

**Coordinating Council  
Report to Presbytery of Transylvania  
September 11, 2007**

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO PRESBYTERY:**

*Recommendation 1---That the the following resolution be recommended to presbytery for approval:*

**WHEREAS**, Transylvania Presbytery has within its boundaries 26 of the 200 poorest counties in the United States, and

**WHEREAS**, no other Presbytery in the United States has a greater number of these poorest counties, and

**WHEREAS**, First Presbyterian Church, Hazard (Perry County) has developed a working missional relationship with Hazard Perry County Housing Development Alliance,

**WHEREAS**, First Presbyterian Church, Hazard, and the Hazard Perry County Housing Development Alliance have examined data and determined that within the Breathitt, Knott, Leslie and Perry four county area there is a large, unmet need for affordable housing and special housing for the disabled, and

**WHEREAS**, God has called us to be the church in this part of God's kingdom,

**IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED**, That Transylvania Presbytery take the following action:

1. That the Moderator of Transylvania Presbytery appoint a Task Force to explore the ways in which we, as member churches of Transylvania Presbytery, may effectively and cooperatively minister to our brothers and sisters in these areas of the state within our presbytery boundaries,
2. That the Task Force consider and explore options including, but not limited to:
  - (a) designating First Presbyterian Church, Hazard, as a Presbytery Mission Center, thereby focusing presbytery-wide resources to support the housing initiative already begun,
  - (b) researching potential interdenominational cooperation with poverty-related initiatives in this area, including the "Together for Hope" initiative of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship,
  - (c) creating dialogue with the Burnamwood Committee on possible ways to involve our Burnamwood facilities and program in this effort,
  - (d) contacting the national PC USA offices to identify existing and planned programs and resources for this effort,
  - (e) making a Presbytery Resource Center available in some form at First Presbyterian Church, Hazard, and
  - (f) placing a part-time Presbytery representative in the Hazard area.

3. That the Task Force report back to Presbytery at the December 2007 meeting with preliminary recommendations and finalize its recommendations by March 2008.
4. That all Presbyterians in Transylvania Presbytery be advised of this effort and join in daily prayer for the work of this Task Force and the children of God in these areas.

\*Owsley, Clay, Martin, Magoffin, Wolfe, Knox, Breathitt, Leslie, Harlan, McCreary, Bell, Knott, Lawrence, Lee, Floyd, Jackson, Menifee, Wayne, Perry, Morgan, Letcher, Johnson, Estill, Whitley, Elliott- with poverty levels ranging from 45.4% (in Owsley) of the population to 25.9% (in Elliott)

- ***Recommendation 2---That the following resolution be recommended to presbytery for approval:***

**RESOLVED**, that Transylvania Presbytery hereby appoints and authorizes its Board of Trustees to sell the 7.57+/- acres of vacant land at 2975 Polo Club Boulevard, Lexington, Kentucky, in a timely manner, within the following parameters:

1. that the Board of Trustees obtain a reliable and credible appraisal of the property to guide its actions,
2. that the Board of Trustees determine the manner and time of sale in an effort to realize the fair market value of the property,
3. that, if the Board of Trustees determines that there are market or other barriers to sale of this property, the Board report back to Presbytery as soon as possible, with Board recommendations for proceeding,
4. that the Board of Trustees execute a Deed of sale on behalf and all other necessary and desirable documents on behalf of Presbytery,
5. that the Board of Trustees administer the proceeds of sale by resolving all indebtedness and other obligations relating to the sale,
6. that the Board of Trustees deposit the proceeds of the sale in the Presbytery account which it deems most suitable, and
7. that the Board of Trustees report to the Coordinating Council and to Presbytery the amount of net proceeds available to Presbytery at the conclusion of the sale process.

***Recommendation 3---Recommend to presbytery that Staff Services & the Burnamwood Committee be authorized to work together to form an Executive Camp Director Search Committee and bring these names to Council for approval.***