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OKLAHOMA INDIAN

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

"PEACE IN GOD'S PRESENCE"



180th Session of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference Established in 1844 June 10 – 12, 2022 Southwest Region Center Anadarko, OK

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OKLAHOMA INDIAN MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE Southwest Region Center Anadarko, Oklahoma June 10-12, 2022

"Peace in God's Presence"

Philippians 4:7- "And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, wi**//** keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." RSV

Friday. June 10, 2022

10:00 A.M. 11:00 A.M. 11:00 A.M. 12:00 P.M.	Registration Laity Session Clergy Executive Session Lunch	Tabernacle Tabernacle Ware's Chapel UMC
1:30 P.M.	Call to Order Roll Call—Lay and Clergy Delegate Setting the Bar of the Conference Election of Conference Secretary's Assistants	Bishop Jimmy Nunn
	Election of Tellers	Mr. Louis McGeeley
		Rev. Larry Robinson
		Mrs. Kim McKinney
	Election of Courtesy Committee:	Ms. Dereth Seidel Mr. Merle Berryhill
	Adoption of Agenda Consent Calendar	Mrs. Sandra Ramirez
2:00 P.M.	Report of Asst. to the Bishop	Rev. David Wilson
2:30 P.M.	Board of Pensions and Health Benefits	Mrs. Diana Fitzpatrick
	Conference Board of Trustees	Rev. David Dunson
3:00 P.M.	BREAK	
3:30 P.M. 5:00 P.M.	Council on Finance and Administration Supper	Mr. Newman Frank, Jr
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6:30 P.M.	Worship Leader Native Hymn Singing Tribal Song Leader	Mr. Marcus Briggs Clou d Southwest Regio n Mr. David Geimausaddl e
7:00 P.M.	Opening Worship Service Memorial Service	Mi. David definausadul e
	Preacher: Sermon Title: Scripture: John 14:1-4; 15-17; 27	Bishop Jimmy Nun n Jesus Leaves us Peac e
	Service of Holy Communion	Bishop Nun n
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Saturday, June 11, 2022

7:50 A.M.	Breakfast	
	Lay Missioner Breakfast	Cabin 5
9:00 A.M.	Fellowship Singing	UMYF
9:15 A.M.	Journal Committee Report	
9:25 A.M.	Update on General and Jurisdiction Conference	
	,	Bishop Jimmy Nunn
9:45 A.M.	General Board of Global Ministries	Mr. Roland Fernandes
		General Secretary
10:15 A.M.	Oklahoma Conference Representative	denoral occircuity
10:25 A.M.	Oklahoma City University	
10:35 A.M.	One Matters Award	Rev. Bryan Tener
10:45 A.M.	BREAK	storr Bryan Toner
11: 10A.M.	Perkins School of Theology	
11:20 A.M.	Recognition of Retirees	Bishop Nunn
11:50 A.M.	Courtesy Committee	Bioliop Hulli
12:00 P.M.	Lunch	
	Order of Elders Luncheon	Cabin 9
	Perkins Alumni Banquet	Cabin 3
1:30 P.M.	2022 OIMC Clergy Picture	Tabernacle
2:00 P.M.	Learning Sessions	rusernaale
	1. Ethics training for clergy/Lay Missioners	
	2. Techniques for recording services for the lo	cal Church
	3. Budgeting in the local church	
	4. Murdered, Missing Indigenous Persons (MM	(IP) Organizations
5:00 P.M.	Adjourn for Supper	, Dannaariono

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- 5:30 P.M. Supper Youth Banquet UMM Banquet Cabin 1 7:00 P.M. Native Hymn Singing Southeast Regio n Tribal Song Leader Mrs. Kim McKinnev 7:30 P.M. Worship Service Worship Leader Mr. Marcus Briggs-Clou d Preacher: Rev. Bessie Hamilto n Sermon Title: Scripture:
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Board of Ordained Ministry

Bishop Jimmy Nunn

Cabin 8

Sunday, June 12, 2022

- 7:30 A.M. Breakfast
- Clergywomen's Breakfast
- 9:00 A.M. Church School Hour
- 10:00 A.M. Church School Report
- 10:10 A.M. Worship Leader Tribal Song Leader Worship Service

Mr. Marcus Briggs Cloud Mr. Newman Frank, Jr.

Offering: The offering will go to the Southwest Region to help with the costs of hosting the 2022 Annual Conference.

	Baptisms	
	Sermon Title:	How to Receive the Peace of God
	Scripture	Philippians 4:4-9
	Preacher:	Bishop Jimmy Nunn
	Reading of the Appointments	
	Benediction	
12:00 Noon	Lunch	

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SCHEDULE

<u>*Friday, June 10, 2022</u>
3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Children's Program Activities
9:00 - 10:00 p.m. Youth Get-together and Mixers
**Youth Silent Auction will begin Friday afternoon through Saturday afternoon to benefit OIMC Youth Service Fund.

*Saturday. June 11, 2022

9:15 - 11:45 a.m.	Children's Program	
1:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Children's Program	
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Annual Youth Banquet	
	Cost: \$5,00 per person, Church attire.	
**Youth Silent Au	ction will begin Friday morning through Satur	dav afternoon to
benefit OIMC Yout	h Service Fund	

CONFERENCE STANDING RULES

100. STANDING RULES

- 101. The Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference shall determine the Standing Rules in keeping with the Book of Discipline and shall otherwise be governed by Robert's Rules of Order unless modified by action of the Annual Conference.
- 102. Any of the Standing Rules may be amended, deleted, or suspended by a majority vote of those present and voting at the session of the Annual Conference.
- 103. Conference Standing Rules are to be printed in the Conference Journal and in the Pre-Conference Journal as long as they apply.

200. CONFERENCE SESSION

- 201. The lay members to the Annual Conference shall be elected at the fall Charge Conference with their term beginning on January 1.
- 202. The basic lay membership of the Annual Conference shall be:
 - a. One elected lay member from each pastoral charge.
 - b. The Conference President of United Methodist Women.
 - c. The Conference President of United Methodist Men.
 - d. The Conference Lay Leader.
 - e. Each Region Lay Leader.
 - f. President of the Conference Young Adult organization.
 - g. President of the Conference Youth organization.
 - h. One person under twenty-five years of age from each region.
 - i. Diaconal Ministers who are in full-time service appointments.
- 203. A roll of the attendance of lay and clergy shall be taken and recorded by the name of each person in the Journal.
- 204. The printed agenda, subject to necessary change and to the convenience of the Conference shall be the official program of the conference.
- 205. The Conference Secretary shall nominate assistant conference secretaries as needed for election by the Annual Conference.
- 206. The Annual Conference shall elect an Annual Committee on Courtesy to be composed of four (4) persons.
- 207. The Conference Secretary shall edit and publish the minutes of the Annual Conference and the Journal following a review by the Conference Committee on Standing Rules and Journal Review.

208. The Conference Secretary shall edit and publish a Pre-Conference Journal in cooperation with the Conference Council on Finance and Administration. It is to be mailed to the members of the Annual Conference at least fifteen (15) days prior to convening.

300. GUIDELINES FOR RESOLUTIONS, PETITIONS, AND REPORTS

- 301. Resolution of a reasonable nature and concerning matters of the Conference shall be submitted in writing to the Conference Secretary with 150 copies for the voting mermbers, by the opening session of the Annual Conference. A twelve (12) hour period shall be allowed for review before a vote is taken.
- 302. Each resolution must be signed by the person submitting it, accompanied by appropriate identification such as address, local church, or United Methodist board or agency relationship.
- 303. All papers, reports, resolutions, coming to the Annual Conference, not included in the Pre-Conference Journal must be type-written and five (5) copies of such reports must be in the hands of the Conference Secretary before they are presented to the Annual Conference.
- 304. Each conference council, board, or committee shall separate its report for the past y ear from its recommendations for the coming year, so that a vote for the acceptance of the report is not a vote for acceptance of the recommendations.
- 305. All legislation of the Annual Conference session at which it is adopted will become effective January 1 of the year following unless specified.

400. CONFERENCE NOMINATIONS

- 401. Members of the conference councils, boards, committees, and agencies shall be elected for a quadrennium and shall serve on one council only, except service as an ex-officio member. The term of office shall begin September 1.
- 402. The Conference Lay Leader shall not be the Conference United Methodist Women's president nor the United Methodist Men's president.
- 403. Conference Nominating Committee members shall contact, talk with, and receive consent from prospective nominees, who are full members in a local church except as otherwise provided in the Discipline, before placing their names on the slate of nominations.
- 404. The Conference Nominating Committee shall submit a written slate of nominations to the Conference Secretary, with 150 copies for the voting members, by the opening of an Annual Session. A twelve (12) hour time period shall be allowed for review before a vote is taken.
- 405. Each Council, Board or Committee shall be voted on, one at a time, with Lay and Clergy position being voted upon separately.
- 406. Each Council, Board or Committee shall equalize the places where its members serve. (Provides for equal use of membership.)

- 407. Persons employed as staff, shall not vote on Council, Boards, or Committees or serve as Chairperson.
- 408. Persons who are absent without notification from two (2) consecutive called meetings during the conference year have thereby automatically removed themselves from the mermbership roll of that agency and shall be replaced by the Conference Nominating Committee unless otherwise provided for in the Discipline.
- 409. Conference officers and ex-officio members shall be reviewed annually by each coruncil and replaced if necessary.
- 410. The tenure of members on Conference councils, boards, committees, and agencies shall be limited to two (2) consecutive quadrennium. After one (1) quadrennium's absence, a person may be elected to the council, board, and committee on which they had previously served. That the tenure begins with the quadrennium, 1984-1988.
- 411. The quadrennium boards, councils and committees shall convene and elect their officers during the first Annual Conference following General Conference.

500. CONFERENCE FISCAL POLICY

- 501. The fiscal and statistical year of the conference shall be January 1 through December 31.
- 502. The treasurer of the Indian Missionary Conference shall be required to give Bond with some reputable surety company in the sum equal to the amount of the annual assessment for World Service and Conference Benevolences, and the Conference General Work. (1970)
- 503. In financial reporting, fractions will be dropped. (1996)
- 504. Mileage for Conference business shall be computed at $40 \notin$ per mile. (2006)
- 505. All expenses will be made by voucher and signed by the appropriate person.
- 506. Askings for councils, boards, and committees for operating budgets shall be accompanied by preliminary reports.
- 507. All resolutions and items concerning budgets, financial requests and/or financial reports, requiring approval or acceptance by the delegates and members of the Conference must be presented in writing to each member, at least twelve (12) hours before a vote is taken or allow at least twelve (12) hours following a presented item so it can be studied before a vote is taken.
- 508. Pastors appointed to appointments calling for dual role of the ministry shall not receive more salary than the salary set for a single appointment.
- 509. Pastors must live in the parsonage, if such exist and is livable. The District Superintendent, the District United Methodist Women's President, District Trustee Chairperson, the local

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church Trustee Chairperson and the District Building and Location Chairperson shall determine "livability". Pastors appointed to full-time must live in the parsonage provided by that local church.

510. Effective January 1, 2019, the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference will no longer be involved with the overseeing, arranging or paying of property insurance for any Conference property, except the Conference office building, the three (3) district campgrounds, and two (2) district parsonages. It will be the responsibility of each local Church to arrange for their own insurance coverage, to oversee any claims that might be incurred and pay 100% of the cost of said insurance. The Conference will require the Local Church to have the Oklahoma Indian Missionary as a named insured on their policy, but the Conference will have no involvement in the policy. The Conference recommends that when the Local Church obtains their insurance coverage that they provide the carrier a copy of the Minimum Insurance Requirement as set forth in the Book of Discipline to be used to insure that the policy complies with these requirements.

600. PROPERTY

- 601. Conference Board of Trustees: The Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference shall not accept as gifts, buildings and/or property unless the Conference Board of Trustees approves transfer and/or conveyance after complete inspection. Final approval shall be by Conference action.
- 602. Priorities on General Advance Special Building Projects must be re-prioritized by the Council on Local Church Ministries, during the conference year, unless a specific project is designated by the donor.
- 603. The Conference Board of Trustees shall assume its jurisdiction and initiate action when local church property has been declared abandoned or where the congregation is discontinued.

