

## **Faith Journey**

My family did not attend church when I was growing up. Then, in the fourth grade, my father had the crazy notion that we should start attending the First Presbyterian Church of Broken Arrow. When I was in the eighth grade, I participated in confirmation class. On Easter Sunday 1998, I was confirmed and baptized. I remember this event very distinctly because our confirmation class had discussed what baptism and confirmation meant. I understood the magnitude of what I was getting ready to do as well as why I was doing it. Therefore, making the choice to be baptized and confirmed had a very personal meaning for me.

The following weekend, I attended a weekend youth retreat at Dwight Mission that changed my life. I had been on youth events before, but I believe that my maturity and recently acquired understanding of my relationship with God made this retreat a deeper experience. Several pastors had come as youth sponsors for their churches and spent the weekend with us. Hanging out with the different pastors from all over Oklahoma was the first time I felt called to become a pastor. What could be more rewarding and worthwhile than serving in a congregation and helping people with their problems and their faith journeys as they support me?

I based a majority of my decisions after this call experience on whether or not it would help prepare me to become a Presbyterian minister. I remember specifically deciding to take Latin my freshmen year of high school because it would help me when I finally took Biblical Greek nine years later. It did. However, my call was not truly tested until my sophomore year of college when I served a church as a pastor intern. This allowed me to experience the underbelly and beauty of the church from the pastor's perspective for the first time. I felt my call affirmed by God and the congregation through the various ups and downs. During college, I also served as a youth director for two years, and worked at Dwight Mission each summer. These experiences, once again, affirmed my call to become a pastor.

In seminary, I have been able to dive deeper with classes that have prepared me for pastoral ministry. Austin Seminary is known as a seminary that educates excellent pastors and I feel that I have been equipped with the proper tools for ministry. In seminary, I also served as a youth director of a very large church. This was the first time I was the person solely in charge of an entire program. Although this was the most strenuous call I have served, it was also the most affirming call I have had.

I have taken part in two seminary trips that continue to influence my life and ministry. First, I went to Zambia with a seminary group to experience the Zambian Christian church. This trip served to affirm the sense of call I had felt to serve for a year in Africa. Second, I went to Egypt and the Holy Land. I have always known that the locations attested to in the Bible are real, but actually setting foot in the places where various Bible stories took place was surreal and has broadened my understanding of numerous biblical narratives.

I spent a year in Kenya with the Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program of the PC (USA). I felt that it was important for me to live in another culture for a year and build relationships with people in that culture while serving God. I learned things there about the world and about myself that seminary could not have taught me.

I am excited about entering pastoral ministry full-time and using the tools I have gained from seminary and my experiences abroad. I understand that being a Presbyterian minister is not an easy vocation. However, God has provided me with many experiences to more thoroughly understand my call and know that I want to make the commitment and be a Minister of Word and Sacrament.

## **Statement of Personal Faith**

I believe in one God in three Persons, who exists in the inseparable Trinity:

I believe in God the Creator, who created all that is seen and unseen, known and unknown, out of nothingness. I believe that God has good will toward creation, which can be seen through God's providence and covenants with creation.

I believe in God the Redeemer, Jesus Christ, who is God incarnate: fully human, fully divine. Jesus came to earth to teach us how to live. Jesus went to the cross knowing he was the perfect mediator for our sins. Jesus rose from the dead, conquering sin and death. I believe that Jesus will come again, giving the world life anew. I believe that Jesus' life, death, and resurrection share equal importance and it is imperative to reflect and remember that we are saved by Christ's life on earth, death on the cross, and resurrection from the tomb. God sent Christ to earth fulfilling the promise of good will toward creation.

I believe in God the Sustainer, the Holy Spirit, who swept over the waters during the creation of the world and was, is, and will be with us forever. God surrounds us and reveals Godself to humanity through the work of the Holy Spirit.

I believe that the church is where the Word is properly preached, the sacraments, baptism and the Lord's Supper, are rightly administered, and discipline is properly observed. The church exists in a community of believers who are called to be the people of God in the world. I believe in one baptism for the forgiveness of sins in which we make a public proclamation of our faith, are washed of our sins and past, and are reborn as a new creation. I believe the Lord's Supper should be open to all who are baptized and believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior so together we can remember Christ's life, death, and resurrection while reflecting on how we can be more Christ-like in our own lives. I believe that during the celebration of the Lord's Supper, the Holy Spirit lifts us up into Christ's presence.

