

HIGHLAND-AUGUSTA MISSION COMMUNITY

Quarterly Meeting – January 19, 2006

Hebron Presbyterian Church, Staunton

Members of the Highland-Augusta Mission Community were gathered at the Hebron Presbyterian Church on Thursday, January 19, 2006, for the quarterly meeting of the Mission Community, with prayer offered by the host pastor, Bill Everhart. A meal of pizza, salad, and dessert was enjoyed by all, with thanks to the folks at Hebron for their hospitality.

The following is a summary of the business handled during the meeting:

1. Presbytery staff reports

- a. **Lisa Hedrick, Resource Center.** Lisa was welcomed in her new capacity as Resource Center Coordinator. A reminder was given of the upcoming retirement dinner for Mary Lou McMillin at the Spotswood Country Club on February 10 at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$25.00 per person.
- b. **Tom Hay, General Presbyter.** Tom advised those present to be on the alert for three overtures coming to the February 14 stated meeting of Shenandoah Presbytery. He gave a brief overview of the three, including one concerning a major paper coming to this summer's General Assembly on the Trinity, and another concerning G-6.0106b. Also, two candidates will be examined, and the report on Paddy Run will be up for action. Sessions are urged to meet with their commissioner(s) to review the handbook of reports and related documents prior to the meeting.
- c. **Doug Sensabaugh, Communications Coordinator/Hunger Action Enabler.** Doug commended the churches of the Presbytery for their increased support of the Hunger Fund. (\$88,000 was given in 2005, an increase of \$11,000 over 2004.) ... Doug also encouraged participation in the Souper Bowl hunger offering on February 5, and reported that a focus of this year's One Great Hour of Sharing special offering will be water-related issues ... There will be a Mission Fair at the February 14 Presbytery Meeting, featuring a mission speaker from the PC(USA), Bruce Whearty.

2. **Future Presbytery Meetings.** There are no stated presbytery meetings scheduled within HAMC until April 2007 (Westminster).

3. Baja mission trip.

- Dan Williams gave an update on 2006 trip preparations. Two weeks are planned for this summer, July 16-22 (HAMC) and July 23-29 (Central Valley), although anyone is welcome to participate either week. Nine slots (of 60) remain open for the first week, and ten (of 30) for the second week. The deadline for applications is February 15. Registration forms can be found on the HAMC page of the Presbytery web site. (www.shenpres.org). The \$100 registration fee is covered by HAMC.
- HAMC voted to contribute \$3,000 from its 2006 block grant funds for the 2006 trips.

4. Living Waters for the World Update

- A printed report from Living Waters was presented, outlining their hopes to complete two projects in 2006 – a reverse osmosis system upgrade for 2004's installation in Baja, and a new installation in Guatemala. The report included a request that churches contribute towards LWW's needs according to the following formula: "all churches that annually contribute up to \$5,000 in support of the Presbytery budget set aside a yearly contribution of \$500 for the LIVING WATERS TEAM's Programs. Those Churches with contributions in excess of this amount are asked to set aside in their annual budget \$750 or more as an ongoing contribution."
- HAMC voted to give \$1,000 from its 2006 block grant funds for each of these projects (\$2,000 total).

5. **Date and location for next meeting:** HAMC agreed that its next meeting will be Thursday, May 11, 2006, at 6:30 p.m. Dan Williams will check with John McDonald/Second Presbyterian Church, Waynesboro, to see if they are willing to host the May 11 meeting. If this doesn't work, Dan will make other arrangements, trying to have the meeting in the Waynesboro side of the Mission Community.

7. Other Business/Announcements.

- a. A reminder was given of the monthly luncheon for ministers and other church workers: first Wednesday of every month at Tinkling Spring PC Fellowship Hall – next gathering: February 1, 12:00 p.m.
- b. Doug Sensabaugh reported that a family in the Staunton area was in need of more permanent housing, having been displaced by Hurricane Wilma. First, Second, and Third Churches in Staunton will work together to either provide one more week's lodging at the Howard Johnson's hotel in Staunton, or more permanent lodging arrangements.
- c. HAMC Picnic. Olivia Haney will once again head up the picnic effort for this year. Pat Klumpp and Kathleen Wilkers agreed to serve on the planning committee. Anyone interested in helping with this effort should contact Olivia.

Following the sharing of prayer concerns, the meeting concluded with prayer led by Dan Williams.