

**EASTERN OKLAHOMA PRESBYTERY  
STATED MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 18-19, 2009  
DWIGHT MISSION CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER, VIAN**

Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) held a Stated Meeting on September 18-19, 2009, at Dwight Mission Camp and Retreat Center in Vian. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. with prayer by Moderator Joyce Ludwig. Allison Beavers and Elizabeth Sharp welcomed the body to Dwight Mission and provided logistical information. The Stated Clerk reminded attendees to register and declared a quorum present. Dr. James Currie was introduced as a Corresponding Member from New Covenant Presbytery and given the privilege of the floor. New commissioners were introduced.

**WORSHIP**

1. James Currie delivered the sermon at the Friday evening worship service. The Sacrament of Communion was celebrated.
2. The Saturday Meditation was offered by Dale Scott.

**MOTIONS**

The following motions were made, seconded, and passed unless otherwise stated:

- 1 That the Presbytery adopt the Agenda. (**APPENDIX A**)
- 2 That those requesting excused absences be excused.
- 3 That the Report of the Stated Clerk be received. (**APPENDIX B**)
- 4 That the Omnibus Motion be approved as amended. Those motions are located under the appropriate committee.

**COMMITTEES**

**COUNCIL**

That the Presbytery approve the following dates and locations for the 2010 Stated Meetings and the projected dates for the 2011 Stated Meetings:

2010

Tuesday, March 2, Claremore, First Church  
 Saturday, June 12, McAlester, First Church  
 Friday-Saturday, September 17-18, Vian, Dwight Mission Camp and  
 Retreat Center  
 Tuesday, December 7, Tulsa, John Calvin Church

2011

Tuesday, March 1, Jenks, Saint James Church  
 Friday-Saturday, June 10-11 (tentative), Tri-Presbytery (Cimaron)  
 Friday-Saturday, September 16-17, Vian, Dwight Mission Camp and  
 Retreat Center  
 Tuesday, December 6, Hugo, Goodland Academy.

## FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

That the Presbytery receive the June 30, 2009, Treasurer's report. (APPENDIX C)

## MINISTRY

1. That the Presbytery receive Dino Rustin as a member, pending his release from San Joaquin Presbytery, and approve his call as Associate Pastor for John Knox Church, Tulsa, effective August 3, 2009, with the following terms:

Salary	\$25,000	Pension	Full
Housing	\$25,000	Moving Expenses	Full
Travel/Professional Expense	\$ 2,000	Vacation – 4 weeks (including 4 Sundays)	
Continuing Education/Books	\$ 1,000	Study Leave – 2 weeks (may accumulate to 6 weeks).	

The Pastor Nominating Committee followed guidelines prescribed under AA/EEO. The Committee on Ministry has completed the required clearance and background checks.

2. That the Presbytery receive Jennifer Grantham as a member, pending her release from Plains and Peaks Presbytery, and approve her call as Pastor for First Church, Okmulgee, effective October 1, 2009, with the following terms:

Salary	\$20,500	Pension	Full
Housing/Utilities	\$13,000	Moving Expenses	\$3,000
Annuity	\$ 1,500	Vacation – 4 weeks (including 4 Sundays)	
Medical/Dental	\$ 2,000	Study Leave – 2 weeks (including 2 Sundays)	
Travel/Professional Expense	\$ 1,000	Continuing Education and Study Leave cumulative up to 3 Years' allowance (if unused).	
Continuing Education/Books	\$ 1,500		

The Pastor Nominating Committee followed guidelines prescribed under AA/EEO. The Committee on Ministry has completed the required clearance and background checks.

3. That the Presbytery receive Tom Launius as a member, pending his release from Milwaukee Presbytery, and approve his call as Pastor of First Church, Claremore, effective December 1, 2009, pending congregational action on September 20, 2009, with the following terms:

Salary	\$52,000	Pension	Full
Housing	included	Moving	
Supplemental Death Insurance	\$ 828	Vacation – 4 weeks (including 4 Sundays)	
Travel/Professional Expense	\$ 3,300	Study Leave – 2 weeks (including 2 Sundays)	
Continuing Education/Books	included	Continuing Education and Study Leave cumulative up to 3 years' allowance (if unused – \$1,000 per year)	
Optional Dental/Death	\$ 2,045		

The Pastor Nominating Committee followed guidelines prescribed under AA/EEO. The Committee on Ministry has completed the required clearance and background checks.

