



Palo Duro Presbytery

June 6-7, 2008

Palo Duro Presbytery met on June 7-8 at First Central Presbyterian Church, Abilene, Texas, for its 110th Stated Meeting. The following is a summary of the meeting:

The Administrative Commission working with Levelland was dismissed. The church made a \$20,000.00 gift to the presbytery at the time of its transfer.

The theme of the meeting was stewardship. Table discussions were held around an article by Walter Brueggemann entitled, "The Litany of Abundance, The Myth of Scarcity." A DVD presentation by Brueggemann was the sermon for the evening worship service. Elders and ministers who died in 2007 were remembered in worship.

The "Not Ready for Prime Time Presbyterian Players" did a presentation of the book, "The Spyglass," by Richard Paul Evans.

Kenny Rigoulot, a candidate under care of Grace Presbytery, was examined and approved to serve as the Pastor of First

Presbyterian Church, Pampa, Texas. He will begin his ministry on July 1, 2008. The installation service will be held at the Pampa Church on Sunday, August 3, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.

Kade Curry (First Central, Abilene) and Todd Wyrick (Westminster, Lubbock) were both received as Candidates under care of Palo Duro Presbytery. Each received a check for \$1000 to assist them in the study and ministry. Candidates Meredith Kemp (St. Luke, Amarillo) and Monica Hall (First, Wichita Falls) were both certified as ready to receive a call. Travis Allen (First, Graham) was accepted as an Inquirer.

Elder Nancy Ruff (Pampa, TX) was re-commissioned as a Commissioned Lay Pastor working with First Church, Pampa and others in area 1. This commission is for a 3-year period.

Changes in terms of call for 2008 for the pastors of the presbytery were approved. Minimum salaries for full-time pastoral services for 2009 were approved. This action requires a minimum cash salary of \$31,038, housing of \$12,415, pensions and medical coverage of

\$13,688, auto allowance of \$5,250 and study leave allowance of \$1,000.

Exemptions were given to several churches which have only female members serving on the session.

Reports were heard from the Texas Presbyterian Foundation and the Board of Pensions. The phone number for the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is 866-640-2772.

Various nominations were made for positions on presbytery committees. There are still openings for several minister and elders.

The Evangelism Committee reported on a project for obtaining seed packets for next spring. Participating churches can purchase seed packets, and personalize the message on them for just 3 cents/packet. Contact the presbytery office for details and to order.

Reports were received from Palo Duro Presbytery Cursillo and from the Presbytery Transformation Team. Volunteers are needed for the

four presbytery design teams which will be looking at the mission and work of the presbytery. Teams will be trained August 15-16. Call the presbytery office for more information.

Three Celebration Scholarship recipients were announced. They include: Jessica Golden of First Presbyterian Church, Vernon; Hailey Travis of First Presbyterian Church, Plainview, and Claire Boyd of First Presbyterian Church, Pampa.

First Presbyterian Church, Wichita Falls and Palo Duro Presbytery are sponsoring a stewardship workshop on Saturday, August 9, 2008 from 10- 3 p.m. at the church featuring Robert Sheldon, Director of Funds Development for the Synod of the Rocky Mountains. Registration forms are available at the presbytery office. Cost for the event is \$5.00 Registrations are required by August 9.

The next Stated Meeting of Palo Duro Presbytery will be October 17-18, 2008 at St. Luke Presbyterian Church, Amarillo.