

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT
DECEMBER 6, 2011**

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The following items are presented by the committee for presbytery action:

Concerning Poteau, First / Tom Lackey

The committee recommends that Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery approve the Commissioned Lay Pastor contract between the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Poteau and Tom Lackey, effective October 9, 2011 through December 31, 2014, with the following terms:

Salary	\$53/week	Travel/Expense	\$102/week
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The Commission includes the authorities for:

officiate the Sacraments	officiate at weddings
moderate the Session	voice and vote at Presbytery meetings

Appropriate reference and clearance checks have been performed.

Concerning Bartlesville, First / Andy Odom

The committee recommends that Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery concur in the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between First Presbyterian Church of Bartlesville and Andy Odom, effective November 30, 2011.

The committee recommends that Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery transfer Rev. Odom to Grace Presbytery, pending their request, so that he may accept a call as Pastor for Canyon Creek Presbyterian Church in Richardson, TX.

Concerning Jan Dittmar

The committee recommends that Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery grant permission for Jan Dittmar to labor outside our bounds, in order to serve as Interim Pastor at Central Presbyterian Church in Waxahachie, TX (Grace Presbytery), effective November 7, 2011.

Concerning Jenks, St James / Ann Wasson

Pending review of the contract, the committee approved the interim pastor contract between the Session of St. James Presbyterian Church in Jenks and Rev. Ann Wasson, effective Dec 1, 2011, with the following terms:

Salary	\$38,400	Travel/Expense	4,100
Housing	2,400	Continuing Educ	1,000
Utilities	1,200	Vacation	4 weeks
full Board of Pensions		Study Leave	2 weeks

All required background and clearance checks have been performed.

The committee recommends that Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery receive Rev Ann Wasson as a member of the presbytery, pending her release from Indian Nations Presbytery.

Concerning Lay Preachers

Having attended the Lay Leadership Academy classes and been examined by COM exam teams, the committee recommends that Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery certify the following persons as Lay Preachers within Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery:

Alice Barron	member: First Presbyterian Church, Broken Arrow
Jim Cole	member: Bethany Presbyterian Church, Muskogee
Diane Helt	member: John Knox Presbyterian Church, Tulsa
Wally Johnson	member: First Presbyterian Church, Sapulpa
Arita Peters	member: St Matthew Presbyterian Church, Broken Bow

The following actions were taken by the Committee on Ministry and will be included in the presbytery minutes:

Concerning Pryor, First Christian-Presbyterian / Mark Newman

The committee concurs in the request of Mark Newman to retire as pastor of First Christian-Presbyterian Church in Pryor, effective Dec 31, 2011. Rev. Newman is a Disciples of Christ minister, serving the federated congregation.

Concerning Annual Renewal of Temporary Relations Contracts

Contingent upon receiving the appropriate paperwork, the committee approved the renewal of the temporary relations contracts for 2012 (see attached report).

Concerning Annual Report on Non-Parish Ministers

Contingent upon receiving the appropriate paperwork, the committee approved the annual report of non-parish ministers (see attached report).

Ordination and Installation Commissions

- (none)

Moderators appointed:

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| • Rodgers Spencer | Coalgate, First | effective Nov 20, 2011 |
| • Judy Henderson | Hominy, First | effective Dec 1, 2011 |
| • Kristy Rodgers, CLP | Bartlesville, First | effective Dec 1, 2011 |
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- Jeff London as appointed mentor for CLP Wes Smith (Park Hill Presbyterian)
 - Greg Coulter was appointed mentor for CLP Cleland Willis (Choctaw Agency)

Concerning Pulpit Supply List

The committee approved the pulpit supply list (see attached report).

Concerning Continuing Education Opportunities

The committee reviewed the list of continuing education opportunities (see attached report).

Pastoral Concerns

- Neal Dancer - recovering from surgery
- Chuck Kriner - recovering from pneumonia

REPORT ON TEMPORARY RELATIONSHIPS
EASTERN OKLAHOMA PRESBYTERY
REVISED NOV 21, 2011

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Commissioned Lay Pastor:

Sammie Jo Adams (thru ??)
Sandy Bach (thru ??)
Bill Bailey (thru '12)
Allen Beck (thru '12)
Patricia Bernard (thru '12)
Don Best (thru '12)
O. Kelly Dowd (thru '12)
Tom Lackey (thru '14)
Pat Lucy (thru '14)
Kristy Rodgers (thru '14)
Bill Sampson (thru '12)
Lynda Ward (thru '12)

Previously approved:

Jeanie Dancer (thru '12)
David Dearing (thru '13)
Wes Smith (thru '12)
Cleland Willis (thru '13)

Church Membership

Caddo, First
Tulsa, John Calvin
Fort Gibson, First
Coleman, Sandy Creek
Hugo, First
Tulsa, Southminster
Robertson Memorial
McAlester, First
Tulsa, College Hill
Bartlesville, First
Poteau, First
Skiatook, First

