



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

Stated Meeting

May 1 - 2, 2026

**Bishop W. Angie Smith Chapel,
Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City**



Business Packet 1



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Grace and peace to you! Indian Nations Presbytery is delighted to welcome you to Oklahoma City for our upcoming Tri-Presbytery meeting. It is a joy to gather in fellowship, worship, and shared reflection, and we are truly grateful for the opportunity to be together.

Our meeting will be held on the campus of Oklahoma City University, in the Bishop W. Angie Smith Chapel. The chapel is located along NW 23rd Street between Blackwelder and N. Kentucky. We will begin with opening worship in the chapel, with most other gatherings taking place on the lower level. While there is no elevator, accessible ramps provide entry to both levels of the building.

Oklahoma City University, a private institution with historic ties to the United Methodist Church, has been home to the Saint Paul School of Theology's satellite campus since 2008. We also celebrate the recent news that the university has been selected as a satellite village for the 2028 Summer Olympics, offering space and support for athletes and staff.

For those who have registered, our time together will begin with the Board of Pensions Summit and luncheon. The presbytery meeting will officially open at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, May 1, beginning with registration and followed by worship in the chapel. During this service, we will share in the commissioning of General Assembly commissioners.

Throughout our gathering, the Mission Work Group will guide us in Bible study and small group conversations as we continue discerning the shape of a new presbytery and the call before us. As is our tradition, the offering received during Friday's worship service will support The Urban Mission. On Saturday, we will be joined by German Garcia, Executive Director of The Urban Mission, who will share more about their important work in the community.

Each presbytery will gather separately on Saturday morning following worship.

We look forward to the time we will share and to the ways God will continue to guide and shape us as we grow in faith, partnership, and hope.

With warm regards,
Rev. Gail Doering
Bridge Presbytery Pastor, Indian Nations Presbytery

Parking & Directions

Parking:

The Bishop W. Angie Smith Chapel (Building 410 on the map below) is located on the south side of the campus of Oklahoma City University on Noble Drive. Please park in any of the yellow highlighted areas on the map provided.

Directions:

- From NW 23rd St., turn north at the light onto N. Blackwelder Ave. (toward campus)
- Immediately turn left onto Noble Dr.
- The Chapel will be the second building on your right.

