



**Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery
Tri-Presbytery Meeting - June 10-11, 2011
First Presbyterian Church, Stillwater**

Presbytery Actions

- Celebrated our connections with Presbyterians across the state, as all three OK presbyteries met together
- Welcomed Elder Cynthia Bolbach, Moderator of the 219th General Assembly, who was our preacher and plenary speaker
- Honored Judy Fletcher, our retiring Synod Executive

Care of Church Professionals

- Reminded us of the July 22nd workshop, "Words That Harm, Words That Heal"
- Announced two Clergy Roundtables set up in support of pastoral leaders serving as pastoral counselors

Connecting Congregations

- Announced Session Records review at the Sept 2011 Presbytery meeting, as well as regional meetings in the north and south (specifics to be announced soon)
- Celebrated the anniversaries of ordinations for John Blue, Bill Westmoreland, Judy Fletcher, Jim Miller, and Ed Bernard
- Celebrated the congregational anniversaries for First Church in Skiatook, Bethany Church in Muskogee, and Robertson Memorial Church in Haskell.

Developing Congregations & Evangelism

- Received a report on the Tulsa International Fellowship
- Received a report on the Hispanic Ministry in Tulsa
- Reported on the availability of Evangelism Grants

Ministry (C.O.M.)

- Noted the passing of Rev Fran LaZar on May 6
- Bestowed the status of Honorably Retired to Judy Fletcher and Warren Muller, both on July 31.
- Approved the appointment of Leigh McCaslin as Stated Supply for First Church in Wagoner
- Approved the dissolution of associate pastoral relation between Ryan Moore and First Church in Tulsa, so that he may pursue a PhD.
- Approved dissolution of pastoral relationship between Jan Dittmar and First Church in Poteau.

Mission

- Approved \$5,500 in grants for hunger and children at risk for the following congregations: Trinity (Bixby), Bristow, First (Broken Bow), College Hill (Tulsa), and St Andrews (Tulsa)
- Heard a report from the Malawi Partnership on Joyce Mlenga's studies and progress toward her doctorate

Personnel

- Thanked the presbytery staff for their hard work during a time of transition.

Preparation for Ministry

- Enrolled Josh Kerr (Claremore, First) and Wally Johnson (Sapulpa, First) as Inquirers
- Authorized Wambugu Gachungi to celebrate the Sacraments with the Tulsa International Fellowship
- Approved an exception to one-year candidacy requirement for Wambugu Gachungi

Other

- The new hours for the Resource Center are Monday through Wednesday, 10:30-5:00. Thursdays are available by appointment only.