

**INDIAN NATIONS PRESBYTERY**  
**STATED MEETING**  
**SANTA FE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, EDMOND, OKLAHOMA**  
**FEBRUARY 23 AND 24, 2018**  
**DRAFT MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order with a prayer and call to worship at 3:30pm on Friday, February 23, 2018 by the moderator, Rev. Ron Fike, in the sanctuary of Santa Fe Presbyterian Church, Edmond. A quorum was declared present.

Mitch Miller, Host Pastor, welcomed the presbytery and highlighted the local missions of which they are a part and the various table elements that tied in and how to be a part. The presbytery rose and sang *Holy, Holy, Holy* as the opening hymn.

First time commissioners were introduced and corresponding members, Rick Young, Grace, Texas Presbyterian Foundation; Janice Six, Palo Duro/chair of the Synod of the Sun Administrative Commission; also from the Synod AC; Sandra Watson, Pines/Synod of the Sun; Deb Meinke, Cimarron. Other corresponding members were also seated later in the meeting.

**THE ROLL**

**MINISTER MEMBERS**

---

**Present**

Alexander, LaVonne  
Back, Jongsuk  
Baggett, Rick  
Bosteels, Carl  
Burns, Jim  
Burns-Hintze, Jan  
Busse, Amy  
Clements, Melinda  
Dixon, Jessica

East, Michael  
Evans, Tracy  
Fike, Ron  
Galbraith, Bill  
Henslee, Mark  
Junkin, Michelle  
Kirbas, Jennifer  
Kirbas, Paul  
Meinhart, Joe

Meinke, Matt  
Miller, Mitch  
Mize, Richard  
Pei, Won  
Sim, Pyung Jon Peter  
Walker, Abbey  
Waters, Carol  
White, Scott

**Excused**

Anderson, Michael, HR  
Andresen, Paul  
Ash, Boyd, HR  
Blank, Kenneth, HR  
Buzbee, Tom, HR  
Carland, Aaron, HR  
Carr, Bill, HR  
Clipson, Jo, HR  
Delgado, Roberto, HR  
Friedel, Harvey, HR

Goodman, Lois, HR  
Gruel, John, HR  
Hamilton, Carl, HR  
Hunt, Barbara, HR  
Jeffers, Hugh, HR  
Kennedy, Pat, HR  
Long, Sue, HR  
McKinnon, John  
McNamara, Donald, HR  
Millard, Harry, HR

Normile, Pam  
Park, David  
Pederson-Rambo, Harold, HR  
Rice, Bob, HR  
Rucker, Vicki  
Saville, John, HR  
Stout, John, HR  
Thompson, Richard, HR  
White, Jon, HR  
Withers, John Ed, HR

**Absent**

Amen, Greg  
Balmer, Thom  
Bassett, Charles

Burns-Hintze, Jan  
George, David  
Heaney, Mark

Junkin, Dan  
Phelps, Ron  
Wheeler, David

## **RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS**

---

### **Present**

Ada, First, David Butler	Norman, First, Jean Cate
Altus, First, Bob Harris	Norman, Memorial, Ross Robinson
Ardmore, First, Charles Evans	Oklahoma City, Central, Laura Thompson
Bethany, Westlake, Ernie Isch	Oklahoma City, Church of Savior, Blake Harrison
Chickasha, First, Jo Ann DeKinder	Oklahoma City, Connecting Point, Janet Theus
Colony, James Gee	Oklahoma City, Covenant, Julie Spencer
Duncan, First, Vicki Zimmerman	Oklahoma City, First, Jim Rogers
Edmond, Santa Fe, Malcom Champlin	Oklahoma City, Trinity, Huretta Dobbs
Elk City, First, Brenna Huntley	Oklahoma City, Westminster, Craig Stanley
Grandfield, First, Debbie Goode	Pauls Valley, First, Ron Patton
Hobart, First, Sue Johnson	Shawnee, United, Peg Stoops
Lawton, First, Jim Brock	Temple, First, Tara Brown
Lawton, Westminster, Bob Morford	Yukon, Chisholm Trail, Cheryl Schrieren
Maud, Achena, Louis Fife	Wewoka, First Indian, Kelly Tiger, Jr.
Midwest City, First, Stacie Nelson	

### **Excused**

Chattanooga, Community	Wewoka, First Indian
Sulphur/Davis, Shepherd of the Hills	

### **Absent**

Byars, Dixon Chapel	Lawton, Korean First	Seminole, Tallahassee
Chandler, First	Oklahoma City, Hillcrest	Sulphur, Salem
Clinton, First	Oklahoma City, Korean First	Walters, First
Cordell, First	Oklahoma City, Southminster	Weatherford, Federated
Davenport, First	Rosedale First	Wewoka, First
El Reno First	Seminole, Cheyarha	

