



INDIAN NATIONS PRESBYTERY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

Stated Meeting

February 21, 2026

First Presbyterian Church, Stillwater



Business Packet 1

**Stated Meeting of Oklahoma Presbyteries
Saturday, February 21, 2026
First Presbyterian Church, Stillwater**

DOCKET

Saturday, February 21	FPC, Stillwater
Registration and Gathering	9:30 am
Disaster Preparation Presentation	10:00 am
Clean-Up Bucket Project	11:00 am
Lunch	12:00 pm
Worship	1:00 pm
Presbytery Meetings	2:00 pm
Call to Order, Moderator Mary Ellen Waychoff, TE	2:10 pm
Prayer	
Declaration of Quorum	
Introduction of first-time commissioners	
Seating of Corresponding Members	
Approval of the Docket	
Approval of Minutes of November 14-15, 2025, Stated/Annual Meeting	
Stated Clerk Report, TE Tracy Evans	
Bridge Presbytery Pastor Report, TE Gail Doering	
Coordinating Council Report	3:00 pm
Committee on Ministry, TE Janet Ruark	
Committee on Preparation for Ministry, TE Chas Gowing	
Committee on Nominations, RE Rhonda George	
Committee on Representation, RE Mike Mize	
Committee on Administration, RE Rex Daly	
Trustees, RE Mike Mize	
INP Foundation, RE Debra Dowell	
Adjourn with prayer	4:30 pm

Annual Stated Meeting of Indian Nations Presbytery
Sequoyah State Lodge
Hulbert, OK
November 14-15, 2025

The meeting was called to order with prayer led by Rev. John McKinnon in the meeting room at Sequoyah State Lodge on Friday, November 14, 2025 at 1:00 pm.

A quorum was declared.

First-time commissioners were introduced. Visitors were introduced. Motion to seat and give voice to corresponding members passed.

The docket was **approved** as presented.

Motion made to recess until 3:30 pm to worship with Cimarron Presbytery (CP) and Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery (EOP). **Seconded** and **approved**. Worship included the Lord's Supper.

THE ROLL

MINISTER MEMBERS

Present

Affsprung, Elizabeth
Burns, Jim HR
Evans, Tracy
Gowing, Chas
Henslee, Mark, HR
Junkin, Michelle
McKee, Thea HR

McKinnon, John
Miller, Mitch
Mize, Richard
Ruark, Chaz, HR
Ruark, Janet, HR
Rucker, Vicki
Smith, Charlie

Walker, Abbey
Waychoff, Mary Ellen, HR
Whitsitt, Landon
Workman, Stephanie

Excused

Andresen, Paul
Baggett, Rick, HR
Bassett, Charles, HR
Bosteels, Carl, HR
Burns, Jim, HR
Burns-Hintze, Jan, HR
Carr, Bill, HR
Cobbs, Kelsey
Delgado, Roberto, HR
East, Michael

Galbraith, Bill, HR
Goodman, Lois, HR
Grant, Tylar
Gruel, John, HR
Hamilton, Carl, HR
Hendrix, Nancy, HR
Hunt, Barbara, HR
Jeffers, Hugh, HR
Junkin, Dan, HR

Long, Sue, HR
Luke, Kathie
McNamara, Donald, HR
Millard, Harry, HR
Pei, Won K, HR
Phelps, Ron
Sim, Pyung Jong Peter, HR
Waters, Carol

Absent

Amen, Greg
 Bodenstein, Sara Marie
 Bridges, Samuel H
 George, David
 Heaney, Mark

Meinhart, Joe
 Park, Gi Hyun
 Scott, Randy
 Seo, Jungsuk

RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS

Present

Altus, Shaun Connally
 Chattanooga, Janet Labude
 Duncan, First, Steve Shear
 Midwest City, First, Sharon Burton
 Norman, Memorial, Charlotte Lovett
 Oklahoma City, First, Dan MacLemore
 Oklahoma City, Trinity, Chris Turner

Pauls Valley, First, Kevin Readnour
 Shawnee, United, Rick Terry
 Wewoka, First, Susan Gates
 Yukon, Chisholm Trail, Debra Kauffman

Excused

Lawton, First

Absent

Ada, First
 Ardmore First
 Altus, First
 Bethany, Westlake
 Byars, Dixon Chapel
 Chandler, First
 Colony, Columbian Memorial
 Davenport, First
 Edmond, Santa Fe
 Elk City, First

