

**Directions to Trinity Presbyterian Church
1400 West Sheley Rd., Independence, MO 64052**

Due to construction, Independence is experiencing a number of bridge and road closures along I – 70, which may impact your commute to the called Presbytery meeting. If you plan to come to Independence via I-435 or I470/291, your route will be clear. If, however you come in by I-70, please use the following directions to avoid road closures.

From I-70 Eastbound:

1. Take Exit 10 to Sterling Ave.
2. Turn left (North) onto Sterling and proceed about 2.3 miles.
3. Turn right (East) onto 23rd Street and proceed about 0.7 miles.
4. Turn right (South) onto Chrysler Avenue and proceed about 0.4 miles.
5. Turn right (Southwest) onto Sheley Road. Proceed about 0.1 miles and Trinity will be on your right.

From I-70 Westbound:

1. Take Exit 11 to Blue Ridge Boulevard.
2. Turn right (Northwest) onto Highway 40 and proceed about 0.3 miles.
3. Take the next right (North) onto Sterling Avenue and proceed about 2.3 miles.
4. Turn right (East) onto 23rd Street and proceed about 0.7 miles.
5. Turn right (South) onto Chrysler Avenue and proceed about 0.4 miles.
6. Turn right (Southwest) onto Sheley Road. Proceed about 0.1 miles and Trinity will be on your right.

Should you need help planning your route, please call Trinity Church office Tuesday – Friday, 8:30 am – 1:00 pm.

**Heartland Presbytery Called Meeting
Monday, October 29, 2018
Trinity Presbyterian Church
1400 W. Sheley Rd, Independence, MO 64052
816 – 252 – 5893**

**The Presbytery Council requested a Called Presbytery Meeting for the purpose of examining of
TE D'Ann (Dee) Cooper for Membership**

**TO ALL TEACHING ELDERS AND RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS
Please print this docket as well as the other reports you may wish to reference during the meeting.
Printed copies will NOT be available.**

Please turn off your cell phones.

COVENANT

**As the body of Christ, we covenant with God and with each other to affirm out our unity in Jesus
Christ and share Christ's ministry with others as the Holy Spirit leads us.**

- 1:00 pm** **Meet and Greet Dee**
- Registration**
- 2:00 pm** **Convening Activities** **Moderator TE Don Wilson**
- **Opening Prayer**
 - **Declaration of a quorum**
 - **Approval of the docket**
 - **Welcome by the church – TE Elizabeth Meador Strobel**
 - **Welcome first time commissioners**
 - **Seating of corresponding members**
- Commission on Ministry – TE Lonnie Lee**
- **Examination for Membership of TE D'Ann (Dee) Cooper to serve as
Interim Executive Presbyter for Heartland Presbytery.
Bio and Statement of Faith – Doc 1a & 1b**
- 2:30 pm** **Adjourn with prayer** **Moderator Wilson**
- Meet and Greet Dee**

**Next Stated Presbytery Meeting
Saturday, November 17, 2018
Parkville Presbyterian, 819 Main St., Parkville, MO**

The Rev. Dr. Dee Cooper was born in Lubbock, Texas and spent her growing years in Perryton, Texas. Attending Texas Tech University, she received both a B.B.A. in finance, and an M.Ed. in Psychology / Higher Education Administration. Dee received a second Master's of Divinity from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, in Hamilton, MA. Dee also has received her Doctorate from San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo, CA.

This year marks, Dee's 20th year of ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Dee has served Presbyterian congregations in Lowell, MA; Wichita, KS; Los Angeles, CA; and Evergreen, CO. Dee's most recent call was as the Interim Co-Lead Pastor at Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church, in Denver, CO.

Dee was the Moderator of the Denver Presbytery and of the COM (Committee on Ministry) in several presbyteries. She has also served the Denver Presbytery as a General Assembly commissioner, as a Council member, and in various capacities.

Dee is a licensed Clinical Marriage and Family Therapist Fellow for over 24 years. She is also a Certified Big Life Coach through the Hendricks Institute. She was a featured coach and has completed their advanced, two-year Leadership and Transformation program. Dee leads workshops for the care providers (therapists, social workers, and chaplains) at Buckley Air Force Base, and has led a series of workshops for the clergy of the Denver presbytery.

Dee has a profound love of animals and she has created her own business, Adventures for the Wild at Heart www.adventuresforthewildatheart.com. Connecting people and animals in transformative adventures in the wild, she invites a deeper exploration and understanding of Creator, themselves, and one another. Dee has supported several congregations in creating their own, Blessing of the Animals services, or partnerships with local zoos. She also coaches clients, leads workshops and retreats, and coordinates travel adventures for these profound connections. Dee is a faith advocate and on the speakers bureau for several organizations, for animals and conservation. She is a spokesperson in Washington before our congressional leaders reminding them of the biblical directives to care for creation and creatures.

Dee is known for both her big energy and big heart. She brings a love of play to all she does, and travels alongside her clients, as they dive deep and soar high. She has climbed Kilimanjaro and Machu Picchu's Inca trail and walked over 100 miles for Breast Cancer research.

Dee has a furry companion that will be with her at the church, Winnie, a 2 year old golden retriever. Dee's family, her father, Don, and her brother's family all reside in the Texas Panhandle.

D'Ann Cooper Statement of Faith

I believe in the Triune God.

God, the Creator,

who created equally, all people, in God's image.

who invites us to live this precious life with enthusiasm and expression

God, the Redeemer

who experienced life on earth as fully human and fully divine,

who ministered to all people, spiritually, emotionally, intellectually, and physically

who was resurrected from the dead and invites us out of our own tombs into life.

God, the Sustainer

who is our comforter and energizer

who nourishes, challenges, and heals us

who gives us hope and courage to face our world.

I believe in the Church

as the body of Christ

as the community of believers

who are actively extending to each other and this world,

the love and grace of God, that they themselves have received.

as a place where individuals can genuinely present their true selves

before their Creator and their sisters and brothers, and be accepted, loved, embraced, and healed.

I believe in the Bible

as the Holy Word of God

as authoritative, inspired, and applicable to today's world.

I believe the Sacraments are expressions of God's love and grace

and they are our participation in the presence and life of Christ.

I believe God's grace is freely given.

I believe that nothing of ourselves and this world

can separate us from the love of God..

I believe that all people are created by God

and should be treated equally and respectfully

as precious children of God.

I take seriously our responsibility for the care of this world

and her inhabitants.

I also believe that God, and accordingly,

some components of our faith,

cannot be absolutely defined.

Therefore, there are certain mysteries that exist,

for which there may not be answers

until we come face to face with our Creator.