony	Peaks
Browns	Hat Creek	Phenix
Clarksville	Hermon	Pisgah
Clifton Forge	Holmes Memorial	Providence
Colonial	Jamestown	Rocky Mount
Concord	Kayser Memorial	Shelton Memorial
Coolwell	Kentuck	Sinking Spring
Covenant, Lyn	Low Moor	Trinity, Arvon
Danube	Madisonville	Trinity, Ridgeway
Danville, First	Mallow	Unity
Davis Memorial	Mary Horner Walker	Village
Douglas	Massies Mill	Villamont
Dublin	Matthews Memorial	Virginia
Elon	Mayberry	
Fairlawn	Meherrin	

Visiting Ruling Elders

			Joe	Vipperman	Trinity Ecumenical
			Bill	Goold	Trinity Ecumenical
Peggy	Pearson	Peace	Fred	Canova	Trinity Ecumenical
Jane	Chichester	Peace	Connie	Canova	Trinity Ecumenical
Eunafaye	McAlexander	Bluemont	Annette	Loschert	Trinity Ecumenical
Larry	Washburn	McAllister	Sally	Taylor	Trinity Ecumenical
Ralph	Stallard	Oak View	Bill	Taylor	Trinity Ecumenical
Elease	Wilson	Holbrook St.	Jim	Morrison	Trinity Ecumenical
Jack	Call	Blacksburg	Richard	Stockton	Davis Memorial
Joyce	Mohler	Campbell Memorial	Margaret	Stockton	Davis Memorial
Larry	Betts	Mayberry			
Joyce	Bolder	Fifth Ave.			
Paul	Gascoyne	Trinity Ecumenical			

Other Visiting Ministers Present

Neal	Lloyd	
Rachel	Thompson	2 nd Pres, Roanoke
Roger	Wilborn	Berry Hill

Other Visitors Present

Elaina	Boswell	1 st Pres, Lynchburg
Kendra	Crabtree	Blacksburg
Rich	Cairns	Trinity Ecumenical
Nancy	Wilborn	Berry Hill
Joan	Leffas	Trinity Ecumenical
David	Leffas	Trinity Ecumenical
Carole	Bowen	Trinity Ecumenical
David	Bowen	Trinity Ecumenical
Pidge	Morgan	Trinity Ecumenical
Sandee	Burt	Trinity Ecumenical
Gail	Meltzer	Trinity Ecumenical
Chuck	Hitzemann	Trinity Ecumenical
Jim	McMichael	Trinity Ecumenical
Susan	Palmer	Trinity Ecumenical
Deedee	Bondurant	Trinity Ecumenical
LeeAnne	DeMonbream	Trinity Ecumenical
Penny	Larson	Trinity Ecumenical
Les	Daenzer	Trinity Ecumenical
Aaron	Garber	Trinity Ecumenical

Staff Not Counted Elsewhere

Julie	Dyke
Robin	Padgett
Denise	Pillow

From 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. the following WORKSHOPS were held:

“COME EXPERIENCE THE NEW WORSHIPPING COMMUNITIES OF WILD GOOSE AND UNDER THE WINGS” Presented by Susan Slate, hostess and initiator of the Under the Wing, Greg Welford, our “Poster Child” for the de-churched (see articles about him in Presbyterian Today, The Presbyterian Outlook and in the 2016 PC (USA) Annual Report), and Mac Tryham, internationally renowned Appalachian musician and music leader for Wild Goose. It is a challenge to think creatively about ways your congregation can reach out to your community.

“BOLD SERVANTS IN THE WORLD”-Cindy Correll, Joining Hands in Haiti; Andy King’s Trip to the Holy Land; Presbytery of the Peaks Trip to Guatemala.

The Committee on Ministry offered assistance to Congregations wishing to enroll employees through the new Benefits Connect on-line system.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP AND SERVE

Registration began at 11:30 p.m., with an Orientation offered at 12:00 p.m. for Ruling and Teaching Elders new to the Presbytery or attending a meeting of the Presbytery of the Peaks for the first time.

WELCOME, CALL TO ORDER, DECLARATION OF QUORUM

The One-Hundred-Ninth Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Peaks was called to order by Moderator, Ron Coleman at 12:30 p.m. on August 20, 2016 in the sanctuary of Covenant Presbyterian Church, in Roanoke, VA, declaring with the affirmation of the Stated Clerk the presence of a quorum, and offering words of welcome and leading in prayer.

Pastor Carl Utley of the host church, Covenant Presbyterian Church, welcomed all Commissioners and Guests. The Moderator, Ron Coleman, welcomed and recognized all first time Commissioners. Commissioners attending Presbytery for the first time were invited to introduce themselves.

