



The Presbytery of Tres Rios
86th Stated Meeting - October 16, 2009
Trinity Presbyterian Church, El Paso

The 86th Stated Meeting of Tres Rios Presbytery was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Vice Moderator Jim Anderson. Actions taken during the meeting were:

A resolution of thanksgiving for the life and ministry of First Presbyterian Church of Barstow, Texas was presented to the presbytery. Those present at the meeting who traced their beginnings and/or those of their families to that congregation came before the presbytery and the presbytery showed their thanks and appreciation with a hearty round of applause.

Nominating Committee

- Elected Jim Anderson to serve as Moderator and Dennis Haralson to serve as Vice Moderator.
- Elected a slate of nominees to fill vacancies on presbytery committees.

Committee on Ministry

- Examined and received Harriet Wacker, Honorably Retired pastor from Grace Presbytery.
- Examined and received Todd Wyrick to serve as Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Midland.
- Examined and received Craig Holstedt to serve as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring.
- Examined and received Walter Thompson to serve as Associate Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Midland.
- Approved that the First Presbyterian Church, McCamey be declared extinct and that the remaining members have their membership transferred to First Presbyterian Church, Ft. Stockton. A resolution will be published thanking God for all the ministry of FPC, McCamey, and time will be set aside at the Feb. 2010 meeting of Tres Rios Presbytery to celebrate that ministry.

Presbytery Council

- Elected Barbara Chappell and Shannon Weisenfels to serve on the Nominations Committee Class of 2012.
- Voted that the presbytery proceed with engaging in a process of Spiritual Discernment concerning the mission and ministry direction of the presbytery

Worship and Meetings Sub-Committee

- Approved the following meeting sites for 2010 Presbytery Meetings: February 19, 2010 (First, Midland), June 18, 2010 (First, Marfa) and October 15, 2010 (Highland, El Paso).

Financial Services Sub-Committee

- Received the Treasurer's Report
- Approved the 2010 Asking Budget.
- The second call of the Builders Fellowship was issued to Divine Savior Church for renovations to the church manse, pastors office and air conditioning units in the church.
- Approved a policy for presbytery investments.

Church Development Committee

- Encouraged every church to look into subscribing to www.presbyterianleader.com
- www.pcusa/research has vital statistical information about each church, the presbytery, and the denomination to help with discussions about transformation and NCD

Committee on Mission

- Mission Worker Offering will be collected on October 18, 2009.
- Three mission trips will be scheduled in 2010. Costa Rica trip will be a one week trip (Saturday – Saturday) at the end of July with an estimated cost of \$1300. Colombia Nature Travel Seminar will be a two week trip in late August or early September. Committee is planning on having a weekend Border Mission Trip to Mexico working with Casa Por Cristo during the summer.

Committee on Training and Nurture

- Applications for the youth task force are still being accepted. Retreat will be held February 5-7, 2010 at Prude Ranch.
- Pastors Spouse Retreat Alternative – deadline for requests has been extended until October 31, 2009.
- Living Letters to a New World - Education Event will be held February 19-20, 2010 at First Presbyterian Church, Midland.
- Presbyterian Youth Triennium will be July 20-24, 2010. Applications available from the presbytery office.

Other Items of Business

- Joyce Bronough, Moderator presented a report for the Tres Rios Presbyterian Women.
- Heard the report from the Second Harvest Committee.
- Admitted to record the actions of the Permanent Judicial Commission. Complete copy of the records are available at the presbytery office.
- Heard the annual report of the General Missioner, Jose Luis Casal.
- Celebrated the 25th Anniversary of Theresa Wright serving as Administrative Assistant for the presbytery.

