

Presbytery of Redstone

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- Our mission commitment was embodied by (a) the traditional Mission Fair that drew submissions from twenty-four churches; (b) the worship offering received for Nepal through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance [PDA]; (c) the Camp's Executive Director Greg Davis' report, including record-breaking participants in summer camps this year; and (d) two opportunities for reflection and mission during the meeting.
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