I believe that scripture is God's Word, which is God's authoritative witness to the church community and to people individually. God's Word provides encouragement for us in difficult times and serves as an instruction manual for our lives. I believe I am called to proclaim God's Word.

I believe that we live in a fallen world where we are all sinners and nobody is perfect. We do not have to sin, but we still do. We are totally depraved. God and creation were separated by sin, but Jesus came as the perfect mediator to reunite God to creation. I believe that God is a forgiving God who forgives us of our sins when we repent.

I believe that as Christians we experience our relationship with God through justification and sanctification. Justification is when, by grace and through faith, we are put into right standing with God. I believe we must give up the notion of self-justification and realize that only through Christ can we experience justification. God initiates everything and we do nothing on our own. I believe justification must lead to sanctification. Sanctification is striving to live a holy life emulating Jesus as a response to justification. Justification tells us how a person becomes a Christian, while sanctification tells us how a person grows in Christian life.

I constantly feel God's good will and love toward Creation and know that I am called to live out my faith constantly. Therefore, I seek to live knowing that my chief end is to glorify God and enjoy God forever, knowing that I am called to seek justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with my God. And finally, that I am called to love God with all that I am and my neighbor as myself.



May 18, 2010

TO: All Clerks of Sessions  
Pastors and Associate Pastors

FROM: Mission Committee

RE: Application for Grants

Grants money is available in the following categories:

- a. Peacemaking
- b. Children at Risk
- c. Hunger

The Mission Committee will be offering grants to help Congregations in EOP with innovative ideas for helping to feed the hungry in our communities, work with children at risk, and to assist with peacemaking. If you would like to participate in this Program please fill out an application.

### **Application Process**

1. Sessions interested in submitting an application have until Oct 1, 2010. Send applications to:  
**Pastor Lynda Ward, Mission Committee Moderator – First Presbyterian Church, 300 East 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Skiatook, Oklahoma 74070 – or e-mail the application to wardrevlynda@aol.com**
2. The Mission Committee will review every grant request and all applicants will be notified of the results of that review in November. The Presbytery will award grants at its meeting in December 2010 at John Calvin Presbyterian Church.
3. The funds will be available after the approval of grants by Presbytery and will be released as soon as possible, prior to Dec 31, 2010.

### **Notes:**

Congregations receiving grants will be expected to assess the effectiveness of their project and report at the Committee's request so we may continue to assess the on-going value of this grant program.

These grants are a great way to develop new ways to engage our communities.

We welcome all applications, but first time requests will receive priority.

If your Church has an idea, please return the application as soon as possible. Questions may be directed to Lynda Ward – cell phone 918-284-7196 or home: 918-352-3031

## 2010 Mission Grants Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery

Deadline: Oct 1, 2010

Please provide the following information (on no more than 3 typed pages):

1. Name of Church (please include the City)
2. Name of Pastor/Commissioned Lay Pastor/Moderator of Session
3. Who will answer questions about your application?
  - a. Name
  - b. Email Address
  - c. Day/Evening Phone
4. Please indicate which Grant you are applying for.
  - a. Peacemaking
  - b. Children at Risk
  - c. Hunger
5. What type of program do you want to offer?
  - a. Please describe the nature or purpose of your proposed program.
  - b. Who are you trying to reach?
  - c. What resources will you be using?
  - d. When and where (day of week and time) will the program happen?
  - e. How will the congregation be involved (financially and personally)?
  - f. How will presbytery funds be used? (What is the project's budget and how will EOP funds fit in?).
  - g. When do you plan to begin your program? (Note: Grants will be awarded in Dec 2010.)
  - h. Who will administer the program? (committee?, contact people?, outside agency?)
  - i. How (by what standards) will you evaluate your program (please be as specific as you can)?
6. What is the date of Session approval for the Project.

Application deadline is Oct 1, 2010 (Mission Committee will review all applications and report to Presbytery by Dec 7).

Please be prepared to report to the presbytery on your progress one year from the receipt of funds.