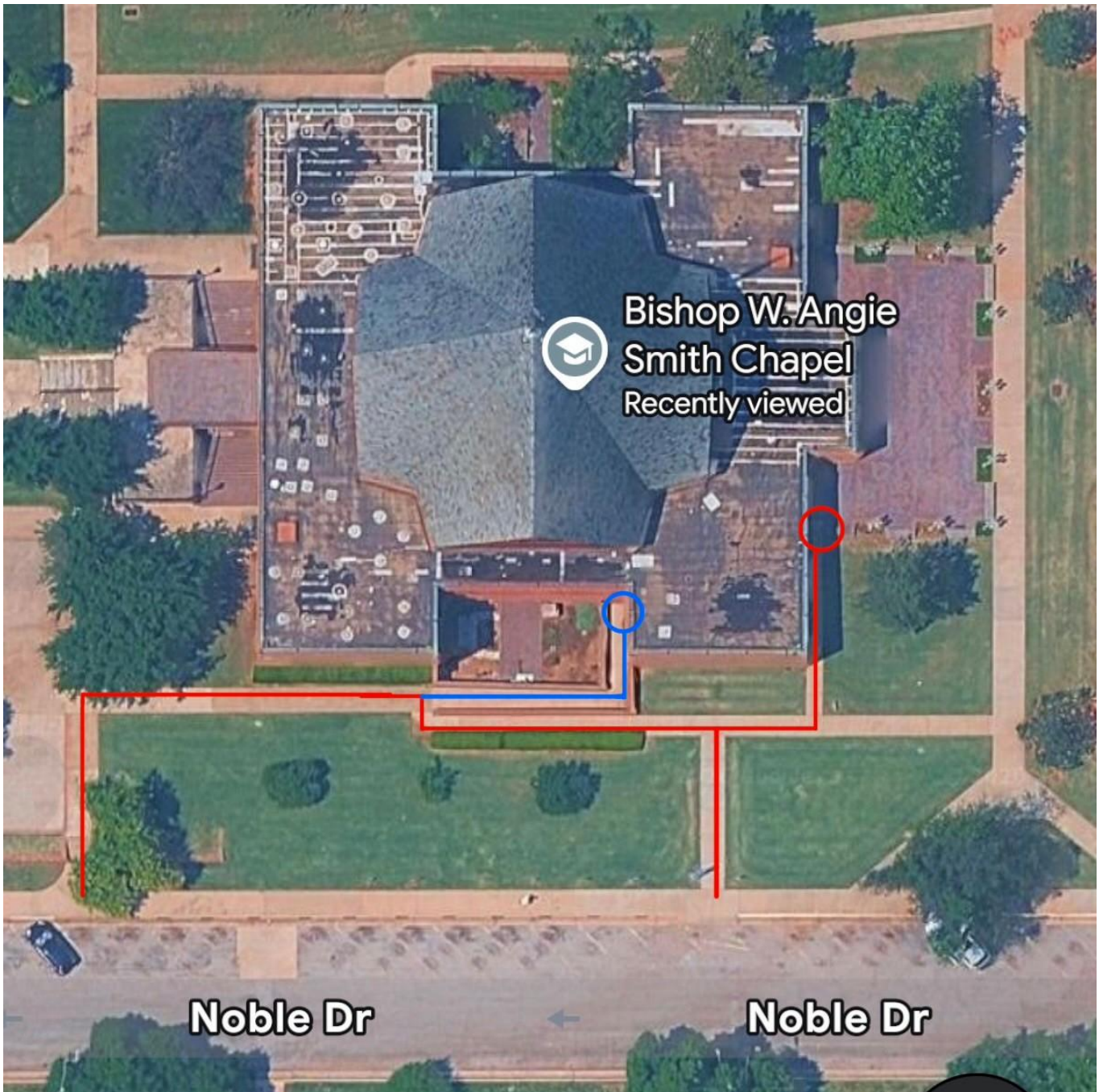


ADA Accessible Entrances

There are two ADA-accessible entrances to the chapel. The red circle on the map indicates the entrance to the upper level, and the blue circle indicates the entrance to the lower level.

The Board of Pensions Summit will take place downstairs. If you are attending the Summit first, please use the blue entrance. If you are not attending the Summit, registration for the presbytery meeting will take place upstairs - please use the red entrance.

Staff and volunteers will be available to help guide you to the appropriate entrance.



Report of the INP Moderator	Mary Ellen Waychoff
Report of the Stated Clerk	Tracy Evans
Report of the Bridge Presbytery Pastor	Gail Doering
Report of Coordinating Council Moderator	John McKinnon
Committee on Administration	Rex Daly
Personnel Committee	Chaz Ruark
Committee on Ministry	Janet Ruark

Honoring Retiring Pastors Mark Heaney and Joe Meinhart

Committee on Nominations	Rhonda George
Committee on Representation	Mike Mize
Committee on Representation	Chas Gowing
INP Foundation	Debra Dowell
Care of Pastoral Leaders Network	
Unfinished and/or New Business	
Sharing Time	
Adjourn with prayer	

12:00 noon Depart for Home

Minutes of the
Stated Meeting of Indian Nations Presbytery
First Presbyterian Church
Stillwater, Oklahoma
February 21, 2026

Indian Nations Presbytery gathered with Cimmaron Presbytery and Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery prior to each presbytery's meeting. Speaker Libby Janes, Director of Synod Partnership for Disaster Recovery presented information about disasters and recovery. The body assembled 72 clean-up buckets to go to the Disaster Assistance Center in Little Rock where they will be distributed as needed. Following lunch, the three presbyteries gathered for worship including communion, with Rev. Landon Whitsitt preaching.

The meeting was called to order with prayer led by Rev. Mary Ellen Waychoff in the chapel on Saturday, February 21, 2025 at 1:20 pm.

A quorum was declared.

First-time commissioners were introduced. No visitors were present. **Motion** to seat and give voice to corresponding member Rev. Gail Doering **passed**.

The docket was **approved** as presented.

THE ROLL

MINISTER MEMBERS

Present

Affsprung, Elizabeth, HR
Amen, Greg
Bosteels, Carl, HR
Evans, Tracy
Grant, Tyler
Henslee, Mark, HR

Junkin, Michelle
Mize, Richard
Park, Gi Hyun
Ruark, Chaz, HR
Ruark, Janet, HR
Rucker, Vicki

Seo, Jungsuk
Waychoff, Mary Ellen, HR
Whitsitt, Landon
Workman, Stephanie

Excused

Andresen, Paul
Baggett, Rick, HR
Bassett, Charles, HR
Burns, Jim, HR
Burns-Hintze, Jan, HR
Carr, Bill, HR
Clipson, Jo, HR
Cobbs, Kelsey
Delgado, Roberto, HR

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

McKinnon, John
McNamara, Donald, HR
Millard, Harry, HR
Pei, Won K, HR
Sim, Pyung Jong Peter, HR
Smith, Charlie, HR
Walker, Abbey
Waters, Carol

Absent

Bodenstein, Sara Marie
Bridges, Samuel H
George, David
Gowing, Chas
Heaney, Mark

Long, Sue
McKee, Thea
Meinhart, Joe
Scott, Randy
Sherry, Linda

RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS

Present

Duncan, First, Steve Shear
Elk City, First, Craig Mead
Lawton, First, Steve Brock
Oklahoma City, First, Gaylan Adams
Oklahoma City, Trinity, Chris Turner
Norman, First, Melissa Gill

Rosedale, First, Russell Newville
Shawnee, United, Rick Terry
Wewoka, First, Rex Daly
Yukon, Chisholm Trail, Debra Kauffman

Excused

Bethany, Westlake
Chattanooga, Community
Hobart, First
Norman, Memorial
Oklahoma City, Westminster

Absent

Ada, First
Altus, First
Ardmore, First
Byars, Dixon Chapel
Chandler, First
Colony, Columbian Memorial
Davenport, First
Edmond, Santa Fe
El Reno, First

Grandfield, First
Lawton, Korean
Lawton, Westminster
Maud, Achena
Midwest City, First
Oklahoma City, Church of Savior
Oklahoma City, Hillcrest
Oklahoma City, Korean First
Paul's Valley, 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, COA, Moderator
Mize, Mike, RE, Trustees, President
Kearney-Vakulich, Nedra, CRE, OPTF

Excused

Turner, Al, CRE
Smith, Ferrel, CRE (Maud, Achena)

Commissioned Ruling Elders

Diekman, Susan, Commissioned Ruling Elder (Lawton, First)
Gates, Susan, Commissioned Ruling Elder (Wewoka, First)
Sheffield, Linda, Commissioned Ruling Elder (Oklahoma City, Westminster)
Walton, Margaret, Commissioned Ruling Elder (Yukon, Chisholm Trail)

Corresponding Members

Doering, Gail, Bridge Presbytery Pastor

VISITORS

There were 2 visitors.

