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# Book Review: “A Long Obedience in the Same Direction” by Eugene H. Peterson

BY REV. DR. JOSEPH HARRIS

Occasionally you pick up a book—particularly a devotional book—and the contents not only speak to you, they often shout at you. Eugene Peterson’s “A Long Obedience in the Same Direction: Discipleship in An Instant Society” was such a book for me. He wrote this book nearly forty years ago but its contents are as relevant today as when it was first written.

We are still a society that looks too often for quick fixes and instant gratifications. Peterson’s book examines Psalms 120-134, also called the Song of Ascents, and teaches the reader how they may grow in Christian discipleship. Topics in the 15 psalms include repentance, worship, service, joy, work, happiness, humility, community and blessings. Peterson quotes biblical writers, theologians, an atheist (Nietzsche, from whom he borrows the title of the book), novelists and testimonies of Christians who pursued God at all costs.

Peterson begins the book with the statement that Christian disciples too often navigate this world as tourists rather than as pilgrims. We think anything worthwhile can be acquired once, so we develop the lifestyle of a tourist and only want the high points. When we become a pilgrim, we become a person who spends their life

going someplace, going to God, and our path for getting there is the way of Jesus.

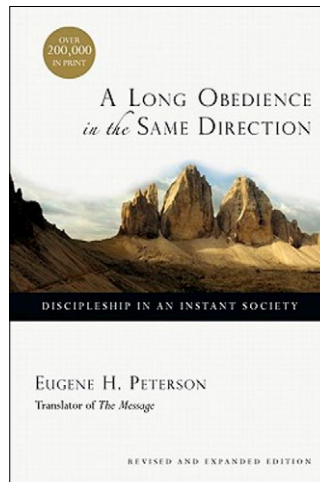
The psalms used in this book provide support, courage and inner direction for getting the reader where God is trying to lead them in Christ. This book is meant to be a guidebook and map for those who are

looking to maintain a mature, growing, active and meaningful lifestyle of a disciple in today’s cultural milieu.

Peterson has said that seventeen publishers rejected his manuscript, saying there was no “niche” in the market and it was irrelevant to the concerns of the contemporary North American. One asked, “Who wants to purchase a book with the words ‘long’ and ‘obedience’ in its title?” Yet “A Long Obedience in the Same Direction” has become one of the new classics of devotional and spiritual growth studies.

I have read this book more than four times, and I glean something new for my personal growth each time. In fact, I highly recommend that persons read the book then purchase the audio book, which is narrated by Lloyd James whose voice is pleasant, moving and emotive.

The depth of information and inspiration in this book will stay with you for some time as you realize that this walk we have with Christ involves a long obedience in the same direction.



**“A Long Obedience in the Same Direction: Discipleship in An Instant Society” by Eugene H. Peterson.**

*Share the books that have built up your faith, developed your leadership skills or invigorated your ministry. Submit your book review to [editor@okumc.org](mailto:editor@okumc.org).*

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# OKUMC and OIMC youth participate in Youth 2019



Youth from the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference and Oklahoma Annual Conference attend YOUTH 2019 in Kansas City, Missouri.

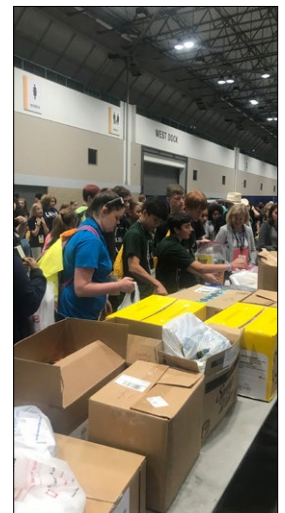


Youth from Collinsville headed to Youth 2019.



Top: Youth Directors hanging out with the Wesley Brothers in the exhibition hall.

Right: OKUMC Youth packing school supplies as part of a service project during youth 2019.



All photos submitted by Courtney Blacksten.

BY COURTNEY BLACKSTEN

**Y**outh 2019 was the national gathering of United Methodist Youth put on by Discipleship Ministries. The quadrennial event was held in Kansas City, Missouri from July 10-13. Youth from both the Oklahoma Annual Conference and Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference attended the event.

In total, Youth 2019 had over 3,100 attendees. The event provided a space for youth to connect with other youth and their leaders, denominational leaders and connectional agencies, and to learn about the wide variety of ministries of the United Methodist Church.

The event's theme was "Love Well," based on Romans 12:9-10. Participants were challenged to expand their understanding of what it means to love

God, self, and others, and to do it well. Young people participated in small groups, workshops, Bible study and outreach, collectively packing over 100,000 bags of food. OIMC youth led an opening prayer for worship participated in a panel discussions on growing up Native and Native issues.

The South Central Jurisdiction hosted a gathering during the event for youth from across the jurisdiction to join together and meet one another. Representatives from each conference within the jurisdiction shared about what is going on in their conference, and they elected four young people to attend the 2020 Jurisdictional Conference as official observers. On Friday evening, Oklahoma City University hosted a pizza party for the Oklahoma groups to gather for food and fellowship.

# Connectional Table approves legislation creating new U.S. structure

*Legislation could be voted on during 2020 General Conference*

Chicago, IL—The Connectional Table approved sending legislation to General Conference 2020 that will create a new structure for churches in the United States, called a regional conference, during an online meeting July 18, 2019.

The proposed legislation stipulates that the U.S. Regional Conference will have geographic boundaries congruent with the territory of the U.S. annual conferences. Jurisdictions will continue to function with their current powers and duties, including their process to elect bishops.