MODERATOR APPOINTMENTS:

The Moderator appointed the following:

Tellers: John Erb, Mark Younkin, Kim Steinhorst

Resolution of Appreciation: John Wiederholt

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET AND CONSENT AGENDA

The Docket and Consent Agenda were approved on a motion by the Stated Clerk. Consent Agenda items and their disposition are noted in the Report of the Stated Clerk, the Report of the Committee on Ministry, and the Report of the Cabinet. **APPROVED**

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP AND CELEBRATE COMMUNION

Prelude

***Call to Worship – John 4:23-24**

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

***Hymn of Praise – No. 220 All People That on Earth Do Dwell**

***Call to Confession**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But, if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God and to one another.

***Confession of Sin [In Unison]**

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Scripture Lesson: Old Testament, Isaiah 45:18 – 23 New Testament, Revelation 5:9 - 14

Sermon: Strangers in a Strange Land

The Rev. Russ Merritt, TE,
Interim Pastor, Northminster PC
Director of Blue Ridge Literacy Council

***Hymn – No. 392**

“Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord”

***Affirmation of Faith [from A Brief Statement of Faith]**

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,

and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles

rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,

engages us through the Word proclaimed,

claims us in the waters of baptism,

feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,

and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage

to pray without ceasing,

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in church and culture,

to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and to live holy and joyful lives,

even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth,

praying, “Come, Lord Jesus.”

With believers in every time and place,

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death

can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Lord's Supper Rev. Carl Utley TE, Covenant Roanoke
Rev. Loren Tate-Mitchell TE, Covenant Roanoke

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Lord's Supper

Prayer after Communion

***Hymn of Commitment – No. 344**

“Christ of the Upward Way”

***Benediction**The Rev. Russ Merritt

Postlude

WE GATHER TO DO THE WORK OF GOD'S KINGDOM

STATED CLERK' S REPORT

CORRESPONDENCE:

Report of the Commission to Install the Rev. Peter Andrew Thompson as Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg, VA, on Sunday, May 15, 2016, at 3:00 p.m

Teaching Elders

Stephen Earl, Moderator

Bart Edwards

Kristie Miles

Ruling Elders:

Pix Mahler, Clerk (Westminster)

Blitz James (First Lynchburg)

Paul Lewis (First Lynchburg)

Invited to Sit with the Commission

Ken McFayden (TE New Hope Presbytery)

Thomas J. Thompson (TE Charlotte Presbytery)

Laura Holbrook (RE Massanutten PC, Shenandoah Presbytery)

Ruling Elders Representing Their Congregation

Judie Cleland (First Lynchburg) Jimmy Cleland (First Lynchburg)

Jim Cleland (First Lynchburg) Peggy Harrelson (First Burlington)

Clark Leonard (First Burlington) Elinor Ann Clerk (First Lynchburg)

Joe Clark (First Lynchburg) Marguerite Watkins (First Lynchburg)

Gordon Watkins (First Lynchburg) Emmett Lifsey (First Lynchburg)

Kathy Lifsey (First Lynchburg) Sharon Hovda (First Lynchburg)

Russ Hovda (First Lynchburg) Susan Timmons (First Lynchburg)

Judy Stowers (First Lynchburg)	Tim Timmons
Alison Sigler (First Lynchburg)	Dickie Stowers (First Lynchburg)
Bill Perkins (First Lynchburg)	Ida Perkins (First Lynchburg)
Chung Jones (First Lynchburg)	Marilyn Hartman (First Lynchburg)
David Hartman (First Lynchburg)	Chuck Overstreet (First Lynchburg)
Dan Grabeel (First Lynchburg)	Heidi James (First Lynchburg)
Claudia Pierpoint (First Lynchburg)	Susan Foster (First Lynchburg)
Hugh Jones (First Lynchburg)	Kathryn Overstreet (First Lynchburg)
Howard Jennings (Quaker)	Betty Anne Ebert (First Lynchburg)

Other Teaching Elders

David Gellert

The Act of Installation

Sermon: Ken McFayden

Title: "A Time to Move?"

Scripture: Joshua 1: 1-9
 Philippians 2: 1-11
 John 1: 15-31

Propounding the Constitutional Questions

To the Teaching Elder :	Stephen Earl
To the Congregation:	Blitz James
Prayer of Installation	TJ Thompson
Charge to the Teaching Elder:	Bart Edwards
Charge to the Congregation:	Laura Holbrook
Benediction:	Rev. Peter Andrew Thompson

Report of the Commission to Ordain Carol Holbrook Ferguson as Teaching Elder, at the request of the Presbytery of Cincinnati, to serve as Pastor, Crescent Springs Presbyterian Church, Crescent Springs, KY, on Sunday, July 26, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. at Salem Presbyterian Church, Salem, VA.