El Reno, First
 Hobart, First
 Lawton, Korean
 Lawton, Westminster
 Norman, First
 Oklahoma City, Church of Savior
 Oklahoma City, Covenant
 Oklahoma City, Hillcrest
 Oklahoma City, Korean First
 Oklahoma City, Westminster

Rosedale, First
 Seminole, Cheyarha
 Seminole, Tallahassee
 Sulphur, Salem
 Sulphur/Davis, Shepherd of the Hills
 Temple, First
 Walters, First
 Weatherford, Federated
 Wewoka, First Indian

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

Present

Daly, Rex, Committee on Administration, Moderator
 Kearney-Vakulick, Nedra, Oklahoma Presbyteries Task Force
 Mize, Mike, RE, Trustees, President

Excused

Turner, Al, CRE

Commissioned Ruling Elders

Mead, Craig, Commissioned Ruling Elder (Elk City, First)
 Smith, Farrel, Commissioned Ruling Elder (Maud, Achena)

VISITORS

There were 2 visitors.

Connally, Phyliss, Altus FPC
 Daly, Vicki, Wewoka FPC

Following discussion with EOP and CP regarding the motions to be considered regarding a unified Oklahoma Presbytery, the meeting reconvened at 4:05 pm.

For Information:

Following the August 9, 2025 meeting of the three Oklahoma Presbyteries, where we overwhelmingly voted to enter into a process of creating a new Oklahoma Presbytery, the Oklahoma Presbyteries Task Force met to review the outcome of the meeting and to assess our work as we move forward. The OPTF, hearing the thoughts and concerns of the August 9th commissioners, discerned that numerous changes needed to be made regarding the membership of the OPTF and the work groups as we move into the next stage in the creation of a new Oklahoma Presbytery. That discussion and discernment led to the proposal of seven motions to define the work of the OPTF, expand its future membership, the procedure for populating the work groups, and the process for work group proposals to go back to the individual presbyteries through the OPTF for approval.

The following motions were submitted:

- **Motion 1:** The role of the Oklahoma Presbyteries Task Force shall be to organize and coordinate the work groups and submit proposals regarding the new Oklahoma Presbytery to the existing presbyteries for their approval. **Motion** was seconded and **approved**.
- **Motion 2:** The Oklahoma Presbyteries Task Force shall consist of at least one Teaching Elder and one Ruling Elder serving at-large from each presbytery. The OPTF shall request that the appropriate presbytery nominate members to redress any current or future imbalance. **Motion** was seconded and **approved**.
- **Motion 3:** The six work groups (Mission, Finance, Communications, Admin/Structure, Personnel, Community Building) shall consist of a minimum of one member from each presbytery and one member from the Oklahoma Presbyteries Task Force at large. Presbytery nominating committees are asked to nominate the most qualified people for the work group tasks. Presbyteries will elect the individuals, and all will be jointly commissioned at the February 2026 Presbytery Meeting. Presbyteries may elect additional members for work groups as expertise may dictate. **Motion** was seconded and **approved**.
- **Motion 4:** Moderators, elected by each of the six Work Groups (Mission, Finance, Communications, Admin/Structure, Personnel, Community Building), will serve on the Oklahoma Presbyteries Task Force with voice and vote. **Motion** was seconded and **approved**.
- **Motion 5:** Presbytery staff will become Ex-Officio members of the Oklahoma Presbyteries Task Force beginning January 2026. **Motion** was seconded and **approved**.
- **Motion 6:** A Synod representative will also be invited to serve Ex-Officio on the Oklahoma Presbyteries Task Force. **Motion** was seconded and **approved**.
- **Motion 7:** The Oklahoma Presbyteries Task Force shall elect a Moderator and clerk from among its membership. **Motion** was seconded and **approved**.

DRAFT MINUTES
Indian Nations Presbytery
Coordinating Council
December 10, 2025
Meeting by Zoom Video and In-Person at INP Office

Members present:¹ RE Tony Chauncey; RE Rex Daly, Cmte on Administration Moderator; RE Rhonda George, Cmte on Nominations Moderator; RE Rex Daly, COA Moderator; TE Chas Gowing, CPM Moderator; RE Russell Newville; TE Janet Ruark, COM Moderator; TE Vicki Rucker; RE Holley Sanders; RE Rick Terry;

Ex-officio: TE Tracy Evans, Stated Clerk; TE John McKinnon, Coordinating Council Moderator; RE Mike Mize, Cmte on Representation Moderator and Board of Trustees President; TE Mary Ellen Waychoff, INP Moderator.