“The current proposal will help the General Conference to focus its work on matters truly global,” says Bishop Christian Alsted, chair of the board, “and offers the church in the United States a connectional structure to deal with matters pertaining specifically to the U.S. context, including the development of strategies and priorities, pension and healthcare issues and, not least, adaptations to the Book of Discipline.”

During the Connectional Table’s meeting in April 2019, the body approved bringing a legislative proposal to GC2020 to create a U.S. Central Conference and sent the proposal back to the U.S. Contextual Ministries Advisory Group for further work. Concerns surfaced at this meeting and in the Council of Bishops about calling the U.S. structure a central conference. Calling it a regional conference instead acknowledges the painful, racist history and still-existing wounds associated with the former Central Jurisdiction in the U.S.

Creating the U.S. Regional Conference will be done in two stages:

■ Stage I will form a committee of the General Conference, with legislative function, to deal with U.S. Region – Adaptable disciplinary

provisions, U.S.-related resolutions, and non-disciplinary petitions concerning U.S. matters.

■ Stage II will form the U.S. Regional Conference, and the Stage I committee will end its work.

“We feel that the two-stage process we are proposing best meets the needs of the U.S. to do adaptive work,” says Judi Kenaston, chair of the CT’s advisory group. “Stage I will allow us to function in the interim and process legislation that is specific to the United States. It allows Central Conference input while also taking a burden off the General Conference to deal with legislation that does not affect the whole church. Stage II, which establishes a U.S.

Regional Conference, is a long-term solution for dealing with U.S.-specific legislation that can allow the U.S. to have parity with the Central Conferences that already do adaptable work.”

Because the regional conference is a new body and different than a central conference, the proposed legislation will add a new ¶11.

Article IV.—“There shall be a regional conference for the Church in the United States of America, with such powers, duties, privileges, and limitations as are hereinafter set forth.” Also, a new Section VI. Regional Conferences in the Constitution would be added.

Proposals for the U.S. to have a structure similar to a Central Conference began as early as 1924, with a formal proposal by the Board of Foreign Missions coming to General Conference in 1928. The Connectional Table began work on this issue in 2005, when a joint task force on the Global Nature of the Church was established with the Council of Bishops.

When the work on the General Book of Discipline began at General Conference 2012, the need for the churches in the U.S. to have a place to do adaptable work took on a greater sense of urgency.

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—REV. KENNETHA J. BIGHAM-TSAI, CHIEF CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES OFFICER FOR THE CONNECTIONAL TABLE

## Connectional Table legislation, cont.

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The Connectional Table began working alongside the Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters in 2013, when it formed a Worldwide Nature Collaboration Group.

As the global church responds to the recent 2019 Special Session, new legislative proposals for a U.S. structure have been brought forth. None pre-date the Connectional Table’s work or have the same focus.

“The legislation, as currently written, will not address our impasse over human sexuality,” says the Rev. Kennetha J. Bigham-Tsai, chief connectional ministries officer for the Connectional Table. “However, it will help unburden the General Conference and facilitate U.S. adaptable work of other kinds. It is crucially important for the health of our church going forward to have a place where the U.S. can make decisions about its mission and ministry.”

The Connectional Table works to steward the mission, vision and ministries of The United Methodist Church. For more information, please visit [connectionaltable.umc.org](http://connectionaltable.umc.org).

## Finance for Pastors event on Sept. 9

Oklahoma Conference pastors are invited to attend Finance for Pastors on Sept. 9 at the Oklahoma Conference Ministry Center in Oklahoma City. The event will be held in the Woodworth Room from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Pre-reading includes “2019 Church and Clergy Tax Guide” by Richard R. Hammar and “A Spirituality of Fundraising” by Henri Nouwen before attending.

Goals include a greater understanding of financial statements for churches, how internal control protects everyone involved, the importance of designated funds, how to develop a culture of generosity in church, and aspects of personal finance for pastors, including planning for retirement, understanding Wespeth and unique tax consequences for pastors.

The registration fee is \$25, and registration closes on Aug. 23. For more information, contact Norma Gravley-Quinn at [nquinn@okumc.org](mailto:nquinn@okumc.org). Register online at [okumc-reg.brtaapp.com/FinanceForPastors](http://okumc-reg.brtaapp.com/FinanceForPastors).

### Client Spotlight - Meet Corey



After being completely homeless and living on the streets, Corey sought help from several local organizations - including NSO. Now he has been a resident at Palo Duro I for just over a year and takes so much comfort knowing that he has a home.

**“NSO has helped me so much. They helped me to get a roof over my head and have a safe, secure place. I think this is the best place for me.”**

Corey has set his sights on achieving his GED and improving his communication skills. He also enjoys helping his fellow residents with anything they may need and helping with the gardening outside his new home.

**“I want to live a productive life - make a difference to myself. If I can make it work here, I can do anything!”**

When you support NSO, you help support individuals like Cory. Your gifts help NSO continue to make an impact on future generations and improve the lives for so many in our community. Visit [nsookc.org](http://nsookc.org) to learn more and get involved!

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The number of people forced to live on the streets in Oklahoma City has **DOUBLED** in the last five years.



1 icon = 10 people





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## Benefit concert featuring Christian rock band Sanctus Real

Circle of Care and Christian band Sanctus Real are teaming up on to raise funds for Circle of Care's three nonprofit programs.

The inaugural Help, Healing and Hope Benefit Concert will be held on Sept. 21 at Venue 68, on the campus of Tulsa-Asbury, located at 6910 S. 101 E. Ave. in Tulsa.

Circle of Care provides help, healing and hope to vulnerable individuals through foster care, independent living and transitional living programs. As the second largest private foster care agency in the state, Circle of Care subcontracts with the Department of Human Services to recruit, train and support foster

families. That contract provides revenue for foster care services, and the other two life-saving programs are entirely supported by charitable gifts.

