

## **First Presbyterian Church of Ada, OK**

### **Presbytery Commissioner Report – June 2023**

#### **Stated Meeting of Indian Nations Presbytery June 3 2023**

The stated meeting of Indian Nations Presbytery was called to order by Moderator Mike Mize at 9:30am in the sanctuary of Korean First Presbyterian Church of Oklahoma City. In opening proceedings Pastor Jongsuk Back welcomed the assembly.

Notable in the morning's business was:

In report Interim Presbytery Pastor Smith had provided facts, figures, analysis, and questions germane to the possibility of the three Oklahoma presbyteries consolidating into one.

The Coordinating Council reported that it had “approved a grant request from FPC Norman for work with the Norman Coalition for Refugee Support to assist with resettlement needs of Afghan women and children through education and socialization. A grant for \$14,450.00 was approved, with funds coming from the Peace and Global Witness account.”

Unanimous election of the Rev. Dr. Charles Carol Smith, III as Presbytery Pastor for term of 5 years, with the job description unaltered except as to title. (Dr. Smith had completed his 3-year term as Interim Presbytery Pastor.) Total compensation: \$103,217.

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry is working with three individuals in inquirer and candidacy phases.

Committee on Ministry report was routine, and requested presbytery approve a dissolution agreement between the Rev. Abbey Walker and Covenant Presbyterian Church; it did.

Nominations and Representation Committee is succeeding in its labor, and continues to remind the presbytery there are excellent opportunities to serve on committees, boards, council, etc.

The INP Foundation Board reported assets of \$1,450,930. **I recommend FPC Ada Session apply for a Foundation grant in any needed capital maintenance or improvement area.** These are review twice yearly and the application form is on okinp.org.

We enjoyed Pastor Back's brief presentation of notable presbyterian missionaries in the 1800s. We enjoyed a spirited worship service.

Extraordinary hospitality was shown to the presbytery by the host congregation through the day. Lunch was homecooked Korean and was simply outstanding.

In the afternoon sessions the presbytery gathered in smaller groups doing an exercise inspired by Jane McGonigal in her new book *Imaginable: How to see the future coming and feel ready for anything—even things that seem impossible today* (2022), namely, “100 Ways Anything can be Different in the Future”.

Respectfully Submitted

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