Excused: TE Jim Burns; RE Shaun Connally; RE Ernie Isch; TE Richard Mize; TE Carol Waters; RE Tom Willoughby

Absent: TE Jo Clipson; RE Darcy Scott

Also in attendance: INP Staff RE Sue MacHugh;

Call to order, Opening Prayer, Quorum

The meeting was called to order with a prayer led by Moderator John McKinnon at 1:00 pm. A quorum was present.

Approval of Voice

Voice but not vote was given to Chaz Ruark.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was **approved**.

Approval of minutes

October 15, 2025 minutes were approved as corrected. There was no meeting in November.

Officer and Staff Reports:

CC Moderator Report

- McKinnon noted his optimism after leaving the latest presbytery (tri-presbytery) meeting, held at Sequoyah Lodge

¹ RE refers to a Ruling Elder; TE refers to a Teaching Elder also known as Minister of Word and Sacrament.

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- **Motion** to elect Rex Daly to the position of Vice-Moderator of Coordinating Council was seconded and **approved**.

Stated Clerk Report

- There is a request for a meeting to approve the Administrative Commission for the closing of Covenant Presbyterian OKC. There is also a possible need for the presbytery to approve the sale of the FPC Chickasha building. **Motion** to hold a presbytery meeting by Zoom on Wednesday, January 7th at 10:00 am for the purpose of 1) approving the AC for the closing of Covenant and 2) the possible sale of the building of former FPC Chickasha. **Motion** was seconded and **approved**.

INP Moderator

- No report.

Committee Reports

Board of Trustees

- They are working with the broker to sell the church in Chickasha.

Committee on Administration

- Chaz Ruark reported as chair of Personnel Committee (sub-committee of COA). They have been hard at work including:
 - Annual staff reviews with Stated Clerk Tracy Evans and Bookkeeper Robin Holmes
 - Exit interviews with Presbytery Pastor Charles Smith and Administrative Assistant Sue MacHugh.
 - Retirement reception for Charles Smith
 - Combing through 50+ resumes and interviews for Administrative Assistant with three candidates, offering the position to Morgan Magelssen, who accepted the offer. She will begin training in January.
 - Their work included the search for the Bridge Presbytery Pastor, with Rev. Gail Doering accepting a six-month stint that might go longer. Gail recently retired as Executive Presbyter of Southern Kansas Presbytery. She will begin with INP in January. They are continuing their search for a longer-term interim presbytery leader.

Committee on Ministry

- No items for action, but some highlights include:
 - RE Joe Charles will be commissioned as Ruling Elder Pastor at Community Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga, on January 25.
 - Pulpit Supply honorarium was raised to \$100 for one service, \$125 for two services, plus mileage.

- COM approved an annual report form for an Annual Retired Clergy Report.
- Actions taken on behalf of presbytery: approved the Administrative Commission for the Commissioning Service of Ruling Elder Joe Charles; approved request of TE Paul Andresen (HR) to labor outside the bounds of the presbytery; approved the request of the session of FPC EI Reno to waive G-2.0404 and allow RE Casie Bright to serve an additional three-year term on the session; Concurred with the action of OKC Covenant PC taken at a duly called congregational meeting November 16, 2025, requesting that INP dissolve the congregation and appoint an AC to oversee the closing process.

Committee on Nominations

- RE Rhonda George reported that he committee has met once, with a training session that included the transfer of information and an in-depth discussion of duties and expected actions.

Committee on Representation

- RE Mike Mize noted that they have not yet met, but look forward to their work, especially the expertise of Chaz Gowing.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

- No report.

INP Foundation Board

- Has a meeting scheduled later in the day to elect officers for 2026.

Care of Pastoral Leaders Network

- Held a great retreat in October.

New and Continuing Business

- FPC Midwest City has submitted a tech grant request. **Motion** to approve the grant for \$10,000. **Motion** was seconded and **approved**.
- **FPC** Norman has applied for a grant for their work with the Norman Coalition for Refugee Support for \$4500. They will be working with high school students to maintain and improve their learning over the summer break. **Motion** to approve was seconded and **approved**. Funds to come from the Peacemaking account.
- With the change in staffing and committees, the signers for checks and credit cards needs to be updated. **Motion** to approve adding Treasurer RE Dan

MacLemore, Bridge Interim Pastor TE Gail Doering, and removing Charles Smith and Joe Meinhart. **Motion** was seconded and **approved**.

- **Motion** to close the presbytery office December 24 through January 2 was seconded and **approved**.
- A letter from Rev. Jungsuk Seo was received, thanking the body for the financial support, and reporting on the success of the Synod-wide Korean conference held at Korean Presbyterian Church of Lawton.

