Date: July 11, 2018

To: All moderators and clerks of session within Indian Nations Presbytery

Subject: Commissioning Elders to preach and serve the Lord’s Supper

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ, greetings to all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

One problem that we have in Indian Nations Presbytery is that many churches do not have an installed or temporary supply pastor and most churches that do have only one pastor. Many of these churches are having difficulties in finding people to preach and administer the Lord’s Supper. To help solve this problem, Presbytery at the June meeting approved the motion by Committee on Preparation and Committee on Ministry to present a program to train elders to preach and administer the Lord’s Supper. Upon successful completion of the program candidates will be examined by a joint committee of CPM and COM, and assigned a mentor and be allowed to preach and administer the Lord’s Supper within the bounds of INP. In addition, they will be added to the pulpit supply list.

We are hoping to have 8 to 16 elders enroll in this program. We have scheduled the retreat for October 12, 13, and 14th at the Hyatt Place in Oklahoma City. The cost to the students will be $100.00. This will include all materials, meals and lodging for the event.

The proposed schedule:

Friday Night October 12, 2018

6:30 p – Gather, check-in

7:00 p – Worship

8:00 p – Learning Session: Intro to Homiletics/Worship—history/theology/purpose/practice

9:00 p – Fellowship Time

Saturday October 13, 2018
8:00 a – Breakfast

9:00 a – Learning Session: Preaching—Structure and Resources

10:00 a – Break

10:30 a – Learning Session: Preaching—Theology and Content

11:30 a – Lunch

12:30 p – Learning Session: Lord’s Supper—History of the Eucharist

1:45 p – Learning Session: Lord’s Supper—Purpose and Theology of the Eucharist

3:00 p – Practicum: Lord’s Supper—Administering at the Table

4:00 p – Practicum: Preaching—Listening Sessions (scripture and something of their choice)

6:00 p – Dinner

7:00 p – Practicum: Worship—Worship Planning for Sunday morning

8:30 p – Fellowship Time

Remainder of Evening is free or prep time for Sunday morning worship

Sunday October 14, 2018

8:00 a – Breakfast

9:00 a – Check-out/Load up/Depart

10:30 a – Worship with Preaching and Communion (Southminster Presbyterian Church)

For those interested in this program the application is attached. The application deadline is August 31st and should be mailed to Indian Nations Presbytery, 1001 NW 25th St, Ste 206, Oklahoma City, OK 73106, Attn: CPM & COM. Since space is limited we will notify those accepted by September 15th and a $100.00 non-refundable deposit must be received by October 1, 2018.