Circle of Care CEO, Keith Howard says "We are serving more children, teenagers, young adults, foster families and single moms today than we ever have. With greater resources, we could do even more prevention and crisis intervention."

All proceeds will benefit Circle of Care's programs. Tickets start at \$20 and are available online at [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) or [circleofcare.org](https://www.circleofcare.org). Sponsorships are also available by contacting Tucker Gibson at [tucker.gibson@circleofcare.org](mailto:tucker.gibson@circleofcare.org).



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# NPNP 2020 grant applications due Aug. 31

**N**ew People New Places is preparing for its sixth year of awarding grants to ministries that “reach new, younger, and more diverse people to become world-changing disciples of Jesus Christ.” Applications are due by 11:59 p.m. on Aug. 31. Any Conference ministry and churches of every size may apply.

To date, grants ranging from \$1,970 to \$150,000 have been awarded to 73 ministries in all eight districts across the state. These ministries have seen a total of 299 professions of faith, with some ministries able to replicate programs in new locations.

Though no request is off-limits, every request must show how the proposed project relates to making new disciples and demonstrate the steps between the initial project and new discipleship. Projects should also show a plan for financial sustainability within three years. Applicants should be able to show strong support from their church, District Mission Strategy Team and District Superintendent.

All applications must be submitted online at [newpeoplenewplaces.org](http://newpeoplenewplaces.org). Questions should be directed to Rebekah Hasty at [rhasty@okumc.org](mailto:rhasty@okumc.org).

## New People New Places Application Elements

- Share how project will make new disciples of Jesus Christ
- Demonstrate buy-in and engagement from church members
- Show financial accountability for the project, including a sample budget
- Describe expected outcomes and measurements for success, and share the process of self-examination
- Include evidence of connection as well as any endorsements from DMST and/or district superintendent

Find sample form, sample budget, sample scoresheet, and application at [www.NewPeopleNewPlaces.org](http://www.NewPeopleNewPlaces.org).

## Ministry in a Minute: United Methodists join rally to protest treatment of migrant families



Lay and clergy members of the Oklahoma Conference were present during a rally held outside US Senator James Lankford’s office on July 3. The rally was organized by Women in Action for All, a community group based in Norman. Rev. Jennifer Ahrens-Sims, associate pastor at Norman-St. Stephen’s, said several who attended has spent the previous week working in respite centers on the US/Mexico border. “Several UM clergy and laity spoke about the need for reform in the treatment of migrant families and children at the US/Mexico border,” Ahrens-Sims said. “We all got to enter the office and speak more candidly about how we would like to see Lankford lead us to reform.” The Oklahoma Conference first addressed family separation when Bishop Jimmy Nunn shared support for a Faith Leaders Statement issued by the Council of Bishops and leaders of other faith traditions. The statement can be found by searching “Faith Leaders Statement” on the Conference website at [okumc.org](http://okumc.org) or by [clicking on this link](#). Photos by Jennifer-Ahrens Sims.



# Second quarter apportionment readout for 2019

In an effort to improve financial transparency, the *Contact* is publishing both Apportionment giving and Mission and Ministry giving by church each quarter. This data comes from the Council on Finance and Administration and the total for each church is published as a percentage.

Below is the total apportionment payout amount for each church during the second quarter of 2019. Quarterly percentages are meant to reflect only what has been received by the end of the second quarter and do not at this time reflect a church's Apportionment or Mission and Ministry giving for the whole of 2019.

Churches are sorted by district and listed alphabetically by city, then by church name. District names are highlighted in blue for readability. Payout percentages are accurate as of July 25. This information is also available online at [okumc.org/apportionmentpayout](http://okumc.org/apportionmentpayout).

CIMARRON DISTRICT		
Name	% Apport Paid	% M&M Paid
Aline	61.20	63.94
Alva-First	35.64	0.00
Arapaho	32.29	0.00
Arnett	100.00	0.00
Baker	50.33	50.84
Beaver	83.65	0.00
Boise City	16.38	0.00
Buffalo-First	0.00	0.00
Canton	0.00	0.00
Canute	0.00	0.00
Capron	67.65	0.00
Carmen	49.80	0.00
Catesby	100.00	100.00
Chapel Hill	0.00	0.00
Cheyenne	100.00	100.00
Cheyenne Valley	100.00	100.00
Cleo Springs	15.75	0.00
Clinton-First	78.98	5.41
Custer	0.00	0.00
Dacoma	0.00	0.00
Elk City	32.34	0.00
Erick	32.34	0.00
Fairview	39.39	0.00
Fargo	61.91	64.37
Fay	0.00	0.00
Felt	88.36	0.00
Forgan	99.91	100.00
Fort Supply	73.97	0.00

Freedom	32.34	0.00
Gage	100.00	0.00
Gate	100.00	70.59
Goodwell Centenary	100.00	100.00
Guymon Victory Memorial	16.17	0.00
Hammon	100.00	0.00
Hardesty	100.00	30.04
Hooker	11.93	5.53
Hydro	50.42	51.18
Independence	100.00	100.00
Kenton	0.00	0.00
Keyes	0.00	0.00
Laverne	59.32	58.67
Leedey	72.05	0.00
Lenora	100.00	100.00
Marella	0.00	0.00
Mooreland-First	76.14	100.00
Morning Star	0.00	0.00
Mutual	28.32	0.00
Quinlan	72.06	0.00
Rosston	34.44	100.00
Sayre-First	16.98	36.40
Seiling-First	100.00	100.00
Sharon	100.00	0.00
Shattuck	0.00	0.00
Texhoma	0.00	0.00
Thomas	0.00	0.00
Turpin	50.99	53.10
Tyrone	16.00	0.00
Union Center	100.00	100.00