Send completed forms to:  
Pastor Lynda Ward  
First Presbyterian Church  
300 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Skiatook, Oklahoma 74070

# 2010 Tulsa Area CROP Walk

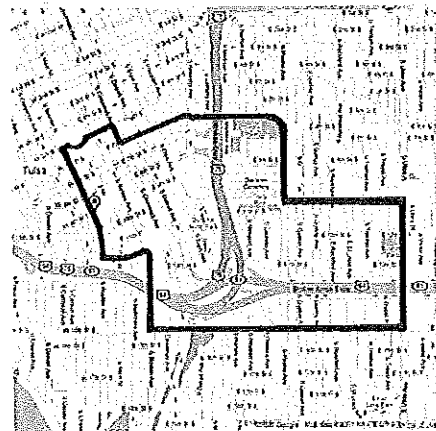
## Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty

### What is the CROP Hunger Walk?



Neighbors from different faiths, cultures, and ages, walking together to take a stand against hunger in our world. Together we raise awareness and funds for international relief and development, as well as local hunger-fighting agencies. Some 2,000 communities across the country take part each year.

**Event Date:** Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010  
**Starting Location:** First Christian Church,  
 913 S. Boulder Ave. Tulsa  
**Registration:** 1:30pm-2:00pm  
**Step-Off:** 2:00pm  
**Recruiter's Rally:** Thursday, Aug. 19th,  
 First Christian Church, Tulsa



***You can help make the 2010 CROP Walk a success by becoming a ...***

**Sponsor:** With a \$200 donation your church or organization can be a sponsor of the walk. By helping to cover the costs of the walk, your gift will mean that ALL the money raised by walkers will go directly to CWS and the local agencies, (and your name and logo will appear on the back of this year's t-shirt!)

**Recruiter:** Be your church's recruiter and help get a team walking. We'll provide you with all the materials you need to get your team together, walking and raising money to feed hungry people. Recruiters rally is Thursday Aug 19<sup>th</sup>!

**Volunteer:** On the day of the walk —Help with setup, registration, crossing guards, refreshments, and other last minute needs.

### Did you know...

- 2009 CROP Hunger Walk raised over \$23,000 to fight hunger
- Last year 26 churches and 272 walkers participated
- 25% of the funds raised will be sent directly to local Tulsa hunger agencies Restore Hope Ministries and Western Neighbors

### To get your church involved contact:

Rev. Cheryl Finch, 2010 Tulsa Area CROP Walk Committee Member  
 St. James Presbyterian Church  
 11970 S. Elm  
 Jenks, OK 74137  
 (918) 299-9988  
[cheryl@stjamesjenks.org](mailto:cheryl@stjamesjenks.org)



## CROP WALK

"We walk because they walk."

## 2010 Tulsa Area CROP Walk

April 5, 2010

Dear Participating Congregation:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of the 2009 Tulsa CROPWALK. The CROPWALK Committee has started its planning for the 2010 CROPWALK, scheduled for **Sunday, Oct 3, 2010** and we are counting on you to join us again in the work of fighting poverty and hunger at worldwide.

Currently, the number of people in the world who are estimated to face food shortages is over one billion. That means **one out of every six people on the planet is hungry** at one time or another. Even in places where food is grown, hunger remains. Even in Oklahoma, despite being part of the nation's breadbasket, we rank **seventh in food insecurity**—meaning that at some point 13 percent of our citizens go hungry for lack of food. That percentage is even worse for children. Statistically, **one in five children in Eastern Oklahoma is at risk of going to bed hungry every night.**

CROP Walk benefits hunger relief projects around the world and two local charities. Restore Hope Ministries, and Western Neighbors will receive support for their hunger relief efforts from the 2010 walk. We invite you to help by bringing this desperate need to the eyes and hearts of your congregation and urging their participation.

We ask you to search early to find someone to spearhead your efforts. Possibly the organizer/recruiter from 2009 would lead again or someone new. Please send us the name and contact info (phone & email) of your organizer/recruiter as soon as possible so we can acquaint them with the responsibilities of recruiting walkers and give them pointers on this important job. Please send this info to Ellie Pedersen, CROP Walk Co-ordinator, at Fellowship Lutheran Church, 6727 S Sheridan Rd, Tulsa, OK 74133 or email to [epedersen57@gmail.com](mailto:epedersen57@gmail.com) or call 918-629-8660.

The 2010 Tulsa CROP Walk Steering Committee is very optimistic about the potential to increase participation in the walk for hunger relief again this year. The 2009 CROP Walk raised almost \$24,000 for hunger relief, Tulsa's best effort in 10 years and our goal is to do even better in 2010.