700. GENERAL

- 701. Pastor's Course of Study School records showing the number of years completed is to be entered in the journal.
- 702. No committees, caucus, or individual shall be said to have the right to represent the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, except that such representation shall be nominated or elected by the Conference or by its Board and Agencies to which such responsibility is delegated. (1977)
- 703. All Conference business meetings shall require notification by the committee chairperson of those involved, no less than fifteen (15) days in advance of the meeting.
- 704. A quorum for the Conference business meetings shall be those present.

800. LOCAL CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

801. All active local churches of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference shall have a bank account in the name of the local church, approved by the Administrative Council. (See *Book of Discipline*, ¶258.4[d]).

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- 802. Sunday tithes and offerings and other cash items (such as pledges paid) shall be dep osited no later than the Monday following church services (unless it is a bank holiday). Depo siting the offerings in the night depository of the bank is encouraged. (See *Book of Discipline*, ¶258.4[a]).
- 803. Each church shall have two people count the offering in accordance with *The Book of Discipline*, ¶258.4[a]).
- 804. Bank Statements shall be mailed by the bank to a responsible officer of the local church, OTHER THAN THE TREASURER.

a. The responsible person can be the Pastor, Chair of the Administrative Council, Finance Chairperson, Lay Leader or other person who holds position on the Administrative Council.

b. The person designated to receive the bank statements shall review the bank statement and give the statement to the local church treasurer as soon as possible. This process will fulfill accounting procedures known as "Internal Control", which requires segregation of duties when it comes to handling of monies.

- 805. The Local Church Treasurer should reconcile each bank statement monthly.
- 806. Monthly financial reports shall be made to the local church Administrative Council. All local church treasurers shall make a copy of the bank statement, identify to whom each check was paid, and post the copy of the bank statement on the church bulletin board each month.
- 807. Each local church shall comply with the *Book of Discipline*, ¶258.4[c] regarding annual audits of the funds of the local church. The audits are to be performed by members of the local church who are not on the finance committee, or related to the treasurer or pastor. An Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference Local Church Audit Report Form will be devised by the Conference Council on Finance and Administration for use by each local church. Reports are made to the Administrative Council and filed with the Charge Conference.
- 808. The Administrative Council will designate at least two (2) signers for check signing, one as an alternate.
- 809. Pastors appointed as a less-than-full-time pastor and living in own home and working fulltime in a secular job are not allowed to receive utility assistance from the local church.
- 810. Local Pastors who serve circuits are NOT to be paid on the basis of so much per Sunday preached. Pastors are to be paid the local support as a salary on either a monthly or semimonthly basis. This is to discourage the idea that pastors are being paid to preach. Preaching is only part of a pastor's duty. They are being paid to serve the congregation and the church's parish area in appropriate pastoral duties on an on-going and weekly basis.

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MINISTERIAL ROLL

ELDER IN FULL CONNECTION

1. Deere, Judy	18800 S 280 Rd	Morris, OK 74445
2. Dunson, David	118077 St Hwy 27	Wetumka, OK 74883
3. Kernell, Glen Jr	105 SW 133	Okla City, OK 73170
4. Little, David	1100 Howard Dr	Del City, OK 73115
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6. Moss, Jami	P O Box 2502	Muskogee, OK 74002
7. Svitak, Mike	P O Box 176	Jenks, OK 74037
8. Tecumseh, July	4709 Emporia St	Muskogee, OK 74001
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10. Wilson, Justine	1950 Beaumont Dr	Norman, OK 73072
11. Yeahquo, Sharon	P O Box 2533	Ada, OK 74821

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	Р	ROBATIONARY DEACON	
1. Neal, Jennifer		7340 Skillman St, #1011	Dallas, TX 75231
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1. Church, Leonard	PL	3805 80 th St NW	Albuquerque, NM 87120
2. Durant, Lucy	PL	1106 NE E St	Antlers, OK 74523
3. Humphrey, Deborah	PL	449184 E 960 Rd	Vian, OK 74962
4. Jackson, J. B.	FL	8105 Straits Dr	Rowlett, TX 75088
5. Jones, Heather	PL	P O Box 245	Okmulgee, OK 74447
6. Robinson, Lawrence	PL	8724 E 28 Pl	Tulsa, OK 74128
7. Ross, Sunrise	PL	28451 E 137 St, S	Coweta, OK 74429
8. Tsatoke, Arthur	PL	519 South Carnegie	Carnegie, OK 73015
9. White Sr, Jimmy	PL	P O Box 2701	Ponca City, OK 74602
10. Williston, Florence	PL	348 Mica Hill Rd	Haworth, OK 74740

11. Yarholar, Clarence PL

PERMANENT LOCAL PASTOR

1. Pewo, Donna

909 NE 23 St

1 Meadow Heath

Moore, OK 73160

Okemah, OK 74859

Holdenville, OK 74848

Shawnee, OK 74804

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6. Jacob, Donald	9894 CR 3579	Ada, OK 74820
7. Jacob, Linda	211 W 6th	Atoka, OK 74525
8. Lusty, John	P O Box 45	Glenpool, OK 74033
9. Marshall, June	614 S Taft Ave	Okmulgee, OK 74447
10. McGeeley Jr., Louis	17610 S Hickory St	Sapulpa, OK 74066
11. McKinney, Kim	771 Bailey Rd	Broken Bow, OK 74728
12. Rathbun, Frances	3512 W 8 St	Wichita, KS 67203
13. Roberts, Osborne	16901 Willow St	Coalgate, OK 74538
14. Sanders, Phillip	24401 S 289 W Ave	Bristow, OK 74010
15. Tartsah Jr., Rudy	P O Box 1505	Anadarko, OK 73005
16. Tecumseh, Paul	11247 S 105 E Ave	Bixby, OK 74008
17. Wells, Jamie	716 N Birch	Jenks, OK 74037
18. Wittman, Royce	315 E 124	Jenks, OK 74037

RETIRED EFFECTIVE MEMBERS

- 1. Baker, Jerry 2. Baker, Rosa 3. Byington, Tim 4. Cook, David 5. Deer, Alvin B. 6. Eddy, Michael 7. Foote Sr., Bill 8. Jackson, Abe 9. Johnson, Margaret 10. Judd Sr, John 11. Long Jr., David 12. Neal, Lois 13. Nowabbi, Billie 14. Phillips, Anita 15. Tims, Lester
- 117 W St Louis 195365 N 4367 Ln 517 S 8 St 208 E Boomer 616 SW 70 St 180 Landmark Rd 8867 NW Wolf Rd 212 Butler Dr 2045 Haskell Ave P O Box 866 1503 W Eufaula 17 Cheyenne Dr P O Box 501 17428 W 925 Rd 19556 CR 3610

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RETIRED PERMANENT LOCAL PASTOR

1. Samuel, Edgel

909 Black Bear Rd

Broken Bow, OK 74728

PASTORS ON INCAPACITY LEAVE

1. Dowdy, Bernadine 2. Judd, Julienne

6735 E 129 St. S P O Box 866

Bixby, OK 74008 Stratford, OK 74872

CLERGY SERVING OIMC FROM OTHER CONFERENCES

1. Brown, Kristen (OK)	P O Box 1412	Tahlequah, OK 74465
2. Irby, Mary C (OK)	11312 NW Miller Rd	Lawton, OK 73507
3. Moore, Tom (OE)	37385 CR 1575	Allen, OK 74825

GBGM-HOME MISSIONARY

1. Warden, David (Holston)	720 Burger Rd	Hartshorne, OK 74547
2. Warden, Pat (Holston)	720 Burger Rd	Hartshorne, OK 74547

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2022 LAY DELEGATE LIST

C	HURCH	DELEGATE	ALT. I
1. An	gie Smith Meml	Joann Ward	Roze
2. Be	thel Hill/Yasho	Jolynn Tonihka	Gra
3. Big	g Cussetah	Gloria Lowe	Henri
4. Big	g Lick	Clara Jones	
5. Bil	lly Hooton Meml	Marie Sensibaugh	
6. Bo	bb-Myers/Old Cedar/ William	n-Anderson	
		Pam Noah	Victor
7. Bo	iling Springs	June Praytor	
8. Bo	kchito	Rick Kaniatobe	Da
9. Bo	tone Meml	Marty Autaubo	Lav
10. Bro	oken Arrow	Joe McHenry	Jessie
11. Ca	che Creek	Delores Poafpybitty	Р
12. Car	ne Hill	Linda Jacob	D
13. Cec	dar Creek	Frances Bailey	Lucretia Red
14. Chi	ihowa Okla	Oneida Winship	
15. Cho	octaw Acad/Goodwater	Delton Billy	S
16. Cho	oska	Phillip Sanders	
17. Chi	rist UMC	Gwen Lester	
18. Con	ncharty	Teauna Hause	
19. D.E	D. Etchieson	Patsy Spottedbird	Rel
20. Dal	llas Indian	Audie Ramirez	Linda Pahch
21. Dav	vis Chapel	Felix Fixin	
22. El I	Reno	Mildred Black	Di
23. Fife	e Indian	Rowena Beach	Ma
24. Goo	odland/Kullichito/Kullituklo		
		Billy Ray Jones	Dori
25. Goo	odsprings	Lynn King	Ar

26. Grace/St. Paul/McCurtain

27. Grant/Kaney Chapel

LT. DEL_EGATE Rozella Williams Grace Tonihka Henrietta Thomas Tim Jones

Victor Ey achabbe Mary Smith Davicl Wesley Lavert Autaubo Jessica McHenry Patricia Gray Delores Jacob ucretia Redbone Ponce Kay Wilson Susie Roberts

Rebecca Staten Linda Pahcheka-Valdez

> Diana Hallock Martin Fleming

Dorinda Wesley Annette Smith Curtis Eyachabbe Josephine Deere

Paul Robertson

Kay Larney

	CHURCH	DELEGATE	ALT. DELLEGATE
	. Haikey Chapel	Sandra Bible	Mickey McNac
	. Hampton Chapel	Alvin Lewis	Larry Kendrix
	. Honey Creek/Ltl Cussetah	Ben Hardridge	Nelson H arjo, Jr.
31	. Huntinghorse/Ltl Washita	Roger Tehaumo	Ecldy Onco
32	. JJ Methvin	Rickey Horse	Jody Yeahpau
33	Johnson Chapel	Aileen Brown	
34	Lawrence/KCNAMIN	Teddy Tatum	Gloria Morris
35.	M.L. Clark Meml	Patty Thompson	Alestine Thomas
36.	Mitchell Meml/Pennington	Joyce Wesley	Jennifer Barnett
37.	Mt. Scott Comanche	Kevin Wahkinney Jr	
38.	Mt. Scott Kiowa/UMC of Apacl	ne	
		Bob Baker	Elvina Poolaw
39.	Mutteloke	\$	
40.	Nanih Chito	Solomon Tonihka	Lavon Tonihka
41.	New Hope	Dick Albro	Pat Dye
42.	Newtown	Richard Anderson	Odette Freeman
43.	Norman First American	Terry Wilson	Michael Gibson
44.	Pawnee/Ponca	Woody White	Michelle Hutson
45.	Petarsy Mission	Glenna Niedo	LaNora Parker
46.	Pickett Chapel	Mark Watashe	
47.	Seeley Chapel	Laura Buss	Martha Dewitt
48.	Sem. Hitchitee	Annie Harjo	
49.	Sherwood Tsotigh Meml	Paula Poafpybitty	Eric Stavinoha
50.	Springfield	Merle Berryhill	Carol Tiger
51.	Springtown	Tyler Billiot	Louvina Frank
52.	Stilwell/Sequoyah	Kathy Littledave	Jimmie Harris
53.	Sulphur Springs		
54.	Thlopthlocco/Wewoka	Beverly Parker	Anne Marshall
55.	Tohwali	Mike Amos	
56.	Tulsa Indian	Brandy Robinson	Jerry Johnson Jr

CHURCH

58. Whitesand Bennington

59. White Sands Valliant

57. Ware's Chapel

60. Wichita Indian

61. Yeager

DELEGATE Paula Woodrow Wilma Brandy Reda Jessie Kenneth Rathbun Norman Franks

ALT. DEL_EGATE Janet Shurakamolah Judly Sexton

> Jeannie Arnold Susan Barnett

One person under the age of 25 from each region elected to lay membership to the Annual Conference, per Conference Standing Rule No. 202(h) and Ex-Officio officers

1. Central Region

2. Northeast Region

3. Southeast Region

4. Southwest Region

5. Conference Lay Leader

6. Central Region Lay Leader

7. Northeast Region Lay Leader

8. Southeast Region Lay Leader

9. Southwest Region Lay Leader

10. Conf. United Methodist Men President

11. United Methodist Women President

12. United Methodist Youth Fellowship President

Andrew Amos Josiah Ware Detra Kingfisher-Quinones Alestine Thomas

> Gloria Moore Patricia Waysepappy Delton Billy Nellie Long Jariah Eyachabbe

REPORTS

OF THE

2022

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT

TO: Bishop Nunn, Rev. David Wilson, Delegates, Oklahoma Indian Missionary Comference Members and Friends of the Conference.

