

**EASTERN OKLAHOMA PRESBYTERY
STATED MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2009
SOUTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, TULSA**

Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) held a Stated Meeting on December 1, 2009, at the Presbyterian Churches in Brookside (Saint Andrews, Southminster, and Saint Giles), Tulsa. The Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. with prayer by Moderator Joyce Ludwig. The body was welcomed by the Ministers of the Presbyterian Churches in Brookside, Sam Haun, Ann LaMar, and Bill Webb. Richard Wilson provided information about their Fair Trade Shop; a package of coffee was provided for each congregation present. Corresponding Members - K. Samuel Colhnia, Cimarron Presbytery, Moderator of Dwight Agency; Melinda Hunt, Grace Presbytery, Texas Presbyterian Foundation; and Rick Young, Grace Presbytery, Board of Pensions Representative – were introduced and given the privilege of the floor. The Stated Clerk reminded attendees to register and declared a quorum present. New commissioners were recognized.

WORSHIP

Moderator Joyce Ludwig delivered the sermon at the worship service. The Necrology Report was read. The offering was designated for candidate and inquirer scholarships. Presbytery Officers for 2010 were installed.

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.

COMMITTEES

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

1. That the Presbytery receive the September 30, 2009, Treasurer's Report. (**APPENDIX C**)
2. That the Presbytery accept the challenges in the 2010 Planning Budget. (**APPENDIX D**)

MINISTRY

1. That the Presbytery grant Duane Bidwell permission to labor outside of our bounds in order to accept a call as Associate Professor from Claremont School of Theology. Duane's family will remain in Tulsa at least through the 2009-10 school year, and he does not anticipate moving his membership until they are ready to join him in California.

2. That the Presbytery receive Teri Summers-Minette as a member pending her ordination on December 27, 2009, and her release from New Covenant Presbytery and approve her call as Pastor of Grace Church, Grove, effective December 1, 2009, with the following terms:

Salary	\$10,300
Housing	\$28,000
Pension	Full
Travel/Professional Expense	\$ 1,000
Continuing Education/Books	\$ 1,000
Moving Expense up to	\$ 6,000
Vacation (including 4 Sundays)	4 weeks
Study Leave (including 2 Sundays)	2 weeks

Continuing Education/Study Leave up to 3 years' allowance (if unused).

The Pastor Nominating Committee followed guidelines prescribed under AA/EEO. The Committee on Ministry has completed the required clearance and background checks. Installation is planned for January 31 and will be reported at the next meeting.

3. Pursuant to G-11.0406c, that the Presbytery remove Kathlynn Stone from its Roll of Ministers of Word and Sacrament. She has not responded to any correspondence from the Stated Clerk seeking verification of her status for three consecutive years. Requests have been sent via certified mail, with return receipt.
4. That the Presbytery approve the Commissioned Lay Pastor contract (part-time) between the Session of Eastside Church, Durant, and Tom Lackey, effective December 1, 2009, through December 31, 2010, with the following terms and authorizations:

Salary \$100/trip	Travel \$100/trip	
Authorizations:	Lord's Supper	Voice and Vote at Presbytery
	Baptism	Christian Marriage
	Moderate Session.	

The Committee has completed the required clearance and background checks.

NOMINATING

That the Presbytery elect the following people to the noted positions:

Connecting Congregations

Class of 2010

Claire Thomas	Member	McAlester	First
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Developing Congregations and Evangelism

Class of 2010

Finance and Administration

Class of 2012

Laurie Brumbaugh	Elder	Tulsa	Southminster
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Ministry

Class of 2010

John Gammie	Elder	Tulsa	College Hill
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Jeff London
Class of 2012

Minister

Tulsa

John Knox

Preparation for Ministry
Class of 2012

PERSONNEL

1. That the Presbytery approve the changes to the Personnel Manual. (**APPENDIX E**)
2. That the Presbytery elect Dana Bailey as Stated Clerk for 2010-2012.
3. That the Presbytery elect Susan Shoen as Treasurer for 2010-2012.

PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

That the Presbytery enroll the following people as Inquirers in the process of ordination as Ministers of Word and Sacrament, effective upon the Committee's action on October 17, 2009:

Shawn Allen	Muskogee	First
Megan Francis	Tulsa	First
Michael Gewecke	Tulsa	First
Joshua Miles	Tulsa	First.