Bixby, Trinity
Hugo, First
Park Hill, Park Hill
Broken Bow, Oka Achukma

Church Serving

Bennington, Old Bennington
Cleveland, First
Fort Gibson, First
Indian Parish
Antlers, First
Tulsa, Southminster
Chouteau, First
Poteau, First
Tulsa, College Hill
Bartlesville, First
Sallisaw, First
Skiatook, First

Haskell, Robertson Memorial
Goodland Academy
Park Hill, Park Hill
Choctaw Agency

Lay Preacher:

James Allen
Rider Allen
Dana Bailey
John Batchelor
Leon Bohanon
Mary Carter
Pam Crawford
Marsha Evans
Annette Haskins
Robert Kelly
Tom Lackey
Steven Page
Bill Reynolds
Bonnie Smith
Eveline Steele
Tommy Stephens
Martha Dale Wettstain
Bill Wiles

Pawhuska, First
Tulsa, College Hill
Fort Gibson, First
Fort Gibson, First
Watson, Buffalo
Broken Arrow, First
Bartlesville, Good Shepherd
Claremore, First
Tahlequah, First
Bartlesville, Good Shepherd
McAlester, First
Cleveland, First
Bixby, Trinity
Tahlequah, First
Broken Bow, Oka Achukma
Pryor, First Christian-Presbyterian
Hugo, First
Tulsa, First

Parish Associate:

(None)

Stated Supply:

Will Carl
Richard Geiger
Vince King
Archie Lawrence
Leigh McCaslin

Tulsa, Westminster
Henryetta, First
Tulsa, Yale Avenue
Chelsea, First
Wagoner, First

Temporary Supply:

Oscar Wilkie

Idabel, First

Elders Authorized to Serve Communion:

Darlene Cusher	Smithville, Big Lick
Alaine Dye	Chelsea, First
John Wooley	Chelsea, First

Choctaw Agency

REPORT ON NON-PARISH MINISTERS
EASTERN OKLAHOMA PRESBYTERY
DECEMBER 6, 2011

I. Members Serving PCUSA Governing Bodies (and thereby validated):

Molly Casteel	Manager of Representation & Inclusiveness (Presbyterian Church USA)
Debbie Chase	Mission Specialist in Malawi (Presbyterian Church USA)
Greg Coulter	General Presbyter (Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery)

II. Validated Ministries:

Jill Clupper	Tulsa, OK	Spiritual Director, <i>Sojourn</i> Spiritual Direction Training Ctr
Jeff Francis	Tulsa, OK	Chaplain & Dir of Church Relations, Univ of Tulsa
Ray Hickman	Tulsa, OK	Executive Director, Tulsa Metropolitan Ministry
Vince King	Tulsa, OK	Executive Director, Camp Loughridge
Sid Rice	Tulsa, OK	Executive Director; Literacy & Evangelism, International

III Members-at-Large:

Duane Bidwell	Claremont, CA	Claremont School of Theology
Craig Gibson	Jenks, OK	seeking a call
Jae-Ho Kim	Claremore, OK	Rogers State University
Kimberly Merrill	Zelionople, PA	ministry coach/consultant
Ryan Moore	St Andrews, Scotland	PhD studies
Denise Odom	Bartlesville, OK	worships & teaches at Bartlesville, First
Dan Rabovsky	Tulsa, OK	Meal on Wheels
David VanDonkelaar	Tahlequah, OK	working at Go Ye Village; available for preaching
Gerald Voie	Iola, WI	seeking a call

IV Inactive Roll: (see *Book of Order*, G-11.0406c)

Paul Duncan	Broken Arrow, OK	At his request (medical disability)
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V Requests for Honorable Retirement: (none)

Pulpit Supply List

December 2011

The following ministers and lay preachers may be available to preach at your congregation. You may call any of them directly or. For further assistance or information, you may call the Presbytery Office at 918-582-3077 or 800-533-1324. **This list is updated quarterly.**

The recommended honorarium for pulpit supply is \$75 per Sunday, plus appropriate mileage.

(the 2011 IRS standard mileage rate is 55.5 cents/mile, effective July 1, 2011)

PASTORS:

Ed Bernard	Hugo	580-326-6381	
Fran Callaway	Bristow	918-760-1574	
Jim Chamblee	Bartlesville	918-331-9357	(prefers 2 weeks notice)
Jill Clupper	Tulsa	918-528-6093	
Greg Coulter	Tulsa	918-582-3077 or 800-533-1324	
Nancy Covington	Tulsa	918-743-4313	
Jeff Francis	Tulsa	918-631-2084	
Charles Freeland	Owasso	918-272-9829	
Craig Gibson	Jenks	918-346-0839	
Judy Henderson	Tulsa	918-622-4403	
Ray Hickman	Tulsa	918-261-2500	
Bob Hyatt	Fort Smith, AR	479-434-2080	
Craig Kilgour	Tulsa	918-693-6111	(Presbyterian Church of New Zealand)
Jae-Ho Kim	Claremore	918-343-7714	
Chuck Kriner	Tulsa	918-488-9105	
Mary McAnally	Tulsa	918-583-3651	
Linda Reis	Tulsa	918-742-2028	
Don Roulet	Broken Arrow	918-451-0718	
Rodgers Spencer	Okmulgee	918-756-2194	
David VanDonkelaar	Tahlequah	918-718-9699	
Bill Westmoreland	Jenks	918-296-3940	
Lee Woodard	Sallisaw	918-775-9470	(Disciples of Christ)

LAY PREACHERS:

Some travel funds are available through the Presbytery Office for congregations and lay preachers.