2021 receipts were 72% of apportionments asked. The total of apportionments received was \$232,203; this includes the Conference Benevolences which received a total of \$15,906 to fund Conference Boards, Councils and Committees. Conference Special Day Offerings and Special Offerings totaled \$9,454. Of our 76 active churches 30 contributed to the Conference Youth Program. The Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference again participated at the 100% support level of all general church apportionments for the 2021 year.

Finley & Cook of Shawnee, OK is handling the OIMC 2021 audit. Completed audit will be available in the conference journal.

The Conference is continuing with our property insurance coverage under the Guide One Insurance Agency.

As required by the 2004 General Conference the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference has prepared an Annual Conference Funding Plan for Supplement One of the Pre-82 Ministerial Pension Plan. We are required to have an actuarial valuation done on the funding status of the plan. A copy of the OIMC Funding Plan will be included in the conference journal. Our conference is 100% funded.

Our Past Service Rate (PSR) is raised each year. The Conference CF&A proposes raising this 3% for 2023. The Clergy Retirement Security Plan (CRSP) began January 1, 2007 and is administered by Wespath. The Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference is keeping to the promise given to present, and past, clergypersons to provide them with a retirement plan for their service to the OIMC and the United Methodist Church.

I am satisfied the Conference Council on Finance and Administration have made their best effort toward presenting a balanced budget for 2023.

Respectfully submitted, Dennis Galyon Conference Treasurer

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2022 CONFERENCE BOARD OF PENSIONS

To: Bishop Jimmy Nunn, Clergy, Lay Delegates of the Annual Conference and Guests

From: Diana Fitzpatrick, chairperson Sandy Miller, member Justine Wilson, member Donald Jacob, member Newman Frank, Jr., Ex-Officio Dennis Galyon, Ex-officio

At the 2022 annual conference we are reporting there will a 5% increase in our health insurance for 2023. The health insurance plan for active participants will continue with Blue Cross/Blue Shield Insurance.

The following recommendations have been made and approved by the Conference Council on Finance and Administration for the year 2023 and are now brought to the attention of the annual conference.

1. Incentive and Fringe Benefits—health benefits continue to be partially funded for Full-Time clergy under appointment and eligible lay employees. This cost will be shared between the Conference and the individual participant.

2. The Conference will continue with the Lay Long-Term Disability and Life Insurance Plan and will continue to be funded 100% by the Conference for eligible active and retired clergy, their spouse and eligible lay employees provided the following stipulations have been met:

- a. The retiree must have been an active participant in the plan for at least 5 years immediately prior to their retirement;
- b. In addition, to be considered an eligible participant, the individual must be eligible to receive a benefit from a pension program administered by the Administrator.

3. The apportioned line item for the Unfunded Liability for retiree health insurance continue in the amount of \$5,000.

4. The Lay Pension Program continue for eligible lay employees. It is currently funded at 12 ½% of annual salary and paid 100% by the Conference.

5. As a Conference, annually, we are required (¶1506.8 of the book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church 2004) to submit to Wespath Benefits and Investments an Annual Conference funding plan for Supplement One to the Clergy Retirement Security Plan for retiring its' pre-1982 pension obligation to determine if our Plan meets the requirements of ¶1506.8. A copy of Wespath's opinion letter concerning the plan will be included in the journal.

The Board of Pension also makes the following recommendations:

1. The following clergy members have been approved by the Board of Pensions and recommended to the Clergy Executive Session for Retirement.

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Rev. Bernadine Dowdy Rev. Julienne Judd Rev. July Tecumseh

The following items are presented for approval by the 2022 Annual Conference:

I. Articles of Adoption for the Clergy Retirement Security Program (CRSP), Supplement One to the CRSP (pre-1982), and the Comprehensive Protection Plan (CPP) for the year 2023.

These articles are hereby adopted by the Oklahoma Indian Missionary conference and agreed to by Wespath for the Plan year commencing January 1, 2023. It replaces any previously executed Adoption Agreement and shall be effective until amended by the Conference and agreed to by Wespath in accordance with the provisions of the Clergy Retirement Security Program and the Comprehensive Protection Plan.

1. The plan sponsor (the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference) agreed to participate in CRSP as of January 1, 2007.

2. The Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference is the plan sponsor for eligible clergypersons, including deacons, (CRSP A2.26 (b), (c), and (d), under Episcopal appointment to a local church or pastoral charge located in the conference; a conference responsible unit (as identified by the conference on the Approved Conference-Controlled entity approved by the Conference on the Approved Conference; the conference; a conference-controlled in \$344.1(a)(1) of The 2004 Discipline) located within the conference; the conference; a conference-controlled entity approved by the conference; and for members of the conference who are CPP disabled and for Clergypersons entitled to CRSP benefits under USERRA who last served the Conference.

3. The Conference elects NOT to cover conference members placed on incapacity leave but not CPP disabled.

4. The Conference will remit contributions to the General Board in a timely manner as required by CRSP. In 2023, the contribution by the Conference will be a monthly amount equal to 3% of an eligible clergypersons plan compensation for the defined contribution portion of the clergypersons benefit. The defined benefit portion of the eligible clergypersons benefit of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference will be contributed by the non-missionary conferences of the United Methodist Church in the United States.

5. The conference pension (past service) rate for each year of approved service in the pre-1982 plan shall be \$395.33. This reflects an increase of 3%.

6. The Contingent Annuity Percentage (CAP) for the pre-1982 plan shall be 70%.

7. The Conference elects to make Optional Participation special arrangements with the General Board to provide participation to clergy, including deacons, described in CPP 3.01s(3), appointed to categories as elected below. The participant shall contribute 4.4% of the



Denominational Average Compensation to continue participation in CPP under the Following category: A full member, Probationary Member or Associate Member who is on Family Leave.

Upon Conference approval of this Addendum A official forms will be signed by the Bishop, Conference Board of Pensions chairperson and the conference Secretary on behall f of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference.

In 2010 the Basic Protection Plan converted to Unum. The Unum Lay Long Term Disability (LTD) and Life Insurance Plan is a welfare plan designed to offer Long Term Disability (LTD) and Death Benefits for clergy and eligible lay employees; and clergy not eligible for the Comprehensive Protection Plan (CPP).

Plan 1 Lay LTD Life Insurance Plan

Plan 2 Clergy Supplement Life Insurance Plan

Plan 3 Optional Life Insurance and Death and Disability Plan

1. The conference chose to set zero minimum hours of service; no initial minimum service; and no minimum age for enrollment.

2. Conference has set an elimination period of 90-days before benefits begin.

3. Enrollment criteria set by the General Board calls for 100% coverage of all eligible population of each covered group.

4. Clergy and Lay wishing to enroll in the Supplemental Life Insurance Plan must be enrolled in either Plan 1 or 2.

Upon approval of the terms of this adoption agreement, it shall be filed with the Administrator (GBOPHB) and will become effective January 1, 2023.

II. Health Insurance Plan Categories of Coverage Agreement

1. The Conference shall remain with the Blue Cross/Blue Cross for health insurance.

2. Coverage shall be made available to include all full-time diaconal/clergy under appointment and Conference Staff (clergy & eligible lay) who are receiving an equitable compensation check from the Conference.

3. Coverage shall be made available to retired clergy/eligible lay meeting all requirements of five (5) years on the health plan immediately prior to retirement and medicare eligibility. Election to continue must be made at time of retirement.

4. Funding policy is set by the Conference Council on Finance and Administration and shall be approved by the Annual Conference to become effective January 1, 2023.

III. 2023 Housing Resolution for Retired and Incapacitated Ordained or Licensed Clergy

RENTAL/HOUSING ALLOWANCES FOR RETIRED AND INCAPACITATED ORDAINED OR LICENSED CLERGY OF

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THE OKLAHOMA INDIAN MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

WHEREAS, the religious denomination known as The United Methodist Church has and functions through Ministers of the Gospel who are duly ordained or licensed; and

WHEREAS, the practice of The United Methodist Church is to provide a parsonage or a rental allowance as part of the gross compensation for each of its active ordained or licensed ministers; and

WHEREAS, pensions paid to retired and incapacitated ordained or licensed ministers of The United Methodist Church are considered as deferred compensation and are paid to said retired and incapacitated ordained or licensed ministers in consideration of previous, active service; and

WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Service has recognized that the OKLAHOMA INDIAN MISSIONARY ANNUAL CONFERENCE is the appropriate organization to designate a housing/rental allowance of retired and incapacitated ordained or licensed ministers who are members of this Conference:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1. An amount equal to 100% of the pension payments received during the year 2023 be and is hereby designated as a rental/housing allowance for each retired and incapacitated ordained or licensed minister of The United Methodist Church who is or was a member of the OKLAHOMA INDIAN MISSIONARY CONFERENCE at the time of his or her retirement or incapacitation.
- 2. This rental/housing allowance shall apply to each retired and incapacitated ordained or licensed minister who has been granted the retired relation or incapacity leave by OKLAHOMA INDIAN MISSIONARY CONFERENCE and whose name and relationship to the conference is recorded in the Journal of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference and in other appropriate records maintained by the conference.
- 3. The pension payment to which this rental/housing allowance applies shall be the pension payment resulting from all service of such retired and incapacitated ordained licensed minister from all employment by any local church, Annual Conference, or institution of The United Methodist Church, or from any other employer who employed the minister to perform services related to the ministry and who elected to make contributions to the pension funds of The United Methodist Church for such retired minister' pension.

NOTE:

The rental/housing allowance which may be excluded from a minister's gross income is limited to the lesser of (1) the amount of the rental/.housing allowance designated by the minister's employer or other appropriate body, (2) the amount actually expended by the minister to provide his or her housing, or (3) the legally-determined fair rental value of the parsonage or other housing provided. As specified in Rev. Rule 71-209 C.B. 92, "the only amount that will qualify for exclusion under

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section 107(2) of the code as "rental allowance" is an amount equal to the fair rental value of the home, including furnishings and appurtenances such as a garage, plus the cost of utilities."

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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Un this undersigned, a Notary make thereof to the wit	day of Public in and for the County a to me known to be the thin and foregoing instrument e same as his free and volunt	A.D. 20 and State aforesaid, personative identical person who sign as its and	ally appeared ed the name of the
Signature			
Given under my hand a	nd seal the day and year last a	bove written.	
My commission expires	S		
Notary Public			

Thanks to the members of the Council on Finance and Administration for their assistance in preparation of this report. Ms. Linda Draper, Administrative Assistant, OIMC; and Mr. Dennis Galyon, Conference Treasurer, should also be recognized for their guidance and input on these important matters.