## **OTHERS (PRESBYTERY OFFICERS, COMMITTEE MODERATOR ELDERS, COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS, CERTIFIED CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS, CORRESPONDING MEMBERS)**

---

### **Present**

Bruce, Jim, Moderator, Board of Trustees	Morris, Wayne, Temporary Supply, First, Lawton
Dunn, Glenn, CRE	Nelson, Russell, Foundation Board Chair
Heimbach, Bobbie, Vice Moderator	Rogers, Jim, Moderator of Budget & Finance
McNeese, Martin, Moderator, Committee on Ministry	

### **Excused**

Gallagher, Cornell, Moderator Comm.Representation	Turner, Al, CRE
---	-----------------

### **Corresponding Members**

Six, Janice, Synod of the Sun Admin. Commission	Hunt, Melinda, Synod of the Sun/Solar Under the Sun
Watson, Sandra, Synod of the Sun Admin. Commission	Meinke, Deborah, Cimarron Presbytery, Stated Clerk
Duncan, Rob, Dwight Mission, Executive Director	

### **VISITORS**

---

There were 3 visitors.

**The docket was moved and adopted without objection.**

**Motion adopted to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2017 stated meeting and the December 2017 called meeting of presbytery.**

The Stated Clerk gave his report highlighting the pre-meeting workshops and thanking those who led them.

**Presbytery:** The composition of the presbytery was reported, there being no imbalance to redress, there being a greater number of ruling elders than active teaching elders, 52 to 37 respectively.

**Permanent Judicial Commission: Previous Members Roster** was reported to the presbytery, as required by the Book of Order

Class of 2017: Michael Anderson (TE), Tom Laubert (RE), Brian Upp (RE)

Class of 2015: Ken Blank (TE), John Saville (TE)

Class of 2013: Bob Harris (RE), Nancy Matthews (RE)

**Thank you:** A letter was sent to Westminster in Oklahoma City with thanks for hosting the called meeting in December 2017.

There were no **Pastoral Receipts and Dismissals** reported.

**Minutes of the Administrative Commission** to install LaVonne Alexander as pastor of Columbian Memorial Presbyterian Church, Colony on January 28, 2018 were reported.

Present: Moderator Ron Fike (TE); Carol Waters (TE); Matt Meinke (TE); Keith Weichel (RE) (Columbian Memorial, Colony); Martin McNeese (RE) (Santa Fe, Edmond). The commission convened with prayer at 3:45pm on Sunday January 28, 2018 in the office of the church. A quorum was present. The commission voted to proceed with the installation, and also voted that the service of worship be the concluding prayer for this meeting of the commission and that the conclusion of the worship service shall constitute completion of the presbytery's charge to the commission. Attest: Rev. Ron Fike

The **resignations** of committee members were reported: Nancy Matthews (Congregational Nurture Committee); Roger Hartman (Mission Strategy Group); Allison Rogers (COM), John Helgeson (COM), and from Ron Fike (Transition Task Force).

The Clerk highlighted the numerous **correspondence** To and From the Secretary of State of Oklahoma related to the deed of the Calvin Presbyterian Church, Oklahoma City property, the entity of the Presbytery of Washita, and the Merger documents processed for the Secretary of State of Oklahoma. Matt thanked Richard Riggs (First, OKC) for assisting the Trustees in this matter. Other correspondence from the Oklahoma Conference of Churches and the upcoming retirement of Dr. Bill Tabbernee on March 31, 2018 was highlighted.

Correspondence from the Santa Fe Presbyterian Church, Edmond: informing the presbytery of Jan Ingerson's retirement. Her commission as CRE at Santa Fe Presbyterian Church in Edmond has come to an end.

**Clerk of Session Training** is available to new clerks. Call to schedule an appointment for one-on-one training.

**New Session Minute Reporting mechanism in 2018** was highlighted with fillable forms available at [www.okinp.org/ClerksCorner](http://www.okinp.org/ClerksCorner)

It was reported that by previous action in 2017, Indian Nations Presbytery dissolved First Presbyterian Church in Tecumseh, and that has been reported to GA.