James Allen	Pawhuska	918-287-2376	
Rider Allen	Broken Arrow	918-355-8484	(within 60 miles; 10 days notice)
Dana Bailey	Muskogee	918-683-9365	
John Batchelor	Fort Gibson	918-478-3755	
Allen Beck	Tishomingo	580-443-3509	
Don Best	Tulsa	918-491-1138	(occasionally)
Leon Bohanon	Watson	580-244-3311	
Mary Carter	Broken Arrow	918-251-5174	(days)
Pam Crawford	Bartlesville	918-333-1129	
David Dearing	Hugo	580-326-7568	(Goodland Academy)
Annette Haskins	Tahlequah	918-456-2463	
Robert Kelly	Bartlesville	918-333-2637	
Pat Lucy	Tulsa	918-712-1059	
Bill Reynolds	Bixby	918-252-9945	
Bonnie Smith	Tahlequah	918-456-3156	
Wes Smith	Park Hill	918-207-7022	
Eveline Steele	Broken Bow	580-584-2410	
Tommy Stephens	Pryor	918-809-0265	
Bill Wiles	Tulsa	918-747-9416	
Cleland Willis	Idabel	580-286-2829	

If you (or someone you know) would like to be considered for Pulpit Supply in Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery, please contact:

Committee on Ministry
 c/o Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery
 700 S. Boston, Suite 200
 Tulsa, OK 74119-1629
 Phone: 918-582-3077 or 800-533-1324
 Fax: 918-582-3078
 Email: eop@sbcglobal.net

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES
DEC 2011

FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION:

- available from Louisville Institute (502-992-5431 or www.louisvilleinstitute.org)
 - Pastoral Study Project Grants
 - Sabbatical Grants for Pastoral Leaders
- Lilly Endowment - National Clergy Renewal Grants (<http://www.clergyrenewal.org/>)

CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS:

Middle America Wee Kirk Conference - Western Hills Guest Ranch - Wagoner, OK

Annual three-day retreat sponsored by Presbyterians for Renewal, focused on ministry resources and encouragement for small congregations and their leaders.

2011 dates: October 4-6

Cost: Sliding scale, based on church membership (\$60-165)

Website: www.pfrenewal.org

Small Church Pastors Event - Mo-Ranch - Kerrville, TX

An annual four-day conference for small church leaders.

2011 dates: October 17-20

Cost: \$197 (double); \$272 (single)

Website: <http://www.moranch.com/index.php?c=12&sn=123&conf=28>

Center for Non-Violent Communication

A nine-day intensive training in empathic listening and conflict mediation.

Cost: \$1,840 tuition; \$650 room/board; plus transportation to Albuquerque, NM

Website: www.cnvc.org

More information: Rev Ann LaMar (St Andrews Presbyterian Church - 918-949-6084)

Festival of Homiletics

An annual conference on preaching styles and resources.

Cost: \$250 tuition

Website: www.goodpreacher.com/festival

More information: Rev Jane Huffstetler (St James Presbyterian Church - 918-299-9988)

Midwinter Lectures - Austin Seminary - Austin, TX

An annual lecture series for pastors and church leaders (late January or early February)

Cost: FREE (plus lodging)

Website: <http://www.austinseminary.edu/page.cfm?p=1012>

More information: Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary

Continuing Education Opportunities at Princeton Seminary - Princeton, NJ

Website: <http://ptsem.edu/offices/coned>

More information: contact Princeton Theological Seminary

Institute for Pastoral Leadership [2011: Feb 28-Mar 4 & Oct 3-7; 2012: June 11-15 & Oct 1-5]

Institute of Theology [July 18-22, 2011; July 16-20, 2012]

Institute for Worship [July 24-29, 2011; July 22-27, 2012]

Engel Institute of Preaching [July 24-29, 2011; July 22-27, 2011]

Interim Pastor Training - Austin Seminary - Austin, TX

Annual regional Interim Pastor training

(Interim training is also offered at different sites other times during the year)

Cost: \$550 (includes room and board - double occupancy)

Website: http://events.synodsun.com/IPT_files/Broch%20&%20reg%202011.pdf

More information: Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary

Omaha Presbyterian School for Pastors - Hastings College - Hastings, NE

Annual workshops for Pastors & CLP's (early July)

Cost: free (includes room and board - double occupancy)

Website: <http://omahapresbyterianseminaryfoundation.org/>

More information: Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation

Committee on Nominations Report

Dec 6, 2011

If you have suggestions of persons who could serve on any of the presbytery committees, please contact Cheryl Finch at cheryl@stjamesjenks.org or 918-299-9988.

