

# Who Stole the Offering Plate?

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- **Who** are we?
- **Why** are we here?

# Foothills Presbytery



# Who Are We?

Connectional Church for:

- 58 congregations
- 15,000 parishioners
- 6 Counties in Upstate SC
- 147 Pastors



# Our Shared Mission

## OUR FOCUS

- Promoting **healthy congregations**
- **Empowering** congregations
- Engaging in **Mission and Ministry** together

# Our Shared Mission

## An **Ecclesial** Mission

To **Encourage,**  
**Promote,**  
and **Sustain-**

**Congregational** Health and **Vitality.**

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## **Diaconal Mission**

To **Encourage,**  
**Promote,**  
and **Sustain-**

A **Shared Ministry** of serving others

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## Shared Ministry

### Promoting:

- **Compassion,**
- **Learning,**
- **Caring** among Congregations and between the **Church and the World.**



# What Do We Do?

- **Assist** our churches in times of challenge and transition
- **Partner** with the broader church:
  - larger mission of *sharing the Gospel*
- Provide **resources**, and build partnerships.



Youth Ministry Gatherings  
& Idea Sharing



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- **CSM: Equips, connects, and nurtures** the congregations of Foothills Presbytery through guided work of committees and working groups

# Foothills Presbytery Budget 2017

Core Mission	\$ 448,546
Committee on Shared Ministry	\$ 128,000
Committee on Preparation	\$ 15,500
Committee on Ministry	\$ 3,000
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<b>Total Budgeted Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 595,046</b>

# Core Mission



Providing staff for:

- all presbytery programs,
- support and service of all ministries
- Office and operations

***Stated Clerk, Associate Stated Clerk,  
Office Administrator/Bookkeeper & Communications  
Coordinator***

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- Where do these missions intersect among congregations within Foothills?
- **How can we *enhance* ongoing missions and develop additional ministries among congregations?**

# Campus Ministry

- **Supported** by a variety of congregations
- Transforming into **congregational care**
- **Ecumenical** in its function
- **Formational** in **faith development**

# Campus Ministry

## **Furman UKirk**

- UKirk Furman is associated with the PC(USA) and Foothills

# Campus Ministry

## **Furman UKirk**

- It is a family of faith encouraged by and committed to:
  - Wrestling with Scripture, acknowledging its authority, and trusting the Holy Spirit to speak through it
  - Experiencing God's grace and witnessing Christ's love as we seek to serve others
  - Worshiping and studying the living, Triune God through sharing in food, fun, and fellowship



**What is holding us back?**

# An Attitude of *Scarcity*

- It has **hurt our progression** as the church called by Christ.
- It is self-centered and **self-defeating**.
- It is, also, a normal response to **adversity**.

# An Attitude of **Scarcity**

- We have lived through this.
- **Enough is enough!**



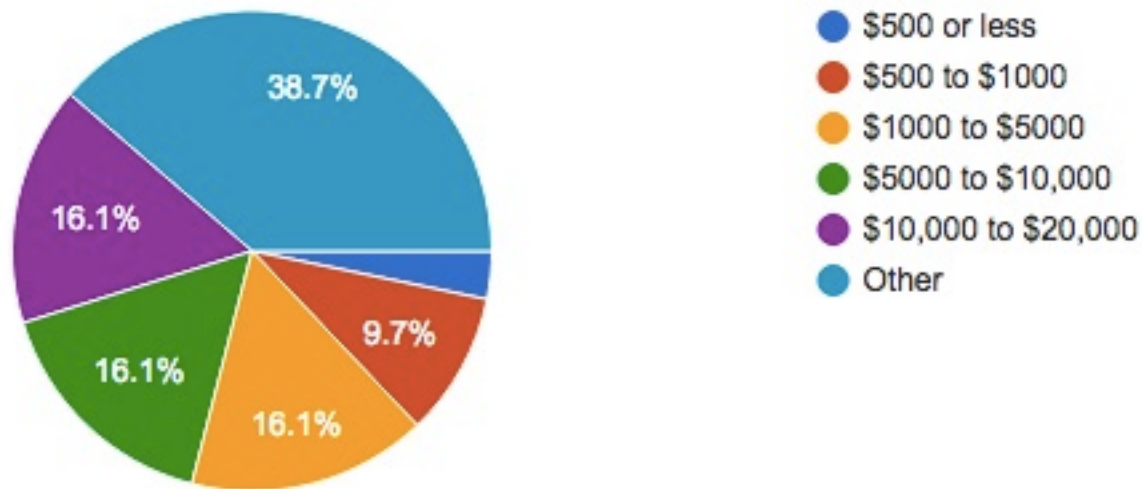
But-

- **There is a lot going on!**



# Missions in Foothills

What is your budget for Missions and Ministry for 2017? (31 responses)