The stated clerk **moved the amendment of previously approved minutes for the April 25, 2017** called meeting of presbytery, replacing "Motion adopted that the Presbytery approve the sale of the south parking lot of Westminster Presbyterian Church of Oklahoma City to the Westminster School for \$550,000" with "Motion adopted that the Presbytery approve the sale of the south parking lot of Westminster Presbyterian Church of Oklahoma City, *including the house immediately to the east of said south parking lot, known as the SPARK House*, to the Westminster School for \$550,000." Passed.

The stated clerk led the presbytery in prayer as we remembered the 2017 Necrology report (8b revised in packet). There was also a Celebration of Ordination Dates (8c in the packet).

Matt announced the new 2018 Directory, the password protection of online documents, and the death of the Rev. Gene Bergstresser, whose service will be on March 3 at 1pm at Memorial Presbyterian Church in Norman.

The Mission Strategy Group report was given by Paul Kirbas, noting the extensive review of reserved funds of INP, the approval of a new copier for the INP office, the referred motion from the last presbytery meeting regarding the stated clerk salary, and MSG's referral of this matter back to the Personnel Committee, items of the transition and streamlining committees, and the concurrence of the sale of property by Connecting Point, OKC, to Paycom.

**MSG moved that the Standing Rules be amended** to decrease the membership of the Committee on the Preparation for Ministry (CPM) from 9 to 6 members, 1 member reduced for each class. **Passed.**

**MSG moved appointing Mitch Miller to serve one more year as synod commissioner** in keeping with the synod's recommendation that commissioners serve a 3 year term. **Passed.**

**MSG moved that the Presbytery accept the invitation** from the First Presbyterian Church of Ada to host the October 2018 presbytery meeting. **Passed.**

Paul then invited Tracy Evans to give an update on the Oklahoma tri-presbytery task force. Tracy highlighted the Oklahoma Presbyterian Network's plans of doing some events together,

such as the July 14 General Assembly wrap-up, and YouthQuake in INP inviting other Oklahoma presbyteries.

The stated clerk excused himself, and Bobbie Heimbach became acting stated clerk for the personnel report.

The Personnel report was given by Jim Brock.

Personnel **moved that the Acting Stated Clerk compensation** for Matt Meinke be changed to reflect the workload he has taken on, paid for up to 25 hours a week at the compensation rate of \$24,000 cash or housing, ½ coverage under the Board of Pensions beginning May 1, prorated for part time, and vacation and continuing education, as per Presbytery minimum, term of contract one year, renewable annually. Should contract not be renewed, sixty days notice will be given. Contract is terminable at any time for cause, or as necessary due to circumstances, supervisor is the Personnel Committee. **Passed.**

The stated clerk returned to the room and resumed his duties.

A reflection from the font was led by Ernie Isch from Westlake in Bethany, inviting the presbytery for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Westlake church.

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry report was given by Abbey Walker, noting the 4 inquirers currently under care.

The CPM **moved that Laurel Hall be enrolled as a candidate.** Laurel presented herself, speaking of her time at Fuller seminary, her life, plans to graduate in May and walk in June, and also answering questions from the floor. **Passed.**

The Rev. Deborah Meinke, stated clerk of Cimarron Presbytery, gave a presentation about Earth Care congregations, what it means to be an Earth Care Congregation, ideas on getting there, cultivating ideas, clarifying that the MRTI synod group is “not a fan of divestment as a strategy.”

At 4:56pm the moderator called on the host pastor for announcements and declared a recess for dinner.

At 5:45pm the Transition Task Force, led by Julie Strong, made a presentation during dinner recounting the work that has been done and “next steps”. The Transition Task Force, led by Scott White, then led the presbytery in a Bible study and discussion about 1 Corinthians 12.

At 7:02pm the presbytery gathered in Worship, with Mitch Miller preaching, followed by Tracy Evans and Mitch Miller presiding at the Lord’s Table.

At 8:06pm, the moderator and stated clerk resumed their positions near the front, and the moderator declared a recess until 9:00am Saturday morning. Without objection.

At 9:02am Saturday morning, the presbytery **reconvened** and Carol Waters led the presbytery in morning prayer.

Melinda Clements gave the Committee on Nominations report.