RESIGNATIONS:

Robbie Burke	Resourcing Congregations	Class of 2012
Andy Odom	Finance & Administration	Class of 2013
Denise Odom	Preparation for Ministry	Class of 2012

NOMINATIONS:

Names preceded by an asterisk () will be serving a 2nd term and may not be re-elected
Moderators may only serve 3 years - each completed year is denoted with a (+)*

COUNCIL (Members At Large)

Class of 2014 _____

CARE OF CHURCH PROFESSIONALS (12)

Class of 2012 _____

Class of 2013 _____

Class of 2014 * Dino Rustin; MIN; Tulsa, John Knox

CONNECTING CONGREGATIONS (9)

Moderator (2012) _____

Class of 2012 _____

Class of 2013 _____

Stan Beard; MEM; Broken Bow, First

Class of 2014 _____

DEVELOPING CONGREGATIONS & EVANGELISM (9)

Moderator (2012) _____

Class of 2014 _____

Joyce Ludwig; MIN; Broken Bow, First

Joyce Ludwig; MIN; Broken Bow, First

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION (9)

Class of 2012 _____
 Class of 2013 _____
 Class of 2014 _____

MINISTRY (18)

Class of 2012 _____
 Class of 2014 * Todd Freeman; MIN; Tulsa, College Hill
 * Jan Keene; ELD; Tulsa, First
 * Lynn Simpson; MIN; Sand Springs, First

MISSION (12)

Moderator (2012) _____
 Class of 2012 _____
 Class of 2014 * Darry Carlstone; ELD; Muskogee, First
 Flora Mae Roszel; ELD; Bartlesville, First

Malawi Partner(2012) _____

PERSONNEL (6)

Moderator (2012) _____
 Class of 2014 Arlene Phillips; ELD; Tulsa, John Calvin
 Ken Woodhams; MIN; Pawhuska, First

PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY (9)

Moderator (2012) _____
 Class of 2012 _____
 Class of 2013 _____
 Class of 2014 * Jill Clupper; MIN; At large

RESOURCING CONGREGATIONS (9)

Moderator (2012) ++ Kristy Rodgers; ELD; Bartlesville, First
 Class of 2012 _____

Class of 2014 * Teri Launius; MEM; Claremore, First
* Kristy Rodgers; ELD; Bartlesville, First

Youth Council (2012) ++Craig Gibson; MIN; At large

TRUSTEES (6)

Moderator (2012)
Class of 2014

Royce Kelly; ELD; Tulsa, First

COMMISSIONERS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY (elected in odd years only)

Elder Commissioner (2012) Craig Henderson; ELD; Sapulpa, First

Elder Alternate (2012)

Elder Commissioner (2012) Martha Dale Wettstain; ELD; Hugo, First

Elder Alternate (2012)

Clergy Commissioner (2012) Dale Scott; MIN; Bartlesville, Good Shepherd

Clergy Alternate (2012)

Clergy Commissioner (2012)

Clergy Alternate (2012)

YAAD (2012) Kyle Elliott; MEM; Claremore, First

YAAD Alternate (2012)

COMMISSIONERS TO SYNOD (may be elected for up to three two-year terms)

Elder Commissioner (2013)

Clergy Commissioner (2013)

DWIGHT MISSION AGENCY (3)

Class of 2014 * Annette Haskins; ELD; Tahlequah, First

DWIGHT MISSION, INC. (3)

Class of 2014

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE (9) (Nominated by Council)

Moderator (2012)

Class of 2013

Class of 2014

REPRESENTATION (3)

(Nominated by Council)

Moderator (2012)

Class of 2014

Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery
NOMINATION FORM

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Please type or print.

Name of person being nominated: _____

Telephone Number: Home _____ Office _____

Mailing Address: _____

Church Membership (for lay persons) - please include both name of church and city:

Gender: _____ Male _____ Female

Age: _____ 25 & under _____ 26-45 _____ 46-65 _____ 65 & up

Racial/Ethnic Identification: _____ (A)sian, (B)lack, (H)ispanic, (N)ative American, (W)hite, (O)ther

Is the nominee: _____ an Elder? _____ a Certified Educator?
_____ a person with disabilities (we seek to include all people)

Endorsement for EOP Committee:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Care of Church Professionals | <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Judicial Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Connecting Congregations | <input type="checkbox"/> Personnel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Developing Cong's & Evangelism | <input type="checkbox"/> Preparation for Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance & Administration | <input type="checkbox"/> Representation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Resourcing Congregations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mission | <input type="checkbox"/> Trustees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nominations | <input type="checkbox"/> Council (at-large member) |

Endorsement for other positions recommended by EOP Nominating Committee:

- Dwight Mission Agency Representative
- Dwight Inc. Representative
- Synod Commissioner (2011-12)
- General Assembly Commissioner (2012) (include letter of recommendation from Session)
- GA Young Adult Advisory Delegate (2012) (include letter of recommendation from Session)

