



Siblings in Christ,

As many of you have heard, this is a time of considerable transition at Dwight Mission. People have reached out to find out more information and to offer help, so the Board of Directors wants to catch you up on the current situation and what may be in the future.

First, let us make something very clear. Dwight Mission is not closed and is not currently in the process of shutting down. Our intent is to host all activities and groups planned for the remainder of 2019. We have heard some reports of people sharing news of closure, and want you all to know with certainty that this is not currently the case. We are open. If you have plans to attend an event at Dwight Mission in 2019, please come and invite friends to join you.

With that said, Dwight Mission is struggling to sustain ministry long term. For many years now, Dwight has run at a considerable loss. This was made possible primarily by financial assets from the past. That safety net of reserve funding has diminished greatly and is nearly exhausted. This means that if the ministry of Dwight Mission is to continue, significant changes must occur, and must occur immediately.

The Board of Directors, recognizing our need for help in sorting this all out, has appointed a commission of highly talented and committed individuals to assess the situation and consider the immediate and long term future of Dwight Mission. These people bring financial, legal, and executive experience to the table along with a love for Dwight Mission's ministry and mission. This commission also includes leadership from the three Oklahoma presbyteries, as they are vital stakeholders in Dwight both as a site and ministry. The commission will come up with recommendations to the Board of Directors who will then determine the best course forward.

So, what do you need to know going forward? First, if you would like to host or attend a retreat at Dwight Mission in 2019, please do it! The more people come to camp, the more sustainable the ministry becomes. If you are interested, please call Director Richie Withycombe at (918)775-2018 and get your event booked. Please also note that Dr. Rob Duncan is no longer serving on staff and has retired in Florida. What happens after 2019? That is something we do not know at this time. The commission will be looking at a number of possibilities to sustain operations into the future, but we are not able to say what those possibilities are at this time. The work on that question continues and your prayers are sincerely appreciated.

If you have questions, please contact the Dwight Mission Board of Directors at dwrightmissionboard@gmail.com

Sincerely,

Dwight Presbyterian Mission Incorporated Board of Directors

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