Yours in Christ,

Ellie Pedersen,  
CROPWALK Co-ordinator

Beneficiary Agencies



**Western  
Neighbors**



Tulsa Area CROP Walk Committee

## Committee on Nominations Report

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June 12, 2010

If you have suggestions of persons who could serve on any of the presbytery committees, please contact Cheryl Finch at [cheryl@stjamesjenks.org](mailto:cheryl@stjamesjenks.org) or 918-299-9988.

### RESIGNATIONS:

Martha Barber	Nominating (2011)
Kim Shipman	Finance & Administration (2010)
Deb Meinke	Personnel (2010)
Jerry Grubbs	Finance & Administration (2012)

### NOMINATIONS:

#### CARE OF CHURCH PROFESSIONALS (12)

Class of 2011

Class of 2012      

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Richard Carter; ELD; Broken Arrow, First

#### FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION (9)

Class of 2012      

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#### RESOURCING CONGREGATIONS (9)

Class of 2011      Teri Launius; MEM; Claremore, First

*The Nominating Committee will not be filling the vacancies for the Class of 2010 for the remainder of this year, as those who serve the six months would only be eligible for one additional three-year term on that committee.*

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## NOMINATIONS WORKSHEET

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### Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery

June 12, 2010

*Persons to be nominated for election at this meeting are listed in italics.*

*Names are preceded by an asterisk (\*) are serving a 2<sup>nd</sup> term and may not be re-elected*

*Committee and subcommittee moderators may only serve 3 years - each year is denoted with a (+)*

#### PRESBYTERY MODERATOR

2010 Dan Milford; MIN; Sand Springs, First

#### PRESBYTERY VICE MODERATOR (Moderator Elect)

2010 Sandy Bach; ELD; Cleveland, First

#### COUNCIL MODERATOR

2010 Joyce Ludwig; MIN; Broken Bow, First

#### COUNCIL (AT LARGE MEMBERS)

Class of 2010	Rick Davis; MIN; Tulsa, First
Class of 2011	Arlene Phillips; ELD; Tulsa, John Calvin
Class of 2012	Martha Dale Wettstain; ELD; Hugo, First

#### CARE OF CHURCH PROFESSIONALS (12)

Mod (2010)	+ Natalie Ford-Cowling; MIN; Owasso, First
Class of 2010	Katherine Beaubian; ELD; Bristow, Bristow Wanda Johnson; MIN; HR Pat Sibley; MIN; HR

Class of 2011

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Natalie Ford-Cowling; MIN; Owasso, First  
Rosemary Priest; MEM; Tulsa, First  
Randy Schreurs; MIN; Hugo, First

Class of 2012

Richard Carter; ELD; Broken Arrow, First  
Peg Gotthold; ELD; Tulsa, College Hill  
Warren Muller; MIN; Tulsa, First

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#### CONNECTING CONGREGATIONS (9)

Mod (2010)	+ Mary Carter; ELD; Broken Arrow, First
Class of 2010	Eileen Grantham; ELD; Cleveland, First * Diana Hartman; MIN; At large Claire Thomas; MEM; McAlester, First

Class of 2011	Paul Merrill; MIN; Collinsville, The Journey Cindy Rehanek; ELD; Jenks, St James * David VanDonkelaar; MIN; At large Sue Willis; MEM; Broken Bow, Oka Achukma
Class of 2012	* Mary Carter; ELD; Broken Arrow, First Ryan Moore; MIN; Tulsa, First Gerald Voie; MIN; At large

## DEVELOPING CONGREGATIONS &amp; EVANGELISM (9)

Mod 2010)	+ Ken Woodhams; MIN; Pawhuska Ecumenical Parish
Class of 2010	* Elaine Johnson; MIN; Tulsa, First * Wes Smith; ELD; Park Hill, Park Hill * Cleland Willis; ELD; Broken Bow, Oka Achukma
Class of 2011	Ann Brizendine; MIN; Muskogee, First Pat Bustle; MIN; HR * Ken Woodhams; MIN; Pawhuska Ecumenical Parish
Class of 2012	Jennifer Grantham; MIN; Okmulgee, First Jan Grubbs; ELD; McAlester, First Carol McMasters; ELD; Sapulpa, First

