

MINUTES
Indian Nations Presbytery
Coordinating Council
August 17, 2022
Meeting by Zoom Video and In-Person at INP Office

Members present: RE Maribeth Culpepper¹; RE Melissa Gill; RE Debra Kauffman; RE Mark Leidner; RE Charlotte Lovett, Moderator; RE Martin McNeese; RE Bonnie Meisel; RE Russell Newville; RE Julie Spencer; RE Craig Stanley; RE Elizabeth Wallace;

Ex-officio: TE Tracy Evans, Stated Clerk; TE Charlie Smith, Interim Presbytery Pastor; TE Abbey Walker, INP Moderator; RE Vicki Zimmerman, Co-Moderator of Congregational Support Network

Excused: TE Rick Baggett; RE Janet Labude; TE Mitch Miller; RE Mike Mize;

Absent: RE Cheryl Pennington; TE Joe Meinhart; RE Ken Metcalf; RE Wayne Osmond;

Also in attendance: RE Sue MacHugh, INP Staff;

Call to order, Opening Prayer, Quorum

The meeting opened with prayer led by Charlie Smith at 1:05. A quorum was present.

Approval of Voice

RE Sue MacHugh and RE Vicki Zimmerman were given voice.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of minutes

The minutes of the July 20, 2022 meeting were **approved**.

Officer and Staff Reports:

CC Moderator Report

- The moderator communicated with the Task Force on Hunger members. They have not yet met and will need to elect a moderator.

Interim Presbyter Pastor Report

- Smith presented a written report.
- Cimmaron Presbytery is soon to have less than the required number of churches to constitute a presbytery. The Synod of the Sun has appointed a Task Force to “enter into discernment and conversation with Cimarron Presbytery regarding future viability; join the Oklahoma Presbytery Network,

¹ The designation TE is Teaching Elder (or Minister of Word and Sacrament); RE is Ruling Elder.

and individual presbyteries in discernment and conversation regarding presbytery boundaries.”

- Northern Kansas Presbytery is organizing a mission trip to Hopkins County Kentucky on October 2-8 and invites those in other presbyteries to join.
- The Oklahoma Presbyterian Network is sponsoring Covenant Conversations on Saturday, August 27 at Westminster, OKC. Theme is Building a Real Welcome for All God’s People: LGBTQIA+ People and the church.
- Visits to churches and preaching schedule were included in his report.

Stated Clerk Report

- Session minutes are being reviewed by eight clerks of session.
- A reminder of what constitutes a network was reviewed.

INP Moderator Report

- No report.

Committee Reports

Committee on Ministry:

- No report.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

- No report.

Committee on Nominations and Representation

- All churches have received a letter from CONR asking their session to place the presbytery nominating needs on their agenda.

Committee on Administration

- No report.

Board of Trustees

- No report.

INP Foundation Board

- A letter was sent to all congregations on how to apply for a grant and the September 1 deadline.

Network Reports

Congregational Support Network

- RE Zimmerman had a written piece regarding hunger solutions.
- RE Leidner has met with First, Midwest City regarding technology needs.

Pastoral Care Network

- A retreat is being planned for pastors and Commissioned Elders for October 17-18 at St. Crispin's Camp and Conference Center.

New and Continuing Business

- RE MacHugh reported on a \$2000 grant received from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Achena, Maud. This is to repair damage caused by May 4th tornado outbreak.
- Discussion around the impending birth of TE Walker's baby, which may need some other folks who can help out with moderatorial duties while she is on parental leave.
- The presbytery meeting of October 14 is to be a hybrid meeting, though encouraging in-person attendance where possible.

Sharing Time

- New PC(USA) calendars are available in the presbytery office for \$10 each.
- INP at the Ballpark was a great success.
- Two Installations of pastors are coming up:
 - TE Abbey Walker (Covenant, OKC) on September 11 at 3:00

Adjournment

- **Motion** to adjourn **passed**. Meeting was adjourned with prayer by RE Elizabeth Wallace at 1:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy L. Evans
Stated Clerk