Forsman, Mary Su, RE, Oklahoma City, First
Magelssen, Morgan, RE, INP Staff

The minutes of the November 14-15, 2025 Stated/Annual meeting were **approved**.

Stated Clerk

The Necrology report for 2025 was read during the worship service.

Ruling Elders who died in 2025:

ADA	First Presbyterian Church Don Clark, January 16, 2025 Charles Mayhue, February 14, 2025 Greta Thompson, November 7, 2025
ARDMORE	First Presbyterian Church Francis Dale Remington, April 3, 2025 Linda Chambers Mertens, 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, May 10, 2025 Pat Potts August, 20, 2025 Westminster Presbyterian Church Malcolm Wardlaw Hall, March 13, 2025 Steven G. Jones, March 31, 2025 George Nigh, July 30, 2025 Alice Whittington, October 28, 2025 Richard Ramsey Hefton, October 28, 2025 Ross William Howard, November 13, 2025
WEWOKA	First Presbyterian Church Pat McDaniels 2025 Bill Houser 2025
YUKON	Chisholm Trail Presbyterian Church June Calahan, January 8, 2025

Teaching Elders who died in 2024: None

Bridge Presbytery Pastor Report

TE Gail Doering brought greetings as the Bridge Presbytery Pastor. She will be in this role for 6 months. She welcomed questions and emphasized that she is available by phone at any time.

Committee on Ministry

TE Janet Ruark

Actions taken on behalf of Presbytery:

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 Leave

and 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. **Motion** was approved.

Coordinating Council

No report. Minutes from the most recent meeting were included in the commissioners' packet.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

TE Chas Gowing

Moderator of COPM could not attend due to illness. His report stated that they have two individuals under care, Eunja Woo and Jakob Harmon. David George is interested in transferring ordination to the PC(USA). COPM remains available to help with discernment and preparation.

Committee on Nominations

TE Tylar Grant presented their report on behalf of Moderator Rhonda George. They are working diligently to fill open positions.

Motion from committee to approve Zoey Davenport to serve as Young Adult Advisory Delegate to the 227th General Assembly (2026). Zoey is a member at First Presbyterian Church of Norman and a freshman at University of Oklahoma. **Motion carried.**

TE Shari Carter, Seminole, has agreed to serve on Coordinating Council, class of 2028, from Region 5.

The Oklahoma Presbyteries Task Force asked for individuals to serve on work groups from the three Oklahoma presbyteries. The following are recommended by the Committee on Nominations. **Motion** to elect:

- 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. TE Chaz Ruark
 - 2.
- Mission Work Group Will seek to discern and define the mission and ministry priorities of the new presbytery.
 1. RE Deb Kauffman
 2. TE Landon Whitsitt (nomination from the floor)
- 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. TE Carl Bosteels
 2. RE Steve Shear (nomination from the floor)
- Communications Work Group Develop a communication plan with a unified website and social media presence.
 1. Tony Chauncey
 2. Tylar Grant
- Administration/Structure Work Group Works to integrate the various corporations, bylaws, manuals of operation, and other policies of the three presbyteries.

1. Melissa Gill
 2. Joe Meinhart
- Personnel Work Group Develop positions, job descriptions, and personnel policies that align with the new presbytery's needs and mission
 1. David Duty
 2. Mike Mize
 - Community Building Work Group unites Presbyterian members, ministers, and congregations across Oklahoma through activities, meetings, and events.
 1. Rick Terry
 2. Michelle Junkin (nomination from the floor)
 3. Stephanie Workman (nomination from the floor)

Motion to approve the nominations was **approved**.

Committee on Representation

No report.

Committee on Administration

RE Rex Daly

Moderator RE Rex Daly presented the proposed budget for 2026, including budget notes and assumptions. The Audited Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2024, were included in the packet.

Motion to approve the budget as presented was **approved**.

Trustees

Moderator RE Mike Mize reported that the Trustees are working with the Administrative Commission for Covenant Presbyterian Church, OKC.

INP Foundation

No report.

New and Continuing Business

Richard Mize, pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church, OKC, shared the ongoing story of their congregation's past and future. They have reached an agreement with a non-profit agency in Oklahoma City that will buy their building and lease the sanctuary and offices to the congregation. **Motion** that the Trustees remain involved in this process and that INP offer its' support to them. **Motion** carried. Those gathered then prayed for Richard and the congregation at Trinity.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn with prayer was passed. Moderator Waychoff closed in prayer at 1:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy L. Evans, Stated Clerk

DRAFT

Draft Minutes of the
Stated Meeting of Indian Nations Presbytery
First Presbyterian Church
Pauls Valley, Oklahoma
June 7, 2025

The meeting was called to order with prayer led by Rev. John McKinnon in the sanctuary on Saturday, June 7, 2025 at 10:00 am.

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.

Rev. Chas Gowing welcomed everyone to the church. He explained that due to the copious amounts of rain that had flooded the basement, lunch and the table discussion would be held across the street at the Methodist church.

