

The Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church United protests the recent decision of the Presbytery of St. Augustine in establishing an April deadline for Montgomery Camp and Conference Center ("The Camp") to raise the funds required to retire the debt incurred nearly twenty (20) years ago.

Whereas The Camp submitted plans nearly 4 years ago which included a recommendation to conduct a fundraising program,

Whereas this body failed to respond to the recommendation, thus creating a situation wherein the Presbytery reserves were required to assist the camp in paying down the mortgage,

Whereas, in doing so, this body failed to take the requisite steps outlined designed to alleviate the financial distress,

Whereas, openness and transparency were an important part of the design and discernment process review of The Camp,

Whereas this body, through its process of Design and Discernment, indicated a need to continue to be engaged with and involved with youth and young adult ministries,

Whereas, the The Camp provides the only presbytery-wide vehicle to achieve those goals,

Whereas, The Camp has become profitable except for the debt repayment,

Whereas, The Camp has already achieved nearly \$40,000 in pledges and has several more large donors in the works;

Be it resolved that we hereby call upon the Presbytery of St. Augustine to be open, honest, and transparent about The Camp, and

Be it resolved that we hereby call upon the Presbytery of St. Augustine to establish at least a 2 year window for a fundraising campaign for The Camp

Respectfully submitted by the members of the Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church United

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