4. That the Presbytery validate the ministry of Ray Hickman as (Interim) Consulting Director of Tulsa Metropolitan Ministry, effective July 1, 2009. This is a six-month part-time position expected to average 20 hours per week with the following terms:
 

Housing	\$26,500	Travel/Professional Expense to be reimbursed at the current IRS rate.
Pension	Full	

Due to the short-term and part-time nature of this position, no accrued vacation or study time is included.
5. That the Presbytery transfer Ann Lindsey to Trinity Presbytery in South Carolina, where she will be a member-at-large. She has been received by that presbytery pending our release.
6. That the Presbytery transfer Nancy Taylor to Arkansas Presbytery, pending their request, in order to accept a call as Pastor of First Church, Mountain Home.
7. That the Presbytery transfer Pat Beltzer to Grace Presbytery, pending their request. She has retired, and she and her husband are moving to the Dallas/Fort Worth area.
8. That the Presbytery transfer Brian Coulter to the Presbytery of South Alabama so that he may accept a call as Associate Pastor for Trinity Church in Fairhope upon certification of a call by that presbytery. He was previously certified as ready to receive a call and was ordained and enrolled as a member-at-large of this Presbytery.

#### NOMINATIONS

1. That the Presbytery accept the following resignations:
 

D.C. Adams	Developing Congregations and Evangelism 2009
Robbie Burke	Connecting Congregations 2010
Joanne Kirven	Personnel 2011
Dan Milford	Ministry 2010
Nancy Taylor	Nominations 2011
Nancy Taylor	Permanent Judicial Commission 2014.
2. That the Presbytery elect the following people to the noted positions:
 

Presbytery Moderator 2010			
Dan Milford	Minister	First	Sand Springs
Presbytery Vice Moderator (Moderator Elect) 2010			
Sandy Bach	Elder	First	Cleveland
Council Moderator 2010			
Joyce Ludwig	Minister	First	Broken Bow
Council Member-at-Large – Class of 2012			
Martha Dale Wettstain	Elder	First	Hugo
Connecting Congregations Moderator 2010			
Mary Carter	Elder	First	Broken Arrow

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 Class of 2010
 

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 Class of 2012
 

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Mary Carter	Elder	First	Broken Arrow
Ryan Moore	Minister	First	Tulsa

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 Developing Congregations and Evangelism
 

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 Moderator 2010
 

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Ken Woodhams	Minister	First	Pawhuska
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Jennifer Grantham	Minister	First	Okmulgee
Carol McMasters	Elder	First	Sapulpa

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 Finance and Administration
 

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 Moderator 2010
 

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Bill Wiles	Elder	First	Tulsa
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Liz Beck	Member	Sandy Creek	Coleman
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 Moderator 2010
 

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Andy Odom	Minister	First	Bartlesville
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Fran Callaway	Minister	Honorably Retired	
Deborah Hackler	Elder	First	McAlester
Michael Homan	Minister	First	Tulsa
Archie Lawrence	Minister	Grace	Grove
Tom Murray	Minister	First	McAlester

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 Moderator 2010
 

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Lynda Ward	Elder	First	Skiatook
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 Class of 2012
 

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Benita Collier	Elder	First	Skiatook
Carolyn Elder	Elder	College Hill	Tulsa
Jeanie Kvach	Elder	First	Sand Springs
Mary McAnally	Minister	Honorably Retired	

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 Malawi Partnership Subcommittee
 

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 Moderator 2010
 

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Jeanie Kvach	Elder	First	Sand Springs
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## Social Concerns Subcommittee