Teaching Elders

Stephen Earl, Moderator
 Loren Tate Mitchell
 Janet Chisom
 Matt Gaventa

Ruling Elders

Katie Elmore (Salem)
 David McClung (Salem)
 Paul Lewis (First Lynchburg)
 Ginny Fedison (Covenant Roanoke)
 Ron Coleman (Altavista)

Invited to Sit with the Commission

Keith Benze (TE Presbytery of Transylvania)
 Jim Burdick (RE Crescent Springs Church)

Ruling Elders Representing Their Congregation

Included in the worshiping congregation this day were 42 Ruling Elders of the Salem Presbyterian Church, the congregation under whose session Carol has received care.

Other Teaching Elders

David Gellert, HR
 W. D. Hasty, HR
 Skip Hasting
 Will Robinson

The Act of Ordination

Sermon: Janet Chisom
Title: "The Importance of You"
Scripture: Exodus 3: 1-12
Colossians 1: 1-20

Propounding the Constitutional Questions

To the Candidate : Stephen Earl
Prayer of Ordination: Matt Gaventa
Charge to the Teaching Elder: Katie Elmore
Benediction: Rev. Carol Holbrook Ferguson

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **FOR CONSENT AGENDA**: That the minutes of the One-hundred-eighth Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Peaks (May 5, 2016) as reviewed by those persons designated by the Standing Rules, be approved.
2. **FOR CONSENT AGENDA**: That motions be reduced to writing and sent to the clerks' table before discussion.
- 3.: **FOR CONSENT AGENDA**: That all committee reports be received.
- 4 : **FOR CONSENT AGENDA** That the Commissions to Install Peter Thompson and Ordain Carol Holbrook Ferguson be dismissed with heartfelt thanks

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT

Committee on Ministry Chair, Howard Jennings, reported:

ACTIONS REPORTED:

- 1) Approved TE Paul Brokaw to serve as moderator of McAllister Memorial beginning June 12, 2016.
- 2) Approved TE John Losee to serve as moderator of Oak Level and Mercy Seat beginning June 10, 2016.
- 3) Approved TE John Scholer to serve as moderator of Westminster PC beginning July 14, 2016.
- 4) Granted permission to available and trained Peaks Presbytery Commissioned Ruling Elders (CREs) to serve communion as needed at Jamestown PC for a period of one year beginning May 1, 2016, and ending April 30, 2017.
- 5) Approved the renewal of the authorization for CREs Al and Barbara Jacobs to administer the sacrament of communion to congregations in the Piedmont for a period of one year beginning July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.
- 6) Granted permission for CRE Diane Baldwin to serve communion at Drakes Branch PC on June 19, 2016.
- 7) Approved Beth Utley, RE, Certified Christian Educator, and candidate under the care of Salem Presbytery, to be on the Pulpit Supply list while she resides in the Presbytery of the Peaks beginning June 9, 2016.
- 8) Approved David Strickler, candidate under care of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, to serve in a validated ministry at the Faith Christian School of Roanoke, Virginia, pending his ordination by the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, and that he then be examined for membership in the Presbytery of the Peaks.
- 9) Approved the request from the Session of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, to form a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) effective July 14, 2016.
- 10) Appointed the following persons to serve on the commission to install Peter Thompson as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg, on Sunday, May 15, 4:00 pm:

Teaching Elders:
Steve Earl, Moderator
Bart Edwards, Charge to Teaching Elder Kristie Miles

Ruling Elders:

Becky Giles, First Lynchburg
Blitz James, First Lynchburg
Pix Mahler, Westminster Lynchburg

To Sit with the Commission:

Laura Holbrook, RE, Massanutten Presbyterian Church, Penn Laird, VA;
Presbytery of Shenandoah, Charge to the Congregation
Ken McFayden, TE, Presbytery of New Hope, To Preach the Sermon
Thomas J. Thompson, TE, Charlotte Presbytery

- 11) Appointed the following persons to serve on the commission to ordain Carol Holbrook Ferguson, Candidate Under Care of the Presbytery of the Peaks, on June 26, 2016, 4:00 pm, at Salem Presbyterian Church, Salem, VA:

Teaching Elders:

Steve Earl, Moderator
Loren Tate Mitchell
Janet Denton Chisom, To Preach the Sermon
Matt Gaventa