Vici	0.00	0.00
Waynoka	45.61	0.00
Weatherford-First	78.87	59.03
Woodward-Faith	74.25	0.00
Woodward-First	72.84	0.00
Woodward-New Horizon	72.45	14.76
COUNCIL OAK DISTRICT		
Name	% Apport Paid	% M&M Paid
Avant	31.07	0.00
Bixby-First	50.08	55.45
Bristow-First	19.55	4.10
Broken Arrow-Abiding Harvest	41.48	42.10
Broken Arrow-First	53.75	18.74
Broken Arrow-Heritage	0.00	0.00
Broken Arrow-St. Stephen's	62.19	48.25
Collinsville Meadowcreek	8.80	85.34
Coweta	52.43	2.10
Depew	32.30	0.00
Haskell-First	0.00	0.00
Jenks	44.00	138.35
Kellyville	100.00	100.00
Leonard	0.00	0.00
Mannford-First	8.09	0.00
Oologah	27.62	.85
Owasso-First	65.53	0.00
Porter	0.00	0.00
Sand Springs	0.00	0.00
Sapulpa-First	47.67	34.08
Skiatook-First	22.30	0.00
Tulsa-Aldersgate	25.22	25.55
Tulsa-Asbury	47.49	31.51
Tulsa-Boston Avenue	16.67	0.00
Tulsa-Centenary	30.82	.46
Tulsa-Christ	50.03	50.18
Tulsa-Faith	54.89	38.23
Tulsa-First	14.90	0.00
Tulsa-Grace	11.16	1.85
Tulsa-Hope	27.18	0.00
Tulsa-Korean	0.00	0.00
Tulsa-Lake	0.00	0.00
Tulsa-Memorial Drive	39.98	7.20
Tulsa-New Haven	50.03	41.69
Tulsa-Sheridan Avenue	50.63	5.00
Tulsa-Southern Hills	0.00	0.00
Tulsa-St. James	50.06	50.12
Tulsa-St. Mark's	17.43	0.00

Tulsa-St. Paul's	0.00	0.00
Tulsa-University	0.00	2.10
Tulsa-West Tulsa	64.22	15.81
Tulsa-Will Rogers	9.57	0.00
Turley	16.89	0.00
Verdigris	78.09	0.00
CROSSROADS DISTRICT		
Name	% Apport Paid	% M&M Paid
Arlington	0.00	0.00
Calumet-First	14.96	100.00
Cashion	72.03	0.00
Chandler	56.60	54.23
Choctaw-First	50.00	50.60
Crescent-First	15.91	0.00
Dale	0.00	0.00
Edmond-Acts 2	50.00	50.00
Edmond-Chinese Intl	0.00	0.00
Edmond-Connect	72.64	18.55
Edmond-First	47.71	28.81
Edmond-New Covenant	14.45	15.12
El Reno-Ellison Avenue	22.17	0.00
El Reno-Wesley	14.39	6.01
Geary-First	100.00	100.00
Guthrie-First	.68	0.00
Guthrie-West Guthrie	28.65	9.78
Harrah	0.00	0.00
Jones	30.22	30.30
Kingfisher-First	46.72	18.43
Luther	72.05	0.00
McLoud	36.28	.95
Mount Zion	19.97	15.29
Nicoma Park	100.00	195.51
OKC-Chapel Hill	50.03	50.08
OKC-Church Of The Servant	35.64	0.00
OKC-Crown Heights	50.41	27.58
OKC-Grace	49.88	50.31
OKC-Lakeside	90.41	0.00
OKC-Mayfair Heights	28.19	67.61
OKC-Mosaic	27.52	100.00
OKC-New Hope	77.21	7.90
OKC-Nichols Hills	50.00	8.10
OKC-Putnam City	48.24	110.38
OKC-Quail Springs	43.70	0.00
OKC-Quayle	63.69	0.00
OKC-St. Mark's	47.77	16.68
OKC-St. Matthew	59.86	59.71

OKC-Village	33.00	0.00
OKC-Wesley	29.81	52.98
OKC-Wickline	48.09	55.49
Piedmont	0.00	0.00
Prague	39.56	0.00
Red Rock	100.00	100.00
Spencer	100.00	0.00
Stroud	64.89	1.94
Watonga-First	65.75	0.00
Wellston	39.75	0.00
Yukon-First	.12	0.00
Yukon-Good Shepherd	50.11	52.81
<b>GREEN COUNTRY DISTRICT</b>		
Name	% Apport Paid	% M&M Paid
Adair	47.95	100.00
Bartlesville-East Cross	80.02	3.36
Bartlesville-First	50.00	50.00
Bartlesville-Oak Park	16.68	100.00
Beggs	3.74	0.00
Bethel	69.31	0.00
Big Cabin	28.63	100.00
Checotah-First	50.00	49.99
Chelsea-Epworth	0.00	0.00
Chelsea-Memorial	16.34	0.00
Chouteau	60.60	1.97
Claremore-First	50.00	49.99
Claremore-St. Andrew's	68.36	0.00
Cookson	21.18	0.00
Copan	50.86	0.00
Delaware	0.00	0.00
Dewey	57.55	0.00
Fairland	34.21	15.21
Fort Gibson	4.54	0.00
Foyil	33.78	0.00
Gore	100.00	100.00
Grove-First	41.06	0.00
Henryetta-First	25.01	25.26
Hulbert	4.20	1.92
Inola	100.00	0.00
Lenapah	0.00	0.00
Locust Grove	48.71	0.00
Miami-First	0.00	15.29
Morris-First	28.94	0.00
Mounds	50.02	50.19
Muldrow Roland Trinity	60.00	60.03
Muskogee-First	45.75	86.29

