

Draft Minutes
Indian Nations Presbytery
Stated Meeting of the Corporation
In-Person and Zoom
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
February 24-25, 2023

Prior to the meeting, workshops were presented on Preparing Your Congregation for an Active Shooter by the Oklahoma City Police Department; What is a Presbyterian? By Charlie Smith, INP Presbytery Pastor; Session Meetings that Don't Suck by Michael East, Senior Pastor, FPC Norman; and Gathering for Clerks of Session by Tracy Evans, INP Stated Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00. The meeting began with prayer given by Rev. Jungsuk Seo, pastor of Lawton Korean Presbyterian Church.

A quorum was declared.

Rev. Landon Whitsitt, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, welcomed everyone to the church.

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

The docket was **approved** as presented.

THE ROLL

MINISTER MEMBERS

Present

Affsprung, Elizabeth
Back, Jongsuk
Baggett, Rick, HR
Bodenstein, Sara Marie
Bosteels, Carl, HR
Burns, Jim, HR
Burns-Hintze, Jan
East, Michael
Evans, Tracy
Galbraith, Bill, HR

Gowing, Chas
Henslee, Mark, HR
Junkin, Michelle
Long, Sue, HR
McKinnon, John
Meinhart, Joe
Mize, Richard
Phelps, Ron
Reynolds, Devon
Ruark, Chaz, HR

Ruark, Janet, HR
Rucker, Vicki
Seo, Jungsuk
Smith, Charlie
Walker, Abbey
Waychoff, Mary Ellen, HR
White, Scott
Whitsitt, Landon

Excused

Amen, Greg
Anderson, Michael, HR
Andresen, Paul
Bassett, Charles, HR
Carr, Bill, HR
Clipson, Jo, HR

Cobbs, Kelsey
Delgado, Roberto, HR
Friedel, Harvey, HR
Goodman, Lois, HR
Gruel, John, HR
Hamilton, Carl, HR

Hendrix, Nancy, HR
Hunt, Barbara, HR
Jeffers, Hugh, HR
Junkin, Dan, HR
McNamara, Donald, HR
Millard, Harry, HR

Pei, Won K, HR
Sim, Pyung Jong Peter, HR

Waters, Carol
Withers, John Ed, HR

Absent

Bridges, Samuel H
George, David
Heaney, Mark

Kim, Sung Woong
Miller, Mitch
Scott, Randy

RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS

Present

Ardmore, First, Dolores Kimball
Bethany, Westlake, Nancy McClellan
Chickasha, First, Nedra Kearney-Vakilick
Colony, Columbian Memorial, Keith Weichel
Duncan, First, Steve Shear
Edmond, Santa Fe, Mark Carl
Hobart, First, Sue Johnson
Lawton, First, Steve Brock
Maud, Achena, Deborah Jones
Midwest City, First, Sharon Burton
Norman, First, Dan Nelsen
Norman, Memorial, Melissa Gill

Oklahoma City, Church of Savior, Blake Harrison
Oklahoma City, First, Erica Taylor/Paula Denner
Oklahoma City, Westlake, Ernie Isch
Oklahoma City, Westminster, Donna Kiplinger
Oklahoma City, Westminster, Gary Young
Pauls Valley, First, Ronnie Patton
Rosedale, First, Russell Newville
Shawnee, United, Rick Terry
Wewoka, First, Rex Daly
Yukon, Chisholm Trail, Debra Kauffman

Excused

Absent

Ada, First
Altus, First
Byars, Dixon Chapel
Chandler, First
Chattanooga, Community
Davenport, First
El Reno, First
Elk City, First

Grandfield, First
Lawton, Korean
Lawton, Westminster
Oklahoma City, Covenant
Oklahoma City, Hillcrest
Oklahoma City, Korean First
Oklahoma City, Trinity
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

Mize, Mike, RE INP Moderator, Committee on Prep. for Ministry, Moderator

Excused

Turner, Al, CRE

Corresponding Members

None

VISITORS

There were 22 visitors.

Baggett, Joyce, Ardmore FPC
Blew, Bill, PE
Blew, Lori, Hobart, FPC
Cary, Nash, Edmond, Santa Fe, Candidate
Davenport, Amy, PE

Diekman, Susan, Lawton, FPC
Dunn, Glenn, CRE
Hagen, William, PE
Hailey, Rex, PE
Harden, Barbara, OKC, COTS

Kauffman, Dennis, Yukon, Chisholm Trail PC
Kenney, John, CRE
Lay, John, PE
MacHugh, Sue, RE, INP Staff
Miller, Leigh, SCRAPCE
Mitchell, Kim, CRE

Rambur, Molly, SCRAPCE
Smith, Diana, PE
Taylor, Cody, Midwest City FPC
Taylor Nelson, Stacie, PE
Wehrle, Anna, Hobart FPC

The moderator asked for “Good News from the Pews” and several commissioners shared their news, including many baptisms and community activities.