Comments: _____

Nomination submitted by _____ Date _____ Phone _____

Please submit this form to: Nominating Committee
c/o Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery
700 S Boston, Suite 200
Tulsa OK 74119

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DESCRIPTION OF COMMITTEES & AGENCIES
OF EASTERN OKLAHOMA PRESBYTERY
JUNE 2010

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Presbytery Assembly:

- The presbytery is the governing body, responsible for mission, program, oversight and policy for the congregations in Eastern Oklahoma
- Meets quarterly (typically in March, June, September, December)

Presbytery Council:

- Comprised of moderators of standing committees and three persons elected at large
- Serves as the coordinating council for the presbytery
- At-large members serve as the presbytery meeting planning team
- Meets quarterly, about four weeks prior to each presbytery meeting

Care of Church Professionals Committee:

- Responsible for pastoral care and support of pastors and church professionals
- Meets quarterly, on Committee Days

Connecting Congregations Committee:

- Responsible for ministries linking congregations to the presbytery, the Presbyterian Church (USA), and the world
- Meets quarterly, on Committee Days

Developing Congregations Committee:

- Responsible for ministries and strategies in support of congregational development and vitality in the presbytery and its congregations
- Meets quarterly, on Committee Days

Finance & Administration Committee:

- Oversees the presbytery budget and investments, including its monthly expenses
- Meets quarterly, on Committee Days

Ministry Committee:

- Oversees and provides models for pastoral leadership within the presbytery
- Meets 9-12 times per year (not on Committee Days)

Mission Committee:

- Responsible for developing and implementing a mission strategy for the presbytery, interpreting and promoting presbytery mission causes, and assisting congregations in mission
- Meets quarterly, on Committee Days (subcommittees meet as needed)
- Subcommittees: Malawi Partnership; Social Concerns

Nominating Committee:

- Provides nominees for presbytery officers, committees, and moderators of committees, as well as Dwight Agency, Synod and General Assembly
- Meets quarterly, on Committee Days

Permanent Judicial Commission:

- Serves as ecclesiastical court for matters referred in accord with *Rules of Discipline*
- Meets as needed

Personnel Committee:

- Oversees presbytery staff and develops/applies personnel policies
- Meets quarterly, on Committee Days

Preparation for Ministry Committee:

- Oversees inquirers and candidates for ministry
- Meets 6-8 times per year, including Committee Days

Representation Committee:

- Encourages full participation by all constituent groups in the life and work of the presbytery
- Meets quarterly, on Committee Days

Resourcing Congregations Committee:

- Responsible for ministries and resources in support of congregations and their programs
- Meets quarterly, on Committee Days
- Subcommittees: Youth Council

Trustees:

- Oversees the real property of the presbytery and serves as liaison between the presbytery and its congregations in matters of their real property
- Meets quarterly, on Committee Days

Dwight Mission Agency Board:

- Oversees program and facilities of Dwight Mission Camp & Conference Center
- Meets 4-6 times per year, not on Committee Days (meetings rotate between all 3 presbyteries)

Dwight Mission, Inc:

- Oversees investments and real properties of Dwight Mission
- Meets at least annually, not on Committee Days

Commissioner and Young Adult Advisory Delegate to General Assembly:

- Serves as commissioner to week-long General Assembly (usually in June or July)
- Elected for two-year terms (elected in Sept or Dec of odd years for even-year Assembly meeting)
- Must be able to attend orientation prior to GA and report to presbytery after return (June or Sept)
- Lay persons must also submit a letter of recommendation from Session
- Young Adult Advisory Delegate must be 18-23 years old on the day General Assembly convenes

Commissioner to Synod:

- Serves as commissioner to Synod meetings (typically three 2-day meetings per year)
- Elected to two-year terms (new class elected each year)

ELECTION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONERS

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One of the responsibilities of a presbytery is to elect persons to serve as commissioners to the General Assembly. Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery currently is required to elect two ministers, two elders, and one youth advisory delegate for each Stated Meeting of the General Assembly. In addition, the presbytery elects an alternate commissioner for each of those five positions. Alternate commissioners are eligible and will normally be elected as commissioners to the next General Assembly. In preparation for that service, the presbytery will pay up to \$800 for each alternate to attend the previous General Assembly.

In 2010, Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery's commissioners and alternates were:

Elders

Robbie Burke (Tulsa, First)
David Dearing (Hugo, First)

Alternates

Martha Dale Wettstain (Hugo, First)
Craig Henderson (Sapulpa, First)

Ministers

Heather Bartlow
Dan Milford

Alternates

Fran Callaway
Marcus Barber (will not be able to attend 2012)

Youth Advisory Delegate

Michael East (Sapulpa, First)

Alternate

Kyle Elliott (Claremore, First)

The normal process for the election of commissioners for General Assembly is that candidates complete an application, including a written statement indicating why the person wants to be a commissioner and what the person considers to be the greatest challenges facing the church today. Elders and youth must also submit a letter from their Session, indicating they are a member in good standing. The application also indicates service within their own congregation and the presbytery. The Nominating Committee reviews each of the applications, meets with the candidates, and recommends to the presbytery those persons who can best serve our presbytery.