Muskogee-Spencer Memorial	0.00	0.00
Muskogee-St. Paul	50.06	52.85
Muskogee-Trinity	0.00	0.00
Nowata-First	100.00	60.54
Ochelata	17.23	32.25
Okay	0.00	0.00
Okemah-St. Paul's	32.34	0.00
Okmulgee-First	80.56	0.00
Oktaha	57.92	0.00
Otterbein	56.89	28.53
Pryor-First	50.05	50.01
Quapaw	0.00	0.00
Salina	0.00	0.00
Sallisaw	46.84	15.19
Schulter	36.42	0.00
South Coffeyville	0.00	0.00
Spavinaw	50.60	51.30
Stilwell-First	88.40	0.00
Sycamore Chapel	77.74	.44
Tahlequah-First	16.51	0.00
Vian	50.09	55.09
Vinita-First	50.03	51.06
Wagoner-First	44.76	31.72
Warner	50.13	0.00
Welch	0.00	0.00
Westville	72.07	0.00
Woodall	0.00	0.00
Wyandotte	0.00	0.00
<b>HEARTLAND DISTRICT</b>		
Name	% Apport Paid	% M&M Paid
Alex	100.01	100.00
Blanchard-First	50.02	.75
Chickasha Epworth	39.97	165.70
Cogar	32.38	60.55
Elmore City	0.00	0.00
Friendship	0.00	0.00
Lexington	32.35	0.00
Lindsay	100.00	100.00
Maysville-First	63.64	23.84
Meeker-First	1.89	3.73
Minco-First	42.09	42.84
Moore-First	41.74	37.67
Moore-New Life	39.71	0.00
Mustang	54.63	2.30
Newcastle	79.11	78.51
Ninnekah	100.00	0.00

Noble	54.79	16.31
Norman-Bridgeview	0.00	0.00
Norman-Goodrich Memorial	9.71	0.00
Norman-McFarlin	50.00	57.59
Norman-St. Stephen's	36.87	73.07
OKC-Clark	35.50	29.30
OKC-Cornerstone	43.37	1.01
OKC-First	27.37	0.00
OKC-Korean-First	0.00	0.00
OKC-Lambuth	87.63	15.31
OKC-Linwood	0.00	0.00
OKC-Selecman	0.00	0.00
OKC-Southern Hills	0.00	4.49
OKC-St. Andrew's	54.63	35.13
OKC-St. Luke's	1.05	18.20
OKC-Sunny Lane	38.04	2.72
Paoli	86.02	56.27
Pauls Valley	21.85	0.00
Pocasset	0.00	0.00
Purcell Bowman Chapel	38.64	0.00
Purcell Trinity	17.57	0.00
Seminole-First	47.93	18.21
Shawnee-Bethel	55.14	58.24
Shawnee-St. Mark's	100.00	100.00
Shawnee-St. Paul's	46.44	95.19
Shawnee-Wesley	49.11	5.76
Tecumseh Broadway	80.48	0.00
Tuttle	41.67	0.00
Union City	55.25	60.51
Washington	77.59	8.11
Wayne	93.18	0.00
Wheatland	0.00	0.00
Whitebead	0.00	0.00
Wynnewood-First	0.00	0.00
<b>LAKE COUNTRY DISTRICT</b>		
Name	% Apport Paid	% M&M Paid
Ada-Asbury	37.64	0.00
Ada-First	50.00	29.96
Allen	100.00	100.00
Antlers-First	0.00	0.00
Ardmore-Asbury	63.18	0.00
Ardmore-First	33.36	0.00
Ardmore-Warren Memorial	32.32	0.00
Atoka	63.44	0.00
Bokoshe	100.00	100.00
Boswell	0.00	0.00

Bowlegs	100.00	100.00
Broken Bow-First	20.70	0.00
Calera	18.79	0.00
Calvin	0.00	0.00
Cameron	0.00	0.00
Canadian	100.00	100.00
Clarita	100.00	70.63
Coalgate-First	60.28	60.53
Colbert	0.00	0.00
Courtney	0.00	0.00
Davis-First	50.04	0.00
Dow	0.00	0.00
Durant-First	49.98	59.70
Eagletown	0.00	0.00
Edgewood	32.72	48.16
Eufaula	46.68	15.30
Faithbridge	0.00	0.00
Fitzhugh	100.00	100.00
Fort Towson	0.00	0.00
Gene Autry	0.00	0.00
Hodgen	0.00	0.00
Holdenville Barnard Memorial	100.00	100.00
Howe	0.00	0.00
Hugo-Heritage	0.00	0.00
Hugo-Paul's Chapel	0.00	0.00
Idabel	88.21	41.56
Keota	100.00	100.00
Kingston	60.28	18.55
Kiowa	41.69	0.00
Konawa	100.00	0.00
Krebs	34.31	34.97
Lighthouse	54.65	0.00
Lone Grove	32.74	30.40
Madill-First	41.94	42.11
Mannsville	100.00	100.00
Marietta	42.16	34.49
McAlester-First	60.02	27.06
New Zion	43.32	0.00
Pittsburg	33.36	0.00
Pleasant Hill	0.00	0.00
Pocola	0.00	0.00
Pontotoc	100.00	100.00
Poteau	65.53	0.00
Quinton	50.07	50.22
Redland	60.02	0.00
Rocky Point	100.00	100.00

