

9. **THAT the Coordinating Council reports approval of the following International Grant:**

Nkhoma Orphan Care Project (Malawi)	\$ 30,000
Joining Hands Against Hunger Cameroon	\$ 10,252
West Africa Initiative (Sierra Leone & Liberia)	\$ 10,252
Joining Hands Against Hunger South India	\$ 10,252

10. **THAT copies of the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and Proposed Ecumenical Statements (Part 3 of 3) approved by the 219th General Assembly (2010) and that will be voted on at the January 29, 2011 meeting were distributed at the October Presbytery Meeting and can also be downloaded from the PCUSA website:**

http://oga.pcusa.org/pdf/proposed_amendments3.pdf

11. **THAT copies of the Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) proposed new Form of Government (Part 1 of 3), and Belhar Confession (Part 2 of 3) approved by the 219th General Assembly (2010) will be distributed at the January 29, 2011 Presbytery Meeting, to be voted on at the April 26, 2011 Presbytery Meeting. These documents can also be downloaded from the PCUSA website:**

http://oga.pcusa.org/pdf/proposed_amendments.pdf (proposed new Form of Government)

http://oga.pcusa.org/pdf/proposed_amendments2.pdf (Belhar Confession)

12. **THAT the "General Assembly Talks" series continues. We will continue to provide forums for discussion and learning as we shift our focus to the proposed New Form of Government and the Belhar Confession. Be informed - plan to attend a General Assembly Talks session near you.**

February 6, 2011 ~ 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. ~ New Vision, Hickory

February 13, 2011 ~ 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. ~ Sylva, First

February 27, 2011 ~ 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. ~ Belmont, First

13. **THAT Seminar 4 for the Acts 16:5 Initiative will be held on Saturday, March 26, 2011, at the First Presbyterian Church, Morganton and the cost will be \$10 per person.**

14. **THAT the Council met with David McKee to discuss questions of PWNC and the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic work. The Council expressed our thanks to David for their financial support of legal work and church renewal grants.**

15. **THAT thanks was expressed to Luke Harkey for chairing the Council and to Phil Dammann for his years of service on the Council.**

16. **THAT Rev. Jerry Beavers was appointed as a representative from the Presbytery of Western North Carolina to the NC Higher Education Board.**

17. **THAT the Christian Education Committee will sponsor a one-day retreat, to be held on Saturday, April 9, 2011, at the First Presbyterian Church (Asheville, NC). Keynoter for this event will be Mary Todd Peters, with music by David LaMotte.**

- 18. THAT a training event for Adults and Youth, "Let's Celebrate," will be held on Saturday, August 20, 2011, at the First Presbyterian Church, Morganton. The emphasis of this event will be: Evangelism, Revitalization and Transformation.**
- 19. THAT the following dates have been set for Youth Events in 2011:**
March 5, 2011 ~ Youth/Parent Human Sexuality Workshop ~ Montreat
March 20, 2011 ~ Middle School Rally ~ Montreat
May 20-21, 2011 ~ Senior High LEAP ~ Asheville
- 20. THAT the following dates have been set for the Spring and Fall Gatherings for the Presbyterian Women:**
April 30, 2011 ~ Trinity Presbyterian Church
September 24, 2011 ~ (TBA)
October 1, 2011 ~ Grace Covenant
- 21. THAT the following dates have been set for 2011 and 2012 Presbytery Meetings:**
2011
January 29, 2011 ~ First Presbyterian Church, Morganton
April 26, 2011 ~ Montreat Conference Center
July 26, 2011 ~ First Presbyterian Church, Gastonia
October 21-22, 2011 ~ Lake Junaluska Conference Center
2012
January 28, 2012 ~ TBA
April 24, 2012 ~ Montreat Conference Center
July 31, 2012 ~ TBA
October 26-27, 2012 ~ Lake Junaluska Conference Center

COORDINATING COUNCIL ATTACHMENT 1

A COVENANT OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN GRANDFATHER HOME FOR CHILDREN AND THE PRESBYTERY OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA (2010-2015)

I. PURPOSE

This instrument is to clearly define the covenant relationship between the Presbytery of Western North Carolina and Grandfather Home for Children, and to affirm their support of one another.

II. HISTORY

Grandfather Home for Children was founded as a mission of the Presbyterian Church in 1914 as Grandfather Orphans' Home by the ministry of the Rev. Edgar Tufts. Local presbyteries, including the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, have provided spiritual, financial and material support for this ministry from before its doors opened and continuing into the present. Our ministry has changed over the years to meet the changing needs of children within our changing society.

For three decades, The Grandfather Orphans' Home provided "a home for mountain children with no parents or whose parents were unable to take care of them" (from: *And Set Aglow a Sacred Flame*" by Margaret Tufts Neal). In the 1940s Grandfather Home started to serve children whose families had some degree of dysfunction. Gradually, though, children from homes commonly referred to as *broken families* or *troubled homes* were served.

Beginning in the 1970s and into the 1980s, children identified as *abused* and *neglected* were the primary children being served. As services continued to be refined, children who came from significantly abusive situations were admitted. From the 1990s to the present the ministry's focus has been on the child who has experienced multiple unsuccessful placements, significant abuse including sexual abuse, and exhibits disruptive or abusive behavioral patterns.

