



*The Presbytery of Tres Rios*  
*108th Stated Meeting – February 24, 2017*  
*Faith Presbyterian Church – El Paso, Texas*

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The 108th stated meeting of The Presbytery of Tres Rios, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) was called to order with prayer by Moderator Anne Mackey on Friday, February 24, 2017 at Faith Presbyterian Church, El Paso, Texas. A quorum was declared present by Stated Clerk Kay Long. Guest preacher was the Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus. Special panel discussion on the topic “Loving the Stranger” was presented by Bill Schlesinger, Laurie Kraus, Amanda Craft and Linda Rivas.

#### **Missional Ministries Team**

- Continues to work with various congregations in the presbytery to provide support with ministry issues, pastoral searches, changing ministries, etc.
- Dissolved the pastoral relationship between The Rev. Cheryl Kincaid and First Presbyterian Church, Odessa effective November 20, 2016.
- Continues to work with 6 individuals who are in the process as Inquirers or Candidates for Ministry.
- Approved the call between the Rev Buddy Monahan and Westminster Presbyterian Church, Odessa. Installation service was held January 29, 2017.
- Cindy Duke was appointed moderator of the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Pecos.

#### **Missional Networking Team**

- Read and approved session minutes from several Tres Rios Churches.
- Accepted the resignation of Jose Luis Casal as General Missioner effective March 31, 2017.

#### **Missional Nurturing Team**

- Heard a report about the TRYC Youth Event held February 17-19, 2017 at Prude Ranch. Participants prepared “Gift of Heart Kits” for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance during the retreat.
- Synod Youth Workshop will be held July 10-15, 2017. Presbytery is looking into the possibility of providing a bus for transportation.
- Church Officer Training was held on February 11, 2017. Team is looking into the possibility of offering Sexual Harassment training in the future.

#### **Personnel Sub-Team**

- With the departure of the General Missioner, executive duties have been assigned to the Stated Clerk.

#### **Missional Resource Team**

- Received the Treasurer’s Report and Church Contribution Report.
- Approved the 2017 presbytery budget.
- Approved up to \$7000 to be spent from the Operating Reserve Fund to allow for repairs to the windows at the leased McCamey church property.
- Team is in the process of updating the Builders Fellowship membership.

#### **Missional Outreach Team**

- Team continues to meet upon invitation with sessions to discuss church growth.
- Approved Small Church Fund Grant for St Paul, San Angelo for repairs to the basement caused by water damage from a broken water supply line.
- Approved the By-laws Midland Presbyterian Corporate Ministry Board.
- Elected representatives to the St Andrew Mission Board and Project Vida board.
- Received a report about the Nicaragua Mission Trip held January 22-28, 2017.

#### **Administrative Commission for Divine Savior and St Andrew**

- Continues to work with both churches.
- Rev. Jayne Ruiz will continue to work with Divine Savior through 2017 and will work with St Andrew until June, 2017.
- There is new energy at Divine Savior and St Andrew has expanded its session and is planning to secure funding from sources other than presbytery to help sustain its ministry.

#### **Special presentations made were:**

- Honored Jose Luis and Cecilia Casal for their 14 years of service to the Presbytery of Tres Rios.
- Stephanie Mardsden brought greetings from Texas Presbyterian Foundation.
- Craig Holstedt presented a report about the work of the Synod.
- Neal Locke presented a report about the work of Schreiner University.
- Heard report from the Next Steps Task Force.
- Voted on Amendments to the Constitution.

Enjoyed fellowship, wonderful hospitality and food provided by our hosts at Faith Presbyterian Church and special thanks to Divine Savior Presbyterian Church for lunch.