

Report to Presbytery of Transylvania
March 14, 2006
Social Witness and Mission Committee

1. The committee has met two times since the December stated meeting of the presbytery.
2. In January and February, the following hunger grants were awarded:
 - \$3000. to Lexington - Chapel Hill –for their food pantry.
 - \$750. to Lexington - Hunter to assist with Bellewood’s supervised independent living program.
 - \$5000. to Ashland – First for Ashland Community Kitchen.
 - \$2400 to Lexington – Second for Coffee ministry to the Hope Center.
3. In February the committee heard an informal report from Rev. Andy Carrick, a PCUSA missionary to Japan. Rev. Carrick shared about his mission work, family life, ministry joys and struggles, and his ongoing mission to youth evangelism in Japan. The Carricks are in Kentucky on extended medical leave and will return to Japan in March.
4. In February the committee heard a report from Lee Boyd, Interim Executive Camp Director for Burnamwood, about the Presbytery Mission Trip to the Gulf Coast on January 13-20. The work team spent the week working for a family in Bayou La Batre, AL. Two additional Presbytery trips are planned: a youth trip in April (over Spring break), and a trip for adults in September.
5. A Presbytery Mission Conference is scheduled for August 19 at Richmond – First. This conference is a coordinated effort of the Social Witness and Mission Committee and the Christian Formation and Discipleship Committee.
6. Since the first part of our committee’s name is “Social Witness,” and we continue to explore what that means, the committee would like to receive your suggestions and comments related to the social issues of the Presbytery. You can email to the chair of the committee, Jon Martin: pastor@pisgahpresbyterian.org
7. Hunger funds come primarily from the 2-cents-a-meal offering taken by the Presbytery and local churches. Please continue to remember this offering whenever food and fellowship are shared in congregations.

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