Our calling today is to provide Christian love and healing to children and families who have been hurt by abuse. We seek to provide the most appropriate care for our children in the least restrictive environment possible. Grandfather Home is now a comprehensive care agency providing a broad range of services for children and families including residential programs, the Grandfather Academy, and therapeutic foster care, family foster care, adoption services, and day treatment services, in six locations across the state of North Carolina.

Grandfather Home for Children reaffirms its historic commitment to provide hurting children with unconditional love and acceptance, as exemplified by Christ and Scripture. Throughout the years, Grandfather Home has been supported by the prayers and finances of Presbyterians acting as individuals, churches, and presbyteries. Grandfather is currently in covenant relationship with four presbyteries: The Presbytery of Charlotte, Holston Presbytery, Salem Presbytery, and the Presbytery of Western North Carolina in which we reside. Because our ministry is to children living within the bounds of North Carolina, a synod covenant has been neither sought nor offered.

III. GOVERNANCE

Grandfather Home for Children is an independently incorporated subsidiary under the umbrella of The Homes for Children parent corporation. Grandfather Home is governed by a Board of Trustees which includes Presbyterian representatives from within the bounds of each of the four covenant presbyteries.

IV. MISSION STATEMENT:

Grandfather Home for Children, a private agency affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), provides love and healing to children and families who have been hurt by emotional, sexual, or other abuse.

Our Christian staff works with the children to resolve the hurt, providing hope and unconditional acceptance, so they can again live with a family. If a child cannot be reunited with the family of birth, an adoptive family or another community living arrangement is the goal. Recognizing the critical importance of families, Grandfather Home provides support services to ensure that families will remain together free of abuse and hurt.

Prayer and strong private financial support are continually essential to sustain and improve the work of our ministry.

V. RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Grandfather Home for Children makes the following commitments to the Presbytery of Western North Carolina:
 1. To seek to fulfill the mission of the Church, to spread the good news of Christ's unconditional love and redemption, providing a vehicle for the Holy Spirit to heal broken lives.
 2. To minister primarily to children, but also to congregations, communities, social workers, teachers, staff, parents, and other relatives of the children in our care.
 3. To maintain standards of excellence in care, meeting requirements for licensure by the State of North Carolina; accreditation by the Council on Accreditation; and accreditation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.
 4. To offer services to children and families within the geographic bounds of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, without regard to race, sex, or religion.
 5. To provide speakers, resources, written information, and educational opportunities to individuals, churches, and presbytery groups.
 6. To provide tours of our facilities and offices and to host meetings.
 7. To be an equal opportunity employer, and not discriminate based on race, sex, or other individual distinctions. As a Christian ministry, however, staff are professing Christians.

8. To provide an annual report of services provided and finances to be included in the minutes of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina.
- B. The Presbytery of Western North Carolina makes the following commitments to the Grandfather Home for Children:
1. To pray for the children and families whom Grandfather Home serves, and for staff and trustees.
 2. To acknowledge in its mission interpretation, that Grandfather Home is an expression of the Presbytery's mission, and to affirm to the community at large the value and integrity of its ministry.
 3. To commend to churches in the Presbytery of Western North Carolina Grandfather home's need for prayers and financial support.
 4. To work with Grandfather Home for Children to determine opportunities to inform congregations about our common ministry and ways they can support the work of Grandfather Home to include, but not be limited to, such things as:
 - Promoting the Father's Day Offering
 - Offering presentation time at cluster group meetings
 - Distributing the monthly e-newsletter to congregations
 - Maintaining a link to the Grandfather Home website on the Presbytery website
 5. To include a written report from Grandfather Home in Presbytery's minutes and to include Grandfather Home in Presbytery's distribution of minutes and other significant documents.
 6. To offer opportunities for presentation and discussion of the interests of Grandfather Home at Presbytery and church meetings.
 7. To recommend up to three (3) persons as potential trustees for service on the Boards of Grandfather Home during the five (5) year duration of this covenant. To inform the Presbytery of those persons from within its bounds elected to one of the Boards of Grandfather Home who can then act as interpreters of our joint mission. (Note: The names of the individuals recommended would be submitted for consideration to the nominating committees of the Boards of Grandfather Home. If nominated, they would be elected following the policies established for the Boards of Grandfather Home and would serve as individuals not as official representatives of the Presbytery.)
 8. To encourage members of the Presbytery to visit Grandfather Home's campus in Banner Elk and any of our Community Services Offices or group homes.
 9. To voluntarily consider financial support on an annual basis.

VI. REVIEW AND AMENDMENT OF THE COVENANTS

This Covenant of Understanding shall be presented to the Trustees of Grandfather Home and the Council of the Presbytery for their review and approval at least every fifth year after approval by those bodies, in accordance with their bylaws and other rules of order.

By the grace of God, in recognition and appreciation of God's gifts, and in order to provide glory and honor to God, Grandfather Home and the Presbytery of Western North Carolina hereby pledge to uphold the covenants contained herein and to be faithful stewards of their mutual interests. In witness whereof, the duly authorized officer or agent of each has executed this Covenant of Understanding.

Signature of Grandfather Home Representative

Date

Signature of Presbytery of Western North Carolina Representative

Date