

OIMC Immersion Experience

March 13-17, 2019

Host Hotel:

Best Western Plus Saddleback Inn and Conference Center
4300 SW 3rd
Oklahoma City, OK
405-947-7000

Tentative Schedule

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

4:00 p.m. Get acquainted and orientation.
History of OIMC presentation
Location: Best Western

6:00 p.m. Dinner at hotel

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Judge Dundy ruled that "the question cannot be open to serious doubt. Webster describes a person as 'an individual of the human race.' This is comprehensive enough, it would seem, to include even an Indian." And so it was not until this time that native American peoples were considered "people" under the United States laws.

8:30 a.m. StandingBear Video and information
Location: Best Western

10:00 a.m. Leave for **Oklahoma History Center**, 800 Nazih Zuhdi Dr, OKC

10:30 a.m. Visit to Oklahoma History Center
Lunch at **Muscogee Creek Nation Community Center**
Tribal crafts and items will be available for sale in Gift Shop

1:30 p.m. Leave for **Standing Bear Park**, Ponca City, OK, 2401 S. 7th, Ponca City, OK

3:00 p.m. Arrive at Standing Bear Park

5:00 p.m. Visit to the **Ponca Indian UMC**. Dinner at Church, White Eagle Community, south of Ponca City.

Panel presentation on social justice issues with Ponca Tribal members

7:00 p.m. Leave for OKC

Friday, March 15, 2019

In 1868, Indian/white hostilities broke out in Kansas. Maj. Gen. Philip H. Sheridan prepared for a winter campaign against the hostile bands. He chose winter because Indian horses would be weak from lack of forage and the cold and snow would make it easier to overtake villages. His plan was basically the same as "The Burning" of the Shenandoah Valley during the Civil War – complete destruction. Sheridan planned a three-pronged attack: cavalry and infantry marching east from New Mexico; cavalry moving southeast from Colorado; and Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer leading an attack south from Fort Dodge, Kansas.

8:00 a.m. Leave for **Washita Battlefield Site**, 18555 Highway 47A, W#A, Cheyenne, OK

10:30 a.m. Arrive at Washita

1:00 p.m. Lunch at **First UMC**, 404 Moad, Cheyenne, OK

2:15 p.m. Leave for **Clinton Indian Church and Community Center**, 1801 S. Littell Ave., Clinton, OK

3:30 p.m. Panel Presentation with Cheyenne/Arapaho members connected to the Washita Site and Sand Creek Massacre
Evening meal with Rev. Donna Pewo, Director Clinton Church and Community Center
Arts and Crafts will be available for sale at Clinton

6:30 p.m. Leave for OKC

Saturday, March 16, 2019

Oklahoma Historian Rennard Strickland wrote in his book, Indians in Oklahoma, "Survival is a word that describes the spirit of Indian people. The Oklahoma Indian has learned the lesson of building and rebuilding a civilization, of adapting, of changing and yet of remaining true to certain basic values regardless of the nature of that change. At the heart of those values is an understanding and appreciation of the timeless- of family, of tribe, of friends, of place and of season. It is a lesson that civilization has yet to learn."

- 8:30 a.m. Debriefing on experiences
- 9:30 a.m. Depart for Wild Onion Dinner, **Big Cussetah UMC, 20566 Prairie Bell Road, Morris, OK.**
- 1:30 p.m. Leave for Oklahoma City
- 3:30 p.m. Visit to **Oklahoma Native Art and Jewelry**, OKC Stockyards
- 5:30 p.m.: Dinner and Powwow dance demonstrations, **North OKC Native American Ministry, 3131 NW 50th Street, OKC.**
- 7:30 p.m. Leave for Hotel

Sunday, March 11, 2018

“They know what to do to make the church work. They are effective in teaching Sunday School and in preaching. They have created their own structure of worship that fits into their own tribal culture. They love their church and they are serious about their spirituality that is lived out through that church.” Excerpts from the Rev. David Wilson in the book titled Coming Full Circle: constructing Native Christian theology by Steven Charleston and Elaine A. Robinson.

- 9:30 a.m. Visit to **area OIMC Churches**
- 1:00 p.m. Departure