**Total Mission Giving: \$2,300,000.00 in 2017**

# Living into **Abundance**

- This should be the easiest thing we do.
- This is the **heart of the Gospel**



# Living in Abundance

“It is time to reclaim our  
**Presbyterian identity!**”

- The Rev. Gordon Raynal

## What Is Our *Presbyterian Identity*?

- **Living out the Gospel** of Jesus Christ
- Remembering our **heritage** in building institutions
- Reclaiming our sense of *Mission* for:
  - **Local Ministries**
  - **Campus Ministries**
  - **Community Development**
  - **Issues of Race and Ethnicity**
  - **Hunger, Housing, Child Development**
  - **Promoting Diversity**

# Abundance in Ministry

- Providing **New Pastors** and CRE's for Congregations
- Promoting **Combined Ministries** among Foothills congregations
- Promoting involvement of **local congregations** from differing denominations
- **Campus Ministries**



# Ongoing **Missions** in Foothills

- Identifying **Food Deserts** (*not desserts*)
- Addressing **Racial Division**
- Solving problems in **Housing** for Families and Homelessness

# Abundance in Missions

- UKirk and Campus Ministries
- Support of urban ministries:
  - **Triune Mercy Center**
  - **United Ministries**
- Community Initiatives:
  - **Speaking Down Barriers**

# Abundance of Grace and Spirit

This is what drives all of it.

And, we cannot do it as **isolated**  
communities of faith.



# Foothills Presbytery

- Foothills composition:  
**Congregations**
  - **Pastors,**
  - **Educators**
  - **Parishioners**
- We are slimmed down, engaged, and focused.
- Generosity of **time and talents** makes it work.

# Foothills Support

***We need you!***

# Giving

- We have been calling it Unified Giving
- It is part of our **discipleship**
- It really is stewardship-
- BUT, it is something else...

# Giving Abundantly

- The time for withholding is past.
- It is time to act in accord with **our call**.

# The Great Commission

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of  
the Holy Spirit,  
and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded  
you.  
And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:19-20 NRSV

# A Great Commission

“Go therefore and make disciples....”

That Means:

- Returning to our committees,
- To our meetings of Session,
- Our focus groups,
- Our Bible study gatherings,
- Our prayer meetings, and-
- Our classes on Sunday morning-

# Annual Giving

- And take on our **Mission and Ministries**
- **Living** Missionally
- Reclaiming our **Presbyterian Heritage**

# And- *Give* from a Place of Love

“Go therefore and make disciples....”

We are to share in this work together.

Foothills Presbytery exists for the purposes of the church:  
the Church called by Jesus Christ.



# Annual Unified Giving

Our Mission Requires-


A significant contribution for the maintenance of **ministry and mission** of the church.

# Annual Giving

- Developing Budgets for **2018**.
  - What are the important **ministries** for your leadership and your parishioners?
  - How can we form new ways of furthering the **missional living**: carrying out our ministry?
  - How can our Core Mission **team** help you?

# Annual Giving

- The **Abundant Living** of our faith must find its way into the life of Foothills Presbytery.
- Your **Giving** will maintain our current initiatives.
- Help us further our **ministry together** in ways unforeseen, led by Christ.



**What can we do to help your  
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We want your ministries to **flourish**,  
SO....

# Who Stole the Offering Plate?

# Purpose

- **Assist** you in conducting the **business** of the church.
- **Guide** you to become better **stewards** in ministry.

# Thank You!

Continue Supporting Foothills

Presbytery:

**Prayers and Participation**

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**Annual Unified Giving**