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Greetings from the HMLRC Board of Directors!

Blessings to all and we hope your 2024 new year is off to a good start. Our excitement is building as we begin planning for the upcoming season and beyond.

The task of maintaining our 58 acre, 6 building campus is not without its challenges. The Board puts a lot of emphasis toward the stewardship of camp and places a priority on safety and appearance.

Normal maintenance is typically handled through the course of the year using existing revenue sources. Unfortunately funds are scarce when it comes to major repairs. **We currently find it necessary to inform you about much needed upgrades and repairs to Shumate Hall.** A summary of repairs are as follows:

1. **New roof.** The existing asphalt shingle roof is on its last days. We will consider both options of replacing with shingles or metal when the budget is set and estimates are obtained.
2. **Electrical upgrade.** The old electrical panel is outdated and could potentially pose a threat to person or property. An upgraded electrical system would also give us an option to add wall mounted heaters in the dining hall. This would help during the early and late part of the season when the temperatures dip too cold for comfort. It also could extend the rental season both early and late. The kitchen side of Shumate Hall currently has central heat and air.
3. **Painting.** Fresh coat of interior paint including the previously painted floors in the kitchen area that have been badly scratched over the years.

HMLRC board of directors is establishing a fund designated the **Shumate Hall Project**. We are placing our goal at \$20,000 dollars to cover the upgrades and repairs listed above. Our prayer is to reach our goal by the end of July so we have sufficient time to plan for repairs when the season slows in the fall.

We are asking all churches, groups and individuals to prayerfully consider making a donation to this project. Gifts of any size are appreciated and should be designated: *Shumate Hall Project*. They can be sent in any one of the following ways:

- By mail to: HMLRC 772 E. Hungry Mother Dr., Marion, VA 24354.
- Through one of the Highlands Conference Lutheran Church offices
- Online through our website <https://hungrymother.org>

We want to thank you for your consideration in support of this needed project. Together we will preserve Hungry Mother Lutheran Retreat Center for today and for future generations.

To God Be The Glory!

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