

**Maury River Mission Community
Minutes of Meeting, June 28, 2009
Hot Springs Presbyterian Church**

Members Present: Betty Dax (Interim at New Providence and Community Convener), David Dax (Living Waters Member), Skip Hastings (Pastor, Collierstown), John Shillingburg (Summer Intern, Collierstown), Glenn Coleman (Pastor, Hot Springs), Rob Sherrard (Mission Community Secretary, Pastor, Windy Cove), Malcolm Brownlee (Retired Pastor and Mission Community Coordinator), Christina Tutterow (Pastor, Bethesda), Doug Sensabaugh (Presbytery Communications Coordinator), Lou Dolive (Ethiopian Partnership Committee)

1. The meeting began with a fellowship lunch hosted by the Hot Springs Church. Transition to the business part of the meeting came with an appropriate prayer shortly after the appointed hour of 2:30 p.m. The agenda prepared by the Convener was approved as the working document for the afternoon. Prior minutes were corrected to indicate that Olivia Patton is Director of Christian Education at Lexington, not the Associate Pastor. In the absence of Treasurer Bonny Wilson, there was no general treasurer's report.
2. Lou Dolive gave a report on changes to the Ethiopian Partnership ministry. Lutheran Churches involved with the Ethiopian Synod are withdrawing some funding for the Synod as part of a restructuring program. This withdrawal will mean that Shenandoah Presbytery's I-Care scholarships will be even more important to our Partnership. Education of young people is one of the primary ministries of the Synod and I-Care program.
3. The Community discussed its Mission Fair scheduled for October 4 from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m. at New Monmouth. A festival of booths highlighting church ministries will take place from 2:30 to 4 p.m. This part of the Fair will also include a silent auction to benefit the Living Waters program. A worship service will follow featuring a combined choir from the churches and celebrating the Lord's Supper. This event will be advertised as the first event of a revived Mission Community.
4. David Dax reported on the very successful Living Waters trip to Santiago, Guatemala. Team members from the Community included David and Betty Dax, Malcolm Brownlee, Wistie Jobe, and Roy Fauber. The water system has been installed, and training was offered on maintenance of the system as well good water hygiene. One main point of the program is to build a lasting relationship with the church and community there. The local church is part of the Evangelical Protestant Alliance Church. The Mission Community Team or part of them will return within a year to check on the water system and continue to build relationships with the people. On September 26 from 8 to 10 a.m. there will be pancake breakfast at Applebees in Lexington to benefit the Living Waters program.
5. Olivia Patton, Janet Scott, and Malcolm Brownlee are working toward a comprehensive education event for 2010. Two groups (See previous minutes.) are planning leader training for the fall: one group in the Lexington area and one group in the Bath County area.
6. The Community scheduled the **next regular meeting for September 13 at New Providence** at 2:30 p.m.
7. The Community adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Rob Sherrard