Ruling Elders:

Katie Elmore, Charge to the Teaching Elder
David McClung, Salem
Ron Coleman, Altavista
Ginny Fedison, Covenant Roanoke

To Sit with the Commission:

Keith Benze, TE, Presbytery of Transylvania
Jim Burdick, RE, Crescent Springs Presbyterian, Crescent Springs, KY, Presbytery of Cincinnati

- 12) Appointed the following persons to serve on the commission to install TE Rachel Thompson as Associate Pastor of Second Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, on Sunday, August 21, 4:00 pm:

Teaching Elders:

Steve Earl, Moderator
George Anderson
Elizabeth Link, Charge to the Congregation
Andrew Whaley, Charge to the Teaching Elder

Ruling Elders:

Jeff Smith, Second Roanoke
Shelley Lyons, Second Roanoke
Ron Coleman, Altavista
Steve Lemons, Salem

To Sit with the Commission:

Taylor Lewis Guthrie Hartman, TE, Presbytery of New Hope,
To Preach the Sermon

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) Grant permission to TE Skip Hastings, member of Shenandoah Presbytery, to labor within the bounds of Peaks Presbytery as Parish Associate at Raleigh Court PC from May 1, 2016, to December 31, 2016. **APPROVED IN CONSENT AGENDA**
- 2) Grant permission to TE Edwin Lacy, member of Abingdon Presbytery, to labor within the bounds of Peaks Presbytery with the new worshipping community "Under the Wing" in Blacksburg, VA, beginning May 1, 2016. **APPROVED IN CONSENT AGENDA**
- 3) Approve the request from the Session of Pearisburg Presbyterian Church to establish a temporary pastoral relationship with TE Katherine Jackson as part-time supply pastor from June 1, 2016 to Dec. 31, 2016. **APPROVED IN CONSENT AGENDA**
- 4) Approve the request from the Session of Davis Memorial Presbyterian Church to establish a temporary pastoral relationship with TE Caitlin Hoy as part time supply pastor for the period

beginning June 1, 2016, and ending November 30, 2016, pending her examination being sustained by the Presbytery. **APPROVED IN CONSENT AGENDA**

- 5) Approve the request from the Sessions of the South Central Parish (Brookneal, Phenix, and Roanoke Presbyterian Churches) to appoint the Rev. Herndon Jeffreys, credentialed Methodist pastor, to serve as part time Interim Pastor from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.
APPROVED IN CONSENT AGENDA
- 6) Approve the request from the Session of Old Brick to waiver limitation on terms of service for elders for three years beginning March 1, 2016 and ending February 28, 2019.
APPROVED IN CONSENT AGENDA
- 7) That the Presbytery receive for First Reading the 2017 Minimum Financial Terms of Call.
APPROVED IN CONSENT AGENDA
- 8) Approve the commissioning of Ruling Elder Richard Boswell, First Lynchburg, to Missional Service with congregations in the Presbytery of the Peaks with authorization to moderate the Sessions as approved by the Committee on Ministry, administer the Sacraments, and officiate at marriages for a three-year term effective August 20, 2016 to August 19, 2019. **APPROVED**
- 9) Recommend that the examination of Caitilin Hoy, member of the Presbytery of Twin Cities be sustained pending her signing of the Book of Obligations, and that she be received as a member in good standing. **APPROVED**
- 10) That the examination of M. Keith Leach, member of Muskingum Valley Presbytery, be sustained pending his signing of the Book of Obligations and that he be received as a member in good standing with the Presbytery of the Peaks. **APPROVED**
 - A) That Presbytery approve the call to M. Keith Leach to serve as Pastor at College PC, Hampden-Sydney, effective Aug. 1, 2016, in concurrence with the vote of the congregation at a called meeting on May 29, 2016. **APPROVED**
 - B) That Presbytery approve the following terms of call for M. Keith Leach: **APPROVED**

Base Cash Salary	\$38,764
SECA (50%)	\$4,166
Manse Rental Value	\$11,629
Effective Cash Salary	\$54,559
Board of Pensions	
Medical for Pastor	\$12,549
Additional Family Medical	\$818
Pension/Death/Disability	\$6,547
Total BOP	\$19,914
Other Benefits	
POP Equity Escrow Plan	\$1,500
Moving	Reimbursed up to \$5,000
Vacation	4 weeks
Study Leave	2 weeks
Family Leave	Up to 6 weeks
Professional Reimbursements	
Auto/Professional Expenses	Reimbursed up to \$2,000
Continuing Education	Reimbursed up to \$1,500
 - C) That Presbytery allow COM to assign a commission to install M. Keith Leach as Pastor of College PC, September 18, 2016, at 4:00 pm. **APPROVED**
- 11) That the examination of Cydney Bea Miller, member of Florida Presbytery, be sustained; that pending her signing of the Book of Obligations, she be received as a member in good standing with the Presbytery of the Peaks. **APPROVED**

