

DESCRIPTION OF COMMITTEES & AGENCIES
OF EASTERN OKLAHOMA PRESBYTERY
JUNE 2010

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)