

EASTERN OKLAHOMA PRESBYTERY
STATED MEETING
MARCH 2, 2010
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CLAREMORE

Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) held a Stated Meeting on March 2, 2010, at the First Presbyterian Church in Claremore. The Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. with prayer by Moderator Dan Milford. The body was welcomed by Tom Launius; he provided information about what is happening at First Church, Claremore. Corresponding Members were introduced and given the privilege of the floor. New Commissioners were recognized. The Stated Clerk reminded attendees to register and declared a quorum present.

WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Paul Hooker, Presbytery of Saint Augustine, delivered the sermon at the Worship Service.

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. Those motions are located under the appropriate committees.
5. That the Worship and Plenary be an Order of the Day at 1:00 p.m.

COMMITTEES

DEVELOPING CONGREGATIONS AND EVANGELISM

That the Presbytery approve the serving of Communion at the October 2010 Middle America Wee Kirk Conference if officiated by a PCUSA Minister of Word and Sacrament.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

1. That the Presbytery receive the December 31, 2009, Treasurer's Report. (APPENDIX C)
2. That the Presbytery approve the 2010 Mission Budget. (APPENDIX D)
3. That the Presbytery approve the Financial Investment Policies. (APPENDIX E)

MINISTRY

1. That the Presbytery approve a part-time (10 hours per week) Temporary Supply Contract between the Session of First Church, Idabel, and Oscar Wilkie, effective 12/10/09 – 12/31/10, with a salary of \$800 per month; and that the Presbytery enroll Oscar Wilkie (United Methodist) as a Temporary Member of the Presbytery for the duration of his service in Idabel.

2. That the Presbytery approve the Commissioned Lay Pastor Contract between the Session of College Hill Church, Tulsa, and Pat Lucy, effective 10/01/09 – 12/31/11, with authorizations to serve Communion at the David L. Moss Correctional Facility where she leads a prison ministry and voice and vote at Presbytery Meetings. This is a volunteer position. She has previously served as a Commissioned Lay Pastor there under the supervision of John Calvin Church, Tulsa. She has moved her membership to College Hill Church, Tulsa; and she and the Session ask that her Contract be continued under the supervision of this Session.
3. Pending permission to labor within the bounds of de Christo Presbytery, that the Presbytery grant Francey Rosenau permission to labor outside our bounds as she serves as the Acting Campus Minister in Tucson, Arizona, effective 01/15/10 – 05/31/10. If this position becomes an installed position, she will transfer her membership.
4. That the Presbytery approve the serving of Communion in 2010 at the University of Tulsa, when officiated by Dr. Jeff Francis, Sharp Chaplain.

NOMINATING

1. That the Presbytery receive the following resignations:

Duane Bidwell	Ministry 2011
Jennifer Coulter	Youth Council Moderator 2010
Natalie Ford-Cowling	Personnel 2010
Todd Freeman	Resourcing Congregations 2011
Craig Gibson	Pastoral Care 2010
Mark Hrachovac	Resourcing congregations 2010
Ross Kirven	Pastoral Care 2010
Laura Woodcock	Representation 2012.
2. That the Presbytery elect the following people to the indicated positions:

Care of Church Professionals			
Moderator 2010			
Natalie Ford-Cowling	Minister	Owasso	First
Class of 2010			
Wanda Johnson	Minister	Honorably Retired	
Pat Sibley	Minister	Honorably Retired	
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Class of 2011			
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Natalie Ford-Cowling	Minister	Owasso	First
Rosemary Priest	Member	Tulsa	First
Randy Schreurs	Minister	Hugo	First
Class of 2012			
Peg Gotthold	Elder	Tulsa	College Hill
Warren Muller	Minister	Tulsa	First
Karherine Beaubien	Elder	Bristow	Bristow

Developing Congregations and Evangelism

Class of 2012

Jan Grubbs	Elder	McAlester	First
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Finance and Administration

Class of 2012

Jerry Grubbs	Elder	McAlester	First
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Ministry

Class of 2011

Todd Freeman	Minister	Tulsa	College Hill
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Personnel

Class of 12010

Anna Milligan	Elder	Tulsa	First
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Preparation for Ministry

Class of 2012

Mike Vanderburg	Elder	Okmulgee	First
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Resourcing Congregations

Class of 12010

Class of 2011

Youth Council

Craig Gibson	Minister	Sapulpa	First.
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PERSONNEL

1. That action on this report be completed after the vote on the budget.
2. That the Presbytery commend the Associate General Presbyter and extend his current term through February 28, 2011. A Division of the House was requested. There were 73 affirmative votes, 8 negative votes, and 4 abstentions.

PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

1. That the Presbytery record the enrollment of Donald Best, Member of Southminster Church, Tulsa; James Michael East, Member of First Church, Sapulpa; and Daniel Wambugu Gachungi, Member of First Church, Tulsa, as Inquirers by the Committee at its meeting on January 16, 2010.
2. That the Presbytery accept the oversight of the following people by the Committee as Inquirers: D. C. Adams, Casey Shawn Allen, Megan Francis, Michael Gewecke, Olivia Lane, and Joshua Miles under the care of the Committee.
3. That the Presbytery accept the oversight of the following people by the Committee as Candidates: James Estes, Heather Grantham, and Robert Quiring under the care of the Committee.