A) That Presbytery approve the call to Cydney Bea Miller, to serve as Associate Pastor at Trinity Ecumenical Parish, Moneta, effective September 26, 2016, in concurrence with the vote of the congregation at a called meeting on August 7, 2016; **APPROVED**

B) That Presbytery approve the following terms of call for Cydney Bea Miller:

APPROVED

Base Cash Salary	\$62,000
SECA (50%)	\$5,661
Housing	\$12,000
BOP Effective Salary	\$79,661
Board of Pensions	
Medical for Pastor	\$17,020
Additional Family Medical	\$1,110
Pension/Death/Disability	\$8,880
Total BOP	\$27,010
Other Benefits	
Vacation	4 weeks
Study Leave	2 weeks
Moving expenses	Reimbursed
Family Leave	3 months
Professional Reimbursements	
Auto expenses	Reimbursed at IRS Rate
Continuing Education	\$5,550

C) That Presbytery allow COM to assign a commission to install Cydney Bea Miller as Associate Pastor of Trinity Ecumenical Parish. **APPROVED**

REPORT OF THE PROPERTY TASK FORCE

Committee Chair, John Fedison, reported:

This Task Force was recommended by the Cabinet and approved at the February 13, 2016, Presbytery Meeting and charged with recommending to the POP meeting on August 20, 2016, the use of Property Dismissal Payments that the Presbytery will receive from dismissed churches.

RECOMMENDATION: Allocate twenty-five percent of the funds to establish an account that will help provide funds once Property Dismissal Payments cease for the programs listed below and to meet any other needs that the Task Force approves.

Allocate the remaining seventy-five percent as follows:

One third for New Worshipping Communities. Specific funding for the Under the Wing community of Wild Goose Ministry, providing worship and fellowship opportunities to people not involved in a traditional church setting. These ministries will be located in Blacksburg, VA, and possibly Roanoke, VA. A third New Worshipping Community would provide worship and faith development needs for the immigrant and refugee population in Roanoke, VA.

One third for the Small Church Residency Program. The Presbytery currently has four first-year pastors ("Residents") in five small churches (Floyd, Green Ridge, Diamond Hill, Maysville, and New Store) with another possible church to be funded in 2016. These funds will provide resources for additional churches to participate in the program as well as provide continued funding for churches already in the program, as the General Assembly will cease their monetary support in December 2017.

One third for a designated Missions fund. The current Presbytery funding structure does not provide for a Mission and Outreach Designated Fund. The monies will provide an additional source of funding for local, regional,

national, and international mission. One-third of the monies in this designated Missions fund will be used for mission opportunities outside of Peaks Presbytery.

RECOMMENDATIONS of the Property Task Force were **APPROVED**.

The Task Force plans to meet at the beginning of each year to reevaluate needs for the distribution of funds and to make recommendations for Presbytery approval at the February Presbytery of the Peaks meeting.

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Committee Chair, John Erb, reported:

RECOMMENDATION: That the Position Description for the Stated Clerk and the Standing Rules of the POP of which it is a part, be amended as indicated. **APPROVED**

That Rev. John Wiederholt TE, First Collinsville PC be elected to serve as Stated Clerk for the POP for a four year term beginning January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2020. **APPROVED**

That the terms of call for the Stated Clerk be as follows: **APPROVED**

Salary	\$ 10,838
Professional Expenses	\$ 4,250
Total	\$ 15,088

THE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Committee Chair, John Erb, reported:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Presbytery of the Peaks continue to cover all eligible employees under the full Traditional benefits of the Board of Pensions (This coverage includes medical, pension, death and disability.) **APPROVED**

That changes be made to the Position Description for the Associate Presbyter for Ministry and the Associate Presbyter for Discipleship and Ministry, as well as the Administrative Support Staff position. **APPROVED**

Approve the following amended terms of call for Jeff Binder in recognition of additional responsibilities with the change in job description:

Salary/ Housing	\$59,800
Benefits	\$ 20,157
Professional Expenses	\$ 6,250
Continuing Education	\$ 1,200
Total	\$ 87,407

AT 3:00 P.M.- Break with refreshments, fellowship and 2 Cents a Meal Collection

WE GATHER TO SHARE

OPEN MIKE-This was a time for (1) Announcements from Churches; (2) Announcements from Presbytery Units and Committees; and (3) Announcements from Organizations/Agencies.

WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE

CAMP PEAKS, reported by Director, Joann McElmurray

A very good Summer Program with 160 young people participating. Seven churches were recognized for hosting the Camp Peaks sessions including Altavista, Campbell, First Pres. of Martinsville and Forest Hills, Aston, Floyd Mallow, and New Dublin.

TWO CENTS A MEAL DONATIONS totaled \$617.63.

WE CONTINUE TO DO THE WORK OF GOD'S KINGDOM

RECOMMENDATION FROM TRUSTEES presented by David Kirk:

That the Gracious Dismissal Policy be changed to read "Dismissal services for churches leaving the Presbytery of the Peaks shall not be held by the Presbytery until all legal deeds of transfer have been signed by the local church."

APPROVED

REPORT OF THE GENERAL PRESBYTER

Report by our General Presbyter, Nancy Dawson, with emphasis on "Our Call to Service".

REPORT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Three of our GA Commissioners, Linda Dickerson, John Arehart, and Jude Swanson reported on the activities and actions of the Assembly.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the following approved to committee positions:

Moderator, POP for 2017 - Melissa McNair-King, TE, First, Pulaski

Vice-Moderator, POP - Dick Boswell, CRE

Synod Commissioner 2018 - Dale Brown, TE Cumberland

Synod Permanent Judicial Commission 2021 - Kim Steinhorst , TE Altavista

Cabinet

Ron Coleman, RE Altavista 2019 Chair for 2017

Committee on Ministry

Dale Brown, TE Cumberland 2019
Jim Corson, RE First, Covington 2019
Ginny Fedison, RE Covenant Roanoke 2019

Bills and Overtures

Bob McLavey, TE Floyd 2019
John Weiderholt, TE Chair 2016

Committee on Administration

Frances Ford, RE Quaker Memorial 2017
Mark Hinchcliff, TE First, Martinsville 2017
Mikel Pugh, TE Chatham 2017
John Scholer, TE College 2018

Jerry Foltz, RE	Appomattox Ch 2019
Ed McElmurray, RE	Covenant Roanoke 2019
Dick Boswell, CRE	2019

Committee on Examinations

Alice Buford, RE	Fairlawn 2019
Stewart Childress, TE	Bluemont and Mayberry 2019
EA Mayo, RE	College 2019
Cary Roberts, RE	Westminister 2018

Trustees

John Fedison, RE	Covenant Roanoke 2019
John Lanier, RE	Quaker Memorial 2019
Bill Neely, RE	Blacksburg 2019

Committee on Representation

Diane Baldwin, RE	Quaker 2017
Aubrey Fane, RE	Gethsemane 2019
Sylvia Goodman, RE	Mizpah 2018
Joe McCutchen, HR	2019 Chair for 2017
Gary Pillow, CRE	Sinking Spring 2018

Committee on Church Development

Linda Dickerson, TE	Northside 2017
Diane Petty, RE	Fairlawn 2019
Ray Williams, RE	Fifth Avenue 2019
Andy King, TE	Ukirk Campus Ministry , Radford 2019

Committee on Discipleship

Christy Mitchell, TE	Diamond Hill 2019
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Committee on Sexual Misconduct

Cynthia Erb, RE	Altavista 2019
Ruth Syre, RE	Rustburg 2019

Committee on Leadership

Terri Cornwell, CRE	Rustburg 2019
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Permanent Judicial Commission

Janet Rakes, RE	Blacksburg 2022
David Snyder, HR	2022

Committee on Nominations

Aubrey Fane, RE	Gethsemane 2019
Shirley Larson, HR	2018

APPROVED

CLOSING BUSINESS

The following report on Attendance and Absence was given by Stated Clerk, Hugh Springer:

Teaching Elders Members of Presbytery	53
Commissioned Ruling Elders Present and Entitled to Vote	9
Ruling elder Commissioners/Cabinet/Committee Chairs	68
SUB-TOTAL VOTING	130

Visiting Ministers	3
Certified Christian Educators	1
Visiting Ruling Elders	18
Other Visitors	6
Presbytery Staff Not Included Above	3
SUB-TOTAL NON-VOTING	31

TOTAL ATTENDANCE 161

Teaching Elders Excused – 11

Teaching Elders Absent – 23

Churches Not Represented by Ruling Elder Commissioners – 69

Resolution of Appreciation, given by John Wiederholt, TE, Collinsville

The people of God gathered together, as the Presbytery of the Peaks, express their appreciation and gratitude for:

The hospitality of Covenant PC of Roanoke for housing our meeting and seeing to our needs with gracious good cheer.