Nominees are reported to the presbytery. Nominations from the floor are always in order. However, each nominee must be prepared to satisfy all of the requirements set by the presbytery (completed application; statement of issues facing the church; Session endorsement)

It is important to remember that:

- we elect commissioners to General Assembly (and to Synod), not delegates
- we discern whether these persons are of good faith and experience within the Church and thus able to represent the will of Christ as they serve the presbytery and the General Assembly (we don't examine candidates, based on how they might vote on issues)
- we elect persons and charge them to study the issues, pray, and listen to the Holy Spirit moving through the Church as gathered at that meeting as they vote on items of business (not to vote on our behalf)

GUIDELINES FOR THE SELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS TO SYNOD AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Commissioners and Young Adult Advisory Delegates (YAAD's) to General Assembly and Synod of the Sun shall be elected by the Presbytery, normally at the September stated meeting. Persons may be nominated by their congregations, by others, or by themselves. In each case, the Nominating Committee must receive a nominations form and (in the case of elders and youth) a Session endorsement letter in order to verify the person's eligibility to serve. Nomination forms will be included in the March and June Presbytery mailings. While nominations from the floor will be allowed, the election of persons nominated from the floor is contingent upon verification of that person's eligibility to serve (and will require the nomination form and endorsement letter to be completed in advance of the Presbytery meeting).

Terms of service:

Terms of service for elders and ministers to the **Synod of the Sun** are two years (with reelection to a second term possible). Terms for YAAD's are one year and rotate throughout the eleven presbyteries (three of the eleven elect YAAD's for any given year). Currently, Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery elects two ministers and two elders, in staggered terms. **[One elder and one minister will be elected each year.]** The Synod normally meets in May and November, but some committee assignments on occasion might include additional meetings during the year.

Terms of service for elders, ministers and YAAD's to the **General Assembly** are from the convening of one General Assembly to the convening of the next (currently two years of service). This includes one stated meeting and the possibility of being recalled for any specially called meeting prior to the next stated meeting. **[Commissioners will be elected in odd years for service beginning in even years.]** The stated meeting of the General Assembly is typically an eight-day meeting in June, but requires significant reading and preparation prior to that meeting, as well as the availability for interpretation within Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery after returning. **Beginning in 2008, Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery will elect two ministers, two elders, one YAAD, plus alternates for each of those positions for each General Assembly.**

Eligibility:

1. In order to be eligible for nomination, a MINISTER shall:
 - be available to attend the meeting(s) in its (their) entirety
 - have been a member of Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery for at least two years
 - have attended at least three of the last four stated meeting of the Presbytery (the only exception shall be a legitimate excused absence)
 - be known by the Nominating Committee to be active in the life of the Presbytery and to be aware of denominational affairs
 - be available to report to the presbytery on the experience of attending Synod or General Assembly

2. Other factors which will be considered:
 - number of years since ordination
 - number of years as a member of Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery
 - number of years since last serving as a commissioner to Synod or General Assembly
 - number of times having served as a commissioner to Synod or General Assembly

3. In order to be eligible for nominations, an ELDER shall:
 - be available to attend the meeting(s) in its (their) entirety
 - have been a member of one of the congregations in Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery for at least two years and have been active in the life of that congregation
 - be a member of one of the congregations in Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery which has sent a commissioner to at least three of the last four stated meeting of the Presbytery (the only exception shall be a legitimate excused absence)
 - be available to report to the presbytery on the experience of attending Synod or General Assembly

4. Other factors which will be considered:
 - number of years since that congregation last had a commissioner to Synod or General Assembly
 - number of times having served as a commissioner to Synod or General Assembly
 - previous or current service within Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery

5. In order to be eligible for nomination, a YOUNG ADULT ADVISORY DELEGATE shall:
 - (for General Assembly) be between the ages of 17 and 23 on the date of the Assembly
 - be available to attend the meeting(s) in its (their) entirety
 - have been a member of one of the congregations in Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery for at least two years and have been active in the life of that congregation
 - be a member of one of the congregations in Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery which has sent a commissioner to at least three of the last four stated meeting of the Presbytery (the only exception shall be a legitimate excused absence)
 - be available to report to the presbytery on the experience of attending Synod or General Assembly

6. Other factors which will be considered:
 - number of years since that congregation last had a commissioner to Synod or General Assembly
 - number of times having served as a commissioner to Synod or General Assembly
 - previous or current service within own congregation and Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery (including Youth Council)

NOMINATION FORM FOR COMMISSIONER TO
SYNOD OR GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Date of Nomination: _____

Person submitting nomination: _____ Phone: _____

This nomination is for: Synod _____ General Assembly _____

The person being nominated is: Minister _____ Elder _____ YAD _____

Please provide the following information about the person being nominated:

