



The Rev. Shannon Fleck

Dear Friend,

I am thrilled to have the opportunity to introduce myself to you as the next Executive Director of the Oklahoma Conference of Churches. Some of you I have met, and some I will get to meet soon, but I wanted to share a little about myself as I transition into this position within OCC.

I am an Oklahoma native, and a graduate of the University of Central Oklahoma (Sociology) and Phillips Theological Seminary (MDiv). I was Ordained to Christian Ministry on 5/15/2011 by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Prior to entering seminary, I worked in juvenile probation with the State of Oklahoma's Office of Juvenile Affairs. I tell people this job changed my life, as it did. I had never seen such hurt in the world and it opened my eyes and heart to a life of service and justice. In addition to work in juvenile probation, I have prior experience in adult mental health work and behavioral health with children.

Prior to coming to OCC in May 2017, I worked as a pastor in a local church in Enid, OK, where I helped start two significant programs. We began a suicide survivor support group for those who have lost loved ones to suicide and a weekly feeding program called the Enid Welcome Table. Both programs flourished as the need was great in Enid.

Another vital role I have, is that of being Marilyn's mom. I have a sensational daughter who is four years old (going on 15), who is truly my biggest joy. Currently, she enjoys asking questions, exploring everywhere she goes, and pushing boundaries every chance she gets. I wish every day for just an ounce of her energy level. She is my everything.

Having the opportunity to come to work for the Conference of Churches has been such a gift. This organization fits me like a glove. My love for justice and dialogue are allowed to play out daily in my work, and I truly feel like this is the place God is calling me to serve. I am thankful to the Board of Directors of OCC for affirming that call by selecting me to serve as the next Executive Director.

I am excited for what the future holds at OCC, and have wasted no time in dreaming for our future. It is my hope that you will continue to be a part of what we are doing in the State of Oklahoma and help us as we begin this journey in our new fiscal year starting July 1. Rest assured that there are big things ahead!

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shannon Fleck". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.