For the openness of those whose workshops gave us insight into the important and creative mission and ministry being done by Presbyterians near at hand and throughout the world.

For those who are entering the Presbytery to give us insight and energy and those who are departing to witness and minister elsewhere.

Those who represent us in mission and ministry through committees and other bodies.

For those who led our worship and drew us together in the Spirit.

For the presence of the Living God without whose presence our work would be in vain.

In the name of our Lord Jesus, we give thanks.

Amen.

A closing prayer was offered by the Moderator, Ron Coleman.

WE GO FORTH TO WORSHIP AND SERVE

NEXT PRESBYTERY MEETING

Thursday, November 17, 2016 – Christiansburg Presbyterian Church, Christiansburg, VA

**The Presbytery of the Peaks
Financial Position
06/30/2015 & 06/30/2016**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Beginning Balance	\$ 142,560.60	\$ 41,188.26
<i>Add Receipts:</i>		
YTD Mission Receipts for GA, Synod, & Presbytery		
Covenants of Intents (Includes Unified & Per Capita)	220,146.10	226,171.20
Selected Giving, GA, Synod causes	47,756.74	51,160.17
Other Selected Gifts (excludes 2Cts, C A Partnership)	12,301.90	30,848.33
Fifth Sunday Offering (See also page 2)		
Camp Income	4,775.00	4,364.60
Income from Presbytery Designated Funds		100,000.00
Interest Income	50.70	27.80
Current Assets less Liabilities	(1,051.24)	1,030.33
Miscellaneous Income		
Unrealized gain/loss on operating reserve		
Transfer Accounts	19,400.51	27,904.71
<i>Total Receipts</i>	303,379.71	441,507.14
<i>Less Disbursements:</i>		
Mission Funds to General Assembly	93,062.84	95,989.24
Mission Funds to Synod	4,717.90	7,035.93
Other In/Out Mission Funds Forwarded	7,537.90	20,042.20
Presbytery	314,902.26	322,144.60
Operating Reserves to Designated Fund		
<i>Total Disbursements</i>	420,220.90	445,211.97
Cash Balance 05/31/2015 & 05/31/2016	<u>\$ 25,719.41</u>	<u>\$ 37,483.43</u>

Appendix B

**Presbytery of the Peaks
Income & Expense
6/30/2016**

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income			
Covenants of Intent	44,508.59	218,171.20	540,000
Mission Payments-Dismissed Churches		8,000.00	26,734
Camp Income	1,135.00	4,364.60	15,000
Designated Account Funding Transfers	50,000.00	100,000.00	300,600
Miscellaneous	5.73	27.80	
Total Income	95,649.32	330,563.60	882,334
Cabinet			
Cabinet Expense	107.36	1,104.89	3,000
Moderator Expenses			1,400
Communications Expense	390.00	2,163.50	3,000
Presbytery Meeting Expense	97.23	1,080.45	3,000
Nominating Committee		1.05	300
Black Caucus		89.90	1,000
Workgroup Expense		72.58	2,500
PRT Expenses	759.85	3,367.75	3,500
Presbytery Legal Expense	46.41	186.30	
Committee on Representation			50
Total Cabinet Expense	1,400.85	8,066.42	17,750
Committee on Administration			
COA Expenses	1.26	495.15	500
Office Expenses	6,044.51	23,355.28	46,608
Presby Office Equipment	348.31	1,200.27	2,000
Audit Expense			9,200
GP Expense	8,190.16	61,290.09	131,860
Associate for Ministry	4,990.50	43,373.84	89,272
Stated Clerk Expenses	1,166.36	7,405.85	15,088
Mission Resource Expenses	201.56	1,809.36	3,054
Administrative Support Staff	3,678.03	28,609.84	59,837
Administrative Support Staff -Part-time	258.50	1,410.38	10,635
Accountant	3,123.91	25,043.31	52,815
Associate for Youth and Young Adults	5,246.93	38,506.35	81,812
Office Staff Expenses		260.28	518
Total Committee on Administration	33,250.03	232,760.00	503,199
Committee on Ministry			
Committee Expenses	197.29	1,672.26	4,545
Calls & Pensions Workgroup		11.38	290
Congregations in Transition		224.38	1,800
Counseling & Crisis Support	1,568.79	3,748.69	4,200
Scholarships/Debt Reduction			800