Name: _____

Address: _____

ELDERS/YAAD'S - Church (& city): _____

Date of Membership (congregation or presbytery): _____

YAAD's - Birthdate _____

Information required, but will be held in confidence by the Committee of Representation:

Race: _____ Age: _____ Gender: _____ Disability? _____

Date(s) When Served as Commissioner to Synod of the Sun: _____

Date(s) When Served as Commissioner to General Assembly: _____

Please List Previous and Current Service Within the Presbytery: _____

Please List Previous and Current Service Within Home Congregation: _____

ALL NOMINEES - Please attach a statement (no more than one page) indicating: a) why you want to serve as a commissioner, and b) what you consider to be the greatest challenges facing the church today.

ELDERS/YAAD'S - Please attach a Letter of Endorsement from your congregation's Session.

ALL NOMINEES for General Assembly will meet with and be interviewed by the Nominating Committee on October 22 (Committee Day).

Please return completed nomination form and letter of endorsement (for Elders and YAAD's) no later than October 10 to:

EOP Nominating Committee
700 S. Boston, Suite 200
Tulsa, OK 74119
918-582-3077 or 800-533-1324
Fax: 918-582-3078

EVALUATION OF **DECEMBER 6, 2011**, STATED MEETING

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The Presbytery Planning Committee and the Presbytery Council review your comments after each presbytery meeting. To help us plan more effective meetings, please take a moment to respond to the following questions.

What comments do you have about this presbytery meeting?

What suggestions do you have for future presbytery meetings (ideas for speakers, workshops, reports, meeting format, etc)?

So that we might respond, when appropriate, please provide the following optional information:

Name: _____

Congregation & City: _____

When completed, please leave on the registration table or mail it to the presbytery office. Thank you for helping us to improve the quality of our time together.

LOOKING FORWARD... OUR MARCH PRESBYTERY MEETING

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When: Tuesday, March 6
Where: First Presbyterian Church, Sapulpa
Theme: Mission

Our March 2012 meeting is going to be different ...inspiring ...hands-on ...and one you certainly don't want to miss!

The theme is Mission and this time we are going to do more than just talk about it! In addition to the regular presbytery business (and our first meeting led by our new moderator, Heather Bartlow), mission is going to be front and center:

- **Doug Roszel, elder from First Presbyterian Church in Bartlesville, will lead us in worship, telling us about his personal experience with Solar Under the Sun (a mission project of the Synod of the Sun) and Living Waters for the World (a mission project of the Synod of Living Waters);**
- **The Malawi Partnership Subcommittee will lead us in reaffirming our twinning partnerships with congregations in the Synod of Livingstonia in Malawi, Africa;**
- **And we are going to get our chance to participate first-hand in mission as we work with Stop Hunger Now! Our goal, by the end of the presbytery meeting, will be to package 10,000 meals so that people around the world can be fed.**

Who from your congregation might be interested in coming to our March Presbytery meeting? Start now to make sure they hear about what we're planning! Want more information? Call (918-582-3077) or write (eop@sbcglobal.net).

**PRESBYTERY FINANCIAL
BOOKS CLOSE JANUARY 10th**

In order to prepare year-end statements for the calendar year, the presbytery will close the financial books on January 10th.

Any contributions which should be credited to 2011 must be received in the presbytery office by then.

Contributions received later than January 10 will be credited to 2012.

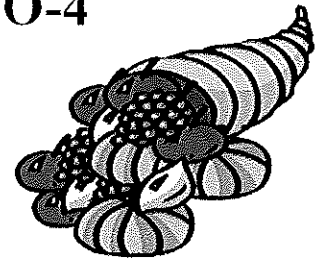
If you have any questions, please call
Celia Gerfers, Administrative Assistant

918-582-3077

800-533-1324

Resource Sharings

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November 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- **APCE** (Association of Presbyterian Church Educators) – February 1-4, 2012 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The theme is “God’s Surprising Wonders.” For more information, go to www.apcenet.org.

This newsletter is mailed to each church. If you would like to have a copy mailed directly to you, just send me your mailing address!

Resource Center Survey

Recently the Resourcing Congregations Committee asked congregations to take a brief survey to help shape a vision for the Resource Center. Here are some of the responses:

1) How often do you use the Resource Center?

Most answers were “Sometimes”

2) How would you describe the resources available?

Most answers were “Current and Timely”.

3) How do you use the resources?

“All kinds of ways”, “Sunday school, VBS, adult, children and youth book studies,” “personal”, “teaching resources”, “Christian Education, elder training”, “Bible study”, “to review materials the church may want to buy.”

4) We are moving toward using more technology. Are you comfortable using the available technology?

Most answers were “Yes” or “Somewhat”

5) How can we help you navigate this technology to the benefit of your ministry?

"Downloads are great"; "send it to me by email, too"; "training"; "workshops?"; "Presbytery-wide licenses* on some things would be nice, but are probably not available".