Our report is respectfully submitted,

Conference Board of Pensions Mrs. Diana Fitzpatrick, Chairperson

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2022 CONFERENCE TRUSTEES REPORT

To Bishop and members of the Annual Conference:

From Rev David Dunson, Chairperson, Conf. Board of Trustees

This year we bring to the floor of the 2022 annual conference for discussion and consideration a Resolution to close Sulphur Springs United Methodist Church.

Respectfully submitted, David Dunson, chairperson Charlotte Gooday, member Oneida Winship, member Beverly Parker, member

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OKLAHOMA INDIAN MISSIONARY CONFERENCE of THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 602 S.W. 35 St. Oklahoma City, OK 73109

Resolution regarding Sulphur Springs United Methodist Church

Resolution to establish succession of Board of Trustees of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference to property located as follows:

¶229 of the Book of Discipline: WHEREAS, when a local church is no longer used, kept or maintained by its membership as a place of divine worship, the property shall be considered abandoned, and when a local church no longer serves the purpose for which it was organized and incorporated, with the consent of the presiding Bishop, a majority of the District Superintendents, the Annual Conference Trustees may assume control of the property.

WHEREAS, any gift, legacy, devise, annuity, or other benefit to the pastoral charge or church that accrues or becomes available after said charge or church has been discontinued or abandoned shall become the property of the trustees of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Annual Conference.

WHEREAS, the individual Trustees of the Sulphur Springs United Methodist Indian Church of Oklahoma, are all defunct and under the Book of Discipline their successors in office as trustees are the Trustees of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, who are as follows:

WHEREAS the OIMC Board of Trustees will be empowered to detach any abandoned properties within a three-year period.

David Dunson, Chairperson Charlotte Gooday, Member

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Oneida Winship, Member Beverly Parker, Member Newman Frank, Jr., Ex-Officio Rev. David Wilson, Assistant to Bishop Bishop Jimmy Nunn, Presiding Bishop

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that proceeds from any transaction are payable to the Ok lahoma Indian Missionary Conference, Conference Board of Trustees, 602 S.W. 35 St., Oklahoma City, OK 73109. The proceeds from any transactions will be placed into the Property Insurance Deductible Fund.

RESOLVED on this _____ day of _____, 20___.

David Dunson, Chairperson Conf. Board of Trustees Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference of The United Methodist Church

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CONFERENCE COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION Newman Frank, Jr., Chairperson

To: Bishop Nunn; Assistant to Bishop Rev. David Wilson; District Superintendents, Rev. Sharon Yeahquo and Rev. Mike Svitak; Clergy; Lay Missioners; Annual Conference Delegates and Members of the Conference

Greetings in the name of the Lord.

The Conference CF&A Committee's role is to prepare the budget, review financial information and general oversight of the OIMC finances. We trust that the Lord will lead us in achieving this responsibility.

The CF&A Council extends our appreciation to the churches for their continued dedication and commitment to the ministry of OIMC, through their support of giving to the Apportionments, Youth Service Fund, and Advance Special and/or Designated Giving for 2021.

We had 47 churches to pay 100% of Apportionments (up 8 from 2020), 30 churches to give to the Youth Service Fund (up 7) and 8 churches to give to the Advance Special and/or Designated Giving (down 3). The CF&A Committee would like to recognize the following churches for their 2021 giving for 100% Apportionments paid, Youth Service Fund giving and for giving to Advance Specials and/or Designated Giving. Certificates were mailed to your local church treasurer.

Certificates are to be presented to the following churches for their 2021 giving's:

100% APPORTIONMENTS PAID

CENTRAL REGION

Angie Smith Meml El Reno Indian Fellowship Mary Lee Clark Meml Norman First American Ponca Indian Wichita Indian

NORTHEAST REGION

Broken Arrow Davis Chapel Fife Indian Haikey Chapel Kaney Chapel Lawrence Indian Little Cussetah New Hope Pickett Chapel

SOUTHEAST REGION

Bethel Hill **Big** Lick **Boiling Springs** Cane Hill Chihowa Okla Dallas Indian Goodland Goodsprings Goodwater Grace Indian Hampton Chapel Johnson Chapel Kullichito Mitchell Memorial Nanih Chito Old Cedar Seeley Chapel

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Seminole Hitchitee Springtown Stilwell Indian Thlopthlocco Wewoka

St. Paul-Talihina Tohwali Whitesand Bennington William-Anderson Yasho

SOUTHWEST REGION

Hunting Horse Little Washita Mount Scott Kiowa Sherwood Tsotigh Meml UMC of Apache

Churches who gave to YOUTH SERVICE FUND in 2021

CENTRAL REGION

Mary Lee Clark Meml Ponca Indian Wichita Indian

NORTHEAST REGION

Fife Indian Haikey Chapel Honey Creek Little Cussetah Lawrence Indian Little Cussetah New Hope Pickett Chapel Springfield Stilwell Indian Thlopthlocco Tulsa Indian Wewoka Indian Yeager

SOUTHEAST REGION

Boiling Springs Cane Hill Dallas Indian Goodand Grace Indian Kullichito Nanih Chito St. Paul-Talihina Tohwali Whitesand-Bennington Yasho

SOUTHWEST REGION

Huntinghorse Little Washita Mt. Scott Kiowa UMC of Apache

Churches who gave to Advance Specials and/or Designated Giving in 2021

CENTRAL REGION Mary Lee Clark Meml

NORTHEAST REGION

Broken Arrow UMC Little Cussetah

SOUTHEAST REGION

Boiling Springs Grace Indian Johnson Chapel St. Paul-Talihina



New Hope

SOUTHWEST REGION None

The CF&A Committee appreciates all you do as good and faithful Stewards of God's resources in the midst of all the challenges during the year. We ask the pastor and delegates to please continue to encourage your local church to pay their share of apportionments and second mile giving.

Again, want to thank all of our churches for their giving. Also want to thank the CF&A Committee and the conference staff for their help in preparing this year's report and budget.

The CF&A Committee has reviewed all the financial information of the Conference and now recommends to the Conference the 2022 budget with the following recommendations and the total apportionments for the year at \$340,270.00.

Recommendation 2023-1: 2023 APPORTIONMENTS Recommendation 2023-2: 2023 APPORTIONMENT FORMULA Recommendation 2023-3: 2023 SECOND MILE GOALS, CONFERENCE ADVANCE SPECIALS AND SPECIAL SUNDAYS Recommendation 2023-4: 2023 PASTORS' SALARY RECOMMENDATIONS Recommendation 2023-5: 2023 CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP SALARIES Recommendation 2023-6: 2023 CONFERENCE ALLOWANCES AND REIMBURSEMENTS Recommendation 2023-7: 2023 LAY PENSION PROGRAM Recommendation 2023-8: 2023 LOCAL PASTOR INCENTIVE AND FRINGE BENEFITS

The Conference Council on Finance and Administration moves for approval of these recommendations and the entire budget.

The CF&A Committee appreciates all you do as good and faithful Stewards of God's resources in the midst of all the challenges please continue to encourage your local church to pay their share of apportionments and second mile giving.

Again, we want to thank all of our churches for their giving. Also want to thank the CF&A Committee and the conference staff for their help in preparing this year's report and budget.

May God Bless Newman Frank, Jr. CF&A Chairperson

RECOMMENDATION 2023-1: 2023 APPORTIONMENTS

GENERAL CHURCH APPORTIONMENTS

There are seven apportionments that help support the ministry of The United Methodist Church on the national and international level. The 2016 General Conference approved a total of over \$100 million for these seven apportionments for all the United Methodist Churches. Of this

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total, the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference churches have been asked to give \$42,396 towards these funds WHICH IS .03% OF THE TOTAL ASKING DENOMINATION-WIDE.

1. The World Service Fund \$21,809 The World Service Fund has been called the "... basic benevolence fund of the church." This fund supports outreach through the work of the general agencies and other national and international mission programs.

2. The Black College Fund

\$2,938 Helps meet operational and capital expenses for 11 historically black colleges and medical schools of The United Methodist Church.

3. General Administration

Finances the administrative work of the General Church, including the cost of holding General Conference and the work of agencies with primarily administrative functions.

4. Interdenominational Cooperation Fund Supports United Methodist participation in the World and National Council of Churches and the Consultation on Church Union.

5. Africa University

\$ 658 This fund will help develop a new university in Africa to provide opportunity for a college education for students throughout Africa.

6. Ministerial Education Fund

\$7.366 Helps pay the cost of education for both diaconal and ordained ministers. It provides support for Theological schools and programs of recruitment, professional development and continuing education. One-fourth of the money raised by this apportionment is retained by the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference and is administered by the Director of Higher Education and Ministry for the OIMC Enlistment program.

7. Episcopal Fund

\$ 6,459 This fund is for salaries, pensions, office operations, official travel, and other expenses of ALL United Methodist Bishops, not just the Bishop of our conference. The funds we raise are sent to the General Council on Finance and Administration in Nashville, TN.

WORLD SERVICE/CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCE

\$21.050 Conference Benevolence is included as part of your World Service apportionment. The Conference Benevolences are to pay travel and other meeting expenses for each council and committee in the OIMC. Each year conference boards and committees submit a budget request to the Conference Council on Finance and Administration at their spring meeting. The Council on Local Church Ministries asks for an operational budget from this fund.

JURISDICTIONAL APPORTIONMENTS

The Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference supports three institutions through our South Central Jurisdiction and also pays in to the Jurisdictional Administration Fund.

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\$2.590

\$ 576

1. Jurisdictional Administration

This fund helps in the administration of the jurisdictional offices. Many of the other annual conferences in the jurisdiction assist our conference through donations. The jurisdiction al office disburses the funds which are sent through their offices.

2. Lydia Patterson Institute

\$ 847 Lydia Patterson Institute is a day high school for Hispanic youth in El Paso, Texas. The youth come from poverty environments and many come from across the border each day to receive their education.

3. Reserves

The expenses for the Jurisdictional Conference, Episcopal Committee and funds to run the Jurisdictional office have increased each quadrennium and we are asking an apportionm ent from each annual conference to restore our reserves back to the level needed in case of an emergency.

I. Apportionments: The 2023 Apportionment schedule reflects our connectionalism as well as our local church, district and conference needs for ministry. The apportionments for the year 2023 have increased and reflect .03% of the total general church budget.

Budget Requests: The budget requests of all councils, boards and committees receiving funds from Annual Conference apportionments were presented to the Council on Finance and Administration. All funding requests made to the Council on Finance and Administration was accompanied with a line-item budget for proposed expenditures. All conference expenditures are budgeted. The following recommendations for the 2023 budget are made based on General Church Apportionments and Conference expenditures.

2023 APPORTIONMENT (REFERS TO SCHEDULE A)

The Conference Council on Local Church Ministries asks for administrative support for the two districts be included in their budget request. We recommend these expenses continue to be included in the Conference Benevolence Funds.

Conference Benevolence: Administrative costs of councils, boards, committees and 1. organizations. The funding requests for committees and boards listed in Schedule B have been reviewed by the Conference Council on Finance and Administration and we recommend their approval. We recommend that the Board of Laity's budget continue to be inclusive of the Conference Lay Leaders budget.

2. Health Insurance costs are flexible in 2023 for active clergy and eligible laypersons. CF&A is asking that approximately 44% of the cost of the insurance be apportioned to the churches.

3. Retiree Health Insurance: CF&A recommends continuing the apportionment of \$5,000 to be directed toward the retired health insurance liability costs which the conference will be experiencing in the future.

\$ 456

\$66

4. Course of Study School: The Course of Study is the clergy lifeline of the conference. At least 85% of the clergy who are full members of the conference have been trained through the five-year course of study program of The United Methodist Church. The CF&A recommends that the conference continue supporting the education of our clergy by apportioning \$5,0 00.

5. Advocate: CF&A recommends that 100% of the cost of the newspaper be borne by the conference through apportionments. The Advocate IS the newspaper of the OIMC and it would be appropriate for the paper to be funded BY the conference.

