



The Presbytery of Tres Rios *114th Stated Meeting Highlights*

The 114th stated meeting of The Presbytery of Tres Rios, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) was called to order with prayer by Moderator Nelson Sager on Friday, March 1, 2019 at First Presbyterian Church, Fort Stockton, Texas. Worship followed with the Call to Worship, celebration of the Lord's Supper and the reading of the necrology. The Rev Kathryn Morton preached the sermon.

Next Steps Task Force

- Approved the new Bylaws and Manual of Operations. Copies are available on the presbytery website.
- Elected Jinny Forbes (University, El Paso) to serve on the Pastoral Team.
- Two Ministry Information Forms for the Pastoral Presbyter and the Vision/Outreach Presbyter have been created and posted with Church Leadership Connection.
- Preliminary meetings have taken place with proposed new teams to organize and elect officers.

Missional Resource Team

- Approved the Treasurer's Report dated December 31, 2018.
- Approved the 2019 budget for presbytery.
- Builders Fellowship that was issued to Andrews Presbyterian Church for repairs to the church manse generated \$7589.
- Approved selling the former First Presbyterian Church of McCamey, Tx property located at 101 E. 8th Street, McCamey, Texas.
- Approved the request of The Church of the Good Shepherd, Sonora, Texas to sell the vacant lot across the street from the church to the City of Sonora, Sutton County.
- Approved the sale of the San Elizario property and trailer house.

Missional Ministries Team

- Examined and received Rev. Taylor Todd to serve as Interim pastor for FPC, Big Spring. Jim Longstreet was appointed as his Amigo.
- Approved the contract between Rev. Ed Williamson and Westminster, Odessa. Also approved allowing Rev. Williamson to celebrate the sacraments when invited to do so by the Session of Westminster, Odessa.
- Approved the appointment of Don Andrews as moderator of the session at Grace, El Paso.
- Examined and received Rev. Dr. Ronnie Hankins to serve as pastor for FPC, Odessa effective February 1, 2019. Mary Beth Anton was appointed as his amigo. Installation service will be March 17, 2019.
- Approved authorization for Bill Rose to serve Holy Communion at Grace, El Paso at the request of the Session.
- Approved the Interim Pastor Ministry Information form for Grace, El Paso.
- Approved the Solo Pastor Ministry Information form for Grace, El Paso.
- Approved the dismissal of Rev. Dick McFarlin (HR) to Grace Presbytery effective January 15, 2019.
- Approved the dismissal of Rev. Craig Holstedt to Heartland Presbytery effective February 19, 2019.
- Granted permission for Rev Jobeth McLeod to labor outside the bounds to preach at Sinton Presbyterian Church (Mission Presbytery).
- Granted permission for Rev Dana Mayfield to labor within our bounds to officiate a funeral in San Angelo.
- Approved Rev Dr Bob Reno to serve as Interim (Bridge) Pastor for Grace, El Paso effective March 23-May 31, 2019.
- Commissioned Ruling Elder Ann Hurt to serve another 3-year term as a Commissioned Ruling Elder in covenant relationship with First, Fort Stockton.

Missional Networking Team

- Tim Davenport Herbst was our presbytery representative to the “Comfort My People” summit in Louisville, KY on February 11-13. Jim Miles will also be working with that program.
- Approved increasing the stated clerk’s compensation to \$21,600 per year.
- Approved that the presbytery continues the current employment relationship with presbytery administrative assistant Theresa Wright and that her annual salary be increased by 3%.

Missional Nurturing Team

- TRYC Presbytery Youth Event was held February 15-17, 2019 at Prude Ranch with 97 people registered. Theme this year will be “Called” using Romans 11:29 as the scripture text. Retreat will be led by Grace Presbytery “Crossroads College Ministry”. As a group mission project, participants prepared a total of 100 school kits, 20 clean up buckets and 150 hygiene kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.
- Synod Youth Workshop will be held July 8-13, 2019 at the University of Tulsa and is open to youth who are entering 9th grade through graduated seniors and adult leaders. The presbytery will provide transportation cost and participants can apply for scholarship that will cover 2/3 of the registration cost. Registration cost will be \$395 per participant and at least one adult sponsor must accompany every six youth that want to participate. Applications must be received before March 11, 2019.
- Presbyterian Youth Triennium will be held July 16-20, 2019 at Purdue University. Triennium is a gathering held every three years for high school age students (entering freshmen through graduated seniors) in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Youth from churches across the United States come together for this event. Cost for the event is \$555. Presbytery will provide transportation to the event but the registration fee is the responsibility of the participants. Applications must be received before March 11, 2019. If you are interested in being an adult sponsor please contact the Presbytery Office.
- Church Officer Training is available through the Nurture Team. Please contact the presbytery office if you are interested.
- Resources for Church Safety/Misconduct Training are available through the presbytery office.

Missional Outreach Team

- Approved a grant of \$5000 for St Mark Presbyterian Church, San Angelo to repair/replace HVAC units at the church.
- Received information about help needed for our El Paso Congregations participating in refugee relief. Information is available through the presbytery office.
- Approved an additional grant in the amount of \$5000 for St Mark Presbyterian Church, San Angelo to repair/replace HVAC units at the church.

Other Business

- Heard report from Robert Giegling (Presbyterian Children’s Home and Service).
- Voted on Constitutional Amendments as follows:
 - 18-A. Election of Ruling Elders and Deacons – On Amending G-2.0401 – Passed
 - 18-B. Renunciation of Jurisdiction –
 - 18-B.1. On Amending G-2.0509 – Passed
 - 18-B.2. On Amending D-10.0401d- Passed
 - 18-C. Officers – On Amending G-3.0104 – Failed
 - 18-D. Membership of Presbytery – On Amending G-3.0306 – Passed
 - 18-E. Pastor, Counselor and Advisor – On Amending G-3.0307 – Passed
 - 18-F. Welcoming to the Table – On Amending W-4.0202 – Passed
 - 18-G. Disciplinary Offense – On Amending D-2.0203b – Passed
 - 18-H. Time Limit -
 - 18-H.1. On Amending D-10.0401b – Passed
 - 18-H.2. On Amending D-10.0401c(1) – Passed

Next meeting will be October 11, 2019.