

Report of the Presbytery Commissioner

Stated Meeting February 22-23, 2019 – First Presbyterian Church – Oklahoma City, OK

The first stated meeting of Indian Nations Presbytery this year was a great kickoff to our year emphasizing changes made last year and continuing to listen, to heal and to grow.

The meeting was centered on worship and the emphasis was on Christ Centered worship.

The highlight of the meeting, I think for everyone was our joining in two beautiful worship services.

The services both included music offerings from choir, soloists and musicians from one of the church's missions El Sistema (Student) The offerings and music prepared a sacred space and welcomed in the Holy Spirit. The Message was about our wonderful Church history and prayers for wisdom and discerning as we move into the future. There was an actual anointing with oil ritual and request for peace and healing along with communion. It was a power packed worship service which not only set the scene for our business but also drew us together in closure to care the message back to congregations that the Holy Spirit is Alive and well in the Presbyterian Church!

We are mirroring our Presbytery in so many ways in our congregation at FPC. After experiencing such crafted services, so well put together it really compels me to wish for this piece for us in Ada. That our worship services are Spirit friendly and welcoming and crafted so that music and message come together to provide such an experience in our worship services. We definitely have the physical space, the musical talent and the message to provide this. I think this would be key to growing our congregation! It would be wonderful for visitors upon leaving our worship services to be saying in the community "I can report at least one thing. The Holy Spirit is alive and well in The First Presbyterian Church of Ada, Oklahoma"

Normal business was conducted with a feeling of Grace established from these wonderful services.

We immediately broke into working discussion groups and begin to formulate mission statements through questioners and friendly debate. The exact process which we are beginning at FPC in Ada.

The Presbytery is restructuring. The restructuring will honor our great past, attend to our current needs and prepare us for the future. Details are not provided yet by the task force committee because we are still in the information gathering position but the moral is high along with expectations. The steps that we are following are included in the packets which I have attached. Our steering committee is presently attempting to mirror this in our congregation with our first outreach for information is being distributed and discussed this Sunday. Praise to God and prayers for Wisdom and Guidance as we proceed in this virtuous task. May we proceed with reverence and enthusiasm!

Respectfully Submitted by

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Commissioner