## FINANCE &amp; ADMINISTRATION (9)

Mod (2010)	+ Bill Wiles; ELD; Tulsa, First
Class of 2010	Ladd Drummond; ELD; Pawhuska, First Bill Wiles; ELD; Tulsa, First
Class of 2011	Ollie Briggs; ELD; Fort Gibson, First Bill Burton; ELD; Claremore, First * Charles Freeland; MIN; HR
Class of 2012	* Liz Beck; MEM; Coleman, Sandy Creek Laurie Brumbaugh; ELD; Tulsa, Southminster Jerry Grubbs; ELD; McAlester, First

## MINISTRY (18)

Mod (2010)	+++ Andy Odom; MIN; Bartlesville, First
Class of 2010	Sandy Freeland; ELD; Tulsa, John Knox John Gammie; ELD; Tulsa, College Hill * Sam Haun; MIN; Tulsa, Southminster Jeff London; MIN; Tulsa, John Knox * Andy Odom; MIN; Bartlesville, First * Dick Voris; ELD; Tulsa, First

Class of 2011 \* Clayt Evans; ELD; Bartlesville, Good Shepherd  
 Todd Freeman; MIN; Tulsa, College Hill  
 Sandy Harrison; ELD; Poteau, First  
 \* Judy Henderson; MIN; HR  
 Jan Keene; ELD; Tulsa, First  
 Lynn Simpson; MIN; HR

Class of 2012 Fran Callaway; MIN; HR  
 \* Deborah Hackler; ELD; McAlester, First  
 Michael Homan; MIN; Tulsa, First  
 \* Archie Lawrence; MIN; Wagoner, First  
 Rick Mosier; ELD; Claremore, First  
 \* Tom Murray; MIN; McAlester, First

**MISSION (12)**

Mod (2010) + Lynda Ward; ELD; Skiatook, First  
 Class of 2010 \* Kevin Carey; ELD; Jenks, St. James  
 Craig Gibson; MIN; Sapulpa, First  
 Sid Rice; MIN; At large  
 Lynda Ward; ELD; Skiatook, First

Class of 2011 \* Jerry Adams; ELD; Tahlequah, First  
 Darry Carlstone; ELD; Tahlequah, First  
 Darlene Cusher; ELD; Smithville, Big Lick  
 Rebecca Montgomery; MIN; Bristow, Bristow

Class of 2012 Benita Collier; ELD; Skiaook, First  
 Carolyn Elder; ELD; Tulsa, College Hill  
 Jeanie Kvach; ELD; Sand Springs, First  
 Mary McAnally; MIN; HR

**Malawi Partnership Subcommittee**

Mod (2010) + Jeanie Kvach; ELD; Sand Springs, First

**Social Concerns Subcommittee**

Mod (2010) ++ Mary McAnally; MIN; HR

**PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION (9)**

Class of 2010 Mike Barron; MIN; Broken Arrow, First  
 Rick Davis; MIN; Tulsa, First  
 Linda Watts; ELD; Tulsa, College Hill

Class of 2012 Patricia Bernard; ELD; Hugo, First  
 Jan Dittmar; MIN; Poteau, First  
 Peach Dye; ELD; Chelsea, First

Class of 2014 Robin Adair; ELD; Muskogee, First  
 Richard Carter; ELD; Broken Arrow, First  
 Jeff Francis; MIN; At large

PERSONNEL (6)

Mod (2010)	+ Cathy Hamrick; MIN; Bixby, Trinity
Class of 2010	Anna Milligan; ELD; Tulsa, First
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Class of 2011	Rider Allen; ELD; Tulsa, College Hill Bonnie Smith; ELD; Tahlequah, First
Class of 2012	* Cathy Hamrick; MIN; Bixby, Trinity * Chuck Kriner; MIN; HR

PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY (9)

Mod (2010)	+ Denise Odom; MIN; At large
Class of 2010	Sammie Jo Adams; ELD; Caddo, First Jim Miller; MIN; Tulsa, First * Rodgers Spencer; MIN; HR
Class of 2011	Bill Bailey; ELD; Fort Gibson, First Jill Clupper; MIN; At large * Linda Priest; ELD; Pawhuska, First
Class of 2012	* Thea McKee; MIN; Muskogee, Bethany Denise Odom; MIN; At large Mike Vandeberg; ELD; Okmulgee, First