**It was moved that presbytery approve the following persons to serve on the listed committees in the classes noted:** (\* indicates minister)

<b>Budget &amp; Finance</b>	<b>Class</b>
Donna Kiplinger	2020

<b>Committee on Ministry</b>	<b>Class</b>
*Rick Baggett	2018
Charlotte Lovett	2018
*Jennifer Kirbas	2020

<b>Committee on Representation</b>	<b>Class</b>
Ted Tiger	2020
*Jan Burns-Hintze	2020

<b>Mission Strategy Group</b>	<b>Class</b>
*Bill Galbraith	2019
Huretta Dobbs	2020
Delores Strider	2020

<b>Committee on Preparation for Ministry</b>	<b>Class</b>
Craig Stanley	2020

<b>Personnel</b>	<b>Class</b>
*Bill Galbraith	2019
Barbara Charlet	2020

<b>General Assembly Commissioners</b>	<b>Class</b>
Charlotte Lovett, RE alt.	2018

<b>Dwight Mission</b>	<b>Class</b>
David Sergent	2020

The moderator opened the floor to nominations. Hearing none, it was **moved to close nominations and adopt the slate by acclamation. Passed.**

The Committee on Ministry report was given by Martin McNeese, **reporting the following actions taken on behalf of presbytery:**

- 1) COM approved the transfer of the Rev. Meredith Kemp-Pappan to Northern Kansas Presbytery

- 2) COM approved authorizing the Rev. Sue Trei-Conrad HR to labor within the bounds of Indian Nations Presbytery. Rev. Trei-Conrad, a former member of Indian Nations Presbytery, is a member of the presbytery of Northern Kansas
- 3) COM approved receiving the quarterly report from the Bill Galbraith, Interim Pastor for First Presbyterian Ardmore
- 4) Approve the terms of call between First Presbyterian Church, Norman and the Rev. Michael East effective January 19, 2018.
  - Cash Salary \$50,000.00
  - Housing Allowance 26,000.00
  - Supplement for Social Security Tax 5,814.00
  - Professional expenses 7,000.00
  - Vacation 4 weeks
  - Continuing Education 2 weeks
  - Full medical, pension, disability and death benefits coverage under the Board of Pensions
- 5) Approve that Rev. Michael East be received as a member of Indian Nations Presbytery and request his transfer from Trinity Presbytery effective January 19, 2018.
- 6) Approved the Rev. Michael East as moderator of First Presbyterian Church Norman effective January 19, 2018.
- 7) Approved the Rev, Jongsuk Back as moderator of First Korean Presbyterian Church, Oklahoma City, as of November 12, 2017.
- 8) COM approves the request from First, Ardmore to form a pastor nominating committee and begin the search process.
- 9) COM approves the mission study from First, Lawton and grants permission to form a PNC.
- 10) Approve Tom Weichel to serve as Moderator of the Congregation Meeting at Colony Presbyterian Church December 11, 2017.
- 11) Approve the terms of call between Colony Presbyterian Church, Colony, OK and the Rev. LaVonne Alexander if the way be cleared. Contract calls for 30 hours per week.
  - Cash Salary \$21,750.00
  - Housing Allowance (Manse) 9,600.00
  - Utilities Allowance 3,200.00
  - Professional expenses 6,500.00
  - Vacation 4 weeks; Continuing Education 2 weeks
  - Full medical, pension, disability and death benefits coverage under the Board of Pensions
- 12) Approve Central Presbyterian Church to form a PNC for a Part-time Pastor. (Waived the Mission Study).
- 13) Approve Santa Fe Presbyterian Church to form a PNC for an Associate Pastor.
- 14) Approved the formation of the Administrative Commission to install the Rev. LaVonne Alexander at Columbian, Colony on January 28, 2018. The commission has permission to add or replace members of the commission. Members: Ron Fike – Moderator, Carol Waters, Matt Meinke, Keith Weichel (Columbian, Colony), Martin McNeese (Santa Fe, Edmond).
- 15) Received the exit interview from First, Norman of Barry Williams.

