

STRONGHOLD CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER COMMITTEE
Presbytery Report: November 8, 2016

At the June Presbytery meeting a motion was approved *to explore populating a Stronghold Board of Directors, creating bylaws and any necessary charter documents, and progressing through the process of becoming a 501(c)3 or a 501(c)3 and LLC organization, reporting back to the presbytery assembly for necessary approvals.* As was reported at the September meeting, we now have an Employee Identification Number (for tax purposes) and an approved statement of purpose for the Articles of Incorporation. The task force assigned to this continues their work. Most recently they have been focused on the financial aspects of the Transitional Plan. We will continue to keep the Presbytery apprised of our progress and necessary actions.

Please read *Active, Green & Growing, A Transitional Path into the Future* (found on the website as part of this report). This document recounts what has been happening in recent months and outlines the decreasing financial dependency on Blackhawk Presbytery as well as presenting plans as we move into the future.

Our 2017 budget, following the financial guidelines presented in *Active, Green & Growing*, will be presented to the Presbytery for approval in February.

The Stronghold Committee wishes to thank John Mecklenburg for his work as Stronghold Fund Development Director and Chris Busker for his as Stronghold Marketing and Sales Director and Nick Toops for his nine years in the maintenance department. John and Nick finished their work the end of October and Chris will be done the end of the year. We wish all of them well in their future endeavors.

We also want to thank Ted Finefield and John Gerlach, who are leaving the committee after six years of faithful service and Rev. Jeri Baker, as she finishes a three year term and joins us again. Much thanks goes to Rev. Judith March Hardie who is stepping down as moderator as she continues on the committee. Her faithful leadership and many, many hours of service have helped us stay the course.

Respectfully Submitted,
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