

## *Presbytery of Redstone Dependent Care Proposal*

### **I. Presbytery Meetings**

- a. Begin steps to provide pre-school dependent care for Presbytery meetings. Host churches will be expected to offer care on a pre-registration basis. The host church will be responsible for any cost.
- b. The Stated Clerk is to contact churches already scheduled for hosting presbytery and determine which churches will provide pre-school dependent care. Care should begin at that Presbytery meeting when each subsequent church has agreed to provide the care. The program should not begin and then be discontinued.
- c. When the presbytery is responsible for children under the age of 14 or dependent older adults or dependent persons with a disability and there is not family to care for said dependent without charge and there are no financial resources to pay for alternate care, the presbytery should provide a stipend to assist with the payment. The stipend shall be \$1.00 per hour and the request for payment shall be vouchered.
- d. The Dependent Care Program shall be offered to all commissioners and to invited guests. If space is available, with adequate supervision, other visitors may also request to use the care that is provided at presbytery. A nominal fee may be charged these persons.

### **II. Presbytery Committee Meetings**

- a. If members of a committee need to retain a “sitter” for dependents (as defined above) to be able to participate in the work of the committee, then the committee shall provide financial assistance of \$1.00 per hour as vouchered.

### **III. Other Presbytery Events**

- a. Groups planning presbytery events should make every effort to provide dependent care.

### **IV. Budgetary Note**

- a. It is proposed that the costs for dependent care in relation to a presbytery meeting be assigned to Presbytery Council.
- b. It is proposed that the costs for dependent care in relation to presbytery committee meetings be assigned to the budget of the particular committee or task force.
- c. It is proposed that the costs for dependent care for other presbytery events be covered by the budget for the event.