- 16) Approved giving \$1000 to Peggy Garrett on the occasion of the fire that destroyed her home. Gift to come from Acct. 5316.
- 17) Approved establishing Administrative Commission to install the Rev. Michael East as pastor of First Presbyterian Norman. The commission has permission to add or replace members of the commission. Members: Ron Fike, Moderator, Jessica Dixon, Tyler Eckert (Connecting Point OKC), Jane Pennington (First, Norman), Bobbie Heimbach (Central, OKC).
- 18) Appointed Rev. Sue Long as moderator of First Presbyterian Church, Lawton effective February 1, 2018.
- 19) Approved the Covenant for Temporary Supply between Rev. Matt Meinke and First Presbyterian Church, Duncan effective January 15, 2018 to January 14, 2019.
- Cash Salary \$15,000.00
  - Housing Allowance 12,000.00
  - Supplement for Social Security Tax 2,065.44
  - Professional expenses 7,000.00
  - Vacation 5 weeks; Continuing Education 2 weeks
  - Full medical, pension, disability and death benefits coverage under the Board of Pensions beginning May 1, 2018
- 20) Approved the Terms of Call between Rev. Jongsuk Back and First Korean Presbyterian Church, Oklahoma City effective January 2018.
- Cash Salary \$27,000.00
  - Housing Allowance 12,300.00
  - Supplement for Social Security Tax 2,065.44
  - Professional & Cont Educ expenses 8,700.00
  - Vacation 4 weeks; Continuing Education 2 weeks
  - Full medical, pension, disability and death benefits coverage under the Board of Pensions
- 21) Approved the contract between First Presbyterian Lawton and Elder Wayne Morris to serve as temporary supply from March 1, 2018 to February 28, 2019, which included the following financial terms:
- Cash Salary \$12,500.00
  - Housing Allowance 12,500.00
  - Supplement for Social Security Tax 2,065.44
  - Professional expenses 7,000.00
  - Vacation 15 days, including 2 Sundays a year
  - Continuing Education 1 weeks, including 1 Sunday a year
- 22) Approved the Covenant for Shared Ministry between Jan Burns-Hintze and Chisolm Trail Presbyterian Yukon and First Presbyterian El Reno, effective January 1, 2018. Chisolm Trail pays two-thirds and El Reno pays one-third, with the exception of the 403b which is paid completely by Chisolm Trail.
- Cash Salary \$21,167.10
  - Housing Allowance 25,000.00
  - Supplement for Social Security Tax 3,655.46
  - Professional expenses 4,500.00
  - Vacation 5 weeks; Continuing Education 2 weeks
  - Full medical, pension, disability and death benefits coverage under the Board of Pensions



23) Concurred with the vote by the congregation of Connecting Point Presbyterian Church on February 4, 2018 to sell 94,323.99 square feet (about 2 acres) of their property to PayCom Payroll, LLC at the purchase price of \$235,809.98.

24) Appointed the following to serve on the administrative commission for the installation of Rev. Jongsuk Back. Members: Ron Fike – Moderator, Matt Meinke, Won-Kyun Pei, Pyong-Jong Sim, David DeLana (First, El Reno), Alex Kim (First Korean, OKC), Bobbie Heimbach (Central, OKC). Commission is given the privilege of making any necessary adjustments in the members of the commission.

The Committee on Ministry **moved** the following, requiring presbytery approval.

1. **That presbytery approve the request from Connecting Point Presbyterian Church, Oklahoma City that Ruling Elder Laurel Hall be authorized to preside at the Lord's Table at Connecting Point during the tenure of her student intern position at that church, under the supervision of the Rev. Paul Kirbas. Approved.**
2. **That presbytery grant a waiver to First Presbyterian Church, El Reno allowing Elder Markita Broyles to serve more than six consecutive years on session per G-2.0404 of the Book of Order. Approved.**
3. **That presbytery appoint the following to serve on an administrative commission to deal with First, Clinton and the possibility that it will close: LaVonne Alexander, moderator; David Wheeler; Jody Maness (Federated, Weatherford); Sue Johnson (First, Hobart); Keith Weichel (Columbian Memorial, Colony).**

Martin McNeese concluded the COM report by welcoming and presenting Rev. Michael East, and welcoming Rev. Dr. Jongsuk Back and Elder Wayne Morris to their ministries.

The stated clerk **moved to seat Shelley Hernandez**, Synod of the Sun Moderator as a corresponding member. **Seconded. Passed.**

The **Synod moderator** spoke of the change that is happening and how Christ is alive in the Synod, sharing how God is at work Connecting, Equipping, and Empowering. She highlighted the Imagine event and brought greetings on behalf of the Synod of the Sun.

The **Synod Commissioner**, Mitch Miller, gave his report, highlighting Thomas Riggs the new communications person the Synod has hired, as well as the Imagine conference, the new mailing address of the virtual synod office, and spoke of how the synod is wanting to come to INP in November and they are looking for a host site.

The **Synod of the Sun Administrative Commission** report was given by Janice Six who, on behalf of Sandra as well, witnessed to the work being done, the shift from a corporate model to a community of faith model. She spoke of the characteristics of healthy families, and shared part of the charge of the Synod AC, as well as sharing who is on the AC.

Jessica Dixon gave the report of the **Youth Ministries Committee**. YouthQuake was highlighted, as well as the goal of YouthQuake, creating space for youth to share, and that scholarships are available if needed. This year, online registration and online payment.