Moderator 2010

Mary McAnally Minister Honorably Retired

## Pastoral Care Team

Moderator 2010

Natalie Ford-Cowling Minister First Owasso

Class of 2012

Peg Gotthold Elder College Hill Tulsa

Warren Muller Minister First Tulsa

## Permanent Judicial Commission

Class of 2014

Robin Adair Elder First Muskogee

## Personnel

Moderator 2010

Cathy Hamrick Minister Trinity Bixby

Class of 2011

Bonnie Smith Elder First Tahlequah

Class of 2012

Chuck Kriner Minister Honorable Retired

## Preparation for Ministry

Moderator 2010

Denise Odom Minister At-Large

Class of 2012

Thea McKee Minister Bethany Muskogee

Denise Odom Minister At-Large

## Resourcing Congregations

Moderator 2010

Kristy Rodgers Elder First Bartlesville

Class of 2012

Robbie Burke Elder First Tulsa

Karen Kriner Elder College Hill Tulsa

Marjorie Swofford Elder First Tulsa

## Youth Council

Adult Moderator 2010

Jennifer Coulter Elder John Knox Tulsa

## Trustees

President 2010

Jeff Mayo Elder First Sallisaw

Class of 2012

Fred Bray Elder First Broken Bow

Jeff Mayo Elder First Sallisaw

## Commissioners to General Assembly 2010

## Clergy

Dan Milford	Minister	First	Sand Springs
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## Clergy Alternate

Marcus Barber	Minister	At-Large	
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## Clergy

Heather Bartlow	Minister	John Calvin	Tulsa
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## Clergy Alternate

Fran Callaway	Minister	Honorably Retired	
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## Elder

David Dearing	Elder	First	Hugo
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## Elder Alternate

Craig Henderson	Elder	First	Sapulpa
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## Elder

Robbie Burke	Elder	First	Tulsa
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## Elder Alternate

Martha Dale Wettstain	Elder	First	Hugo
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## Youth Advisory Delegate

Michael East	Member	First	Sapulpa
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## Youth Advisory Delegate Alternate

Kyle Elliott	Member	First	Claremore
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## Commissioners to Synod of the Sun (may be elected up to 3 2-year terms)

## Class of 2011

Edna Mitchell	Elder	Bristow	Bristow
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Jane Huffstetler	Minister	Saint James	Jenks
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## Dwight Mission Agency

## Class of 2012

Vince King	Minister	At-Large	
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## Dwight Mission, Incorporated

## Class of 2012

Stephanie Mowat	Elder	First	McAlester
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## Representation

## Moderator 2010

Don Best	Elder	Southminster	Tulsa
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## Class of 2012

Laura Woodcock	Elder	First Christian-Presbyterian	Pryor
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## Nominations

## Moderator 2010

Martha Barber			
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## Class of 2011

## Class of 2012

Janet Drummond	Elder	First	Pawhuska
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Cheryl Finch	Minister	Saint James	Jenks
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Grace Terry	Elder	First	McAlester.
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## PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

That the Presbytery enroll Heather Grantham as a Candidate in the process of ordination.

**REPORTS**

## COUNCIL

1. The Minutes of the June 5-6, 2009, Stated Meeting were approved.
2. A Design for Presbytery Oversight was approved.

## CONNECTING CONGREGATIONS

1. Commissioner Orientation was provided prior to the start of this Meeting.
2. Session Minutes and Rolls and Registers were checked prior to and in a workshop during this Meeting.
3. Our connectedness was celebrated with t-shirts and “clappers.”
4. Gardeners were encouraged to bring plants to this Meeting to share.
5. Anniversaries were recognized for Nanih Chito Church in Smithville, First Church in Claremore, Oka Achukma Church in Broken Bow, First Church in McAlester, Spring Hill Church in Smithville, First Church in Miami, and First Church in Cleveland.

## DEVELOPING CONGREGATIONS AND EVANGELISM

1. Evangelism Initiative Grants were awarded to First Church in Sapulpa, First Church in Poteau, and the Choctaw Agency.
2. Resources for immigrant and multicultural ministries were received.
3. A report was provided on The Journey, our new church development in Owasso/Collinsville.
4. Outreach ministries at First Church in Owasso were shared.