Spiro	12.49	0.00
Springer	0.00	0.00
Stigler	59.45	0.00
Stratford	32.36	0.00
Sulphur	59.89	16.29
Talihina	20.08	0.00
Thackerville	0.00	0.00
Tishomingo-First	65.56	0.00
Tuskahoma	0.00	0.00
Valliant	73.83	0.00
Wanette	72.10	0.00
Wetumka	0.00	0.00
Wewoka-First	32.34	23.68
Wilburton-First	65.46	0.00
Wilson	52.41	0.00
Wright City	32.36	0.00
<b>NORTHERN PRAIRIE DISTRICT</b>		
Name	% Apport Paid	% M&M Paid
Billings	0.00	0.00
Blackburn	100.00	100.00
Blackwell-First	22.00	0.00
Braman	0.00	100.00
Cherokee-First	0.00	0.00
Cleveland	0.00	0.00
Covington	11.16	0.00
Cushing	27.00	6.86
Drummond Salem	99.61	18.43
Drumright	64.91	70.77
Eden Chapel	50.44	51.27
Enid-Bethany	0.00	0.00
Enid-Christ	0.00	0.00
Enid-First	65.55	0.00
Enid-New Hope	9.06	0.00
Enid-Peace Korean	15.81	0.00
Enid-Willow View	66.43	30.88
Fairfax	37.87	0.00
Fairview-First	30.01	29.96
Foraker	67.70	100.00
Garber	100.00	0.00
Glencoe	50.81	51.75
Grainola	100.00	100.00
Helena	0.00	0.00
Hennessey-First	50.37	50.44
Hitchcock	0.00	0.00
Hominy	32.34	3.59
Hunter	100.00	0.00

Jefferson	100.00	100.00
Jet-First	0.00	0.00
Kaw City	32.34	3.20
Kremlin	22.35	0.00
Lamont-First	60.03	0.00
Lost Creek	45.34	41.90
Loyal	100.00	100.00
Lucien	35.27	0.00
Manchester	0.00	0.00
Maramec	100.00	100.00
Marland UM - Disciple Church	0.00	0.00
Medford-First	0.00	0.00
Morrison	52.47	0.00
Mulhall	11.15	0.00
Nardin	50.37	0.00
Newkirk	25.20	0.00
Okeene	0.00	0.00
Orlando	46.70	100.00
Pawhuska	90.24	0.00
Pawnee	78.82	0.00
Perkins	69.14	12.46
Perry-First	32.71	.29
Ponca City-Albright	100.00	35.57
Ponca City-Asbury	34.76	0.00
Ponca City-First	32.34	0.00
Ponca City-St. Paul's	60.05	0.00
Pond Creek	49.31	10.07
Prairie Chapel	100.00	100.00
Prairie Valley	0.00	0.00
Ringwood	57.54	100.00
Shidler	60.59	0.00
Skedee	60.28	0.00
Stillwater-First	41.71	41.82
Stillwater-Highland Park	57.55	0.00
Tonkawa	100.00	0.00
Wakita	0.00	0.00
Waukomis	0.00	0.00
Yale	54.26	7.95
<b>WICHITAS DISTRICT</b>		
Name	% Apport Paid	% M&M Paid
Alfalfa	72.07	0.00
Altus-First	41.67	40.17
Altus-Grace	0.00	0.00
Altus-Highland Heights	13.48	0.00
Anadarko-First	36.43	1.89
Anadarko-St. Paul's	0.00	0.00

Apache-First	11.16	7.26
Blair	0.00	0.00
Bridgeport	93.84	150.89
Cache	50.52	0.00
Carnegie	36.77	34.95
Cement	0.00	0.00
Comanche-First	32.35	0.00
Cordell	32.34	0.00
Cyril	72.07	0.00
Duncan-First	15.80	3.80
Duncan-St. Paul's	23.76	.31
Duncan-Stephens	0.00	0.00
Duncan-Wesley	60.27	58.99
Eakly	0.00	0.00
Eldorado-First	0.00	0.00
Elgin-First	23.25	11.90
Elmer	0.00	0.00
Fletcher-First	79.52	15.29
Fort Cobb	32.84	0.00
Frederick-First	50.00	50.00
Gould	0.00	0.00
Gracemont	21.77	21.50
Grandfield	100.00	100.00
Granite	32.35	0.00
Healdton-First	65.53	0.00
Highland	0.00	0.00
Hinton	55.89	31.07
Hobart-First	27.84	41.46
Hollis-First	32.33	0.00

Hulen	100.00	100.00
Indiahoma	0.00	0.00
Lawton-Bethel	50.14	50.20
Lawton-Centenary	41.67	12.46
Lawton-First	0.00	0.00
Lawton-Heights	8.09	0.00
Lawton-New Light	49.90	50.22
Lawton-St. Paul's	60.00	11.77
Lawton-Wesley Chapel	33.77	33.82
Lone Wolf	0.00	0.00
Mangum-First	34.90	0.00
Manitou	0.00	0.00
Marlow-First	50.03	50.04
Mountain View	0.00	0.00
Randlett	0.00	0.00
Ringling Acree Memorial	0.00	0.00
Rush Springs	0.00	0.00
Ryan	17.49	0.00
Sentinel	0.00	0.00
Snyder	0.00	0.00
Sterling	100.00	100.00
Temple-First	72.49	0.00
Tipton	0.00	0.00
Velma	0.00	0.00
Verden	0.00	0.00
Walters-First	60.85	0.00
Waurika	72.05	0.00
Willow	0.00	0.00