6. Apportion at 100%: CF&A recommends that the churches be apportioned at 100%.

RECOMMENDATION 2023-2: APPORTIONMENT FORMULA

II. Apportionment Formula

CF&A is recommending the same apportionment formula for the year 2023. Projected apportionments for each church shall be based on 75% average worship attendance and 25% local church expenditures for current program expenses, other operating expenses and all staff compensation as reported in the Local Church Report to the Annual Conference.

In calculating the apportionments using the formula, some church's apportionments increased and some decreased. We think this is a more equitable way to apportion the churches due to the differences in size and expenditures.

CF&A recommends that this apportionment formula be approved for calculation of the 2023 apportionments.

2023 APPORTIONMENTS TO LOCAL CHURCHES SCHEDULE A

WORLD SERVICE AND CONFERENCE BENEVOLEN	CES
General Church	21,809
Conf. Benevolences (Conf Councils, Boards, Committees)	,
**See Schedule B	21,050
GENERAL CHURCH APPORTIONMENTS	,
Black College Fund	2,938
General Administration	2,590
Inter-denomination Cooperation	576
Ministerial Education Fund	7,366
Episcopal Fund	6,459
Africa University	658
JURISDICTIONAL APPORTIONMENTS	
Jurisdictional Administration	456
Lydia Patterson Institute	847
Reserves	66
CLERGY SUPPORT APPORTIONMENTS	

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Pastors Insurance (TO CHURCH)	55,00 O
Pastors Moving Allowance	3,600
Unfunded Liability: Retired Pastors Insurance	5,000
Course of Study School (28.57% of cost)	5,000
CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATION APPORTIONMENTS	5,000
Advocate Newspaper	6,00〇
General Conference Delegate	6,00 O
Administrative Services	194,85 5
TOTAL APPORTIONMENTS	\$340,270

SCHEDULE B

CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES

Council on Finance and Administration	3,000	
(Inclusive of Conf. CF&A, Conf. Board of Pensions and Conf. Board of Trustees)	5,000	
Monitor and Review Committee	300	
Board of Ordained Ministry	3,000	
Nominations	500	
Council on Local Church Ministries	-	
Episcopal Committee	6,000	
Archives and History	800	
Standing Rules and Journal Review	900	
Lay Leader/Board of Laity	350	
Conf. Campus Ministry Board	1,700	
Continuing Education O	1,500	
Continuing Education Committee	1,000	
Web Site Maintenance	2,000	
TOTAL CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES \$	521,050	

SECOND MILE GOALS

II. Second Mile Goals: The difference between apportionments and Second Mile Goals is that apportionments are allocated to local churches on a formula basis and Second Mile Giving is a challenge to the local churches and will either have a local church suggested amount or an overall conference goal.

This year the CF&A recommends nine Second Mile Goals. The nine include Cookson Hills Center, Church and District Facilities Repair Fund, Youth Service Fund, Conf. Parish Partner Advance Special, Conf. Campus Ministry Program, Clinton CCC, McCurtain Children's Ministry, Local Church Mission Project, and Special Day offerings.

Figures are based on 76 active churches:		
Cookson Hills Center		\$4,940
*** At least \$65 per local church		<i><i><i>ϕ</i></i> 13,210</i>
Church and District Facilities Repair Fund		6,916
*** At least \$91 per local church		0,210
Youth Service Fund		6,840
*** \$90 per local church		-,
OIMC Campus Ministry Programming	×.	3,800
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*** \$50 per local church	
Conf. Parish Partners	3,800
*** \$50 per local church	5,0000
Clinton Church and Community Center	4,94-0
*** At least \$65 per local church	.,>
McCurtain Children's Ministry	3,800
*** \$50 per local church	0,000

Local Church Mission Project Special Day Offerings – 100% participation by OIMC local churches

RECOMMENDATION 2023-3: SECOND MILE GOALS, CONFERENCE AD VANCE SPECIALS AND SPECIAL SUNDAYS

1. Cookson Hills Advance: It is recommended that the conference goal for the Cookson Hills Center be \$65 per local church. Action was taken in 1993 for the Cookson Hills Center to be incorporated with both the Oklahoma Conference and the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference as Joint Partners in mission. Cookson is our own Mission with our own clergy member as Director and OIMC laity as employees.

2. Church and District Facilities Repair Fund: The Administrative Ministries Committee of the Council on Local Church Ministries developed the guidelines, materials and interpretation of this fund. After assisting local churches with building repairs at the end of 2021, this fund had a balance of \$6,934. We are asking each church to donate at least \$91 a year.

3. Youth Service Fund: The YOUTH SERVICE FUND supports youth ministries both in the Conference and at the general church level. 70% of the donations from your local church to this fund stays in our conference and is used for OUR Conference Youth ministries. Our conference youth ministries receive no other designated giving except through this fund. We are asking the local churches to donate a minimum of \$90 per local church.

4. OIMC Campus Ministry programming: Donations received from this second mile goal enables pastors and lay members to meet and fellowship with Native American students at institutions of higher education in our ministerial areas. Many of these students are far from home and the encouragement they receive from this service is very beneficial. We are asking each local church to donate \$50 in 2023.

5. Conference Parish Partner Advance Special: Givings to the Conference Parish Partner Advance Special goes toward pastor salaries and will help enable OIMC to replace funds that have been lessened from the General Agencies. We are asking each local church to donate \$50 in 2023.

6. Clinton Church and Community Center: All Church and Community Centers have been given a set amount of years to become self-supporting. We are asking each local church in the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference to donate \$65 for Clinton CCC.

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7. McCurtain Children's Ministry: The facility at McCurtain was deeded to OIMC by the Oklahoma Annual Conference in 2017. The ministry is geared toward children in this historic Choctaw community. Funds will help to pay for utilities and other needs for the ministry. It is recommended that the conference goal for the Ministry be \$50 per local church.

MISSIONAL INITIATIVE

8. Local Church Mission Project: Either through giving or participation, each church is challenged by the Missional Initiative to get involved in at least one local church mission project. If the local church donates money to a local project, the money can be sent as a donation through the conference office where credit can be obtained for such participation. The Conference will then redirect the monies to the charity or ministry of the local church's choosing.

9. Special Day Offerings: The Conference Missional Initiative goal is that 100% of the OIMC churches participate in the Special Day offerings. Local pastors and local church laity leadership should know what each Special Day supports in the United Methodist Church and encourage the congregations to honor each special day.

SECOND MILE GOALS—SPECIAL DAYS

Special Days. In 2021 individuals and districts gave \$7,348 for Special Days. This was a increase from 2020 Special Day giving by \$916. The Special Day offerings make up a large portion of the Second Mile giving by our local churches. The CF&A continues to strongly recommend that all local churches of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference be very intentional about the Special Day offerings approved by the annual conference. We celebrate the local churches who did respond to the special days. We encourage all local churches to look into the special day offerings and

"COME, SHARE AND REJOICE !!"

We also want to say "Thank You" to the churches of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference who through their generosity contributed to Second Mile Giving.

In 2021 there were 10 Special Sundays observed by the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference with 6 special collections being remitted to the Conference Treasurers office for transmittal to the General Council on Finance and Administration and/or other general agencies. The other 4 are collections which benefit OIMC programs. These Special Sundays were:

	# of churches participating	% of OIMC churches
Human Relations Day	34	45
Conf. Campus Ministry Prog.	27	36
UMCOR Sunday	31	41
Golden Cross	27	36
NA Ministries	33	43
Peace W/Justice	28	37

UMVIM Sunday	21	28
World Communion	32	42
Laity Day	25	33
UM Student Day	27	36

Participation for the Special Sundays by local church participation increased in 2021.

SPECIAL DAYS FOR 2023

CF&A recommends the following days in 2023 be observed with a special offering taken and forwarded to the Conference Treasurers office:

1. Human Relations Day.....January 23, 2023 This special day is observed on the Sunday before Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. The offering taken up supports the United Methodist Community Developers, the United Methodist Voluntary Services and the Youth Offender Rehabilitation programs of The United Methodist Church. This Sunday appeals to us for better human relations with other races by affirming the dignity, self-determination and communities.

This day is celebrated the second Sunday after Easter. 50% of the offering will stay in the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference and is designated in our conference for the Conference Enlistment Program. The remaining 50% will be sent to the general church and will fund Native American urban ministries and scholarships for Native American seminarians. In 2021 the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference gave \$1,639 conference-wide.

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This is observed the first Sunday following Pentecost. The offerings taken up by the local church will be used to support peace with justice ministries that the General Board of Church and Society provides in the areas of education and advocacy.

8. World Communion SundayOctober 1, 2023 This is celebrated the first Sunday in October. The offerings support Crusade Scholarships, Ethnic Scholarships and the United Methodist Ethnic In-Service Training programs. The local church is asked to celebrate the unity of Christ in Protestant churches around the world through their simultaneous observance of Holy Communion on this day.

*** The CF&A recommends that Laity Sunday continue to be a day of special celebration in the local churches.

10. United Methodist Student Day......November 26, 2023 This special day allows the local church to show their support for our students in higher education by observing this day with a special offering. The funds help provide loans and scholarships for United Methodist students in higher education institutions. The Conference receives a rebate from the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry from this fund in the form of the Conference Merit Scholarship Award.

OTHER DESIGNATED GIFTS

1. The VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL offering which is sent to the conference office is remitted to the United Methodist Childrens' Fund in Nashville, Tennessee to benefit childrens' missions of the general church, as well as the OIMC.

2. GENERAL ADVANCE SPECIALS are unique because they are given usually when a natural disaster occurs. These extraordinary offerings sent to the conference are directed to the General Council on Finance and Administration of the United Methodist Church for distribution to the specific disaster to aid in recovery, or a specific program.

3. UNDESIGNATED GIFTS are used for administrative expenses which relate to the operation of the Conference office.



4. A local church can DESIGNATE a gift for a ministry of their choice. A wide range of giving opportunities are available.

III. The Cabinet and Conf. Council on Finance and Administration continue to review the salaries of our clergy. The OIMC Cabinet is not recommending a pay increase in pastors' and lay employee salaries for 2023.

At the 2008 annual conference the Conference voted to begin the new quadrennium asking each local church to increase their local support in increments with the expectation that each local charge be paying 75% of their pastor's salary by 2012. We ask that the local churches continue to strive to raise their pastors' salary to meet the 75%.

RECOMMENDATION 2023-4: 2023 PASTORS' SALARY

1.	MINIMUM SALARY FOR FU	LL-TIME APPOINTMENTS
	a) with High School diploma	\$28,830
	b) with Bachelor's degree	30,830
	c) with Seminary degree	33,830

2. LESS THAN FULL-TIME APPOINTMENTS- According to the Book of Discipline, all lessthan-full-time appointments for Ordained Clergy are entitled to at least one-fourth (1/4) of their Equitable Compensation claim on the conference. Retirees and clergy who are Associates or Local Pastors still attending the Course of Study School have no such claim on the conference. In their cases, the compensation is worked out with the Cabinet in consultation with the local church and the pastor. Less-than-full-time pastors are not eligible for health insurance, tenure or education incentive.

The standard of the OIMC which was affirmed by both the Cabinet and the CF&A is: Less-Than-Full-Time appointments shall not be paid more than $\frac{1}{2}$ the minimum base salary by the Conference.

3. SUPPLY PASTORS- Persons selected, including Lay Missioners, to supply local churches are to be paid for travel reimbursements only. The local church should pay the travel amount directly to the person supplying the church.

4. CONFERENCE STAFF SUPPLYING LOCAL CHURCHES- The Missional Initiative calls for local churches that are supplied by conference level staff to pay an amount equal to what they would normally pay for a less-than-full-time pastor to serve their church. Therefore, it is recommended that any local church supplied by a conference staff person on a regular basis, including District Superintendents, pay to the conference an amount equal to what they would normally pay for a Less-Than-Full-Time (LTFT) pastor up to a maximum of \$14,415 per year.