The **Pastoral Care Committee** report was given by Tracy Evans who encouraged us to save the date for the Pastoral Leaders Retreat at St. Crispin's Conference Center on October 29-30.

**Presbyterian Women** gave their report through Janet Theus, highlighting what a Circle is, the upcoming event at First, Ardmore, the Link publication, labyrinth ministry, and the August 2-5 Churchwide gathering.

The written report from the Administrative Commission to Colony/Cordell was included in the packet. LaVonne Alexander, pastor of the Colony/Cordell churches gave highlights.

The final report of the Administrative Commission regarding the merger of the Colony/Cordell churches is as follows:

In December 2016, the session of First Presbyterian Church, Cordell met and after discussion voted to cease services as a congregation with the final worship service of that congregation to be held on Sunday, October 1, 2017.

The sessions of First Presbyterian Church, Cordell and Columbian Memorial Presbyterian Church, Colony, met along with COM liaison, Harry Wright, on February 8, 2017 to discuss, and agree upon, the merger of the two congregations. It was agreed that First Presbyterian would hold a congregation meeting to vote on the merger on March 12, 2017, and Columbian Memorial would hold their congregational meeting on March 19, 2017 to vote on the same. After each congregation had approved the merge, the two sessions would then work out the details of merger including the pastor's contract, membership lists, real estate and other property. Each congregation held their meetings as planned, and the merger was unanimously approved by both.

At the COM meeting on April 4, 2017 it was voted to appoint an Administrative Commission to oversee the merger. Those selected as members of the AC were John Helgeson, Chair, David DeLana, Glenn Dunn, Brenna Huntley, and Pam Normile.

The first meeting of the AC and elders from both church sessions was held on May 24, 2017 at the Colony church. Those present were: James Gee, Doug Misak, Rick Morris, Jeremy Weichel, Keith Weichel and Lonnie Yearwood (Colony); Mark Wesner, Rick Lindley, Karen Pankratz, Sarah Ivy and Jan Gibley (Cordell); and Chairman John Helgeson, Glenn Dunn, David DeLana, Pam Normile, and Brenna Huntley (AC). Rev. Alexander was also present.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Chairman John Helgeson.

Chairman Helgeson moderated the meeting and stated the purpose of the meeting was to begin the process of merging Columbian Memorial Presbyterian Church, Colony, Oklahoma and First Presbyterian Church, Cordell, Oklahoma. He informed the two sessions that the primary purpose of the Administrative Commission was to provide general assistance and advice on matters pertaining to the governance of Indian Nations Presbytery. He stated the merger consisted of three major area: 1) transfer of membership, 2) finances, and 3) real estate and personal property. He requested the clerk of session of both churches prepare various documents including membership lists, property inventory lists, and appraisals.

It was agreed that the next meeting of all parties would be held in July, 2017.

On August 23, 2017 the combined sessions of both churches met with members of the AC in the fellowship hall of First Presbyterian Church, Cordell. Those present were: James Gee, Gayle Harris, Doug Misak, Jeremy Weichel, and Keith Weichel (Colony); Mark Wesner, Rick Lindley, Karen Pankratz, Sarah Ivy, Katie Kastner, Jan Giblet, and Phil Kliewer (Cordell), and John Helgeson, Glenn Dunn, and Brenna Huntley (AC). Rev. Alexander was also present. The meeting was opened with prayer by Chairman John Helgeson.

A congregational meeting was scheduled for August 27, 2017 for the Cordell congregation to vote on the transfer of property to the Colony church. In addition, the Administrative commission voted to approve the transfer. These actions are necessary before the Indian Nations Presbytery Board of Trustees can give final approval on the transfer of real estate and mineral rights. The Administrative Commission also voted to allow the Cordell church to sell any surplus assets. These assets might include any property not included in the sale of the church building or requested by the Colony church.

A list of all properties is attached at the end of this report. The deeds were dated September 27, 2017.

The Cordell church voted to transfer its membership rolls to the Colony church, effective October 2, 2017. The Administrative Commission voted to approve the Cordell action regarding this membership transfer. Those who will have their membership transferred to Columbian Memorial are: Nancy Ackerson, Jarrod Denton, Allen Giblet, Jan Giblet, Sarah Ivy, Katie Kastner, Phil Kliewer, Rick Lindley, Sue Lindley, Earlena Shannon, Don Shannon, Kristy Sherwood, and Mark Wesner. They were notified by letter of this action on October 10, 2017.

