

# Report of the Presbytery Commissioner

TRI-PRESBYTERY AT WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Westminster Presbyterian Church, Oklahoma City, hosted this year's Tri-Presbytery meeting on Friday and Saturday, May 31 & June 1. Scott White and David Butler in attendance.

May 31<sup>st</sup> Cimarron Presbytery, Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery, and Indian Nations Presbytery all met in worship THEME:THE GOSPEL MANDATE KEYNOTE SPEAKER:REV.CINDY KOHLMANN,CO-MODERATOR,223<sup>RD</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY REFLECTIONS BY DR.PAUL HOOKER,AUSTIN PRESBYTERIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY. The message from Cindy Kohlmann Co-Moderator of General Assembly was both informative and inspiring. The message was based on The Churches role in history and community. How the Church's role has not changed but the presentation of that role and the appropriate role of mission in the community. How different churches have missed the mark and caused difficulties and damage in communities and how a Christ Centered, Love Centered approach listening to needs of community and how to provide mission and support from within the community instead of reaching in as outsiders. How a Christ Centered, Spirit centered approach, coming from a place of love is always appropriate and not only places our mission on the right track as helpful and appropriate but also steers our congregation in the correct direction and our personal Spiritual relationships with our God and Church.

Saturday We began the morning with all three Presbyteries meeting for another inspiring and beautiful worship service. The message was again how remaining Christ Centered would connect us in Spirit, change us personally, and change our Congregations, our churches and our Presbyteries.

We then separated for General Business and worship of Indian Nations Presbytery

We voted unanimously to adopt proposed General Assembly Amendments to the Book of Order. Amendments can be found online at

<http://www.pcusa.org/resource/ga223-proposed-amendments-book-order/>

The reports of the various committees can be found in the provided packet and will be included in the minutes which I will make available after they are posted.

Of historic notability was the adoption of New Presbytery Standing rules which changes the structure and function of the Presbytery and our organizational structure for providing mission. The mission Strategy group along with hard work of the Task Force provided the framework for our new structure and mission statement, also approving a new position of IPP Interim Presbytery Pastor to serve pastor to all churches and pastors and promote good will between INP and its congregations. Items for Presbytery action The Mission Strategy Group moves the adoption of the revised Presbytery of Indian Nations Standing Rules (included in the packet for this meeting); with an effective date at adjournment of the October 4, 2019 meeting of The Presbytery.2.The Mission Strategy Group moves the Job Description: Indian Nations Presbytery Interim Presbytery Pastor (included in the packet for this meeting) The new Mission Statement and amendments were voted on and adopted and will be made available electronically to you when available.

Adoption of these measures further heals and focuses the mission of the Presbytery and our relationship with individual congregations. It not only forges a path for the Presbytery framework and mission but also serves as a roadmap for individual congregations as we follow the same path to re-focus, regroup, reclaim our Mandate from Christ and the disciples to listen to the Spirit and find personal and congregational guidance to serve and worship from a Spirit based center. We look forward to installing these principles here at 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church of Ada!

If anyone has any questions regarding the Tri-Presbytery Meeting that is not answered in the packet feel free to chat with me, call or email.

Respectfully submitted by presbytery commissioner,

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