5. It is recommended that TENURE INCENTIVES FOR 2023 (Minimum of 5 years of full-time service, with a cap of 20 years of service) remain at \$175 per year for all full-time pastors who have served at least FIVE years or longer of Full-Time Service.

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RECOMMENDATION 2023-5: CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP SALARIES

District Superintendents	\$38,877
Director, Connectional Ministry	32,074
Assistant to Bishop	42,119

IV. Conference Allowance and Reimbursements: In 1994, the case of Rev. Weber vs the IRS was settled in favor of the IRS. This means that all United Methodist pastors are considered employees of the local church, instead of self-employed. How this affects the pastors is that they no longer can use Schedule C to claim their ministerial expenses. It also means that ALL ALLOWANCES are considered income to the pastor. Therefore, if you are paying your pastor a TRAVEL ALLOWANCE, it is considered income according to the IRS. The pastor must ask for a REIMBURSEMENT of his/her travel expenses instead of an allowance. The difference is that in a reimbursement request, the pastor turns in a mileage report showing where the trip was made, miles traveled, and purpose of the trip. Reimbursement can be made up to the current IRS rate.

RECOMMENDATION 2023-6: CONFERENCE ALLOWANCES AND REIMBURSEMENTS

1. Conference Moving Allowance: The Conference Moving Allowance be a base allowance of \$300 with an additional amount of $50 \notin$ per mile to be given to assist Full-Time, Active Pastors moving from one pastoral charge to another.

2. Utility Allowances: The Assistant to the Bishop to receive a utility allowance of \$2,400 per year; Director, Connectional Ministry continue to receive \$2,100 as a utility allowance. District Superintendent parsonage utilities are to be either paid directly by the District to the utility companies or as an allowance paid directly to the Superintendent from the District. Allowances paid directly to the District Superintendent are taxable income.

3. District Superintendent Office Allowance: The office allowance of District Superintendents will remain at \$1,800 per year. Office allowances assist the Superintendent with his/her telephone, postage, letterhead and other supplies.

The above three are income to clergy staff unless they submit reimbursement forms to the Conference Finance office.

4. Conference Staff Housing: The annual conference has a responsibility to provide housing for all Cabinet level staff. In the event the Conference cannot provide Conference housing and/or a parsonage for Cabinet Level Staff, a housing allowance will be provided. It is recommended the housing allowance be set at UP TO \$12,000 per year for 2023.

5. Temporary Housing for Pastors: Local churches have the primary responsibility for providing housing for their pastors. Therefore, in extreme Missional situations, the Conference will pay for TEMPORARY housing for full-time pastors up to a maximum of \$500 per month, up to six months, in situations where a parsonage is being repaired, remodeled or being built. Allowances are considered taxable income to the minister unless a parsonage agreement is signed. Housing is also considered taxable for lay employees.

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6. Parsonage Allowances for Local Pastors: The rental value of parsonages is considered income to the pastor unless a Parsonage Allowance Agreement has been entered into with the local pastor. With IRS Tax Court rulings that have recently been made against United Methodist clergy, the CF&A recommends that each local church that has a pastor living in their parsonage enter into a Parsonage Allowance Agreement with their Pastor, which would make the rental value of the parsonage exempt from Federal income tax. NOTE: The rental value of the parsonage is not exempt from Social Security tax. (Self-employment Tax).

CF&A recommends the above allowances and reimbursements for the conference leader ship.

RECOMMENDATION 2023-7: LAY PENSION PROGRAM

V. 2023 LAY PENSION PROGRAM: The Lay Pension Program is based on 12 ½% of the total salary. The CF&A recommends paying 100% of this plan for our eligible lay employees.

We recommend that the Lay Pension Plan which was approved at the 1995 Annual Conference for our lay employee pension program be continued with funding at 100%.

RECOMMENDATION 2023-8: LOCAL PASTOR/ELIGIBLE LAY INCENTIVE AND FRINGE BENEFITS

VI. INCENTIVES AND FRINGE BENEFITS

1. Course of Study Incentive: (Full-Time Appointments only)

CF&A recommends that in addition to the Minimum Salary recommended above, that all clergy, including licensed local pastors, entering the ordained ministry who do not receive the minimum salary for a college graduate receive as an incentive:

a) \$250 per year incentive for every full year of Course of Study completed

b) Course of Study graduates receive \$1,250 per year.

2. Health Insurance:

a) Clergy Under Appointment: CF&A recommends that all full-time clergy and conference staff (clergy & eligible lay) be eligible for medical, dental and eye care coverage with the participant being responsible for all costs for optional coverage. The Conference will subsidize the medical insurance premiums. Participant must be receiving an equitable compensation check from the Conference.

b) Participants: Any pastor who is an active participant for five (5) consecutive years under the health insurance plan immediately prior to the time of retirement, and who is Medicare eligible, is eligible to participate in the health insurance program offered under the OK Conf. This election to keep the health insurance must be made at time of retirement. Eligible lay must have served 20 years or more.

c) Participants who retired after December 31, 2014 and have at least 5 years of continuing coverage in the Health Benefits Plan prior to retirement, and who are Medicare eligible, are eligible to participate in the program with VIA Benefits and will receive a fixed amount of funding into a Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) that will be based upon total years of service in the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference. Service years (clergy) from another

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Annual Conference will not count toward the HRA funding level. Future funding for eligible participants will be based upon the following schedule.

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	% of Health	Annual HRA
Total years of	Reimbursement	Funding
<u>Service</u>	Funding	Amount
20 or More	100%	\$1,800
15 to under 20	80%	\$1,440
10 to under 15	60%	\$1,080
5 to under 10	50%	\$900
Under 5	Not eligible	\$0

Clergy who retired prior to December 31, 2003 will receive an additional \$600 per year into their HRA account to help pay for their premiums or other health related expenses.

3. Clergy Supplemental Life Insurance Plan (2023)

a) Any pastor who is an active participant for five (5) consecutive years immediately prior to retirement under the United Methodist Clergy Supplemental Life Insurance Plan is eligible to retain their Clergy Supplemental Life Insurance Plan.

A REMINDER: In order to be eligible for Health Insurance and Pension benefits, a newly appointed clergy must have a completed health physical form, signed by a medical doctor, which indicates that the pastor is fit for full-time service.

The Conference Council on Finance and Administration

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APPENDIX:

Guidelines for Selection of Overall High Giving for Conference Year

Each year 5 churches are awarded plaques at Annual Conference Session for high givin g for the conference year.

One church is selected for the Overall High Giving and one church from each of the four regions is selected for their high giving.

When making the selection these guidelines are taken into consideration:

1. 100% payment of Conference Assessed Apportionments. These apportionments are set at each annual conference session as part of the upcoming yearly budget and are based on what the OIMC is assessed by the General Council on Finance and Administration of The United Methodist Church. Each church in the denomination is required to pay a fair share of their yearly budget. OIMC's share has been assessed at .03% of their total budget in past years.

2. 100% Local Support paid. Along with 100% payment of local support also the arnount of local support is taken into consideration. At the 2008 annual conference the Conference CF&A put forth a recommendation for a 4-year plan to have each CHARGE strive to pay AT LEAST 75% of their appointed person's salary.

3. Other Giving: Conference Advance Specials, Special Days and Other Designated Second Mile Giving are also considered.

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Archivist Report for 2022 Annual Conference

The Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference archives are housed at Oklahoma City University in the Dulaney-Browne Library. The Archives Reading Room is slowly reopening to in-person researchers as the pandemic conditions improve. Reading Room hours during the summer months (May-August) a re Mondays-Thursdays, 1-5 pm, and 9 am-5 pm during regular semesters (September-April). Please contact the Archives to plan your visit by emailing <u>dblarchives@okcu.edu</u> or calling 405-208-5067.

Acquisitions during 2021 were light with only a DD Etchieson painting, usual annual conference materials, and Advocate newspapers being added to the collections. The collections continue to be of use to researchers and genealogists. We had several visitors and requests for research throughout the year.

Materials in the OIMC archives include Indian Mission/Oklahoma Conference journals dating from 1844, Annual Conference journals (1929 to current), Advocate newspapers (print and digital editions), photographs, pamphlets, and various other materials of historical importance. Contact the archivist, Christina Wolf, for more information or to donate materials.

Christina Wolf, Archivist & Special Collections Librarian Dulaney-Browne Library, Room 508 Direct contact: <u>cwolf@okcu.edu</u>; 405-208-5919

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Clinton Indian Church and Community Center

To: Bishop Nunn, Assistant to Bishop, Rev. David Wilson, District Superintendents, Rev. Mike Svitak, Rev. Sharon Yeahquo, Clergy, Lay Missioners, and Delegates

Greetings from the Clinton Indian Church and Community Center.

As we move forward and create a new normalcy, the children's ministry works diligently to engage and assist the needs of children and youth connected within the Clinton ministry community. We are grateful for the continual financial support from various partnerships throughout the United Methodist Church. This support along with faithful donations help the ministry sustain its purpose and focus within the Cheyenne and Arapaho community of Clinton OK.

At this juncture, a search continues for a new part-time director who will fulfill the role to engage in the Native American culture of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, as well as support the on-going programming, and fundraising of the ministry. We also are probing into various resources to offer financial support in compensating income of a part-time director as well.

As we regroup within the ministry, our focus will be to:

- Maintain guidelines and determine areas of need to be prepped, cleaned and sanitized for ministry use.
- Re-start in-person gatherings twice a month for children and youth, also excursions/events.
- Maintain our focus on nurturing, teaching, and sharing the love of Jesus Christ and enhance focus on education.
- Resume various ways of fundraising
- Resume in-person activities/events with supporting partners and other organizations.

I am grateful for the outpouring of support from partnerships as well as individuals who gave of their time and assistance to the children and youth of the Clinton ministry. Those ministries have been instrumental in supporting CICCC through activities and events such as our Fall Festival, Summer Fun Day's gathering, Thanksgiving Community gathering, Christmas Gifts/Food Basket Deliveries despite over two years of enduring the pandemic. Much gratitude goes to our partnerships with New Horizon UMC, FUMC of Woodward, and the SWOSU Wesley Foundation.

Not only has the Clinton ministry received assistance, we have been able to serve others in various compacities, such as hosting yearly OIMC Immersion tour stops, prepare snack bags for Immersion tour groups, prepare Student Luncheons for SWOSU students with Indian Tacos; monetary donations to the Little Eagle Grant School, Little Eagle, South Dakota, as well as donations made to the ministry of Rev. David Danilo Diaz Rivas in Columbia.

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With God's guidance and direction, we will strive to network and establish partnerships with churches, individuals and others who have a desire to support, provide and engage in native culture of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal people, with emphasis on children and you th.

We ask for your prayers and support as we embark on a new normalcy striving to share the love of Jesus Christ and offer Hope among our people.

With warm regards,

Rev. Donna Pewo Clinton Indian Church and Community Center

COUNCIL ON LOCAL CHURCH MINISTRIES BUDGET FOR 2023

Meetings and travel Background Checks, Safe Sanctuaries Operations (programmatic work of the council, including Jurisdiction	\$ 1,600 500
Youth meetings VIM meetings Connectional Ministries meetings	
Youth meetings, VIM meetings, Connectional Ministries meetings) Region Assistance	1,500
Southeast Region	800
Northeast Region	800
Central Region	400
Southwest Region	<u>400</u>
TOTAL	\$6,000
NATIVE AMERICAN CHILDRENS FUND	

\$125 School Expense-100 students	12.500
\$100 per church for Vacation Bible School supplies	\$ 7,500
\$ 250 to aid Graduating Senior with expenses	<u>2,500</u>
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OIMC Director of Connectional Ministries Annual Conference Report June 2022

To: Bishop Nunn, Assistant to Bishop, Rev. David Wilson, District Superintendents, Rev. Mike Svitak, Rev. Sharon Yeahquo, Clergy, Lay Missioners, and Delegates

It is with great pleasure that I bring you this report from the office of the Director of Connectional Ministries of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference. First, I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Rev. Donna Pewo, I was appointed to this position in the middle of the covid-19 pandemic by Bi shop Nunn in 2020. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve on the conference staff. I am in the rook ie stage. Therefore, please bear with me as I continue to learn and listen as I grow in this position.