	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Small Church Residency	52.00	35.66	5,000
Sexual Misconduct Committee			650
Session Records Workgroup		299.62	300
Total Committee on Ministry	1,818.08	5,991.99	17,585
Committee on Preparation for Ministry			
Committee Expenses			1,195
Scholarships/Testing	1,750.00	1,750.00	8,400
Total Committee on Preparation for Ministry	1,750.00	1,750.00	9,595.00
Committee on Church Development			
Committee Expenses		0.12	600
Congregation Training & Support			1,500
Small Church WG			5,000
Evangelism Workgroup	500.00	500.00	1,500
New Worshipping Community WG			1,500
Partnership w/Congregations			6,050
Total Committee on Church Development	500.00	500.12	16,150
Missions Committee			
Mission Committee Expenses	1.92	36.11	200
Education and Training		270.00	500
Community Outreach Grants	10,875.00	21,750.00	43,500
Mission Trip Scholarships	(6,258.00)	3,880.24	4,915
CEDEPCA		(100.00)	28,500
Total Missions Committee	4,618.92	25,836.35	77,615
Committee on Discipleship			
Discipleship Committee Expenses		35.90	95
Christian Ed & Res Ctr Wrkgrp	109.32	(210.20)	3,458
Youth & Young Adult Wrkgrp	1.65	3,100.47	10,678
Outdoor Education Wrkgrp	13,222.25	16,573.41	34,694
Higher Education Expenses	13,335.75	27,554.89	55,908
Total Committee on Discipleship	26,668.97	47,054.47	104,833
Committee on Leadership			
Leadership Development WG		38.99	150
CRE Workgroup		4.26	500
Ruling Elder Leadership		8.95	4,000
GA Orientation		65.07	250
Minister Orientation		56.91	250
Session Training		11.07	750
Total Committee on Leadership		185.25	5,900
Synod Unified & Per Capita	957.00	4,845.00	11,404
GA Unified & Per Capita Giving	9,160.00	47,070.00	118,303
Total Presbytery Expenses	<u>78,373.85</u>	<u>372,309.60</u>	<u>882,334</u>

The Presbytery of the Peaks
Summary of Designated Accounts
6/30/2016

	<u>Book Value</u> <u>1/1/2016</u>	<u>Market Value</u> <u>1/1/2016</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Unrealized</u> <u>Gain/(Loss)</u>	<u>Market Value</u> <u>6/30/2016</u>	<u>Book Value</u> <u>6/30/2016</u>
Leadership Funds	484,643.24	581,824.88	1.44	-	-	581,826.32	484,644.68
Church Development Funds							
<i>New Church Ministries</i>	1,007,001.39	1,120,967.79	-	-	-	1,120,967.79	1,007,001.39
<i>Church Development</i>	817,201.57	938,319.26	-	-	-	938,319.26	817,201.57
Youth and Young Adult Ministries Funds	2,143,101.81	2,203,359.98	-	-	-	2,203,359.98	2,143,101.81
Committee on Ministry Funds							
Peaks Crisis Fund	1,497.42	1,497.42				1,497.42	1,497.42
Burke Memorial Fund	51,238.96	47,922.39	883.71	2,500.00		46,306.10	49,622.67
COPM Funds	46,751.08	54,707.64	-	-	-	54,707.64	46,751.08
Morris Charitable Trust	14,096.61	14,096.61	8,094.28	14,092.00		8,098.89	8,098.89
Presbytery Funds	290,043.04	303,147.74	500.07	-	-	303,647.81	290,543.11
Cooperative Missions Funds							
Peacemaking (Presbytery Share)	6428.79	6,428.79	86.26	750.00		5,765.05	5,765.05
Travel/Study Scholarship	702.99	702.99	86.89			789.88	789.88
2 Cents A Meal	76,113.91	76,113.91	46,501.29	59,054.05		63,561.15	63,561.15
CEDEPCA Bible & Seed Fund							
Transfer Accounts	177,969.10	177,969.10	1,000.00	31,652.04		147,317.06	147,317.06
Total Designated Accounts	<u>5,116,789.91</u>	<u>5,527,058.50</u>	<u>57,153.94</u>	<u>108,048.09</u>		<u>5,476,164.35</u>	<u>5,065,895.76</u>
H. Trustees	821,706.73	1,049,656.73	26,844.89	63,311.34	61,191.19	1,074,381.47	785,240.28
Cash Balance	<u>5,938,217.87</u>	<u>6,666,179.36</u>	<u>83,998.83</u>	<u>171,359.43</u>	<u>61,191.19</u>	<u>6,640,009.95</u>	<u>5,851,136.04</u>