



**Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery
Stated Meeting - December 6, 2011
Goodland Academy - Hugo, OK**

Presbytery Actions

- Recognized and bid goodbye to Dana Bailey as Stated Clerk after 13 years of service
- Approved the 2012 Mission Budget
- Installed Heather Bartlow as 2012 Presbytery Moderator and David Dearing as Vice-Moderator
- Participated in lively discussions about the nature of connectionalism and the future of our presbytery

Connecting Congregations

- Celebrated the anniversaries of several ministers ordinations

Ministry (C.O.M.)

- Approved Tom Lackey as CLP for First Presbyterian Church, Poteau
- Approved dissolution of call between Andy Odom and First Presbyterian Church, Bartlesville; transferred Andy Odom to Grace Presbytery to accept a new call
- Received Ann Wasson into the presbytery and approved her call as Interim Pastor for St James Presbyterian Church, Jenks
- Approved Alice Barron, Jim Cole, Diane Helt, Wally Johnson, and Arita Peters as lay preachers
- Conferred in the retirement of Mark Newman as Pastor of First Christian-Presbyterian Church, Pryor

Mission

- Received a report on the plans to recommit to twinning partnerships with the Synod of Livingstonia in Malawi (more information available in our office)
- Heard plans take action against hunger by packaging 10,000 meals during our March presbytery meeting - come and participate

Nominating

- Elected Bonnie Smith (elder at First Presbyterian Church, Tahlequah) as Stated Clerk (2012-2014)
- There are still many vacancies for committees and commissioners to the larger Church - please contact the presbytery office if you are interested in serving

Preparation for Ministry

- approved Josh Miles, Michael Gewecke and Olivia Lane Berman as candidates for ministry
- certified David (DC) Adams as ready to receive a call

Representation

- Presented the annual representation report, evaluating the level of participation across EOP

Resourcing Congregations

- Announced the Feb 11 Leadership Training Event (more info EOP website: www.eokpresbytery.org)