



**Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery
Stated Meeting - March 1, 2011**

St James Presbyterian Church - Jenks, OK

Presbytery Actions

- Worship was led by Dr. Jim Miller (Pastor - First church, Tulsa)
- Received greetings from Judy Fletcher (Executive - Synod of the Sun), who will be retiring July 31, 2011
- Approved the Revised 2011 Budget
- Participated in workshops on:
 - Living with Chronic Pain
 - Confirmation Class Ideas and Resources
 - New Christian Education Ideas and Resources
- Enjoyed the hospitality of St James church
- Encouraged all congregations to complete their General Assembly Statistical Reports

Care of Church Professionals

- Announced June 3rd EOP Night at the Drillers
- Announced July 22nd educational event for church professionals: "Words that Hurt, Words that Heal"

Connecting Congregations

- Celebrated ordination anniversaries for Richard Evans & Will Carl (60 yrs); Ross Kirven & Howard Janssen (55 yrs)
- Celebrated church anniversaries for Tahlequah, First (130 yrs) & Okmulgee, First (110 yrs)

Developing Congregations & Evangelism

- Invited applications for 2011 Evangelism Grants

Finance & Administration

- Introduced a Facebook page for Church Treasurers
- Announced March 19 Church Financial Workshop

Ministry (C.O.M)

- Validated Ray Hickman's call as Executive Director for Tulsa Metropolitan Ministry
- Regretfully approved Dan Milford's resignation as Pastor of First church, Sand Springs, and his transfer to Mission Presbytery

Mission

- Heard a compelling story about immigration issues

Nominating

- Filled two committee vacancies

Personnel

- Introduced Celia Gelfers as new Administrative Assistant in Presbytery Office

Preparation for Ministry

- Approved James Estes as ready to receive a call
- Approved Warmbugu Gachungi as Candidate

Resourcing Congregations

- Heard reports from:
 - Dwight Mission
 - EOP Resource Center
 - Youth Council
- Awarded a new resource: "Church Officer Training To Go"

Trustees

- Heard of the ministry of East Side church, Durant, and approved distribution of assets for ministries