

Camp Hanover Ministries Supplemental Report

Greetings from Camp Hanover....Your Camp! Depending on when you read this, preparations for summer camp are either in full swing, or the first campers of summer 2019 have just arrived. In the meantime, the journey toward incorporation is culminating and the Reach Forward in Faith Capital Campaign officially concludes at the end of June.

Ministry News

The members serving this Ministry continue to meet regularly and operate effectively. Their commitment is also demonstrated by their 100% participation in our 2019 pledge effort. Together, Ministry Board members have pledged over \$26,000 for the coming year, because they believe in the critical importance of this ministry and the impact “camp” has on youth, adults, and the life of the church. The next meeting of the Camp Hanover Ministry will be June 10 at Camp where we will commission the summer staff for their season of serving hundreds of youth. If you would like to learn more about what serving in this exciting ministry entails, please reach out to me or Doug Walters, Camp Hanover’s Executive Director.

Capital Campaign Update

If you visit Camp Hanover this summer, the most obvious addition will be the NEW CELTIC CROSS DOCK at the Lake! Installation is set to begin May 27 and be completed ahead of the arrival of campers. As of the date of this report, over \$475,000 has been contributed or pledged to the Reach Forward in Faith Capital Campaign. The generous gifts made by those who have been inspired by the vision of Camp Hanover as a place apart, accessible to all, is already being put to work! In addition to the dock work, several pieces of outdated kitchen equipment have been replaced. Construction of Hadder Way (the emergency access and service drive) and Pearson’s Trail (the wheelchair accessible path connecting Wise Lodge to the Lake), and Cabin renovations will begin this fall.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to all and who have reached forward and given or pledged to this effort. We look forward to celebrating with you what God has made possible at the October meeting of Presbytery. Remember, the campaign officially concludes at the end of June. If you or your congregation haven’t yet made your gift or pledge, take this opportunity to do so before the campaign ends, because there is still work to be done.

Incorporation Update

Following the October 2018 Presbytery meeting, drafts of three incorporation documents—Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, a Covenant Agreement, and an Addendum – were made available on the Camp Hanover website. Four discussion forums were held around the POJ throughout November to gather input and answer questions. The documents were updated and presented at the February 2019 Presbytery meeting for a first reading. Following that meeting, another series of discussion forums took place at seven churches across the POJ in March and April.

The Articles of Incorporation serve to create the organization and define our purpose as a non-profit corporation.

The By-Laws define how an incorporated Camp Hanover will operate including the roles, powers, and responsibilities of officers and directors.

The Covenant Agreement defines the relationship between the POJ and Camp Hanover following incorporation and clarifies how Camp Hanover and the Presbytery will continue to connect in the future, ensuring a coordinated relationship for years to come.

Finally, the *Addendum A* addresses asset protection and financial support—two important drivers for incorporation—providing financial certainty for the Presbytery while providing the Camp with the ability to maintain and invest in the facilities to keep them safe, attractive and desirable.

Thank you for reading these documents and being prepared to vote on them on Tuesday, June 18. Should you have questions or desire clarification, you can always reach out to me at timothybeane@gmail.com or Doug Walters at doug@camphanover.org.

How Can You Help Camp Hanover?

The first summer campers arrive at Camp Hanover on June 16. Summer Camp continues seven days a week through August 10. Please pray for the summer camp staff and the campers, asking God to be present in their midst while they build Christ-centered community “out in the woods.”

Over the next two and half months, ask yourself and your congregation what you can do to help Make Camp Happen for a child in an even bigger way this summer. Encourage a parent, a neighbor, a colleague or a coworker to sign their child up for camp (registrations are accepted all summer long). This small push from you might be all that is needed to get that child to camp. In doing so, you will have a dramatic impact on that child for the rest of their life.

Several other ways you can help are mentioned below. Please consider them as well as making a gift to Camp Hanover’s Annual Fund or Campership Fund. The Annual Fund helps support the day-to-day operation of the Camp. The Campership Fund is used to reduce, or eliminate, the cost of camp for those with financial hardship. Please advocate for the camp within your congregation. Keep your youth, your adults, and your church staff informed about upcoming events. The more people who know what our Presbytery is doing through the Camp Hanover Ministry, the more people will want to participate.

Other ways you can help your Camp include:

- Invite a staff member or ministry board member to your church to share about camp.
- Bring a group from your church to Camp Hanover for a weekend retreat.
- Make a pledge to the Reach Forward in Faith Campaign.

- Form a group, pick an item from the Camp's Wishlist, and make that happen.
- Put Camp Hanover in your will, as many others have done.
- Bring a friend to Camp Hanover just to visit.
- Organize a group of volunteers from your church for a workday or service project.
- Offer to volunteer for a couple of hours a week, there's plenty to do!
- Attend programs like Common Chords (monthly bluegrass & gospel jam). Bring a friend!
- Learn more about your camp by visiting www.camphanover.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Beane, Moderator