THE ROLL

MINISTER MEMBERS

Present

Affsprung, Elizabeth
Clipson, Jo, HR
East, Michael
Evans, Tracy
Gowing, Chas

McKinnon, John
Mize, Richard
Seo, Jungsuk
Smith, Charlie
Walker, Abbey

Waters, Carol
Waychoff, Mary Ellen, HR
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
Galbraith, Bill, HR

Goodman, Lois, HR
Gruel, John, HR
Hamilton, Carl, HR
Hendrix, Nancy, HR
Henslee, Mark, HR
Hunt, Barbara, HR
Jeffers, Hugh, HR
Junkin, Dan, HR
Junkin, Michelle
Long, Sue, HR

Luke, Kathie
McKee, Thea HR
McNamara, Donald, HR
Millard, Harry, HR
Miller, Mitch
Pei, Won K, HR
Phelps, Ron
Ruark, Chaz, HR
Ruark, Janet, HR
Sim, Pyung Jong Peter, HR

Absent

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

Meinhart, Joe
Rucker, Vicki
Scott, Randy
Whitsitt, Landon

RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS

Present

Duncan, First, Steve Shear
Edmond, Santa Fe, Jim Rule
Elk City, First, Tony Chauncey
Lawton, First, Susan Diekman
Maud, Achena, Farrel Smith
Midwest City, First, Sharon Burton
Norman, First, Melissa Gill
Norman, Memorial, Charlotte Lovett
Oklahoma City, Covenant, Beverly Jackson

Oklahoma City, First, Dan MacLemore
Oklahoma City, Westminster, Linda Sheffield
Pauls Valley, First, Holley Sanders
Rosedale, First, Russell Newville
Shawnee, United, Rick Terry
Wewoka, First, Rex Daly
Yukon, Chisholm Trail, Debra Kauffman

Excused

Ada, First
Bethany, Westlake
Chattanooga, Community
Hobart, First
Temple, First

Absent

Ardmore First
Altus, First
Byars, Dixon Chapel
Chandler, First
Chickasha, First
Colony, Columbian Memorial
Davenport, First

El Reno, First
Lawton, Korean
Lawton, Westminster
Oklahoma City, Church of Savior
Oklahoma City, Hillcrest
Oklahoma City, Korean First
Oklahoma City, Trinity

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

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

Present

Culpepper, Maribeth, Committee on Nominations and Representation, Moderator
Mize, Mike, RE, Trustees, President

Excused

Turner, Al, CRE

Commissioned Ruling Elders

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

Corresponding Members

Gordon Edwards, Cimarron Presbytery
Katrina Richardson, Cimarron Presbytery

VISITORS

There were 5 visitors.

Drennan, Kristi, Pauls Valley
Grant, Tylar Gregg
MacHugh, Sue, RE, INP Staff
Mead, Teresa, Beaver City, NE
Portwood, Angela, Pauls Valley

The minutes of the February 22, 2025 Stated meeting were **approved**.

There was no report from the INP Moderator.

Stated Clerk:

Tracy Evans reported that minutes from 2024 had been read by the Synod. There were no exceptions, but the comments stated the need for an anti-racism policy.

Presbytery Pastor

In his written report, Charlie Smith reported on the continuing work of the Oklahoma Task Force, working to envision a new Oklahoma presbytery.

Coordinating Council

Interim Moderator Mike Mize reported that the following actions were taken since the last presbytery meeting:

- The Norman Coalition for Refugee Support requested a carryover of remaining grant funds in the amount of \$2,599.47 to be used for STEAM activities and summer school for 15 students. A motion was made and approved.
- The Korean Lawton Presbyterian Church submitted a Church Project Grant request for \$3,000 for small group leadership training. This is a matching grant with funds from the church and funds raised from individuals. A motion was made and approved.
- A motion was made and approved to hold the June 7th Presbytery meeting in-person at First Presbyterian Church of Pauls Valley.
- The Care of Pastoral Leaders Network reported that it was requesting grant money in the amount of \$1,800 from the Synod of the Sun for the Pastoral Leaders Retreat. The Council approved the request.
- The Korean Lawton Presbyterian Church requested \$3,500 for a technology grant. A motion was made and approved.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

- Moderator Chas Gowing reported the committee met to conduct Final Assessment for candidate Tylar Grant. She was approved as “certified ready for a call” on March 12, 2025.
- Ordination Exam readers for Spring 2025 will be RE Maribeth Culpepper and TE Kathie Luke.

- CPM validated the CRE ministry of Craig Meade for FPC Elk City.

Committee on Ministry

- Mary Ellen Waychoff reported on behalf of the COM.

FOR INFORMATION:

- The Pulpit Supply List is on the INP website (password protected – contact Sue MacHugh in the INP office).
- Three Cohort groups have been formed for our Commissioned Ruling Elders (CREs). Teaching Elders (TEs) Elizabeth Affsprung, David George, and Chaz Ruark are serving as leaders.
- Rev. Jungsuk Seo was appointed as Moderator for Korean First Presbyterian Church, OKC.
- COM approved the election of a PNC for Korean First Presbyterian Church, OKC, and gave permission for the PNC to advertise in the Korean PCUSA network as they begin their search for an installed pastor; and approved the search process outlined by the PNC.
- COM approved the election of a PNC for First Presbyterian Church, Ada.
- Approved Aaron McKee to be on the Pulpit Supply for preaching only.
- Approved Rev. John Singleton of New Covenant Presbytery to labor in the bounds of Indian Nations Presbytery and be added to the Pulpit Supply

ACTIONS TAKEN ON BEHALF OF PRESBYTERY:

(to be included in presbytery minutes)