RESOURCING CONGREGATIONS (9)

Mod (2010)	+ Kristy Rodgers; ELD; Bartlesville, First
Class of 2010	Clare Burke; MEM; Tulsa, First Randy Schreurs; MIN; Hugo, First
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Class of 2011	Allen Beck; ELD; Coleman, Sandy Creek Teri Launius; MEM; Claremore, First Kristy Rodgers; ELD; Bartlesville, First
Class of 2012	Robbie Burke; ELD; Tulsa, First * Karen Kriner; ELD; Tulsa, College Hill Marjorie Swofford; ELD; Jenks, St James

YOUTH COUNCIL - Adult Moderator

Mod (2010)	+ Craig Gibson; MIN; Sapulpa, First
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TRUSTEES (6)

Mod (2010)	+ Jeff Mayo; ELD; Sallisaw, First
Class of 2010	Emerson Parker; ELD; Tulsa, St Andrews Christy Ray; ELD; Hugo, First

Class of 2011      \* Bill Eagleton; MEM; Tulsa, First  
Bill Stuckert; ELD; Sand Springs, First  
Class of 2012      \* Fred Bray; ELD; Broken Bow, First  
Jeff Mayo; ELD; Sallisaw, First

**COMMISSIONERS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY** *(elected in odd years only)*

Clergy Commissioner (2010) Dan Milford; MIN; Sand Springs, First  
Clergy Alternate (2010)      Marcus Barber; MIN; At large  
Clergy Commissioner (2010) Heather Bartlow; MIN; Tulsa, John Calvin  
Clergy Alternate (2010)      Fran Callaway; MIN; HR  
Elder Commissioner (2010) David Dearing; ELD; Hugo, First  
Elder Alternate (2010)      Craig Henderson; ELD; Sapulpa, First  
Elder Commissioner (2010) Robbie Burke; ELD; Tulsa, First  
Elder Alternate (2010)      Martha Dale Wettstain; ELD; Hugo, First  
YAAD (2010)      Michael East; MEM; Sapulpa, First  
YAAD Alternate (2010)      Kyle Elliott; MEM; Claremore, First

**COMMISSIONERS TO SYNOD** (may be elected for up to three two-year terms)

Class of 2010      Sammie Jo Adams; ELD; Caddo, First (first term)  
Diana Hartman; MIN; At large (first term)  
Class of 2011      Edna Mitchell; ELD; Bristow, Bristow (second term)  
Jane Huffstetler; MIN; Jenks, St. James (third term)

**DWIGHT MISSION AGENCY** (3)

Class of 2010      \* Johnna Thurston; ELD; Tulsa, College Hill  
Class of 2011      \* Annette Haskins; ELD; Tahlequah, First  
Class of 2012      Vince King; MIN; At large

**DWIGHT MISSION, INC.** (3)

Class of 2010      \* Doug Roszel; ELD; Bartlesville, First  
Class of 2011      \*Royce Kelly; ELD; Tulsa, First  
Class of 2012      Stephanie Mowat; MEM; McAlester, First

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE (9) (Nominated by Council)

Mod (2010)	+ Cheryl Finch; MIN; Jenks, St James
Class of 2010	Jan Dittmar; MIN; Poteau, First Kimberly Merrill; MIN; Bartlesville, Good Shepherd Marlene Schwalm; ELD; Wagoner, First
Class of 2011	_____
Class of 2012	_____
	Janet Drummond; ELD; Pawhuska, First Cheryl Finch; MIN; Jenks, St James Grace Terry; ELD; McAlester, First

REPRESENTATION (3) (Nominated by Council)

Mod (2010)	+ Don Best; ELD; Tulsa, Southminster
Class of 2010	Don Best; ELD; Tulsa, Southminster
Class of 2011	Michael East; ELD; Sapulpa, First
Class of 2012	Annette Haskins; ELD; Tahlequah, First

Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery  
NOMINATION FORM

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Please type or print.

