

HOLSTON PRESBYTERY  
April 2008 - April 2009  
Jackie Riddle, Moderator

Our years are going by so fast, we can hardly keep up.

We started off our year by attending Columbia Day and taking Peggy Torbett, our Treasurer for her first trip to Columbia Seminary. We had a wonderful time and Peggy was enthralled by the talks from the recipients.

We have been holding our monthly meetings at various churches throughout our Presbytery. It helps us to meet new people from others churches (that have not been attending our Gatherings) and helps them to see what we do. One lady said that she had never given any thought to how these Gatherings come together, but she sees that we put a lot of hard work into it. I am hopeful that she may become a part of our Coordinating Team.

I attended the meeting in Huntsville on June 13-14th and came back with some ideas on increasing our attendance at our Gatherings.

Our Fall Gathering was held on September 6th at Strawberry Plains Presbyterian Church. We had a total of 74 women present and collected \$710.00 to send to Olivet Presbyterian Church in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. During the floods in the Midwest, Olivet church had damage to their church but their greatest loss was their mission building which rendered them unable to assist those in the area that have lost everything.

Our Retreat was held September 26-28 at Banner Elk, North Carolina. Mary Hammett was our guest speaker and was dearly loved by all the women there. We had 52 women present, the most that we have ever had. We gave first and second place trophies to the two churches that had the most women. They were given to Bethany Presbyterian Church and Cedar Creek Presbyterian Church. These trophies are to be brought back to the Retreat to “see who takes them home” next year. We also had a church attend that had never attended any of our meetings prior to this Retreat.

On October 25<sup>th</sup> we held an Issues, Justice and Peace meeting at Ryan's Restaurant with speakers on Domestic Violence, Child Advocacy and Bullying in the schools. We had 17 in attendance.

April 25<sup>th</sup> we held our Spring Gathering at Colonial Heights Church. Sheena Mayrant from Columbia Seminary was our guest speaker and spoke on Numbers 27, "Women With A Purpose - leaving a legacy for future generations". She tied it in with the Presbyterian Women in a wonderful way and the women are still talking about it. We had 119 present. Kathleen Wright installed our new leaders, we lost some and gained some.

This year Holston Presbytery gave the following sums to:

Thank Offering	\$2,487.18
Birthday Offering	\$5,220.75
Least Coin	\$2,190.99
Columbia Friendship	\$ 673.85

We are looking forward to an even better 2009-2010 year!

Submitted by  
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Holston Presbyterian Women

# HOLSTON PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

2007 - 2008

## COORDINATING TEAM

Jackie Riddle	Moderator
Judy Watkins	Vice-Moderator
Judy Neas	Secretary/Historian
Peggy Torbett	Treasurer
Betty DeVault	Together-in-Service Coordinator
Marci Cobb	Spiritual Growth Leader
Judy Watkins	Leadership Enhancement
Anna Maddox	Justice & Peace Leader
Vacant	Cluster #1
Lois Bronson	Cluster #2
Jane Davis	Cluster #3
Janice Howard	Cluster #4
Kathy Scheu	Cluster #5
Ella Bea Hodges	Member-at-large
Catherine Phillips	Member-at-large
Charlotee McConnell	Member-at-large