

Congregational Development Report
Conference Trustees
August 31, 2022

Renewal | Revitalization:



Jellico UMC:

TN Valley District, Rev. Ann Robins, D.S.

Ministry focus:

Fincastle UMC/Rev. Steve Evans & Stephanie on Friday’s host a feeding ministry.

Summary of capital improvements (2022):

- A sump pump system has been installed to help keep the basement dry.

Outstanding work:

- Sump pump drain system is needed to reroute the water from the sump pump away from the sidewalks. In process
- Hvac system in the sanctuary is in need of repair – still working towards this
- Insurance: Church Mutual, need to revisit the coverage

Notes/Questions:

Prayer:



Magnolia UMC:

TN Valley District, Rev. Ann Robins, D.S.

Ministry focus:

Rev. Tim Jackson; ministry is to the less fortunate in their context. This is a ministry that is working with people that have desperate needs.

Bible studies, medical clinic, meals, worship services, recovery ministry, and door to door community wide evangelism.

Summary of capital improvements (2022):

Pending a request from Creative Structures to share a complete review of capital work completed. Currently, HVAC work for the basement, sanctuary, and medical clinic classrooms. New upgrades to their sign..

Outstanding work:

- HVAC system repaired for the sanctuary and medical ministry classrooms.(this is in progress and should be completed)
- Dreams & ministry plans for the 3rd floor (future conversation for later)
- Insurance: Southern Mutual Church Insurance Co. @ \$2,818.25/quarter
Why is this not Church Mutual?
- Parsonage is being leased (4 year lease) by a non-profit called: Raising a Voice;
<https://www.raisingavoice.org/who-we-are>

Notes/Questions:

Prayer:



Vestal UMC:

District: Smoky Mountain, Rev. Jason Gattis, D.S.

Ministry focus:

Rev. Tim Jackson; ministry is to the less fortunate in their context. This is a ministry that is working with people that have desperate needs. Knoxville seems to be growing in this context. It is the prediction that this community will continue to change and adapt.

Summary of capital improvements (2022):

Pending a request from Creative Structures to share a complete review of capital work completed. Currently the roof work has been completed.

Outstanding work:

- Dreams & ministry plans for the education building (future conversation for later)
- Insurance: Church is paying own insurance coverage; unsure the carrier

Notes/Questions:

Prayer:

New Church Development:



Valley Church (Hardin Valley)

District: TN Valley, Rev. Ann Robins D.S.

Ministry focus:

Rev. John Gargis; planting a new congregation in, Hardin Valley, a rapidly growing area of Holston Conference. Beginning a cooperative middle school youth program with 3 other congregations. Building a healthy church community is important to their culture.

Summary of capital improvements (2022):

Phase 1 is almost complete, with the grading and grooming of the property. The metal for the building is on site, with a fence around it. Landscaping will come this fall. Moving into a new space at Pellissippi State for worship to reduce their budget. Phase II is on pause; for financial considerations. They have evaluated their finances and are reducing expenditures within operating expenses. CD continues to support them in their area of operating expenses as of July 1-Sept. 30th, and will re-evaluate soon.

This job was divided into phases; (as per conversation with Creative Structures 8/31/2022): Please know this is a cost plus job/contract.

Design phase was completed

Phase 1: current phase (grade work, paving, property preparation, and drainage work)

Valley Church is now paying more and will continue to towards their development

Phase 2: on pause; building construction

Notes/Questions:

Prayers:

Other Capital Expenditures in 2022:

Helping congregations with a missional focus connect their building needs to their ministry needs.

1. Alexander Memorial UMC, Bristol: roof, Rev. Caroline Hawthorne
2. Lennon-Seney UMC: (Hvac), Rev. Leah Burns
3. Mount Hermon UMC, in Bland, VA: to help with flood

Summary:

I am working with my group, and we do have not finalized and reviewed the financial numbers. Right now it looks like in 2022 CD has spent 1,201,835 year to date, and CD is projected to spend a total of \$1,466,385 in capital expenditure projects in 2022.

Total current Operating Expenditures for all projects:

These include, salaries, pensions, utilities, insurance, security systems, reimbursables as negotiated by the extended cabinet. Year to date we are supporting 10 congregations in their ministry of making disciples of Christ in their local context. The 6 month total for this support is \$203,471, as of the end of July 2022. The remaining 6 months of 2022 we are projected to pay out another \$75,531.02 for a total of 9 congregations. Ending the 2022 year with a total of approximately \$269,004 spent helping congregations renew and planting a new congregation in Holston. These operating costs are also funded by Congregational Development.

CD has been working with capital expenditure projects for the past ten years. Moving forward CD will focus on reclaiming the work of relaunching, revitalizing, renewing, planting missional communities, launching Fresh Expressions of church, and equipping lay and clergy to become spiritual leaders that make disciples for the transformation of the world.

Many blessings,

Rev. Susan Arnold

Director of Congregational Development, Holston Conference