Name of person being nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Office \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Church Membership (for lay persons) - please include both name of church and city:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ 25 & under \_\_\_\_\_ 26-45 \_\_\_\_\_ 46-65 \_\_\_\_\_ 65 & up

Racial/Ethnic Identification: \_\_\_\_\_ (A)sian, (B)lack, (H)ispanic, (N)ative American, (W)hite, (O)ther

Is the nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ an Elder? \_\_\_\_\_ a Certified Educator?  
\_\_\_\_\_ a person with disabilities (we seek to include all people)

Endorsement for EOP Committee:

_____ Care of Church Professionals	_____ Permanent Judicial Commission
_____ Connecting Congregations	_____ Personnel
_____ Developing Cong's & Evangelism	_____ Preparation for Ministry
_____ Finance & Administration	_____ Representation
_____ Ministry	_____ Resourcing Congregations
_____ Mission	_____ Trustees
_____ Nominations	_____ Council (at-large member)

Endorsement for other positions recommended by EOP Nominating Committee:

\_\_\_\_\_ Dwight Mission Agency Representative  
\_\_\_\_\_ Dwight Inc. Representative  
\_\_\_\_\_ Synod Commissioner (2011-12)  
\_\_\_\_\_ General Assembly Commissioner (2012) (include letter of recommendation from Session)  
\_\_\_\_\_ GA Young Adult Advisory Delegate (2012) (include letter of recommendation from Session)

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Nomination submitted by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit this form to: Nominating Committee  
c/o Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery  
700 S Boston, Suite 200  
Tulsa OK 74119

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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)

## **LOOKING FORWARD... OUR JUNE PRESBYTERY MEETING**

**Date and Place:**       **June 12, 10:00am**  
                                  **First Presbyterian Church, McAlester**

**Theme:**                   **Serving Our Congregations in Ministry**

### **Major Business:**

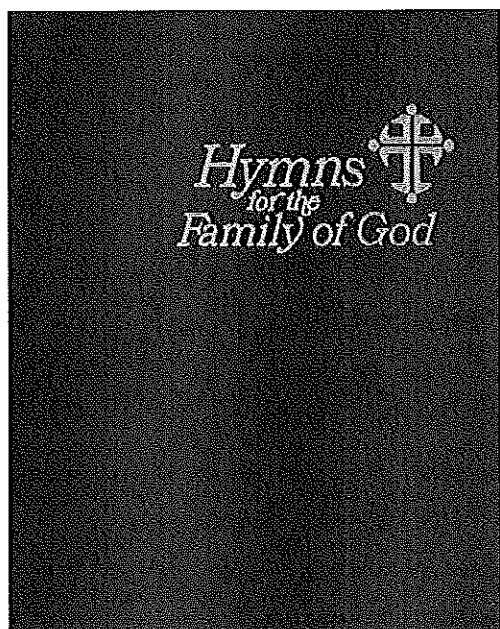
- **we plan to commission our General Assembly commissioners and Triennium participants in worship**
- **we plan to start a new series of workshops specifically designed as a "Best Practices" series in which we ask what would help our congregations grow in ministry and mission**
- **we will keep you posted on other business as it develops**

### **Anticipated Workshops:**

- **A Preview of the General Assembly - what major issues are coming up? - led by Dr Greg Coulter**
- **"Doing Mission Christ's Way" - a follow up to the Dallas Mission Invitation which will explore best practices today for participating in mission as a congregation - led by Rev Elaine Johnson**
- **End of Life Issues - how can we prepare for this time of transition in the lives of families and congregations?**

**Who from your congregation might be interested in coming to our June Presbytery meeting? Start now to make sure they hear about what we're planning!**

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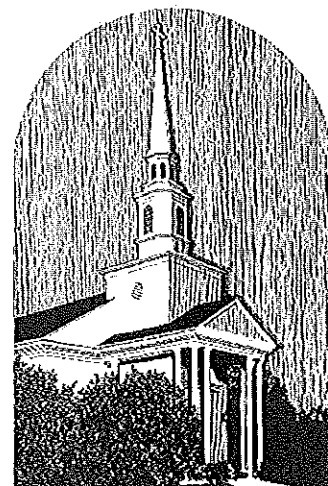


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Corrections to Telephone Directory - 2010**



**Color Section:**

*Yellow Section: -*

*(General Assembly and Synod Information)*

**March - No Changes**

**\*\*NEW\*\* June**

- Pg. 1 - Delete email for Old Bennington (JoAnn Coker primary contact)
- Pg. 5 - Add to Dwight Mission, Peter Newbury - Exec. Dir. peter@dwhightmission.org
- Pg. 7 - Muskogee, First - change Clerk to Kathy Eskridge, 520 N 54<sup>th</sup>, Muskogee, OK 74403 918.683.7879

