



**Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery
Stated Meeting - Sept 16-17, 2011
Dwight Mission Camp & Conf Center - Vian, OK**

Presbytery Actions

- Dave Crittenden, Dir of Stewardship for the General Assembly, was our plenary speaker
- Workshops included: stewardship; being a visitor-friendly church; prayer; and Dwight Mission participants at the Fellowship of Presbyterians conference shared their reflections and answered questions
- blessed rain and cooler weather were well received

Connecting Congregations

- Celebrated anniversaries of congregations: Tahlequah (130 yrs); Henryetta (105 yrs); Mt Zion (100 yrs); Yale Avenue (80 yrs)
- Celebrated anniversaries of ordinations: Richard Geiger (25 yrs); Tom Lannius (25 yrs); David VanDonkelaar (20 yrs); Gerald Voie (20 yrs);
- Session minutes and records were read; you can still have your records reviewed (Oct 16) or call the Presbytery Office

Developing Congregations & Evangelism

- Trinity church received a \$1,000 evangelism grant
- additional evangelism grant funds are still available

Ministry (C.O.M.)

- Jane Huffstetter resigned as Pastor at St James church, effective Sept 21
- Jane Huffsettelter received permission to serve as interim pastor in Harrison, AR
- Marcus Barber was granted Honorable Retirement

- Craig Gibson resigned as Pastor at First church in Sapulpa, effective Aug 31
- 2012 minimum terms of call, cost-of-living, and new method to determine pension dues were announced

Nominating

- Some vacancies were filled, but many remain
- Commissioners for the 2012 General Assembly will be elected at the Dec Presbytery meeting
- applications for GA commissioner and all committee vacancies are being received in the Presbytery Office

Personnel

- With regret, the presbytery accepted the resignation of Dana Bailey, effective Dec 31. There will be a celebration of Dana's ministry with us at the December Presbytery meeting.
- Applicants are being sought for Stated Clerk, to begin January 1

Preparation for Ministry

- Wambugu Gachungi was certified as ready to receive a call

Resourcing Congregations

- "Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery Youth" is now on Facebook
- Ann LaMar and St Andrews church shared a new game they developed - "Presbyopoly"
- Dwight Mission Capital Campaign receive a \$1 million challenge/matching grant from the Walton Family Foundation - a donor dinner is scheduled for Nov 11

Trustees

- approved a change in the terms of the loan for Southminster church