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COUNCIL
EASTERN OKLAHOMA PRESBYTERY
MARCH 2, 2010

1. The Minutes of the December 1, 2009, Stated Meeting were approved.
2. A member congregation of the Presbytery experienced a financial crisis due to the Internal Revenue Service seizing their bank accounts as a result of a misunderstanding regarding payroll taxes. The Council voted to make them a loan, and possible another one, payable after the dispute is resolved.
3. A Called Meeting of Council will be held on February 20, 2010, to discuss the 2010 Planning Budget.
4. The nomination of Heather Grantham as a Theological Student Advisory Delegate from San Francisco Theological Seminary was affirmed.
5. A request was approved to send \$3,000 to the Synod of the Sun for South Louisiana Presbytery. (See attached.)
6. Plans were completed for the March 2, 2010, Stated Meeting.
7. Council approved revamping the Pastoral Care Team into a Care for Church Professionals Committee with a seat on Council.
8. The new design in support of Presbytery Congregations was discussed.

M-5.0 CARE OF CHURCH PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE*M-5.1 Areas of Responsibility*

This committee shall be responsible for the care of church professionals (all ministers – active & retired, Certified Christian Educators, and Commissioned Lay Pastors) under the jurisdiction of Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery. This shall include building relationships between church professionals and providing for the professional and spiritual development of church professionals.

M-5.2 Members

This committee shall be composed of twelve members, at least half of whom shall be lay persons.

M-5.3 Duties and Functions

- a* Care – shall provide for the care of church professionals under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery (and their spouses) in such ways as:
- 1* Community – encouraging church professionals to participate in fellowship, network, and pastoral care opportunities
 - 2* Education – offering educational events designed to foster leadership development and spiritual development
 - 3* Resources – providing a wide array of persons and materials which may be utilized by church leaders
- b* Crisis response – as prescribed (and more fully described) in the Presbytery's sexual misconduct policy, the committee shall provide support to all parties during the time of investigation; offer advice, as appropriate, to all parties; work toward understanding, repentance, forgiveness and reconciliation; and insure that a "pastor" is available for the parties involved.

M-5.4 Relationships

This committee will work cooperatively with other presbytery committees which may have overlapping interests and responsibilities for church leaders and programs.

Goals for 2010:

- 1. making contacts to begin to develop and expand ministry clusters:*
 - current – Southern Pastors, Eastern Pastors, Women Clergy, Contract Pastors
 - possible – retired clergy, educators, clergy spouses
- 2. providing 1 educational event*
- 3. creating a resource list, which would include:*

<i>Synod (new minister support)</i>	<i>Austin Seminary</i>
<i>Board of Pensions (workshops & resource)</i>	<i>Presbytery Pastoral Care Network</i>
<i>Alban Institute (speakers, webinars, books in our Resource Center)</i>	
- 4. offering pastoral support for church professionals & spouse in geographic regions*

January 31, 2010

TO: All Clerks of Sessions
Pastors and Associate Pastors

FROM: EOP Developing Congregations and Evangelism

RE: Developing Congregations and Evangelism Grants Applications

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In the year 2010, the Developing Congregations and Evangelism Committee is offering grants to help Congregations in EOP with new ideas for evangelism and/or developing programs needed at their church to bring new people to Christ in their community. Over the past several years, more than 50 churches have received funds to begin new evangelism and development initiatives through this program.

Application Process

1. Sessions interested in submitting an application have until July 1 to do so. Send applications to:
Ken Woodhams, 101 E 12th St, Pawhuska, OK 74056.
2. The Committee will review every grant request and all applicants will be notified of the results of that review in early August. The Presbytery will award grants at its meeting on September 18-19, 2009 at Dwight Mission.
3. The funds will be available after the approval of grants by Presbytery and will be released as soon as needed prior to December 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 program.

These grants are a great way to develop new ways to share and connect with each other and our communities.

We welcome applications from the same church for the same idea as a previous year, but first time requests will receive priority.

If your Church has an idea, return the attached form by July 1, 2010. Questions may be directed to Ken Woodhams, (918) 287-4040 or kwoodhamsster@gmail.com.

2010 Developing Congregations & Evangelism Grants

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Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery

Deadline: July 1, 2010

1. Basic Information

a. Church _____ City _____

b. Pastor/Commissioned Lay Pastor _____

c. Who will answer questions about your application?

Name _____

Day Phone _____

Evening Phone _____

2. Overview

Please describe your proposed outreach. Who are you trying to reach? What type of program you want to offer. Why do you feel your proposed ministry will reach the people you want to reach? When and where (day of week and time) will the program happen? (Please type.)