The **minutes** of the October 14, 2022 Stated Meeting were **approved**.

Recognition of Native Lands was given by Rev. Charlie Smith.

Stated Clerk

- The Stated Clerk recognized the Ministers of Word and Sacrament who are celebrating ten, fifteen, twenty, twenty-five, thirty-five, forty-five, fifty, fifty-five, sixty, and sixty-five year ordination anniversaries this year. She led the body in prayer of thanks for their ministries.
- The Necrology Report of Ruling Elders who died in 2022 was read. No Teaching Elders died in 2022. She led the body in prayer for the communion of saints.

ADA, First Presbyterian Church, Mike Cook, April 22, 2022

ALTUS, First Presbyterian Church, Norma Jean Tracey, September 13, 2022

ARDMORE, First Presbyterian Church, David Lee Campbell, October 13, 2022

DUNCAN, First Presbyterian Church, Jim Barthell, April 24, 2022

MAUD, Achena Presbyterian Church, Richard Harjo, March 10, 2022

MIDWEST CITY, First Presbyterian Church, Pat Campbell, April 7, 2022

Roy Hahn, June 13, 2022

NORMAN, First Presbyterian Church, Brent Harris, October 17, 2022

OKLAHOMA CITY, Church of the Savior, L. Wenoa Harber, October 22, 2022

OKLAHOMA CITY, First Presbyterian Church, W.E. “Bud” McLean, August 30, 2022

Jim Kunkel, September 1, 2022

Larry Kerr, September 5, 2022

OKLAHOMA CITY, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Alice Johnson, June 22, 2022

OKLAHOMA CITY, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Betty Davis, January 30, 2022

PAULS VALLEY, First Presbyterian Church, Roy Peck, December 2, 2022

SHAWNEE, United Presbyterian Church, Jan Green, March 6, 2022

Betty Jean Griswold, March 24, 2022

Donald E Clark, May 4, 2022

Margaret “Peg” Stoops, December 17, 2022

SULPHUR, Shepherd of the Hills, Carlene Long, March 16, 2021

Nicholas J. Schwake, July 26, 2022

THE VILLAGE, Covenant Presbyterian Church, John Winblad, January 25, 2022

Lael Geyer, April 3, 2022

Connie Jackson, April 9, 2022
Gene Pickering, July 27, 2022

YUKON, Chisholm Trail Presbyterian Church, Jim Crockett, April 6, 2022

Interim Presbytery Pastor

- Rev. Smith presented a written report, reminding the body of the presbytery's urgent task of identifying priorities, vision, and mission.

Coordinating Council Moderator

- No report.

Committee Reports

Committee on Ministry

- Rev. Devon Reynolds presented a **motion** from COM that the session term limits be extended an additional term for FPC Midwest City and FPC Chickasha. **Motion carried.**

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

- RE Mike Mize brought the **motion** from COPM that the following individuals be granted authority to serve communion within the bounds of Indian Nations Presbytery. They have all completed a two-day training course. **Motion carried.**
 - William Blew, RE, First Presbyterian Church of Hobart
 - Sharon Burton, RE, First Presbyterian Church of Midwest City
 - Amy Davenport, RE, First Presbyterian Church of Norman
 - William Hagen, RE, United Presbyterian, Shawnee
 - John Lay, RE, Santa Fe Presbyterian, Edmond
 - Diana Smith, RE, Westminster Oklahoma City
 - Stacie Taylor Nelson, RE, First Presbyterian Church of Midwest City

The body commissioned the Ruling Elders to their new ministry, including answering in the affirmative the questions contained in the Book of Order W-4.04.

- COPM has accepted the transfer of Eunja Seo, member of Korean Lawton PC, as an inquirer. She was formerly under the care of Pines Presbytery.

