

Presbytery of Blackhawk



Your Shared Mission Dollars at Work Through the Presbytery of Blackhawk

OUR VISION:

Grounded in the biblical image for human community, as disciples of Jesus, following His witness and command for His church; guided by the principles of trust, open communication, and genuine relationships; we will challenge and support our congregations to be thriving faith communities by

- ⇒ providing competent pastoral leadership,
- ⇒ resourcing to energize ministry, and
- ⇒ encouraging networks and partnerships of Presbyterians.

WE PROVIDE COMPETENT PASTORAL LEADERSHIP through:

- The Committee on Preparation for Ministry—supporting men and women in their journey towards ordination as ministers or commissioning as lay pastors
- The Commission on Ministry— working with every congregation in the presbytery to provide competent and effective pastoral leadership



Commissioning Ruling Elders for Pastoral Leadership

WE RESOURCE TO ENERGIZE MINISTRY through:

- Shared mission opportunities which include presbytery-wide mission trips, Youth Triennium and the annual Church World Service Kits collection
- Presbytery-wide seminars and learning opportunities for clergy and lay leaders
- Communication, connection and technical assistance— including e-Connections email newsletter, website, Missional Analysis Process (MAP) for churches in transformation or transition, POINT representatives to assist with Christian education resources, MissionInsite demographic tool
- Mission Grants— supporting congregations and entities in their local and world mission actions
- Campus Ministry— supporting ministry with college students at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb
- World Mission— supporting the shared mission and ministry of the Partnership between Blackhawk and the Imenti Presbyteries of Kenya (Presbyterian Church of East Africa)
- Stronghold Camp & Retreat Center ministry and mission:



Presbytery Provides Seminars and Learning Opportunities at Every Assembly Meeting

- ⇒ Supporting Christian faith formation through residential summer camps for children and families, confirmation and adult retreats, team building and other programs
- ⇒ Positively impacting lives through outdoor learning experiences with religious and secular programs for children and adults



Team Building at Stronghold is Popular for Many Types of Groups



2016 Youth Triennium Blackhawk Delegation

WE ENCOURAGE NETWORKS & PARTNERSHIPS OF PRESBYTERIANS

Including:

- Kenya Partnership
- Earth Care Network
- Living Waters Partnership
- Presbyterian Women



Food has been purchased and distributed through "Coins for Kenya" in 2013 and 2017