# INTERNET COMMITTEE REPORT

## In an effort to improve the GLG Presbytery website and establish greater security

Dear Fathers and Brothers,

At this point in our Presbytery's history, we have been using the presbytery website for 7 years. In that time, the website has been operated on a shoestring and with minimal modification and improvement. With the addition of Zachary Blackwood as a new member to this committee, we have been able to entertain the possibility of improving the website at the present time.

GLGPresbytery.org continues to be the officially approved website of the Presbytery. Under the current set-up, however, security issues, the use of Google Sites as its foundation, aesthetic issues, and user-friendliness concerns have all been raised with this committee. If we were to transition away from Google Sites and to a new platform (Ghost) all of these could be addressed.

If you would go to GLGPresbytery.xyz as a test-run, you will see the potential of a new platform. You will be asked to enter a username and password in order to view any portion of the site. This is by design, of course, and demonstrates the possible security available to us if we move away from the free Google Sites we are presently using. The username is **glg** and the password is **knox**.

The benefits are:
- No one can access the site without the username and password
- The username/password are easily retrievable in the event you forget or misplace them
- The password can be changed annually to ensure only current presbyters have access to the site
- It is less ugly than the present site
- It will be more useable and navigable on all types of devices
- Did we mention it is less ugly?

These benefits all come with a modest cost, however. The new site will cost $5 per month for the server and there is a one-time, initial fee of $39.

It is, therefore, our recommendation that Presbytery implement the change in internet platform from Google Sites (free version) to the proposed version (Ghost) which will cost the presbytery an annual amount of $60.

**Recommendation 1**: That presbytery approve transitioning GLGPresbytery.org from the present Google Sites to the more secure version proposed above.

**Recommendation 2**: That presbytery cover annual costs of $60 for the GLGPresbytery.org website and the one-time set-up fee of $39 (to be referred to the Finance Committee).

(Please note: if the above recommendations carry, the web address location of GLGPresbytery.org will remain unchanged, merely the appearance and security of the site would change)

Respectfully submitted,

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