1. Renewed the commission of RE Kim Mitchell as Pastor of Care and Connection at OKC Westminster for three years beginning January 1, 2024. Janet Ruark will serve as mentor.
2. Reviewed the validated ministries of Mark Heaney, Inner Peace Pastoral Counseling, Yukon, OK and Vicki Rucker, Chaplain at Mercy Hospital, Ardmore, OK.
3. Concurred with the action of Korean First Presbyterian Church, OKC, taken at a duly called congregational meeting March 16, 2025, to dissolve the pastoral relationship with Rev. Jongsuk Back as of March 16, 2025, and dismissed Rev. Jongsuk Back to New Covenant Presbytery, pending their action.
4. Appointed the following to the Culturally Diverse Task Force: Carol Waters (Moderator), Farrel Smith (Maud, Aचना), Patsy Smith (OKC, Trinity), Margaret Walton (Yukon, Chisholm Train), and Jerilyn Whitsitt (OKC Westminster). We are still looking for a representative from either of the Korean Churches.
5. Approved the request of Paul Andresen, Teaching Elder, to labor outside the bounds of presbytery to preach at Parkview Presbyterian, Grand Rapids MI, in the Presbytery of Lake Michigan.
6. Approved Tylar Grant's work as a staff chaplain at OU Health Center as a call to a Validated Ministry and to move ahead to examine Tylar for ordination.

7. Approved the Covenant for Temporary Supply between Randall Scott and Church of the Savior, Oklahoma City, for March 14, 2025 to March 14, 2026 for 24-28 hours per week at the following terms:

Housing Allowance \$42,000/year

Vacation – 1 week per quarter, including Sundays

Continuing Education – 1 week per six months, including Sundays

8. Approved the Covenant for Temporary Supply between Mark Henslee and First Presbyterian Church, Duncan for May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026 for 19 hours per week, at the following terms:

Cash Salary \$1,300/month

Housing \$2,000/month

Ministry expenses reimbursed up to \$6,500/year

30 days vacation, including 4 Sundays

Continuing Education 1 week per 6 months, including Sundays

9. Approved the Temporary Supply Associate Contract between Carol Waters and First Presbyterian Church, Norman for May 27, 2025 to May 27, 2026 for 25-30 hours per week, at the following terms:

Cash Salary \$21,210/year

Housing \$9,000/year

Full participation in the Board of Pensions

3 weeks Vacation

2 weeks Continuing Education

10. Approved the Covenant of Temporary Supply between Mary Ellen Waychoff and First Presbyterian Church, Ardmore for July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 for 28 hours per week, at the following terms:

Cash Salary \$40,000/year

Auto/PE \$6,000/year (reimbursed up to)

Vacation – 1 week/quarter, including Sundays

Continuing Education – 1 week/six months, including Sundays

11. Approved the Covenant with a Commissioned Ruling Elder between Craig Mead and First Presbyterian Church, Elk City for July 8, 2025 to June 30, 2028 for 40 hours per week, at the following terms:

Cash Salary \$3,750/month

Medical Coverage \$1,000/month (for wife)

Soc Sec withheld \$414.38/month

Exp reimbursed up to \$200/month + mileage

Full participation in the Board of Pensions

Housing allowance \$833.33/month out of cash salary

Vacation 4 weeks/year

Continuing Education 2 weeks/year

For Action:

1. COM recommends that Indian Nations Presbytery concur with the action of the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Chickasha, OK taken at a duly called meeting March 30, 2025, to dissolve the congregation effective July 31, 2025. An Administrative Commission was appointed by Moderator McKinnon to oversee the closing process.

The Administrative Commission's duties will include:

- Assisting the Session in winding up the affairs of the congregation, transferring remaining members, planning worship, and giving thanks to God for the ministry of the congregation.
- Authorizing the Stated Clerk to receive the Session Records, retain records to wind up affairs, deliver those records with the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, who will then forward them to the Presbyterian Historical Society.
- Authorizing the Stated Clerk to grant letters of dismissal to members whose names are still on the rolls.
- Taking possession of all real and personal property, financial records, inventories of equipment, and arranging for transfer of title to the Presbytery of all accounts and real property known to be in the possession of First Presbyterian Church of Chickasha. [Form of Government, Chapter IV, Section 2 (G-4.0203)]
- Consulting with the Session regarding requests the congregation may have relating to the disposition of equipment and memorials and other property of the First Presbyterian Church of Chickasha, and from the date of the action approving the disposition of property or arranging for its retention and storage for future use at the direction of the Presbytery.
- Asserting claim of the Presbytery to any property of the First Presbytery Church of Chickasha not known at this time or property which may come to the First Presbyterian Church of Chickasha as the beneficiary of a will or trust not known at this time.

The motion carried.

2.COM recommends that Indian Nations Presbytery grant Retirement to Paul Andresen, effective July 31, 2005.

The motion carried.

3. a. COM recommends that Indian Nations Presbytery commission Ruling Elder Craig Mead to serve First Presbyterian Church, Elk City as Commissioned Pastor, whose duties include leading worship and preaching, serving as moderator, administering sacraments, making pastoral calls, and officiating at weddings.

b. COM recommends that the service of commissioning be held at First Presbyterian Church, Elk City, at a day and time to be determined later.

The motion carried.

4. COM recommends that Indian Nations Presbytery examine Tylar Grant for ordination as minister of Word and Sacrament.

The motion carried.

The examination of Tylar Grant for ordination as minister of Word and Sacrament took place. **Motion** to sustain the examination and approve Tylar for ordination **passed**.