REPRESENTATION

That the Presbytery receive the Annual Report on Representation. (**APPENDIX F**)

TRUSTEES

1. That the Presbytery receive the report of the Trustees that the Presbytery's property and liability insurance with Hanover has been reviewed and renewed.
2. That the Presbytery receive the report of the Trustees that the Financial Review Report has been received from the auditor and reviewed by the Trustees.

REPORTS

COUNCIL

The Council ratified "Further Reflections On A New Way of Engaging the Congregations of Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery." (**APPENDIX G**)

CONNECTING CONGREGATIONS

1. Bill Wiles reported on "Divided Hearts: The Presbyterian Journey through Oklahoma History."
2. Allison Beavers was recognized for her service to the Presbytery and to Dwight Mission. She was presented with a box of recipes and a bouquet of roses. Canned goods were collected in her honor for the Community Food Bank.
3. Diana Hartman reported on the status of the Presbytery's Disaster Readiness and Response Plan.

MINISTRY

1. The Committee does not recommend a cost of living adjustment (COLA) for 2010, with the following explanation: The Committee values highly the service offered to our congregations by their pastors. However, the COLA recommended for 2009 was 5.6% (which was the CPI increase in August 2008). Unfortunately, with the economic downturn, the CPI in August 2009 was a negative 2.1%. Thus, the Committee encourages each congregation to discern wisely what the financial realities are in each congregation. We encourage, where a congregation is able, an expression of appreciation and support for its pastors through financial means, perhaps making sure that pastors have received at least a 4% increase over the last two years of service. Where that is not possible, the Committee recommends that congregations consider other means of encouragement, such as additional time off in 2010.
2. The Disciples of Christ Denomination ordained and installed Mark Newman on October 18, 2009, at 10:45 a.m. at the First Christian-Presbyterian Church, Pryor. Greg Coulter represented the Presbytery in this service.
3. Dino Rustin was installed at John Knox Church, Tulsa, on October 18, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. by the following Commission:

Ministers	Elders
Dan Milford, Moderator	Mary Carter, Broken Arrow, First
Jeff London	James Chavez, Tulsa, John Knox
Rebecca Montgomery	Teri Johnson, Tulsa, John Calvin.
Andy Odom	
4. Jennifer Grantham was installed at First Church, Okmulgee, on October 25, 2009, at 4:00 p. m. by the following Commission:

Ministers	Elders
Joyce Ludwig, Moderator	Allison Beavers, Sallisaw, First
Cheryl Finch	Eileen Grantham, Cleveland; First
Todd Freeman	Mike Vanderberg, Okmulgee, First.
Craig Gibson	
5. The Committee approved a part-time Stated Supply Contract between the Session of Yale Avenue Church, Tulsa, and Vince King, effective October 16, 2009, with a salary of \$3,850 for the two and a half months (\$1,540/month).
6. The Committee approved the renewals of contracts. (**APPENDIX H**)
7. The Committee approved the continuing status of non-parish ministers in the Presbytery. (**APPENDIX I**)
8. The Committee received with regret Dan Rabovsky's resignation as Stated Supply for First Church, Nowata, effective October 31, 2009. The Committee wishes to thank Dan for 20 years of service to that congregation.
9. The following moderators were appointed:

Tulsa, Yale Avenue	Vince King	effective October 16
Tahlequah, First	Rita Wilson	effective October 16
Nowata, First	Lynn Simpson	effective November 1.
10. The Committee approved revisions to the Pulpit Supply List. (**APPENDIX J**)

MISSION

Judy Henderson reported on the Malawi Partnership.

RESOURCING CONGREGATIONS

K. Samuel Cohlma reported on the Dwight Mission Capital Campaign.

SYNOD OF THE SUN

Diana Hartman, Edna Mitchell, and Sammie Adams reported for the Synod of the Sun.

GENERAL PRESBYTER

Greg Coulter's written report was in the packet. (APPENDIX K)

WORKSHOPS

The following Workshops were offered:

“Choosing Partnership, Sharing Ministry” led by Tom Murray

Board of Pensions Information led by Rich Young

Officer Training Models and Best Practices led by Greg Coulter.

CLOSING

ATTENDANCE

There were 115 people attending this meeting. (APPENDIX L)

RESOLUTION OF THANKS AND CLOSING PRAYER

The Resolution of Thanks and Closing Prayer was offered by Sam Haun. (APPENDIX M)

Dana W. Bailey
Stated Clerk