## MINISTRY

1. The Commission to install Craig Gibson at First Church in Sapulpa on August 2, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. was composed of:
  - Ministers: Dan Milford, Moderator  
Greg Coulter  
Rick Davis  
Jane Huffstetler
  - Elders: Terry Kerr, Yale Avenue Church, Tulsa  
Marlene Schwalm, First Church, Wagoner  
Jerry West, First Church, Sapulpa.
2. The Commission to ordain Brian Coulter at John Knox Church in Tulsa on August 23, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. consisted of:
  - Ministers: Joyce Ludwig, Moderator  
Heather Bartlow  
Greg Coulter  
Jeff London
  - Elders: Robbie Burke, First Church, Tulsa  
Sue Chancellor, Trinity Church, Bixby

Lori Evans, John Knox Church, Tulsa

Josh Kerr, First Church, Claremore.

3. The Committee approved the renewal of the Interim Pastor Contract between the Session of First Church, Durant, and David Smith, effective June 1, 2009, to May 31, 2010, with the following terms:

Salary	\$16,013	Continuing Education/Books	\$500
Housing	\$ 9,732	Study Leave – one week	
Pension at post-retirement rate		Vacation – one week per quarter	
Travel/Professional Expense reimbursed at 50.5 cents per mile.			

4. The Committee approved the contract between Molly Casteel and the General Assembly Committee on Representation and Inclusivity Services in the Department of Ecumenical and Agency Relations, effective June 1, 2009, to December 31, 2009, with the following terms;

Salary and Housing	\$49,000	Pension	Full
Continuing Education	\$ 500	Vacation	4 weeks
Mileage reimbursed at the IRS rate.			

5. The Presbytery's minimum terms of call is determined annually to be 65% of the churchwide median salary, as reported to the Board of Pensions. The minimum terms of call for 2010 will be \$33,930. However, the Committee has not yet taken action on a recommended cost-of-living adjustment. That adjustment is normally equal to the change of the Consumer Price Index, as reported for August. The Committee will review those figures at its October Meeting and report to the Presbytery in December. Personnel committees seeking advice may contact the Presbytery Office after October 16.
6. No new moderators were appointed.
7. The Committee approved revisions to the Pulpit Supply List. (**APPENDIX D**)

#### MISSION

1. Sid Rice presented information about Literacy and Evangelism, International including a video.
2. Fair Trade Products were available for purchasing.
3. Information was provided on the itineration of mission co-workers in October.

#### PERSONNEL

1. The Committee has reviewed the work of the Stated Clerk and plans to nominate Dana Bailey for a fourth three-year term at the December Stated Meeting.
2. The Committee has reviewed the work of the Treasurer and plans to nominate Susan Shoen for a second three-year term at the December Stated Meeting.
3. The Committee is in the process of reviewing the work of the Associate General Presbyter, Marcus Barber. An Evaluation Form is available for submission. His first five-year term ends in 2010.
4. Job descriptions for the positions of Recording Clerk and Director of Congregational Resources and Communications were available for a first reading. The vote to approve them will be taken at the December Stated Meeting.
5. Anyone interested in the position of Recording Clerk should contact the Committee Moderator, Deb Meinke.

**GENERAL PRESBYTER**

General Presbyter, Greg Coulter, on the tenth anniversary of his installation in the Presbytery, addressed the need for committees and congregations to commit themselves to growth and relevance.

**SYNOD OF THE SUN**

Synod of the Sun Executive, Judy Fletcher, thanked the Presbytery for leadership we have sent to serve in the Synod. A video was shown about the Synod.

**PROGRAM**

1. Dr. James Currie brought a special presentation on John Calvin as we are celebrating 500 years of Calvin's influence.
2. The following workshops were offered:
  - Disaster Preparedness
  - Mainline Decline
  - Continuing Conversations About John Calvin
  - Session Records Review.

**CLOSING****ATTENDANCE**

There were 109 people attending this meeting. (**APPENDIX E**)

**RESOLUTION OF THANKS AND CLOSING PRAYER**

A Resolution of Thanks and Closing Prayer was offered by Rick Davis. (**APPENDIX E**)

Dana W. Bailey  
Stated Clerk