6) Are new resources promoted enough?

Responses were split between "Yes" and "Don't know".

7) Because more and more resources are online, do we need a resource center?

Most responses were "yes". "As a small congregation it helps to have resources to checkout, so that we don't have to purchase them"; "If no resource center, how {c an} I read the books there or watch the dvd's, since our church is about 3 hours away? The online resources supplement, but do not replace the resource center."

8) What suggestions/changes would you like to see in the resource center?

"Have more downloads available***"; "More exchange of info/resources between churches – don't know how though"; "I'd like a better idea of what's there. I'd also like more curriculum suggestions"; "If I'm using material for longer than a month, it would be nice to have a longer check-out time***."

Notes

*In my research I have not found a license for the entire presbytery. It is best for each congregation to have its own licenses for music and videos. See www.ccli.com for music or www.cvli.org for videos.

** Downloads cannot be distributed unless the publisher gives permission. For example: Most resources from TheThoughtfulChristian.com are downloaded once they are purchased. If a participant sheet or handout is included, those can be distributed to the participants, but only for local congregation use. Most on-line resources may not be reposted to other websites.

I downloaded an article from ThePresbyterianLeader.com and distributed at a presbytery meeting. I was allowed to do that because I had not altered it in any way (like putting the EOP logo on it). It's wise to ask permission of the publisher or source before distributing.

*** Checkouts are for 30 days, but may be kept longer. Just call Julie at 918-582-3077 or email at eop-rc@sbcglobal.net. No problem! If you know you will need a resource longer than a month, extended checkouts can be easily arranged. **However: If resources aren't returned on time, you will receive 3 overdue notices. After the third notice an invoice for replacement cost will be sent.**

Thank you for your participation in the survey! There is an electronic version on the EOP web page at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NZH5HXP>. If you haven't taken the survey, there is still time. Your input is important to us!

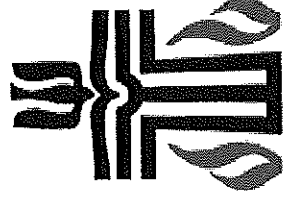
New Resources!

- *A "Down and Dirty" Guide to Theology*, by Donald K. McKim. This brief, humorous introduction to the theology will provide a fun way to learn the basics.
- *The Giffriends' Clergy Companion: Surviving and Thriving in Ministry*, by Melissa Lynn DeRosia and others. Four young clergywomen share what they are learning along the way in the twists and turns of ministry.
- *Grace for the Journey: Practices and Possibilities for In-Between Times*, by Beverly Thompson and George Thompson. Every community of faith journeys through periods of transition. In *Grace for the Journey: Practices and Possibilities for In-Between Times*, authors Beverly Thompson and George Thompson invite congregations to open themselves to the grace-filled possibilities that accompany these in-between periods.

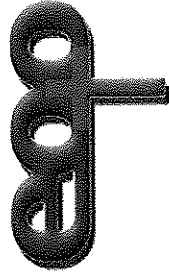
I am always available to come to your church and show you what resources are available in a wide variety of topics. (Yep, there's more here than Bible studies and curriculum!) Evening visits to the Resource Center can be arranged by appointment.

Equipping Our People
Gather. Learn. Lead.

Saturday, February 11, 2012
9:00 am - 3:30 pm



This event is sponsored by the Resourcing
Congregations Committee of Eastern
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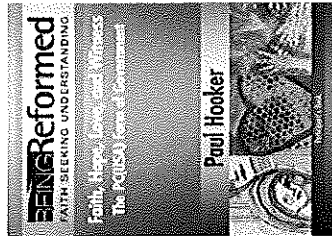


First Presbyterian Church,
McAlester

AND

John Calvin Presbyterian
Church, Tulsa

EOP invites past, present and future leaders to explore the PCUSA'S new Form of Government (F.O.G.) with Rev. Dr. Paul Hooker, Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk of St. Augustine, Florida. Dr. Hooker has written a study on this topic that will be available for purchase at the event.



The Leader's Guide is \$8.95
Participant's Book is \$4.50

Please make checks payable to Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery

Workshops

Essentials for Elders

Essentials for Deacons

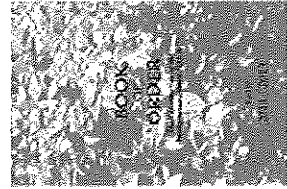
Essentials for Clerks of Session

Developing Youth Leadership in Your Congregation

Turning Committees into Communities

Ethics for Presbyterian Officers

Plenary: "Q & A on 10-A", led by Rev. Dr. Greg Coulter, This session will be time to ask questions and discuss the new ordination standards.



Registration

Please send registrations to Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery, 700 S. Boston, Ste. 200, Tulsa, OK 74119, or call 918-582-3077.

Name _____

Church _____

I am an Elder _____

I am a Deacon _____

I am a Clerk of Session _____

I am attending at:

McAlester _____

Tulsa _____

Lunch will be provided.

Childcare is available on request.

Please make a copy of this form for each person attending.