



Rev. Dr. Sonja Tobey
607 SW Gaylord, Lawton, OK 73505
☎ 918-399-2282
✉ sonjatobey@outlook.com

Dr. Tobey is the pastor of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Lawton, OK, having been appointed there in June 2018 by Bishop James Nunn of the Oklahoma Annual Conference. She oversees worship, administration, and visioning. Her passion is preaching, teaching, and helping churches envision a future of hope that God has planned for them.

In addition to her duties in the local church, Dr. Tobey also works with District Superintendents and churches as a consultant. She has been trained in Family Systems and conflict transformation and utilizes this training by working to bring healing to a church in conflict, as well as coaching clergy dealing with conflict in their ministry settings. She is a trained Transitional/Intentional Interim Ministry Specialist and Simplified Accountable Structure Coach.

Dr. Tobey has served on various conference and district committees and is now serving on the Oklahoma Conference Local Church Development Ministry Team, the conference Denominational Transition Team, and the Wichitas District Leadership Board. She is currently working toward Professional Certified Coach credentialing to work with ministry professionals, leaders, and others to help them excel in the way God is calling them.

Dr. Tobey was commissioned in the Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church in 2006 and ordained in 2009. She has remained under full-time appointment in the Oklahoma Conference since June 2000. She has served the communities of Canton, Union City/Cogar, Pond Creek, Cushing, Vinita, Prague/Arlington, and Lawton, Oklahoma.

She is a 1998 graduate of Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, Oklahoma where she earned a bachelor's degree in Organizational Leadership. In 2006, she graduated *cum laude* from Philips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, Oklahoma with a Master of Divinity. In 2015, Dr. Tobey received a Doctor of Ministry in Pastoral Leadership with an emphasis in homiletics from Phillips Theological Seminary. Her passion for preaching led her to develop a curriculum for teaching preaching to lay preachers and local pastors called EQUIP which she has taught in the Oklahoma Annual Conference.

Sonja is married to Mike Tobey, and together they have three children: Garrison and wife, Holly, of Tecumseh, Oklahoma; Briana and partner, Daniel, of Oklahoma City, and Chelsea and husband, Carlos, of Granada, Spain.