This past year has been busy for OIMC since our last abbreviated annual conference. We have accomplished much during that time. The Oklahoma Indian Missionary conference received a second highest applications for support through the Native American Children's Fund this past Fall during the 2021 school year. Many families continued to struggle financially as a result of the Covid-19 pan demic. The NACF was able to assist 96 students with clothing and school supplies needs. We are grateful for the partnership with the National Network of Korean United Methodist Women. Through their partnership and generous contribution, our conference was able to increase the assistance amount per student to \$150.00 last Fall. The Children's ministry team of the Council on Local Church Ministries continues to work diligently to meet the needs of children and youth within our conference. We look forward to assisting students for the upcoming school year again. The assistance amount will remain the same for the 2022 school year.

This summer, COLCM will be training selected persons to offer and present Safe Sanctuary in each region. The Safe Sanctuary training sessions for churches will begin late summer/early Fall. We advise those who volunteer and work with children and youth to begin the Background Check process. Whether you volunteer in local church or on a region/ conference level, it is vital that you go through this process. Not only is it a safety precaution for our children and youth it is a liability for the church as well. I encourage all clergy/Lay Missioners, delegates to share this information about beginning this process. The youth ministry team designed two worship service videos for Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. Ginny Underwood, OIMC communication specialist met with youth from D.D. Etchieson UMC to record both worship services at Tulsa Indian UMC. Both services are available on the OIMC website.

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The OIMC Satellite School Course of Study program is in full motion. Seven students have com pleted first level courses and this past April completed two of four second year courses. This year the second level classes were able to meet in person. OIMC is grateful for First United Methodist Church of Henryetta for opening their doors for satellite school in person sessions. We are blessed with wornderful connections from the OK Conference. The satellite school appreciates our instructors who embrace United Methodist theology, spiritual guidance and wisdom for each teaching course. The Spring semester is completed. Students will begin the Fall Semester with course #221: Bible II: Torah and Israel' s History.

Five VIM teams will be visiting ministries throughout OIMC this summer. For many Volunteer In Mission teams, international travel has been delayed once again due to Covid-19. Many teams are focusing on statewide or U. S. mission site options. OIMC looks forward to welcoming crews who have the desire to serve those in great need of repairs on church or region properties. VIM teams from Missouri, Kansas, Texas and Louisiana will be offering labor of love to various areas of OIMC ministries.

It has been a tough year navigating around Covid-19 in our churches and communities, but God always makes a way for us to serve HIS people. Our hope is as this pandemic subsides our church ministries will be able to gather in greater numbers to worship, pray and serve to those seeking hope, love and compassion in the name of Jesus Christ!

In His Service,

Rev. Donna Pewo OIMC Dir. Connectional Ministries

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UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

To Bishop Nunn, Bishop's Asssistant Rev. David Wilson, District Superintendents Rev. Sharon Yeaquo and Rev. Mike Svitak, Pastors, Lay Delegates and members of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference

I Nellie Long here by submit my report as President for the United Women in Faith formerly the United Methodist Women (UMW).

We have suffered with the past 18 months with covid-19 taking the lives of many within our organization and the church as a whole. But I can say this for OIMC we never give up, we will strive to move forward conquering each obstacle as it comes before us. The Lord reminds us that death has no sting.

Bishop I have a strong leadership team backing me up. We've had to learn new things operate in a different way I want to lift up Gloria Moore she took the challenge last year. She showed us how to do virtual learning. With the help of Jenny Underwood and Patricia Killian and the teachers that taught Mission u in 2021 I want to give them praise. We are going to Mission u in another way. This year our study is Luke 13 for the adults, the children and the youth. Different riders for each group but all with the foundation of Luke 13. We will have three sites for the adults July 13th Okmulgee First United Methodist Church Pearl Thomas, July 30 Chickasaw Nation Retreat Center Sulfur Oklahoma August 6, teacher Josephine Deere at the Christian camp east of Hog Creek

I want to thank the teachers of children the leader Charlotte Gooday

Give a thanks to Sandra Ramirez for the youth site TBA

When you feel like your form you will designate virtual or in-house to the particular location that you want to attend. When we receive your registration if it is virtual we will send you the site for Zoom that you will be going to. You will be responsible for getting your own study books. For the in-house there is a \$30 charge for your meal and for your study book. Each study is one full day CEU. Send the whole day in order to get your CEUs.

There will be a series of questions after you've answered them and send them back to the registrar who will then be responsible for getting your CEUs

I would like to think Paula Woodrow for being our social action coordinator. She and I have attended meetings by Zoom for climate Justice for racism and for the MMIW Missing Murdered Indigenous Women. As I write this report I know that there are many that fall under this category but I want to lift up Aaliyah Lindsey from the Northeast area of our conference please keep her and her family in prayer and pray the Lord will show us where she's at we pray that she is safe and will soon be found. Paula and I attended a m m i w meeting via Zoom at the Dallas metropolitan library. I would like to thank Paula for attending and say how proud I was of Sandra Ramirez for being one of the presenters at that meeting.

We are learning new things in the United Women in Faith one is how to use Zoom and how to use Mighty Works. I almost always say mighty mouse. We are using both of these apps this year to do our Mission u. Our IT person is Patricia Killian, our Dean is Carmen Svitak, our assistant Dean is Pat Dye, our registrar is Rowena Beach. Please keep all of these ladies in your prayers as we go into our 2022 session of Mission u.

We did not make our 2021 pledge to Mission, but as I have pondered on these things I have to remember that we had almost 40 names called out for the memorial service at October annual meeting. Satan wants to put us down but we're going to rise up because Jesus gave the example when he rose from the grave on the third day no matter what the journey we have to look forward because we have a guide leading us we are not by ourselves.

On March 3rd 2022 the name United Methodist Women or UMW was changed to United Women and Faith. We have had over 25 name changes in the life of the women's organization each one was for a significant purpose joining a denomination together today it is to keep connected. We have women Christian women that like how we do missions but are not a member of our church in order to make it easy for them we have changed our name to United Women and Faith. Our purpose will stay the same. A Community of women whose purpose is to know God to experi ence freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ to develop a creative supportive fellowship and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Thank you for accepting our report.

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AFRICA UNIVERSITY

You are the light of the world. A city on top of a hill can't be hidden. —Matthew 5:14 (C EB)

This year, The United Methodist Church marks 30 years of vibrant, transformative ministry through Afri ca University (AU). Thank you, Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, for your faithfulness and generosity in bringing the dream of Africa University to life.

In celebrating its 30th anniversary, Africa University is honoring the past and looking to the future, while remaining true to its mission as the cornerstone ministry for United Methodist-related leadership development in Africa.

Like the year that preceded it, 2021 affirmed that God's grace is sufficient in all circumstances. In Janua ry 2021, the students, faculty, and staff grappled with the sudden death of Africa University Vice Chancellor, Dr. Mumashe Furusa. As the year unfolded, the coronavirus pandemic claimed more lives, restricted travel, and damaged livelihoods. Unable to be together on campus, the students, faculty, and staff grieved, pivoted, supported, and encouraged ea ch other, and persevered.

Africa University is grateful to the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference for investing 100 percent of its budget commitment to the Africa University Fund (AUF) in 2021. Thank you for ensuring access to a life-changing higher education experience for Africa University students, especially those who are unable to fund a college education on their own!

Against the backdrop of a global pandemic, Africa University harnessed new opportunities for missional engagement in 2021. The year's highlights include:

- Effective online-only teaching, learning and student assessment: About 99 percent of students participated in
 online learning. Enrollment held steady at 3,060 students and more than five hundred graduates from 24 African
 countries were awarded degrees in July 2021.
- The installation of AU's fifth Chancellor: Bishop Gaspar João Domingos of the Western Angola Episcopal Area was elected Chancellor following the death of Bishop John K. Yambasu of Sierra Leone.
- Research and community service:
 - AU researchers received US\$2 million in funding for regional initiatives to eradicate malaria, tuberculosis, and other communicable diseases.
 - AU's students and graduates led, and showed their love of neighbor, with initiatives to feed hungry families, care for the environment, and improve the quality of life of legally blind parents and their children.
 - AU received the 2021 Jairos Jiri Humanitarian Award by the Government of Zimbabwe for its pandemic impact mitigation efforts.

Africa University's journey from day one, in March1992, to the present is a shared story of being salt and light. Africa University is also a part of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference's story—a uniting, United Methodist dream come true—of restoring hope, equipping, and sending forth young leaders to shape an abundant life for themselves and for the communities they serve.

Thank you, Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, for letting your light shine for young women and men who would otherwise remain on the sidelines. "A city on top of a hill can't be hidden." AU's current students and its more than 10,000 graduates to date are that metaphor made real. The Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference walks alongside these young people as they hone their abilities, live fully into their purpose, and join in the work of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

James H. Salley, Associate Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement and President/CEO of Africa University (Tennessee) Inc.





Boston University School of Theology

BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

I am profoundly grateful for your partnership, prayers, and support in these challenging times. A year like 2021 makes even more relevant BUSTH's historic and ongoing commitments to peace and justice in cultivating transformational leaders. We remain hopeful and vigilant in our continued partnership with you.

BREAKING NEWS:

- Return to Campus: Faculty, administrators, and library returned to in-person instruction and work in Fall 2021, with many events reaching hybrid audiences. Strict COVID-19 precautions continue to ensure the safety of students, faculty, and administrators.
- Students: Our Fall 2021 entering class was among our most diverse, with 108 new students enrolling in September.
- Faculty: In September we celebrated the appointment of <u>Cristian De La Rosa</u> as Associate Dean for Students and Community Life. Prof. <u>Shelly Rambo</u> leads the Lilly-funded project on "Trauma-Responsive Congregations," and two faculty members—Profs. <u>Dana Robert</u> and <u>Wesley Wildman</u>—were each honored with festschrifts. Prof. <u>Jonathan Calvillo</u>'s book *The Saints of Santa Ana* received the HTI Book Award, and Prof. <u>Choi Hee An</u> published *A Postcolonial Leadership*. BUSTH is conducting two faculty searches with anticipation of welcoming new faculty in the fall.
- Launch of a New Online Degree: BUSTH's first fully online master's degree—the Master of Religion and Public Leadership (MARPL)—is currently enrolling students for its first cohort in fall 2022. MARPL seeks students who wish to be prepared for leadership roles that creatively engage the challenges of public life.
- Peale Foundation Grant: Prof. <u>Steven Sandage</u> and his research team were awarded a \$2.19 million, five-year grant by the Norman Vincent Peale Foundation for a project that fosters a network of communities for relational care and support to spiritual leaders and therapists to offer resources to reduce trauma risk and vocational burnout and foster flourishing.
- Scholarships: We continue to offer free tuition to UMC-registered candidates for ordained ministry and leadership fellowships that support students in ethnic, gender, and sexuality studies. New funds include the Sacred Worth Scholarship Fund and the Dean Thurman & Bishop Easterling Fellowship Fund.
- Online Lifelong Learning: BUSTH offers online workshops for professional and spiritual enrichment of religious leaders. Recent workshops include "Practices of Grief in a Time of Pandemic" and "Reflecting with Howard Thurman." To learn more, visit <u>bu.edu/sth/oll</u>.
- Development: Recent accomplishments include endowing the Center for Global Christianity and Mission upon its 20th anniversary and new funding for student scholarships and academic programs.

COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE and COMPASSION:

- BUSTH's Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion offers webinars on timely inclusion efforts, such as "Increasing Participation of Students of Underrepresented Backgrounds."
- The 2021-22 Lowell Lectures are dedicated to cross-advocacy and intersectionality in racial justice efforts. This fall, Dr. Kwok Pui Lan advocated for broader understandings of political theology and greater awareness of anti-Asian sentiment and violence. A diverse panel response fostered rich conversation.
- Work continues to improve accessibility, sustainability, and responsible investing. BUSTH is the first certified Green School at BU and active in the Green Seminary Initiative.