The session of the Columbian Memorial Presbyterian Church, Colony, Oklahoma, met in a church classroom at 6:00 p.m. on October 11, 2017. Elders present: Gayle Harris, James Gee, Jeremy Weichel, Lonnie Yearwood and Rick Morris. Elder absent: Doug Misak Also present: Moderator Rev LaVonne Alexander and Clerk of Session Keith Weichel. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Alexander.

Clerk of Session, Keith Weichel, gave a brief report about church property acquired during the merger with First Presbyterian Church (FPC), Cordell, Oklahoma. Clerk Weichel reported the church building was appraised for approximately \$220,000. There is a current outstanding claim for storm damage to the roof of the facility for about \$90,000. FPC received an initial payment for damages, with the balance paid upon completion of the repairs. Insurance coverage was purchased from the Allen Giblet Insurance Agency in Cordell.

On October 1, 2017 the elders of FPC Cordell, met to make decisions regarding the distribution of funds held by that congregation. The funds were distributed as follows: \$25,000 to Cordell Animal Shelter Project, \$10,000 to Judah House and \$5,000 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and \$56,000 to Columbian Memorial Presbyterian Church.

On October 18, 2017, the session of the Columbian Memorial Presbyterian Church, Colony, held a special Called Meeting with the Administrative Commission.

Columbian Elders present: Gayle Harris, James Gee, Jeremy Weichel, Rick Morris and Lonnie Yearwood; Cordell elders present: Rick Lindley, and Mark Wesner; AC members present: Chairman John Helgeson, Glenn Dunn, and Brenna Huntley. Also present: Rev. LaVonne Alexander and Clerk of Session Keith Weichel (Colony).

The meeting was opened with prayer by Chairman John Helgeson. Chairman Helgeson moderated the meeting. Chairman Helgeson discussed the October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the elders of First Presbyterian Church, Cordell. Rev. Alexander stated she was not present at the meeting. Chairman Helgeson stated that without a moderator present, actions taken during the meeting by First Presbyterian Church Session were not official. First Presbyterian Church Clerk of Session, Mark Wesner, apologized for any misunderstanding regarding the distribution of these funds. Chairman Helgeson asked for a motion for Columbian Memorial, Colony to retroactively approve this disbursement. The elders declined to do so. However, it was voted that Columbian Memorial recognized distributions made by First Presbyterian Church. The Administrative Commission voted to approve this action.

It was further agreed that any previous requests made by FPC Cordell with respect to the distribution of proceeds from a sale of the church building were not official or in any way binding, and that all proceeds from such a sale would be at the discretion of Columbian Memorial Presbyterian Church Session with Presbytery approval.

The Administrative Commission voted the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Cordell be dissolved, effective October 18, 2017.

Chairman Helgeson asked the Session of Columbian Memorial Presbyterian Church if there were any unresolved matters regarding the merger of the churches. There were none. The members of the Administrative Commission voted to dissolve the Administrative Commission.

Submitted January 16, 2018 by John Helgeson, Chair of the  
Administrative Commission, on behalf of AC members: David Delana,  
Glenn Dunn, Brenna Huntley, and Pam Normile

## PROPERTY LIST OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CORDELL, OKLAHOMA

### **MINERAL INTEREST**

#### **Canadian County**

1. 10 Mineral Acres in and under the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section 20, Township 12 North, Range 10, W.I.M., Canadian County, Oklahoma
2. An undivided 1/24<sup>th</sup> interest in and to an undivided One Half (1/2) mineral interest under Lots 1 and 2 and the South Half of the Northeast Quarter (S/2 NE/4) of Section 6, Township 11 North, Range 10, W.I.M., Canadian County, Oklahoma
3. An undivided 1/24<sup>th</sup> interest in and to an undivided 1/4<sup>th</sup> mineral interest under the Southwest Quarter (SW/4), Section 20, Township 12 North, Range 10, W.I.M., Canadian County, Oklahoma

#### **Washita County**

4. 1/128<sup>th</sup> interest in and under the Northeast Quarter (NE/4), Section 30, Township 9, Range 20, W.I.M., Washita County, Oklahoma
5. 1/128<sup>th</sup> interest in and under the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section 7, Township 8 North, Range 16, W.I.M., Washita County, Oklahoma
6. 2.75/320<sup>th</sup> interest in and under the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) and the East Half of the Southwest Quarter (E/2 SW/4) and the West Half of the Southeast Quarter (W/2 SE/4) of Section 7, Township 9 North, Range 20, Washita County, Oklahoma
7. .25 mineral acre in and under the North Half (N/2) of the Northeast Quarter (N/2 NE/4), Section 22, Township 9, Range 17, Washita County, Oklahoma