3. When do you plan to begin your program? _____

(Note: Grants will be awarded in September.)

4. Describe the audience you are seeking to reach.

5. On a separate piece of paper, describe the kind of program you will use (no more than 1 page, please). List 3-4 resources being used to develop the program.

6. Please list who will be responsible for developing this program (names of individuals, special committees of the Session with chairperson, etc.)

7. What publicity vehicles will you use?

8. What specifically will an Evangelism Grant pay for?

9. How (by what standards) will you evaluate your program?
(Please be as specific as you can.)

10. Please be prepared to report on your progress one year from the receipt of funds at the September Presbytery Meeting at Dwight Mission.

11. Session Approval

On _____ the Session of _____ Presbyterian Church of _____, Oklahoma approved this application. The Session understands that it will keep thorough records of the program and share those records with the Presbytery's Developing Congregations & Evangelism upon request.

Clerk of Session

Moderator

Send completed forms to:
Ken Woodhams, Moderator
101 E 12th St
Pawhuska, OK 74056

Developing Congregations and Evangelism

Maintenance Assistance Grant

Date of Request: _____ Amount Requested _____ Amount Approved: _____

1. Basic Information

- a. Church _____ City _____
- b. Pastor/Commissioned Lay Pastor/Moderator _____
- c. Who will answer questions about your application?

Name _____

Day Phone _____

Evening Phone _____

2. Overview

Please describe your maintenance need. What is the need? What have you done to fix the problem yourselves? How much will the project cost? How much do you need from this committee? What other groups have you contacted for funding?

3. How will this help you continue an effective ministry?

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4. Describe your current evangelism program. How will this grant help you reach out into your community to bring people to Christ? (Use separate paper if necessary.)

5. Have you fulfilled the following?

- a. Had your Session Minutes read by Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery in the past 12 months? _____
- b. Regularly pay your mission obligation to EOP? _____
- c. Submitted the Annual Statistical Report to the General Assembly? _____
- d. Reported your pastor's compensation to EOP? _____
- e. Had an elder attend at least one Presbytery meeting in the last 12 months? _____

6. Session Approval

On _____ the Session of _____ Presbyterian Church of _____, Oklahoma approved this application. The Session understands that it will keep thorough records of the maintenance project and share those records with the Presbytery's Developing Congregations & Evangelism upon request.

Clerk of Session

Moderator

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Form of Government Task Force



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Form of Government Task Force submits final report to 219th GA

SEPTEMBER 1, 2009

DATE TO NOTE:

The Form of Government Task Force has submitted the final draft of its report to the 219th General Assembly (2010).

July 3-10, 2010 —
219th General
Assembly (2010)

[Assembly Action](#)

[About the Task Force](#)

The report includes recommendations to add Foundations of Presbyterian Polity as a new section to the *Book of Order*, as well as a proposed revision of the Form of Government and an advisory handbook.

[Read the full report](#) of the Form of Government Task Force.

The following items are included within the full report:

[Foundations of Presbyterian Polity](#) — lays out the principles that are foundational to government, worship, and discipline for the PC(USA). Preserves the vast majority of the material in the first four chapters of the current Form of Government.

[Korean Version](#)

[Spanish Version](#)

[Form of Government](#) — in six chapters, spells out the constitutional framework for government of the PC(USA) as it seeks to respond to God's call to life in mission.

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
[Advisory Handbook for Councils for the Development of Policies and Procedures Required by the Form of Government](#) — an aid to councils (governing bodies) of the church for developing the policies and procedures to carry out their mission.


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
[Frequently asked questions](#) that address key issues about the task force's report.

[A letter to PC\(USA\) elders](#) from Carol Hunley, a task force member who is a ruling elder.

What Is Missional Ecclesiology?  from Paul Hooker, minister member of the FOG Task Force, member of the Advisory Committee on the Constitution.

Form of Government PowerPoint Presentation  The Form of Government Task Force has received requests for this PowerPoint presentation that was presented at the Fall Polity Conference in Minneapolis. We hope it will be helpful.

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Form of Government
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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!

EVALUATION OF **MARCH 2, 2010**, STATED MEETING

The Presbytery Planning Committee and the Presbytery Council review your comments after each presbytery meeting. To help us plan more effective meetings, please take a moment to respond to the following questions.

What comments do you have about this presbytery meeting?

What suggestions do you have for future presbytery meetings (ideas for speakers, workshops, reports, meeting format, etc)?

So that we might respond, when appropriate, please provide the following optional information:

Name: _____

Congregation & City: _____

When completed, please leave on the registration table or mail it to the presbytery office. Thank you for helping us to improve the quality of our time together.