Committee on Nominations and Representation

Report from Moderator Maribeth Culpepper included the following:

- **Motion** from committee to appoint RE Janet Labude and RE Tommie Grimes to the COM class of 2027 was **passed**.
- **Motion** from committee to appoint RE Becki Walden and RE Bill Blew to the COA class of 2027 was **passed**.
- Nominations are being sought for current vacancies and the upcoming slate.

Committee on Administration

- Moderator Rex Daly reported for the committee.
- A funds requests from Texas Presbyterian Foundation was made on 4/22/25 for the amount of \$105,000. This is for operating expenses. This is the second request this year. The first request for \$105,000 was on 1/23/25. That makes the total \$210,000 for the year. The redemptions are from the Holding Account #54477. The market value of the account at March 31, 2025 was \$1,508,832.75.
- The Personnel Committee is working/consulting on the task of finding transitional leadership for INP.
- **Motion** that Housing Allowance for Presbytery Pastor Charlie Smith be amended from \$30,000 to \$40,000 for 2025 was **approved**.
- The Indian Nations Personnel Committee met on June 2nd and approved the request of Stated Clerk Tracy Evans to take mid June to Mid July as renewal time. Changes in the life of Memorial Presbyterian Church are currently demanding a significant portion of her time and energy. Summertime is generally a quieter time in the Presbytery Office. Tracy will still be available for emergency situations, otherwise her duties will be covered by other INP staff.4

The body joined in worship including the Lord's Supper. Lunch followed.

TE Gordon Edwards and TE Katrina Richardson, members of Cimarron Presbytery (CP), shared the status of CP and their hope for the future. The attendees spent time in discussion, both in small groups and as a body, regarding the possibility of one Oklahoma Presbytery.

Vice- Moderator Mary Ellen Waychoff moderated the remainder of the meeting.

INP Foundation

Russell Newville, President of the Foundation, reported.

The INP Foundation Board met on April 29, 2025. Grant Applications from eight (8) congregations were sent to Board members for review prior to the meeting. At the meeting funding requests were discussed.

Church of the Savior (COTS), OKC, requested funds to purchase a van for transportation of children in the daycare program to school. It was explained to COTS that this did not fit the criteria for a grant from the INP Foundation Board. Usually a congregation is referred to the other INP grant programs (Mission grants) but these grants “are not available for acquisition of capital assets”. It was suggested that they contact the United Church of Christ for assistance since they are a Union Congregation, United Church of Christ & Presbyterian Church (USA).

		Purpose	est	AWARDED
APRIL 2025 INP FOUNDATION GRANTS				
1	Bethany	FPC	Purchase new lawn mower plus 5 year maintenance	3,000 3,000
2	Duncan	FPC	Install emergency exit lights; walkway; roof; and bathroom plumbing/paint repairs	3,000 3,000
3	El Reno	FPC	Interior repairs to plaster walls in multiple areas; new carpet in library/parlor	3,000 3,000
4	Elk City	FPC	Replace multiple doors; repair/caulk roof leak	3,175 3,500
5	OKC	COTS	Replace 15 passenger van to transport daycare kids to school	5,000 0
6	OKC	Covenant	Replacing vent hood fire suppression system; upgrading lighting; replacing exit lights to expand daycare	3,000 3,000
7	OKC	Hillcrest	Remove barrier wall securing courtyard and replace with stockade fence with lockable gate	1,500 1,500
8	Rosedale	FPC	Reimbursement for required upgrade of electrical system due to OG&E changes to lines to church	2,850 3,000
			24,525	20,000

A total of \$20,000 was approved. Funds will be distributed in June, 2025.

Texas Presbyterian Foundation - March 31, 2025					
Account	Market Value	Total Return	Composite Index Return	Cash Equivalents	TPF Balanced Fund
INP Foundation Fund	1,687,157.14	6.88%	5.49%	5,219.72	1,681,937.42

Board of Trustees

Mike Mize, President of the Trustees, reported.

The Trustees have not formally met. That said, the Trustees are currently working closely with the Chickasha Administrative Commission regarding the possible sale of real estate associated with the First Presbyterian Church of Chickasha as part of the closure of that church.

Care of Pastors Network

1. A gathering for pastoral leaders and spouses was held Friday, April 25 at the home of Carol Waters and Mark Wesner. INP provided the meat, dessert, and drinks, and participants brought side dishes. 21 TEs, CREs and spouses attended.

2. A lunch for retirees, spouses and surviving spouses was held at OKC Westminster Presbyterian Church at 11:30 am on May 6. Kevin Keaton from the Board of Pensions gave an overview of retirement benefits, answered questions and concerns, and also met with COM representatives to talk about shared grants. 18 reservations were made but due to it being a rainy/stormy day, 11 attended. Lunch was provided by the Board of Pensions, and we enjoyed the gracious hospitality of Westminster Church.

3. At its next meeting, Care of Pastoral Leaders will continue planning a Fall Theology Day and the October Pastoral Leaders Retreat. We are still waiting to hear from the Synod regarding the grant application that was approved at the last meeting.