RESOURCING

1. That the Presbytery approve the serving of Communion at 2010 Dwight Mission and Youth Council events when officiated by a PCUSA Minister of Word and Sacrament or by a Lay Preacher certified by the Presbytery.

2. That the Presbytery approve the serving of Communion at 2010 Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery Cursillo events when officiated by a PCUSA Minister of Word and Sacrament or by a Lay Preacher certified by the Presbytery.
3. That the Presbytery approve the serving of Communion during the 2010 Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering and during the Women's Retreat when officiated by a PCUSA Minister of Word and Sacrament or by a Lay Preacher certified by the Presbytery.

REPORTS

CONNECTING CONGREGATIONS

1. Ordination anniversaries were celebrated for James Chamblee, Don Ball, and Archie Lawrence.
2. Ministry anniversaries were recognized for First Presbyterian Church , Broken Bow; Kulli Tuklo Presbyterian Church, Broken Bow; and First Christian-Presbyterian Church, Pryor.

DEVELOPING CONGREGATIONS AND EVANGELISM

1. Paul Merrill reported that the General Assembly Grant for "The Journey" New Church Development was renewed.
2. The Hispanic Ministry Conference at College Hill Church, Tulsa, has been rescheduled for May 14 and 15. The original date was cancelled due to snow.
3. Information was provided on applying for Evangelism and Maintenance Grants.

MINISTRY

1. The Committee appointed the following people to serve on the Commission to Install Tom Launius as Pastor at First Church, Claremore, at 4:00 p.m. on January 24, 2010:

Clergy

Dan Milford, Moderator
Natalie Ford-Cowling
Helen Hutchison
Archie Lawrence

Elders

David Melton, First Church, Claremore
Anna Milligan, First Church, Tulsa
Bill Reynolds, Trinity Church, Bixby.

2. The Committee appointed the following people to serve on the Commission to Install Teri Summers-Minette as Pastor at Grace Church, Grove, at 4:00 p.m. on January 31, 2010:

Clergy

Greg Coulter
Helen Hutchison
Archie Lawrence

Elders

Robbie Burke, Moderator, First Church, Tulsa
 Dana Bailey, First Church, Fort Gibson
 Ford Griggs, Grace Church, Grove
 Bill Neill, First Church, Miami

Also Participating

Cathy Hamrick, Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery
 Lewis Donelson, Arkansas Presbytery
 Amy Summers-Minette, Shenandoah Presbytery.

3. The Committee accepted with thanks for long service, the retirement of Mervin Redwine as Commissioned Lay Pastor for Bryan County Parish, effective February 8, 2010. Several speakers expressed their appreciation to Mervin.
4. The Committee accepted with thanks for long service, the resignation of Neal Dancer as Stated Supply Pastor at First Church, Wagoner, effective April 5, 2010. Several speakers expressed their appreciation to Neal.
5. The Committee appointed Archie Lawrence as Moderator for First Church, Wagoner.
6. The Committee approved the revisions to the Pulpit Supply List. (APPENDIX F)

MISSION

1. Debbie Chase provided updates on what has been happening in Malawi. She presented a gift to the Presbytery.
2. Jeanie Kvach reported on the recent earthquake in Malawi.

RESOURCING CONGREGATIONS

1. Information was presented about the Presbyterian Planning Calendar.
2. Elizabeth Sharp provided information about Dwight Mission Camp and Conference Center. The new Program Director is Peter Newbury.
3. Craig Gibson reported on Triennium and Youth Council.

COUNCIL

1. Information was provided on the new design in support of Presbytery Congregations. Visits to congregations will be expanded. The role of the Pastoral Care Team will be redefined and the name changed to Care of Church Professionals Committee. The Moderator will have a seat on Council. (APPENDIX G)
3. The Minutes of the December 1, 2009, Stated Meeting were approved.
4. 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 possibly another one, payable after the dispute is resolved.
5. Council voted to Call a Special Meeting of Council on February 20, 2010, to discuss the 2010 Planning Budget.
6. The nomination of Heather Grantham as a Theological Student Advisory Delegate from San Francisco Theological Seminary was affirmed.

7. A request from the Synod of the Sun was approved to sent \$3,000 to the Synod for South Louisiana Presbytery to assist with legal expenses.

STATED CLERK

1. Clergy Identification Cards have been received from General Assembly and are available.
2. Statistical Reports were not received from 17 congregations. They are: Korean Church, Bixby; Good Spring Church, Boswell; Homer's Chapel, Boswell; Bristow Church, Bristow; Saint Matthew Church, Broken Bow; First Church, Chelsea; First Church, Choteau; First Church, Coalgate; Eastside Church, Durant; Saint Paul Church, Eagletown; First Church, Hominy; First Church, Hugo; First Church, Idabel; First Church, Miami; First Church, Sallisaw; Southminster Church, Tulsa; and First Church, Wilburton. If that information is received before March 10, the Presbytery can still submit it.

GENERAL PRESBYTER

In his report, the General Presbyter asked if we are prepared to die as people, as congregations, as a presbytery, as a denomination.

SYNOD OF THE SUN

Jane Huffstetler reported on the Solar Under the Sun Project.

PLENARY

Rev. Paul Hooker reported on the new Form of Government (FOG) that will be presented at General Assembly in July.

CLOSING

ATTENDANCE

There were 105 people attending this meeting. (APPENDIX H)

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

A Resolution of Thanks and closing prayer was offered by Mike Barron.

Dana W. Bailey
Stated Clerk