

Montgomery Presbyterian Conference Center

Lexi Green, Interim Executive Director and Glenn Dickson, Chair of the Executive Operating Board

The following report is provided by Glenn Dickson:

1. We recommend that Presbytery authorize the Montgomery Center Board to complete the three year capital funds campaign that the Board began after Presbytery voted unanimously at the 2017 winter meeting at the Fort King Church in Ocala to authorize it. If every member of our Presbytery gave just \$25 PER YEAR for this year and the following two years, we could easily pay off the debt. **WE INVITE ALL OF YOU TO MAKE A COMMITMENT TO THIS VITAL MINISTRY.**
2. We encourage every church to celebrate Montgomery Day on June 3rd and to receive a love offering for this ministry and to pray for the Center. We will provide information about the Montgomery Center and will be glad to provide speakers if you request.
3. We would like to host the August 25 meeting of Presbytery.
4. We are here to serve the churches of our Presbytery and will be glad to help you plan a retreat or event here. South Jacksonville, Westminster, Fernandina Beach, and Presbyterian Women have held events here this year and in March nearly 100 people participated in a youth retreat.
5. Our summer registration is going well and we urge you to register soon.
6. We also minister to churches and organizations in North Central Florida such as First Baptist of Starke, Church of Our Savior Youth Retreat, Bradford Pet Care, Hands 2 Love (an organization aiding children with hand differences and their families), Jesus People Living Word, Concierge Home Care Employee Retreat, and others. We anticipate increased use of the Center in the months ahead.
7. We have been holding conversations with the College of Missionary Aviation regarding the possible sale or lease of 40 acres of our property lying along SR 100, land that we don't use for our programs. A member of the Trustees and two members of the Task Force on Montgomery as well as members of the Montgomery Board have been participating in these conversations. Any decision will have to be approved by the Montgomery Board, the Trustees and the Presbytery.
8. Due to the uncertainty about the future of the Montgomery Center our Director, Terry Patterson, resigned at the end of February and in April our office manager, Kris Weaver, also resigned for the same reason. Our staff is working well together and doing an excellent job. They are: Lexi Green, Interim Executive Director; Zach Leopold, Hospitality Director; Doris Tyler, Food Service Director; Mat Ware and Trevor Crews, Maintenance.