4. The date for the Pastoral leader's Retreat at St. Crispin's will be October 27-28.

New and Continuing Business

None

The meeting **adjourned** at 2:50 with prayer by Vice-Moderator Mary Ellen Waychoff.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy L. Evans, Stated Clerk

DRAFT

From: Committee on Ministry
Date: May 2, 2026
Subject: Report to Presbytery

FOR INFORMATION:

1. COM is reviewing 2025 annual reports sent in by CREs and retired TEs.
2. An exit interview was held with Rev. Kelsey Cobbs on February 9, 2026.
3. COM is working on organizing several formats and opportunities for Boundary Training.
4. COM is working on organizing a one-day Saturday workshop with continuing education opportunities for CREs and other interested persons, including Boundary Training.
5. COM has invited Beth Keppel, the moderator of COM for Eastern Oklahoma, to join us at her convenience for a meeting and Janet Ruark, the moderator of COM for Indian Nations, has been invited to attend a meeting of the EOP COM.
6. COM has requested that Coordinating Council allocate money for Pastor Salary Grants, perhaps from the money received in the sale of property when churches close.

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

1. Approved the request from Shawnee United and CRE Amy Davenport to allow her to do additional pastoral duties as requested by the session, such as home communion, hospital visitation, funerals, etc. She will be compensated per request in addition to what she receives for preaching.
2. Approved the Covenant for Temporary Supply between OKC Trinity and Rev. Richard Mize to serve for one year beginning February 1, 2026, for 20 hours a week at the following terms:

Salary	\$1,000/month
Leave	1 week per quarter Vacation
	1 week per six months Continuing Education, including Sundays
3. Approved the request of TE Paul Andresen to labor outside the bounds of INP, preaching April 5th and 12th at Northpark Presbyterian Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan.
4. Approved the Covenant for Temporary Supply between John Singleton and Yukon, Chisholm Trail, pending Session approval of the designation of Cash Salary amount as Housing Allowance:

Housing	\$1,250 per month
Vacation	1 week per quarter, including Sundays
Cont Ed	2 weeks per year, including Sundays

The covenant is for 10 hours a week, including 2 Sundays per month, and is from March 29, 2026 through September 30, 2026, with 30 days' notice by either party.
5. Appointed liaisons for all churches.
6. Approved a one-year exemption of G-2.0404 for Lawton Korean Presbyterian Church.
7. Approved by the Covenant for Temporary Supply between Randall Scott and OKC Church of the Savior for one year beginning March 14, 2026, for 24-28 hours a week at the following terms:

Housing	\$42,000 per year
Vacation	1 week per quarter, including Sundays
Cont Ed	2 weeks per year, including Sundays

FOR PRESBYTERY ACTION:

1. Recognition of the retirements of Rev. Joe Meinhart, effective December 31, 2025, and Rev. Mark Heaney, effective February 1, 2026.

To: Indian Nations PResbytery
From: Committee on Preparation for Ministry
Date: May 2, 2025
Subject: Information and Action

INFORMATION:

1. Since the November 2025 Stated meeting (there was no CPM report in the February 2026 meeting), the committee has:
 - a. Conducted a Final Assessment interview for Eunja Woo on March 11, and we assert that she is ready for call (see motion, below).
 - b. Heard report from candidate Jakob Harmon, who is expected to graduate from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary May 29th of this year. He has plans to take a unit of CPE over the summer, and apply for Final Assessment in the Fall.
 - c. Shared a meal with candidates and the committee following Eunja's Final Assessment.
 - d. Appointed a liaison to work with a group from COM in support of David George.
 - e. Submitted in the February meeting a budget which includes monies from the operating fund to reimburse one person for tuition to a certificate in ministry program from each Coordinating Council region. The budget number was submitted based on an average of programs at Austin and Dubuque, but is not limited to those programs. This budget was approved and we are soliciting participants (see attached flier).
 - f. We recruited readers for the ordination exams:
 - i. Ruling Elder Nedra Kearney-Vakulick (Pauls Valley)
 - ii. Teaching Elder Mark Henslee (HR, Duncan)
 - iii. Teaching Elder Tylar Grant, alternate (OU Health)Note, the PCC is using our alternate, Tylar Grant, INP can be proud to be supplying three readers to the PCC for reading Spring Ordination Exams.

FOR PRESBYTERY ACTION:

1. To certify that Eunja Woo is ready for examination by a presbytery for ordination, pending a call.

BACKGROUND & RATIONALE:

1. G-2.0607 states that "A candidate may not enter into negotiation for his or her service as a minister of the Word and Sacrament without approval of the presbytery of care. The presbytery shall record when it has certified a candidate ready for examination by a presbytery for ordination, pending a call."
The Committee on Preparation for ministry has ensured that Eunja has met the requirements for evidence further listed in G-2.0607a-d.
2. The committee has examined Eunja and asserts that she is ready for call, but as this is an action of Presbytery, this motion will sustain that examination.
3. Eunja's statement of faith is attached, and she will be introduced and presented as a part of this motion.

A Statement of Faith

The current Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) mandates that the following question be asked first in the ordination vows for ministers, elders, and deacons: "Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him as Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?" My answer to this question is "Yes." I have clearly confessed my faith in the salvation by God's grace in Jesus Christ, and my faith remains steadfast to this day.

I believe in the Absolute Sovereignty of God. God's sovereignty extends freely and benevolently to every part of the universe He created, without limitation. Therefore, I can see God at work behind everything that happens in my life and recognize His good purpose in all things. Above all, I fully rely on God's grace alone for salvation.

I live always "before God." God is the eternal, living God from the beginning to now and forever, and He is a God of love and holiness. In the presence of His holiness, my sinful nature is exposed, and I confess by faith that in His love, the forgiveness of my sins was accomplished through the cross of Christ.