Committee on Nominations and Representation

- RE Melissa Gill presented the following individuals to be elected to the respective committee/entity:

Cmte. on Administration, Moderator Rev. Dan Junkin, OKC, HR Class of 2025

Cmte. on Ministry	Rev. Kelsey Cobbs (Disciples of Christ)	Class of 2025
Cmte. on Ministry	RE Stacie Nelson Taylor, Midwest City, FPC	Class of 2025
Cmte. on Ministry	RE Bill Hagen, Shawnee, United Presbyterian	Class of 2024
Cmte. on Preparation for Ministry	RE Janet Mitchell, OKC, Westminster	Class of 2024
Board of Trustees President	RE Bob Rogers, OKC, Hillcrest	Class of 2024

Committee on Administration

- Rev. Charlie Smith presented the report on behalf of the committee. The budget for 2023 was presented, including budget assumptions. **Motion** from the committee to approve the 2023 budget was **approved**.
- Current financial statements and the audit for 2022 were included in the packet distributed in advance.

INP Foundation

- No report

INP Trustees

- No report

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm to be continued at 9:00 am Saturday.

At 9:00 am Saturday, February 25, the presbytery reconvened with a morning prayer led by Moderator Mike Mize.

The presbytery gathered for worship, including the Lord’s Supper, led by the newly commissioned Ruling Elder class.

Following worship, the body joined with Westminster PC, OKC in loading cars with food for the Homeless Alliance, a mission supported by WPC.

Voting on amendments from the 225th Presbyterian Church (USA) General Assembly.

Omnibus motion made to **approve** all the amendments was made. Requests that 22-A, 22-B, 22-E, 22-G, 22-I, 22-K, 22-L, 22-M, 22-W be removed from the omnibus motion for individual votes. **Motion** was **approved** as amended. Following discussion on the removed amendments, the body voted as follows:

22-A	F-1.0302c THE CATHOLICITY OF THE CHURCH	Approved
22-B	F-1.0404 OPENNESS	Approved
22-C	G-1.0502 MEETINGS	Approved
22-D	G-1.0503 BUSINESS PROPER TO CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS	Approved
22-E	G-2.0503 CATEGORIES OF MEMBERSHIP	Failed
22-F	G-2.0505a(1) TRANSFER OF MINISTERS OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS	Approved
22-G	G-2.0603 PURPOSE OF INQUIRY	Approved

22-H	G-2.0605 OVERSIGHT	Approved
22-I	G-2.0804 TERMS OF CALL	Failed
22-J	G-2.1001 FUNCTIONS	Approved
22-K	G-2.1002 TRAINING, EXAMINING, AND COMMISSIONING	Approved
22-L	G-2.1103 CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS	Approved
22-M	G-3.0104 OFFICERS	Approved
22-N	G-3.0105 MEETINGS	Approved
22-O	G-3.0106 ADMINISTRATION OF MISSION	Approved
22-P	G-3.0106 ADMINISTRATION OF MISSION	Approved
22-Q	G-3.0303c RELATIONS WITH SESSIONS	Approved
22-R	G-3.0401 COMPOSITION AND RESPONSIBILITIES	Approved
22-S	G-4.0301 TRUST AND CONFIDENTIALITY	Approved
22-T	W-3.0205 CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS	Approved
22-U	W-3.0409 THEOLOGY OF THE LORD’S SUPPER	Approved
22-V	W-3.0414 COMMUNION	Approved
22-W	W-4.0403 ORDER OF WORSHIP	Approved
22-X	W-5.0104 HOUSEHOLD WORSHIP	Approved
22-Y	W-5.0104 HOUSEHOLD WORSHIP	Approved
22-Z	W-5.0201 THE CHURCH’S MINISTRY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH	Approved
22-AA	W-5.0204 PASTORAL CARE	Approved
22-BB	W-5.0204 PASTORAL CARE	Approved
22-CC	D-3.0106 WHEN JURISDICTION ENDS	Approved
22-DD	D-10.0302 IF CHARGES ARE TO BE FILED	Approved
22-EE	D-10.0303 PETITION FOR REVIEW	Approved
22-FF	AMENDING THE USE OF “THE ACCUSED” IN THE CURRENT RULES OF DISCIPLINE	Approved
22-GG	REPLACING THE CURRENT “RULES OF DISCIPLINE” WITH A NEW “CHURCH DISCIPLINE” SECTION	Approved

Other Business/Announcements

The moderator asked the body for other business or unfinished business to be addressed. There being none, he asked for announcements:

- TE Janet Ruark announced that the Synod of the Sun has an upcoming Solar Under the Sun school. There will be an event titled Imagine Life in the Margins in New Orleans.
- TE Joe Meinhart expressed concern over the growing anti-semitism sentiment in the state and country.

Motion to adjourn was **passed**. The meeting adjourned at 11:10 am with prayer given by Nash Carey.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy L. Evans, Teaching Elder
Stated Clerk

Mike Mize, Ruling Elder
Moderator