



Memo

TO: Scholarship Applicants
FROM: Presbytery Council
SUBJECT: Scholarship Packet

Indian Nations Presbytery is delighted to offer a variety of grants and scholarships in support of the presbytery's strategy for transformation. Grants provide supplemental funding for congregations engaged in specific ministries. Scholarships provide funds to help church leaders increase their effectiveness in ministry.

USE THE ATTACHED FORM TO APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP.

SCHOLARSHIPS provide assistance for applicants to attend workshops, retreats or educational events designed to encourage and equip persons for effective ministry. When requesting financial assistance, please remember that events should be consistent with

- a) the church's mission plan and
- b) the presbytery's core values and priority goals.

Scholarship recipients will provide a report to the presbytery within 30 days of the event or as requested by presbytery council.

Other Resources

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), various foundations, and seminaries offer a variety of opportunities for continuing education.

Application forms for presbytery grants and scholarships are available online at www.okinp.org. Please call the presbytery office if you need assistance with this application or have questions about financial resources for improvement of ministry.

**INDIAN NATIONS PRESBYTERY
Scholarship Application**

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Church _____

Event _____

(Attach a copy of the registration or brochure for event you plan to attend.)

Location _____

Total cost _____ Amount requested _____

Other financial assistance _____ Source _____

How will attendance at this event further presbytery strategic priorities?

How will attendance at this event assist your church, presbytery, synod or General Assembly?

If you receive financial assistance, how will you share newly acquired skills/learning?

Please send your request to

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E-mail to info@okinp.org • FAX (405) 524-1037

Scholarship applications require council action, so please allow sufficient time to process your request.

Council action _____ Amount approved _____

Signature _____ Date _____



STRATEGY FOR TRANSFORMATION

Indian Nations Presbytery adopted the following core values and priority goals in June 2004. These recommendations go beyond reorganization and move the presbytery toward the spiritual dynamics of **Transformation and Revitalization**.

CORE VALUES

1. To pursue the Great Commission, “to go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you,” in a way that affirms both justice and evangelism as essential to Christian witness.
2. To honor the Sovereignty of God in all area of our lives and our life together.
3. To be an inclusive and diverse community united by our common commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord.
4. To develop healthy congregations as the primary place where disciples are made, so that Christ’s ministry flows into the world.
5. To encourage mutual accountability between clergy and laity and between congregations and the presbytery.
6. To respond to the needs of Christ’s world by being faithful stewards of all God’s gifts.
7. To be willing to surrender some of our autonomy, in order to build a vibrant, enthusiastic community, investing ourselves so that all become stronger than any of the parts

PRIORITY GOALS

1. To discover our common ground in the Gospel and to design our life and work in presbytery so that we become a community of mutual support for clergy, lay leaders and congregations through:
 - Presbytery meetings which give priority to worship, story sharing, and mutual exploration of areas for corporate spiritual growth.
 - A collaborative work environment of mutual trust and respect, in which we learn to engage in positive dialogue in areas where we differ.
 - Cluster meetings where mutual learning and support are encouraged.
2. To regain the initiative in supporting the revitalization of congregations which are committed to reversing a pattern of decline and to initiate the planting of new congregations so both might reclaim a healthy understanding and approach to evangelism.
3. To support sessions and congregational leaders who are seeking transformation both in their personal lives and in the corporate life of their congregation; i.e. those seeking to move from the membership business into the discipling business; from the “education of” to the “formation of” Christians.
4. To aggressively seek out and/or develop quality pastoral leadership for local congregations through utilization of commissioned lay pastors, tent-making pastors, intentional interim pastors, healthy inquirers and candidates, and installed pastors.
5. Where appropriate, provide resources and leadership training to congregations seeking to become multicultural, seeking to reach the younger generations, and seeking to use the Internet for communication and education.
6. To engage in ecumenical and interfaith cooperation in ministry to expand outreach to address community needs wherever possible and appropriate.