



Indian Nations Presbytery

Serving Congregations in Central and Southwest Oklahoma



Report of the Presbytery Commissioner: David Butler

Stated Meeting: February 23-24 2018, Santa Fe Presbyterian Church, Edmond, Ok

The stated meeting was attended by Scott White and David Butler at the Santa Fe Presbyterian Church of Edmond, OK.

It was evident immediately that based on past recommendations the Presbytery is attempting to move away from the corporate ministry model and more to a Spirit based model. There was a different atmosphere beginning and ending with worship and song. The overall experience was hopeful and exciting and had more of a Christ presence and focus than a strictly business type atmosphere. We broke into small round table groups for the Transition Task Force updates. The task force reported that the steps for transition were 1. Team Building 2. Data Gathering 3. Hopeful Hypothesis with recommended interventions 4. Implementation of recommendations 5. Evaluate the implementation, modify for maximum results and continue to follow through to insure implementation is complete and effective. After the listening sessions were completed and the data gathered it is the conscious that Indian Nations is in the 3rd phase of transition which is Hopeful Hypothesis and recommended interventions. During the team building phase the elements of a healthy presbytery were drawn up and functions that a healthy presbytery would be fulfilling 5 different elements were identified. 1. Mutual Support and Responsibility 2. Mission 3. Oversight 4. Crisis Care Permission Giving

Efforts are being made to be more accessible and transparent. The use of the internet and social media are being utilized to keep congregations updated and informed. Members are encouraged to access the website <http://www.okinp.org/> to follow on Facebook and follow on Twitter @INPresbytery.

The Presbytery resource center is developing a web assessable data base for Resources, Stuffs and Wisdom which should be available in the near future to aid congregations in letting them know what resources and stuffs are available. We are in the process of defining the roles within the Presbytery and once these are defined and the purpose and vision is described they can be properly staffed and funded.

Some limited funds are available for capital projects and repairs from the foundation. The application process has been emailed to each clerk of session.

Reports of committees followed with a financial report of the Presbytery which is available in the church office. The overall meeting was exciting with the wind of positive change with an atmosphere of worship centered on Christ.

It is an honor and a pleasure serving as your commissioner. If you would like more information on the presbytery meeting feel free to contact me or any session member of your choice who will have access to my full report after the next scheduled session meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Butler