I confess by faith that Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. He was with God in the beginning, and He was God. He came to this earth in the flesh, lived, and died on behalf of sinners. He then conquered death and rose again. The power of Christ's resurrection allows me to live in "new life" and gives me a "living hope," because I believe that "the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus." I know that because of this, I will live forever.

Through infant baptism and confirmation, I confessed my sinfulness before the community and accepted Jesus Christ, who died for my sins, as the Lord of my life. Because of the death of Jesus Christ, I have been made righteous before God. Now, I live a new life where I have died, and Jesus Christ lives in me—a life that glorifies God and delights in Him.

The gospel of Jesus Christ brings good news to the poor, gives sight to the blind, and sets the oppressed free. God's love for all creation was revealed through Him on this earth. Through the coming of Jesus Christ, the kingdom of God has come to this earth, and that kingdom will be completed when He returns. As I live the life of a witness, as Christ commanded us, and as I obey His word, I also eagerly await the return of Jesus Christ.

I believe that Jesus Christ is the head of the Church. Jesus established the Church, and I believe that He provides everything necessary for the Church to fulfill God's work in the world and serve Him, set apart as holy. Jesus Christ alone is the hope and foundation of the Church. As His body, the Church must fulfill its role as a community of faith, hope, love, and witness because it is through the Church that the world will see Christ.

I believe in the work of the Holy Spirit. Based on Romans 12:2, the Holy Spirit transforms our hearts in God and helps us discern His good, pleasing, and perfect will. Above all, the Holy Spirit helps believers to be assured of the truths taught in Scripture. He illuminates the meaning and content of the Word, teaching us the truth, exposing our faults, correcting our mistakes, and training us to live according to God's way. The Holy Spirit leads us to bear the fruit of the Spirit, helping us to become more like God in His holiness and to live as God's people.

I believe that the Bible is the written revelation of God. It is through Scripture alone that we learn all the teachings of truth, including salvation, creation, and providence. Furthermore, Scripture shows us the way to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. Only the written Word of God reveals the way to salvation.

I worship my Lord and my God in the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, or anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8:38-39). Until He returns, I will walk the path of life that the Lord has shown me, with obedience and faith, in the place to which I have been called.

Additionally, sacraments are very important to me. I believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are gifts of grace given by God, and that Jesus Christ gave them to the church to strengthen and grow our faith. Through Baptism, I believe that my old self has died, and I have become a new person in Christ. Having been incorporated into the community of faith, I partake in the Lord's Supper, which Christ established, and together with the other members of the church, I remember His life, death, and resurrection, and give thanks for the renewal of God's covenant fulfilled in Jesus Christ. I also remember and act on the words, 'you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes' (1 Corinthians 11:26). As the church, we gather together, rejoicing in the salvation God has given us, and celebrating our unity in Christ.

Therefore, through the sacraments, I enjoy the gift of God's grace, which reminds me of my salvation in Christ, helps me remember God's covenant, confirms my special relationship with Him, and allows me to recognize the fruits of Christ's love. I also affirm, within the community of faith that is the church, that I have been sealed by the power of the Holy Spirit as one who belongs to God.

ARE YOU FEELING CALLED?

Do you ever get the feeling that you or someone you know is being called to serve the church in a different role? Are there gifts that you have not shared that could benefit congregations and congregants in need?

1 Peter 4:10 says “Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.”

Indian Nations Presbytery, through its Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) and Committee on Ministry (COM) is offering an opportunity for people who feel a strong sense of call to participate in the process of becoming Commissioned Ruling Elders (CRE), also known as Commissioned Pastors. What is a CRE? The following is taken from the Presbyterian Book of Order.

G-2.1001 Functions ... the presbytery may authorize a ruling elder to be commissioned to limited pastoral service as a commissioned pastor also known as commissioned ruling elder as assigned by the presbytery. Presbytery, in its commission, may authorize the ruling elder to moderate the session of the congregation or congregations to which he or she is commissioned and to administer the Sacraments...

How does this opportunity work?

A number of Presbyterian seminaries offer online courses for lay people seeking a theological education without pursuing a degree. After completing the coursework, you will be eligible to apply to the Presbytery for CRE status and service. While there is a cost involved, **INP has budgeted resources to pay for tuition.** The required coursework can generally be completed in two to three years.

There is a significant need for preaching, serving of the sacraments and congregational leadership in our Presbytery. This is an opportunity for those who feel the call to serve the many underserved congregations in our Presbytery in very meaningful way. It is also an opportunity for you to increase your knowledge and to deepen your understanding of your faith and what it means to be a Christian and a Presbyterian.

If this sounds like an opportunity that appeals to you or if you know someone who would be interested in this opportunity, please contact Chas Gowing (chasgowing@gmail.com) or Mike Mize (mikemize@cox.net).



**Indian Nations Presbytery
Nominating Committee**

Report, May 2026

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

We have no report for this month.

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

From: Board of Trustees
Date: May 2, 2026
Subject: Report to Presbytery

The Trustees continue to work on issues related to the closing of Covenant Presbyterian and disposition of its real property.

Possible Presbytery Action.

As of the submission of this report, the INP Trustees are waiting for a final contract for the possible sale of Trinity Presbyterian's real property. Any sale will require approval by the Presbytery. Please consider this as notice that should the Trustees receive a contract, and should the Trustees recommend Presbytery approval of the contract, that such recommendation will come before Presbytery for a vote at its May 2nd meeting. A copy of the recommended contract will be distributed for review as soon as it becomes available.

Mike Mize