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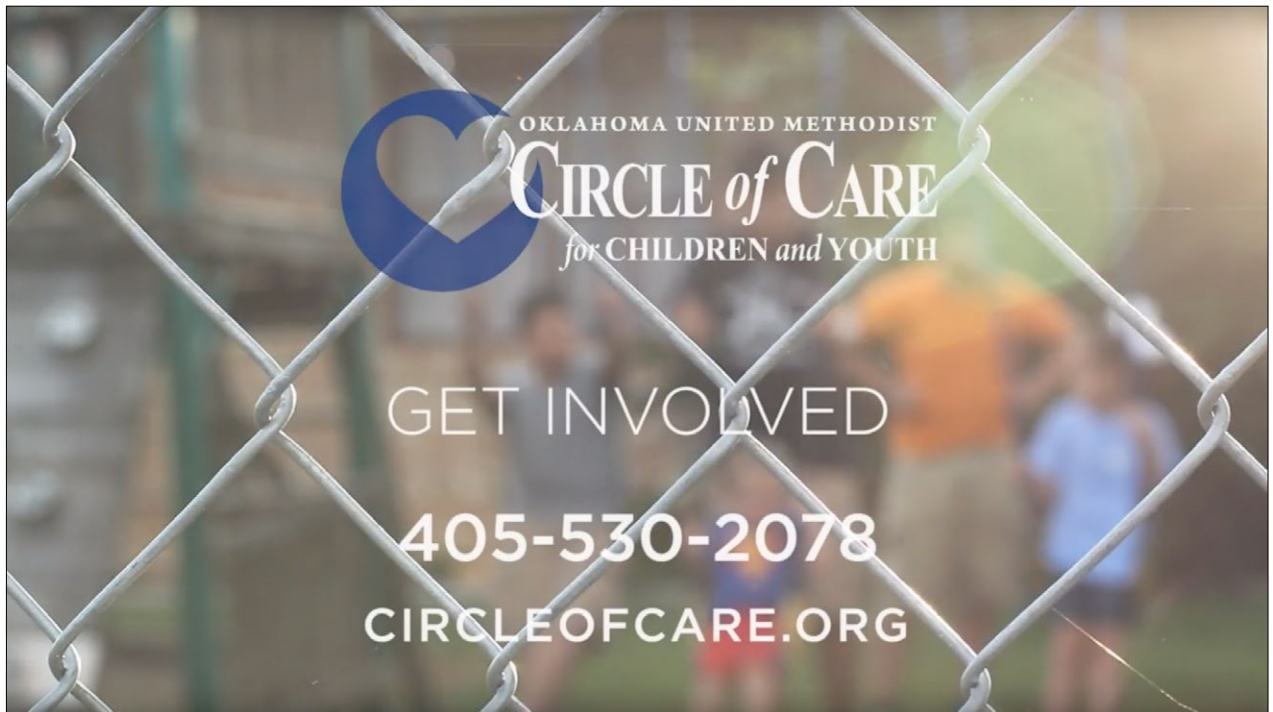
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Circle of Care makes it their mission to provide Christian help, healing and hope to children and families in crisis to ensure a safe, healthy and spiritual future.

Three programs help them achieve this mission: Foster Care Services, Preparation for Adult Living (PAL), and Pearl's Hope.

### **Foster Care Services**

There are nearly 8,000 children in Oklahoma state custody, and on any given day, approximately 150 are in need of a foster home. Circle of Care works to address this need by recruiting, training, certifying, and providing ongoing support for new foster parents.

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The PAL Program is for older students who are aging out of foster care or referred from behavior modification facility, state agency, or United Methodist Church. Students in the PAL program often lack the family support they need to finish school. PAL helps these students complete their education, learn financial literacy and prepare for independent living.

### **Pearl's Hope**

Pearl's Hope provides transitional housing and other support services for single mothers and their children. This ministry helps fill a gap left by local shelters who cannot accept large families or boys over the age of 13. Pearl's Hope keeps families together.

Not everybody can foster, but everybody can do something. Learn how you can get involved at [www.circleofcare.org](http://www.circleofcare.org).

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# *Commerce and Industry Hall of Honor Announces New Inductees*



**Mo Anderson**  
Chairman's Award



**Jim Couch**  
Outstanding  
Achievement Award



**Tricia Everest**  
Lifetime  
Achievement Award



**Dan Boren**  
President's Award

Oklahoma City University's Meinders School of Business will honor four business and community leaders during the 33rd annual Oklahoma Commerce & Industry Hall of Honor luncheon Oct. 31 at the Cox Convention Center downtown.

The 2019 inductees are Mo Anderson, CEO of Keller Williams, with the Chairman's Award; Jim Couch, former city manager of the City of Oklahoma City, with the Outstanding Achievement Award; Tricia Everest, attorney, philanthropist and entrepreneur, with the Lifetime Achievement Award; and Dan Boren, president of corporate development for the Chickasaw Nation, with the President's Award.

The Oklahoma Commerce & Industry Hall of Honor luncheon is the premier event benefitting the

Meinders School of Business scholarship program.

Melissa Cory, director of communications and director of executive and professional education for the Meinders School of Business, called the event an "opportunity to celebrate visionaries, leaders and role models for our students, who are the next generation of business and community leaders. We are thrilled to honor leaders who have made significant contributions to our state and region through their dedication and support to our community."

Corporate sponsorships and individual tickets are available. For more information or to make a reservation to attend, contact Cory at 405-208-5540 or [mcory@okcu.edu](mailto:mcory@okcu.edu). Registration is also available online on the Hall of Honor page at [okcu.edu/hallofhonor](http://okcu.edu/hallofhonor).