**\*\*NEW\*\* June**

- Pg. 1 - Bennington - Drop CLP Mervin Redwine (retired)
- Pg. 2 - Bristow - Add Pastor email [rebecca.bristow@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.bristow@gmail.com)
- Pg. 4 - Caddo - Drop CLP Mervin Redwine (retired)
- Pg. 12 - Wagoner - Drop Neal Dancer (stated supply) retired

*Green Section:*

*(Committees and Subcommittees of EOP)*

**March**

- Dev. Cong & Evang - Add Jan Grubbs, 1908 Cardinal Drive, McAlester, OK 74501 918.423.5634
- Fin. & Admin - Add Jerry Grubbs, 1908 Cardinal Drive, McAlester, OK 74501 918.423.5634
- Personnel - Add Anna Milligan; (Elder, Tulsa, First)

**\*\*NEW\*\* June**

- Care of Church Professionals (Class of 2010) - Add Katherine Beaubien (elder, Bristow)
- Dev. Cong. & Evang. (Class of 2012) - Add Jennifer Grantham (Min., Okmulgee, First)
- Ministry (Class of 2011) - Add Rev. Todd Freeman (College Hill)
- Preparation for Ministry (Class of 2012) - Add Mike Vandeberg (elder, Okmulgee 1st)

*Gold Section:*

*(Inquirers)*

**March**

- Change address on Josh Miles to 563 N Vancouver Ave., Tulsa OK 74127

**\*\*NEW\*\* June**

*Blue Section:*

*(Clerks of Session)*

**March**

- Remove Marilyn Stout (Muskogee, First)
- Add Kathy Eskridge (Muskogee, First) - 520 N 54<sup>th</sup>, Muskogee, OK 74403 918.683.7879

**\*\*NEW\*\* June**

- Remove Sandra Harrison (Poteau, First)
- Add Durene Sampson (Poteau, First) - address (see Bill Sampson pg 16 Ivory Sec.)

*Ivory Section:*

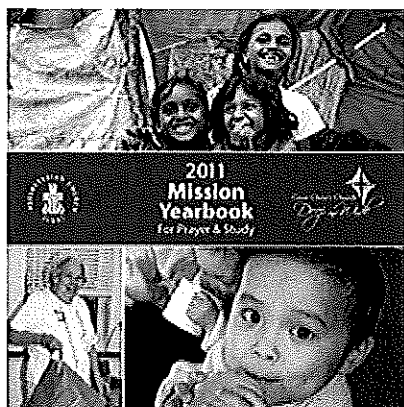
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**March**

- Pg. 3 - Change address Kathy Brison 1315 E Hickory, Okmulgee, OK 74447 918.759.9010
- Pg. 6 - Add Kathy Eskridge (Muskogee, First) - 520 N 54<sup>th</sup>, Muskogee, OK 74403 918.683.7879
- Pg. 8 - Add Jerry & Jan Grubbs, 1908 Cardinal Drive, McAlester, OK 74501 918.423.5634
- Pg. 13 - Change address on Josh Miles to **563 N Vancouver Ave., Tulsa OK 74127**
- Pg. 13 - Add Anna Milligan, 5114 E 79th St, Tulsa, OK 74136-8474

**\*\*NEW\*\* June**

- Pg. 2 - Add Katherine Beaubien, (Bristow, Presby) 608 W 8<sup>th</sup> Ave, Bristow, OK 74010 918.367.1600
- Pg. 4 - Change email on Fran Callaway to [fcallaway@hughes.net](mailto:fcallaway@hughes.net)
- Pg. 4 - Change address on Darry Carlston to 614 W Downing
- Pg. 5 - New info: Rev. Neal Dancer, 9547 E 81<sup>st</sup>, Apt 703, Tulsa, OK 74133 918.806.6248, [jacque@nealandjacque.com](mailto:jacque@nealandjacque.com)
- Pg. 13 - Change Tom Murray's email to [pastor1@fpcmc.org](mailto:pastor1@fpcmc.org)
- Pg. 14 - Add Dino Rustin, Jr. & Monetta Rustin, 6917 East 76<sup>th</sup> St, Tulsa, OK 74133



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