Sharing Time

- Prayer concerns and joys were shared.

Adjournment

- **Motion** to adjourn with prayer **passed**. The meeting was adjourned with prayer given by Mike Mize at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy L. Evans
Stated Clerk

From: Committee on Ministry
 Date: February 21, 2026
 Subject: Report to Presbytery

FOR INFORMATION:

1. COM revised the General Information page of the Pulpit Supply List, including raising the minimum honoraria (see attached).
2. COM approved a form for an Annual Retired Clergy Report (see attached).
3. An exit interview with TE Charlie Smith was conducted on November 25, 2025, by the INP Personnel Committee with Janet Ruark also present. Charlie understands and has signed the Separation Agreement.
4. COM expressed its deep gratitude to Presbytery Pastor Charlie Smith for all the work and ministry he has done on behalf of COM throughout the presbytery.
5. COM met in person at Norman, First on January 10 to review 2025 and focus its work for 2026 in support of our pastoral leaders and congregations. Rev. Stephanie Workman shared the boundary training program she helped put together and presented when she was serving in the Presbytery of New Hope. Several COM members volunteered to organize opportunities for boundary training for INP.
6. Annual report forms have been sent out to CREs, Retired Clergy, Validated Ministries. As they come in, forms will be sent to their subcommittees for review.
7. The commissioning of Joe Charles took place at Community Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga, Oklahoma, on Sunday, February 1, 2026.

ACTIONS TAKEN ON BEHALF OF PRESBYTERY: *(to be included in presbytery minutes)*

1. Approved the Administrative Commission for the Commissioning Service of Ruling Elder Joe Charles on Sunday, January 25, 2026 at 11 am at Community Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga:
 TE Mark Henslee, Moderator (appointed by INP Mod. Mary Ellen Waychoff)
 RE Mike Archer (Lawton, Westminster PC)
 RE Don Dunham (Chattanooga, Community PC)
2. Approved the request of TE Paul Andresen (HR) to labor outside the bounds of presbytery to preach and lead worship Northpark Presbyterian Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan, on December 7 and 14.
3. Approved the request of the session of El Reno RPC to waive G-2.0404 and allow TE Casie Bright to serve an additional three-year term on the session.
4. Concurred with the action of OKC Covenant PC taken at a duly called congregational meeting November 16, 2025, requesting that Indian Nations Presbytery dissolve the congregation and appoint an Administrative Commission to oversee the closing process. COM has requested INP Moderator Mary Ellen Waychoff call a meeting of INP to do this.
5. Concurred with the request of Kathie Luke and the Session of OKC Covenant Presbyterian Church to terminate the interim pastor contract between them, effective January 11, 2026, and to dismiss Kathie Luke to Blackhawk Presbytery, pending their request. Kathie will be serving as pastor at Waltham Presbyterian Church, Utica, Illinois, beginning January 12, 2026.
6. Appointed TE Mark Heaney Moderator for OKC, Covenant.
7. Appointed RE Sharon Burton Moderator for El Reno, First.
8. Approved the request from Midwest City, First to waive G-2.0404 to allow Sharon Burton and Bill Hawkins to each serve an additional three-year term on the session.

9. Approved the request of the Federated Church of Weatherford and Rev. Kelsey Cobbs to dissolve the pastoral relationship, effective February 28, 2026.
10. Appointed Mark Henslee as moderator of Lawton First. COM expresses its appreciation to Sue Long for her service there.
11. Approved the contract between Norman First and Rev. Kelsey Cobbs to serve as Temporary Supply Associate Pastor of Missions for one year beginning March 2, 2026, at the following terms:
 - Salary \$56,800
 - Participation in Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Ministers Pension Fund
 - Health Insurance Offset through the Board of Pensions, PCUSA
 - Leave: 20 days Vacation and 14 days Continuing Education, including 4 Sundays
 - 12 weeks Family Leaveand voted to continue Kelsey on the Active Member Roll of Indian Nations Presbytery while she serves there.

FOR PRESBYTERY ACTION:

1. Recommend to Indian Nations Presbytery that Rev. Mark Heaney be granted retirement, effective February 1, 2026.

From: Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Date: Date of Presbytery Meeting

Subject: Information

INFORMATION:

1. Since last report, CPM has met twice: December 10, 2025, and January 14, 2026. At both we heard status updates from our two under care, Eunja Woo and Jakob Harmon
2. In the December meeting we considered COM's request for alternate examination of David George who wishes to transfer ordination to the PCUSA. The committee affirmed COM's desire to have an alternate means of examination. In the January meeting, CPM considered the motion to provide the alternate means of examination and determined that CPM does not have the expertise to develop an alternative exam for submission to Presbytery and has declined the COM's request to develop an alternative exam. CORRECTION: There was no request from COM; CPM's understanding that this was a request from COM was a misunderstanding. CPM if David wishes to enter into a relation with CPM, CPM remains available to help with discernment and preparation.

