Your generous gifts to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina have accomplished so much in 2019

**THE PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA**

**SEE, we are the body of Christ**

**We Covenant to . . .**

**Strengthen Congregations**

**Equip Disciples**

**Engage in Mission**

Started an **Advocates Program** to improve two-way communication between our congregations and the Presbytery of Western North Carolina.

Provided bicycles for seminary graduates in **Nkhoma Synod** in Malawi, allowing them a means of transportation to their church. The Nkhoma Synod is made up of one and a half million Presbyterians.

IN 2019, THE PRESBYTERY OF WNC

**STRENGTHENED CHURCHES IN TRANSITION**

**SECURED INTERIMS**

**TRAINED & SUPPORTED PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEES**

**WELCOMED 10 PASTORS TO PWNC**

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**Supported the Ebenezer School** in Malawi, which was started by this Presbytery. The school provides an education for nearly 400 students in grades pre-K through 7th grade. PWNC provides student scholarships.

Awarded local and international grants to provide food, work for food security, to help people in need, and provide crisis assistance through monies collected from our **Nickel a Meal** offerings.

Provided staff support and materials for officer training and congregational mission efforts such as mission trips, partnership activities, and mission interpretation. The staff works in partnership with the more than 300 volunteers who faithfully serve on the Presbytery’s various committees.

Supported revitalization and renovation at **Camp Grier**, which provides Christian growth through adventure, challenge and service (including mountain biking, rock climbing, white water canoeing, gardening and horseback riding). Camp attendance continues to grow.

Challenged congregations to reach into their communities through our **Water to Wine** grants. Projects this year included a Coffee Shop Ministry and a ROAR program to address food insecurity.

We would love the opportunity to share even more of the wonderful programs and projects made possible by your Presbytery giving.

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Under the leadership of **Beth Gunn**, nationally known for her work with youth, provided leadership training for PWNC’s Presbyterian Youth Council, organized **Middle and High School retreats and rallies**, and led our youth as they attended **Presbyterian Youth Triennium 2019** at Purdue University.

Sent four disaster assistance teams to eastern North Carolina to help rebuild areas impacted by hurricanes and flooding.

**Spring 2019** – Wilmington & New Bern, NC  
**Fall 2019** – Lumberton & Wilmington, NC

In 2019, and for the past 25 years, enabled our **Guatemala Partnership** to build relationships, address health issues, support seminarians, create libraries, and provide over 800 children’s scholarships to students in our 32 sister church communities in Guatemala.

**Offered a PneuLife program** to help churches look at where God is calling them to go and what He is calling them to do.

Sponsored a **Spirituality Retreat** led by **Carl Mccolman** and **Linda Abel** where we discovered the prayer, poetry and stories of the Celtic Christians of old.

We also discovered how to navigate change without making everyone mad at a **Pastor’s Retreat** led by **Elizabeth Troyer**.

Supported **UKirk**, a campus ministry at **Western Carolina University**. UKirk, along with our campus minister, **Noah McIntee**, provide a place where college students can gather for worship and fellowship.

**Supported our small membership churches**, providing funding to enable 4 of them to have full-time pastors.

Provided support for churches in transition and transformation, churches searching for pastors, small churches, youth council and youth events, pastoral care, Christian education opportunities, responded to requests from churches and sessions and much more...

**Provided guidance, spiritual care and accountability for folks planning to enter the ministry.**

Currently, we have 4 candidates for ordination and 6 inquirers.

**Offered the Church Leadership School**, where students grow in faith, Biblical knowledge and theology. Many graduates of CLS are currently serving in our churches.

Through the **Malawi Mission**, continued to build relationships, making a difference in the lives and health of the people of Nkhoma. Provided electricity to the rural health clinics which serve over 300,000 people. Supported the **Nkhoma Hospital** which serves 60,000 people.