### **Payne County**

8. .6665 mineral acres in and under a tract of land described as beginning at the Northeast (NE) corner of the North Half of the Northeast Quarter (N/2 NE/4) of Section 8, Township 18, Range 1, E.I.M.; thence the West 32 Rods; South 80 Rods; East 32 Rods; North 80 Rods to P.O.B., Payne County, Oklahoma

## **REAL ESTATE**

### **Washita County**

1. Lots 1, 22, 23, 24 in Block 38, all in the Original Town of New Cordell, Oklahoma  
**Church and Annex**
2. Lots 20 and 21 in Block 38 of the Original Town of New Cordell, Oklahoma  
**Church and Annex**
3. Lots 2 and 3 in Block 38, New Cordell, Oklahoma
4. The North 13.2 feet of Lot 2 and the South 61.8 feet of Lot 3 in Block 8, Marley Estates Addition to the City of New Cordell, Oklahoma  
**1604 Crestview Drive (MANSE)**

The report of the Administrative Commission for First, Tecumseh was given by Jim Burns, chair of the AC. Burns gave an update recalling the history of Tecumseh, and that the AC is working on selling the property – a ministry of a different sort is a possible hope.

Jon Prange gave a presentation from the Insurance Board, speaking of who the Insurance Board is, when it started, its goal of making churches a safer place to be and work, protecting your property, and the covenantal relationship with PCUSA. All webinars are free to churches participating. Abuse training now available. Jon highlighted the abuse prevention helpline now available.

There was no report of the Committee on Representation.

Carl Bosteels, recently re-fired by the Holy Spirit, gave the report of the Board of Trustees, highlighting the pending Westminster, OKC/Connecting Point, OKC merger, an update of the Tecumseh property, Calvin's recent hurdles and fire.

The Board of Trustees **brought one recommendation for action:**

**The Board of Trustees unanimously recommends approval of the proposal by Connecting Points Presbyterian Church to sell a portion of its land to Paycom by the Presbytery of Indian Nations.**

**An amendment was made** by Michael East, Janet Theus seconded, to correct the above to: **Connecting Point Presbyterian Church, USA, Inc. Amendment Passed. Main motion passed.**

The moderator declared a break. Without objection.

After reconvening, Carl Bosteels **moved to reconsider the previous action.** Seconded. The new motion: **That the presbytery approve the proposal by Connecting Point Presbyterian Church, USA Inc. to sell 94,323.99 square feet of land at the purchase price of \$235,809.98 to Paycom Payroll, LLC (Section 8, Township 13N, Range 4 West of the Indian Meridian, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma County). Passed.**

There was **another motion** by Laura Thompson, and seconded, to: Recommend that Connecting Point ensure that specific exclusion language be included in the deed, excluding any sub-surface right, while also maintaining Connecting Point's rights of egress and ingress on the property aforementioned. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

A reflection from the font was given by Melinda Hunt, Executive Director, **Solar Under the Sun**, highlighting those experiencing an energy poverty, the upcoming trip in April to Puerto Rico. She also shared many stories and pictures of the recent trip to Honduras.

A report from the **Congregational Ministries** committee was given by Scott White, summarizing the meeting on February 7, the charge of the Congregational Ministries committee, and the building of a database of skills, stories, and resources.

The **Indian Nations Presbytery Foundation**, through Russell Nelson, reported of their meeting on Thursday, January 11, 2018, and the Grant Application packet. The current Foundation balance on December 31, 2017 was \$29,225.84. The Foundation Bylaws were reviewed and changes were made to reflect the changes in the presbytery. Julie Strong was elected INP Foundation Treasurer.

After a moment of personal privilege, Jim Rogers gave the report of **Budget and Finance Committee**, walked us through the 2017 Actuals, and **moved the 2018 Budget, carrying forward the 2017 numbers, subject to the new clerk numbers and the new copier contract numbers. Passed.**

Julie Strong, of the **Transition Task Force** gave a report, walking through the main points of last night's powerpoint presentation, and spoke of the moderators of committees having dinner last night together. Julie then called Scott White up to share stories and reflections from the Bible study Friday night. Michael East, Jongsuk Back and Wayne Morris also offered stories.

There was no new business.

After numerous announcements were shared, including Dr. Rob Duncan, Executive Director of Dwight Mission mentioning the Summer Camp envelopes were available, there was a **motion approved to adjourn**. The meeting was adjourned by Ron Fike prayer at 11:50am.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Dr. Matt Meinke  
Temporary Stated Clerk

Rev. Ron Fike  
Moderator