FOR PRESBYTERY ACTION:

1. CPM requests that the Committee on Nominations nominate a someone to our our committee to fill the vacancy created by the departure of Kathie Luke

Indian Nations Presbytery Nominating Committee

Report, January 2026

Members: Deb Kauffman, Tylar Grant, Rhonda George, Moderator

There are a few vacant positions we are working to fill. We have received several emails regarding interest in serving on the various committees for the Oklahoma Presbyteries Task Force and Work Groups. The list of Work Groups the nominees we have so far is at the bottom of this report.

We have a YAAD nominee for the General Assembly this summer.

This Committee nominates Miss Zoey Davenport, zoeybethdavenport@icloud.com, 4110 Northhampton Dr., Norman, OK 73072. Zoey is a WASP, Euro/American, female who is 3rd generation at First Presbyterian Church, Norman, and is a freshman at the University of Oklahoma.



The Committee on Nominations would like to present for Class of 28 on the Coordinating Council from Region 5. Shari Carter 405-850-5736 2514 Northwood Dr Seminole, OK 74868-2269 sharijcarter@gmail.com

If you have any questions or need this committee's assistance with anything, just let us know.

Grace and Peace,
Rhonda George, Moderator
Committee on Nominations, 2026-28

INP OK Presby Task Forces 2026

Updated 2/12, 3:15 p.m.

Oklahoma Presbyteries Task Force

Organize and coordinate the work groups and submit proposals regarding the new Oklahoma Presbytery to the existing presbyteries for their approval.

1. Chaz Ruark, chazruark@gmail.com
- 2.

Mission Work Group

Will seek to discern and define the mission and ministry priorities of the new presbytery.

1. Deb Kauffman, dkmanok@yahoo.com
- 2.

Finance Work Group

Merge the financial resources of the three presbyteries and develop a budget aligned with the mission priorities of the new presbytery.

1. Carl Bosteels, cfbosteels@hotmail.com
- 2.

Communications Work Group

Develop a communication plan with a unified website and social media presence.

1. Tony Chaucer, tony@okadvtech.com
2. Tylar Grant tylar.g.grant@gmail.com

Administration/Structure Work Group

Works to integrate the various corporations, bylaws, manuals of operation, and other policies of the three presbyteries.

1. Melissa Gill, melissajgill@yahoo.com
2. Joe Meinhart, jmeinhart@gmail.com

Personnel Work Group

Develop positions, job descriptions, and personnel policies that align with the new presbytery's needs and mission

1. David Duty, dduty517@gmail.com
2. Mike Mize mikemize@cox.net

Community Building Work Group

unites Presbyterian members, ministers, and congregations across Oklahoma through activities, meetings, and events.

1. Rick Terry, rickdterry1@gmail.com
- 2.

**Indian Nations Presbytery
Board of Trustees
Report to Coordinating Council
February 18, 2026**

The Trustees are working with the Administrative Commission on the disposition of Covenant Presbyterian Church's property.

Peace,

Mike Mize
Moderator

Indian Nations Presbytery 2025 Necrology

Ruling Elders

ADA	First Presbyterian Church Don Clark Charles Mayhue Greta Thompson	January 16, 2025 February 14, 2025 November 7, 2025
ARDMORE	First Presbyterian Church Francis Dale Remington Linda Chambers Mertens	April 3, 2025 November 19, 2025
HOBART	First Presbyterian Church Louis Sims	November 7, 2025
LAWTON	First Presbyterian Church Dr. William Jolly	February 14, 2025
MIDWEST CITY	First Presbyterian Church Susie Parkey	March 7, 2025
OKLAHOMA CITY	Covenant Presbyterian Church Harry Anderson Pat Potts	May 10, 2025 August 20, 2025
	Westminster Presbyterian Church Malcolm Wardlaw Hall Steven G. Jones George Nigh Alice Whittington Richard Ramsey Hefton Ross William Howard	March 13, 2025 March 31, 2025 July 30, 2025 October 28, 2025 October 28, 2025 November 13, 2025
Wewoka	First Presbyterian Church Pat McDaniels Bill Houser	2025 2025