

# Presbytery of Blackhawk

## Your Shared Mission Dollars at Work Through the Presbytery of Blackhawk



### Our Vision and Values

Grounded in the biblical image for human community, as disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ, we challenge and support congregations to be thriving faith communities by facilitating competent leadership and resourcing to energize ministry and mission.

As Christians, guided by the principles of love, trust, open communication, and genuine relationships, we value each other as sisters and brothers in faith in all our varied theological understandings. Therefore, we relish respectful discussions of differing opinions as a necessary part of discerning the will of God.

### WE FACILITATE 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— assisting every congregation in the presbytery to find, develop and support pastoral leaders



Commissioning Ruling Elders for Pastoral Leadership

### WE RESOURCE TO ENERGIZE MINISTRY and MISSION 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 newsletter, website, Missional Analysis Process (MAP) for churches in transformation or transition, POINT representatives to assist with Christian education resources
- Providing Mission Grants— supporting congregations and entities in their local and world mission actions or creative new ministries
- 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 CELEBRATE NETWORKS & PARTNERSHIPS OF PRESBYTERIANS IN BLACKHAWK

#### Including:

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



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