# OKUMC Briefs and Events

## Save the Date

### St. Yootz Day | Aug. 10

Admission \$25 per person; season pass holders and children ages 2 and younger admitted free  
 Pick up or buy tickets at table by front gate between 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.  
 Parking \$20 per vehicle; named church buses and vans park free  
 Meal deal tickets \$12 each  
 Find details and purchase tickets at [okumc-reg.brtapp.com/StYootzDay2019](http://okumc-reg.brtapp.com/StYootzDay2019)

### Skyline Urban Ministry Gala: An Evening with Ron Hall | Aug. 9

National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum  
 VIP Meet and Greet at 5:30 p.m. Gala at 7:00 p.m.  
 Tickets: \$125. Table sponsorships available.  
[www.skylineurbanministry.org/gala](http://www.skylineurbanministry.org/gala)

### Worship Design Studio Worship Planning Retreat | Aug. 18-21

OKC-St. Luke's, 222 NW 15th St., Oklahoma City  
 Single Ticket: \$350 | Team of 2-4: \$550  
 Team of 5-8: \$750  
 Register online at  
[wds.events/planningretreat/register](http://wds.events/planningretreat/register)

### Breaking Chains – Examining incarceration in Oklahoma | Aug. 24

OKC-Church of the Servant  
 14343 N. MacArthur Blvd., Oklahoma City  
 Sign in – 8:30 a.m. | Event – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
 Cost: \$40; includes light breakfast and lunch with snacks  
 Register online by Aug. 19  
[okumc-reg.brtapp.com/BreakingChains](http://okumc-reg.brtapp.com/BreakingChains)

### Restore Hope Ministries Golf Tournament | Sept. 9

Forest Ridge Golf Club, 7501 E. Kenosha, Broken Arrow  
 Single: \$170; Foursome: \$680  
 Sponsorships available  
 Details and online registration at  
[www.restorehope.org/special-events/golf-tournament](http://www.restorehope.org/special-events/golf-tournament)

### Finance for Pastors | Sept. 9

OKUMC Ministry Center | 1501 NW 24th St., Oklahoma City | 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
 Pre-reading: [“2019 Church and Clergy Tax Guide” by Richard R Hammar](#) & [“A Spirituality of Fundraising” by Henri Nouwen](#)  
 Cost: \$25 (lunch included)  
 Register online before Aug. 23  
[okumc-reg.brtapp.com/FinanceforPastors](http://okumc-reg.brtapp.com/FinanceforPastors)

### Leadership Institute 2019 | Sept. 25-27

Church of the Resurrection  
 13720 Roe Ave., Leawood, KS  
 Limited space available; limit two participants per congregation. Pastors leading multiple charges may register one lay person per congregation.  
 Details and registration at [li.cor.org](http://li.cor.org).

### Lay Servant Training at Cross Point Camp | Nov. 22-23

Basic Class and Advanced Course (“Lay Servants as Christian Transformational Leaders”) available.  
 Cost: \$55. Includes curriculum, meals, and lodging at Cross Point  
 Register online before Oct. 15.  
[okumc-reg.brtapp.com/LakeCountryDistrictLayServantTrainingFall2019](http://okumc-reg.brtapp.com/LakeCountryDistrictLayServantTrainingFall2019)

## Appointments

- Andre Contino, to associate at Moore-First, effective July 1.
- Frankye Johnson, from retired to The Christ Experience, effective July 8.
- Jennifer Logsdon-Kellogg, from OKC-Quail Springs to associate at Tulsa-Boston Avenue, effective July 15.
- Becky Pierson, from Tulsa-Aldersgate/Leadership Nexus Foundation to Office of Mission/Tulsa-Aldersgate, effective July 15.

## Passages

Rev. William Buttram passed away on July 3. Buttram served as a pastor in Oklahoma for more than 20 years in total, leading churches such as Westville, Gore, Muskogee-Trinity, Tulsa-Aldersgate, Oktaha, Warner, Muldrow Roland Trinity, and Chouteau. Service was held on July 9 at Gore with Revs. David Burris and Marcia Martin presiding.

Rushton Eric “Rick” Davis, husband of retired deacon Rev. Suzanne Davis, passed away on July 4. Davis was an Army veteran and pioneer in the computer industry, writing algorithms that allowed divergent computer languages to communicate as well as matrices that supported commercial drilling well operations. A celebration of life was held on July 18 at Tulsa-New Haven.

Rev. Wayne Coffin, retired Conference treasurer and former Judicial Council member, died on July 4 in Oklahoma City. Coffin pastored eight churches before serving as the Conference Treasurer from 1983 to 1991. He was a delegate at the inaugural South Central Jurisdictional Conference in 1968 and was an elected clergy member of the Judicial Council from 1980 to 1996, serving as secretary in his second eight-year term. A memorial service will be held Aug. 19 at 10 a.m. at OKC-Crown Heights.

## Employment

- Children’s Ministry Assistant. OKC-St. Andrew’s, part-time. Send resume to [srobinson@saokc.org](mailto:srobinson@saokc.org).
- Campus Minister. NWOSU Wesley Foundation in Alva, part-time. For details or to apply, email Rev. Carol Cook Moore at [carolcookmoore@gmail.com](mailto:carolcookmoore@gmail.com).
- Director of Youth Ministries. Bixby-First, full-time. Experience preferred. Contact Dan Pulver at [dpulver@olp.net](mailto:dpulver@olp.net).
- Director of Music Ministries. Broken Arrow-St. Stephens, part-time. For details or to apply, call 918-455-4202 or email [ryoungberg@ssumcba.org](mailto:ryoungberg@ssumcba.org).
- Youth Director. Duncan-First, part-time. Contact [janice.sharp@duncanfumc.org](mailto:janice.sharp@duncanfumc.org).
- Youth Minister. Chandler, part-time. Call Larry Holder at 405-258-1440 at [chandlerumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chandlerumc@sbcglobal.net).
- Children’s Director. Yukon-First, part-time. Salary commensurate with qualifications. Direct inquires and resumes with cover letter to [kirt.moelling@fumcyukon.org](mailto:kirt.moelling@fumcyukon.org) or call 405-354-8858.

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*For consideration, email your listing to [editor@okumc.org](mailto:editor@okumc.org).  
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