With faith and gratitude, G. Sujin Pak, Dean

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Candler School of Theology-2022 Report to the UMC Annual Conferences

Since 1914, Candler School of Theology at Emory University has lived into our mission, educ ating faithful and creative leaders for the church's ministries throughout the world. This year, as we learned into this critical work and continued to adapt to a world changed by the coronavirus pandemic, we im agined new possibilities for students who are called by God to pursue serious theological study and preparation for ministry. For some, opening avenues to graduate theological education requires moving financial obstacles, and for others, geography or family responsibilities may be the barriers. Candler is committed to assisting students in removing these barriers and opening new pathways to ministry.

An official seminary of The United Methodist Church, Candler holds true to the Methodist value of ecumenical openness, enthusiastically welcoming students from 43 denominations, with 45% of MDiv students coming from the Wesleyan tradition. Our student body reflects the diversity and breadth of the Christian faithful, with an enrollment of 466 from 16 countries and 38 states, 45% persons of color (U.S.), and a median age of 28 among MDivs. This diversity is a blessing, enriching our students and our larger community and providing a "learning laboratory" for ministry in the 21st century—ministry that reaches across difference, works to resolve injustice, and embodies Christ's love in and among us.

Candler offers six single degrees (MDiv, MTS, MRL MRPL, ThM, DMin) and ten dual degrees. Our DMin is 90% online, so students can remain in their places of ministry while earning their degrees. Its h igh 87% completion rate illustrates both the quality of our students and Candler's commitment to their success. This year, we increased online offerings in other degrees as well. Now students can complete the Master of Religion and Public Life completely online; the Master of Religious Leadership with concentrations in Youth Ministry, Justice, Peacebuilding and Conflict Transformation, or Wesleyan Leadership and Heritage in a hybrid format; and MDiv students can complete core classes online. Plus, our new Remote Teach ing Parish (RTP) program allows MDiv students who have jobs in ecclesial settings far from our Atlanta campus to take core classes online and complete their contextual education requirements at their place of ministry, participating in mentor-led online groups with other RTP students.

Alleviating student debt through generous financial aid is a top priority. In 2020-2021, we awarded more than \$6.8 million in financial aid, with 100% of MDiv and 98.5% of all students receiving support. All MDiv students who are certified candidates for ordained ministry in the UMC receive full-tuition scholarships, and all MDiv, MTS, MRL, and ThM students who are enrolled part-time or more receive a scholarship covering at least 50% of tuition for the length of their program.

Hundreds of laity and theology students alike have joined in classes and events offered through The Candler Foundry, our innovative program to make theological education accessible to all. Through short and semester-length courses taught by Candler faculty, videos and discussion guides to spark conversation in groups or one-on-one, and online panel discussions, those who want to delve more deeply into theology and the Bible have the chance to do just that. View the latest offerings at <u>candlerfoundry.emory.edu</u>.

Associate Dean of Methodist Studies the Rev. Dr. Anne Burkholder will retire from Candler at the end of the 2021-22 academic year. We are grateful to God for her energetic and skillful leadership in this vital area as she strengthened the connection between our students and conferences throughout the UMC, mentoring them as they discerned their call and navigated the ordination process.

Candler's ability to fulfill our mission to provide the church with the faithful and creative leaders it needs depends upon your prayers, partnership, and support. Thank you for the countless ways you advance this essential ministry in the life of our denomination. We invite you to visit us online at <u>candler.emory.edu</u>.

-Jan Love

Mary Lee Hardin Willard Dean and Professor of Christianity and World Politics Candler School of Theology, Emory University

2021 Report to the Annual Conference

Drew University Theological School Melanie Johnson-DeBaufre, Interim Dean

In spring and fall of 2021, Drew Theological School began returning to its Madison, New Jersey, campus for some classes, meetings, and worship. As with many churches, in person events were held in spaces equipped for live-streaming or Zoom participation. The shift to remote learning during COVID-19 pandemic thus significantly expanded our online course offerings and accessible community events. Now, a number of students in Drew's masters programs will progress through their programs in U.S. and global locations far from New Jersey. This year, we welcomed 150 new students, again the largest class in a decade, and have a current enrollment of 376 students.

Drew cultivates pastors, preachers, deacons, activists, teachers, and thought leaders who are taking their place as the next generation of faith leaders and change agents. Diversity is a hallmark of our student body, including theological, vocational, age, and especially racial and national diversity both international--Asian, African, and South American and U.S.--black, white, Latinx, and Asian American--students. Our student body is truly global, with 35% of students from 21 different countries. For the first time in its history, Drew has an African student association, initiated by Drew Theological School students from 14 African countries, that is already contributing richly to the Drew community both on campus and online. We have welcomed new faculty in Latinx ministries and world Christianity. We have also seen an increase in United Methodist students particularly interested in the school's Gospel-inspired traditions of social justice advocacy and widely inclusive ministry. We are proud that many United Methodist Global Fellows have recently chosen to continue their journey in ministry at Drew. Our UMC graduates are serving in Greater New Jersey, Eastern Pennsylvania, and New York conferences as well as conferences across the country.

The faculty is committed to continuing to develop the curriculum in ways that take seriously the wide range of lived experience and calls to ministry of the students that gather in our global classrooms. All degree programs at the Theological School include interdisciplinary courses that demand out-of-the-box thinking, apprenticeship training that addresses realworld issues, and modes of learning that promote adaptability and innovation. Our MDiv and MATM degrees include a required gateway year, vocational pathways, and experiential learning that develops and deepens adaptive leadership skills. The curriculum features a team-designed and taught interdisciplinary sequence of core courses reflecting the integration of the theological disciplines and practices characteristic of the life of faith. The faculty have also articulated shared values that are infused across the teaching and learning at Drew: a commitment to anti-racism; gender and sexual-identity equality; ecosustainability and environmental justice; and interfaith understanding and cooperation.



Educating tomorrow's leaders by offering on-campus, online, and hybrid learning courses at a FL EXible schedule, Saint Paul School of Theology is a seminary of the United Methodist Church committed to the formation of people for innovative, creative ministry. Grounded in the academic study of faith and ministry, theology is practiced in a traditional classroom and a contextual curriculum.

As the global pandemic continues to bring challenges to our daily lives, Saint Paul School of The ology began the 2021-2022 academic year, again offering students an option to attend courses via Zoom or on-campus while maintaining safety protocols. Our weekly chapel service continues to be available online, all owing staff and students to come together as one institution where all are invited to create a sacred atmosphere from wherever they are. In addition to faculty and staff serving as chapel speakers, we were blessed to have alumni and special guest speakers Rev. Winter Hamilton of Manchester UMC, Rev. Delesslyn Kennebrew, Rev. Dr. Carol Cook Moore, and more. Chapel recordings are available on the Saint Paul YouTube channel for those who cannot join live.

Saint Paul staff and faculty continue to contribute to the academy, church, and society. This year, we have had many faculty and staff changes. After many years of tremendous service to students and the Seminary, Dr. James Brandt and Dr. Hal Knight announced retirement plans effective at the end of the 2021–2022 academic year. In addition, Dr. Jeanne Hoeft will step down from her role as Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean at the end of the academic year but will continue as faculty. New additions to the Seminary family include Dr. Joshua Bartholomew, Assistant Professor of Ethics, Church and Society; Dr. Tiffany Nagel Monroe, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Campus; and Rabbi Michael Zedek, Rabbi-in-Residence.

The faculty of Saint Paul School of Theology maintains high standards of scholarship, research, publication, and engagement. Over the past year, their many activities and publications have been so numerous that space permits only the sharing of selected highlights.

- Dr. Nancy Howell, Professor of Theology and Philosophy of Religion and Oubri A. Poppele Professor of Health and Welfare Ministries, was re-elected to a second term on the Executive Committee of the International Society for Science and Religion. She also had an article published in a South African journal. With more than a decade of service, she serves on the Broader Social Impacts Committee of the National Museum of Natural History at the Smithsonian.
- Dr. Casey Sigmon, Assistant Professor of Preaching and Worship and Director of Contextual Education, was invited to be a writer for "Lent Another Way," an e-course, with The Plural Guild and The Many, and she offered the convocation address for Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School in Fall 2021. She also applied for and received a grant from the Wabash Center for Teaching to support my project entitled: "Resisting the Plagiarized Pulpit: Helping Students and the Professor to Find trust their voice through Artistic Instructional Design."
- This January, Dr. Joshua Bartholomew, Assistant Professor of Ethics, Church and Society, was the guest speaker at a Kansas City event, "Black Theology and the Black Panthers: A Conversation with Dr. Joshua Bartholomew." In addition, he was recently interviewed by Climate Central for the article " 'A moral imperative': Monastic sisters in rural Midwest make faith-based case for climate action."

Saint Paul welcomed 45 new students for the 2021-2022 academic year. New student enrollment for the Fall semester increased by 44% (34 new students), with an overall increase for the year of 73%. With the COVID-19 pandemic still in our midst, prospective students previewed the Saint Paul community and curriculum via online

visits. Students joined in community worship, attended classes, and participated in online cliscussions with current students to discern if Saint Paul was indeed their choice for theological education. Enrol I ment remained strong for the Master of Divinity (MDiv) degree program with promising growth in our newly cliesigned Master of Arts in Theological Studies (MATS) and Master of Arts in Christian Ministry (MACM) program s.

In September, Saint Paul held the 2021 Harrington Lecture online featuring Dr. Eboo Patel. His lecture, "We Need to Build: Field Notes for Diverse Democracy," expanded knowledge and built skills, helping people become the kind of leaders our diverse democracy needs. In the Spring Semester, Saint Paul Evangelica I Society, led by Dr. Hal Knight, hosted a forum given by Dr. Amos Yong, Professor of Theology and Mission, and Dean of the School of Mission and Theology at Fuller Theological Seminary, on "The Holy Spirit and People of other Faiths: Relational Christian Witness in the 2020s." Later in the semester, the Evangelical Society h osted a lecture featuring Dr. Joy Moore, Professor of Biblical Preaching and Vice-President for Academic Affair's and Academic Dean at Luther Seminary. And for the first time, on May 13, Saint Paul held a hybrid commencement celebration via Zoom, allowing graduates to come together from both the Kansas and Oklahoma Campuses with attendees viewing from around the country. We honored the 2022 Distinguished Graduate Award Winner and Commencement Speaker Dr. Stan Copeland during the ceremony.

For the 2021-2022 fiscal year, Saint Paul Course of Study (COS) School educated 228 individual students, 49 of which were new students, with approximately 550 registrations and offering a total of 50 courses. Serving 32 Conferences, including 94 Districts, 121 Full Time and 106 Part-Time Licensed Local Pastors comprised these registrations. Saint Paul Course of Study School welcomed new Regional Director Dr. Lucas Endicott. Dr. Endicott has been serving as Associate Director for the Office of Mission, Service, and Justice at the Missouri Annual Conference and lecturing at Central Methodist University. Due to the continuing pandemic, the school has continued its course offerings in both asynchronous and synchronous online formats. Utilizing this online format, we reached students in 24 states. Plans include an increase in the number of hybrid course offerings. This fiscal year has also ushered in the new ability of online registration completed by the student and access to their student account through Populi as used by Seminary students. All our students share the same benefits by integrating Course of Study School into Populi, making them a more integrated part of the Saint Paul experience.

Saint Paul Board of Trustees added two new members to their ranks: Ms. Debra "Debbie" Buzard, Director of Outreach Ministry at First United Methodist Church of Kearney; and Rev. Martin "Tino" Herrera, Congregational Care Pastor at UM Church of the Resurrection. Through a Board initiative related to diversity and inclusion, the Saint Paul Board of Trustees has devoted a significant portion of the last year's meetings to church leaders with experience and expertise in creating more diverse and inclusive communities and organizations. Aiding Saint Paul's trustees in better understanding these issues, the Board hosted the Rev. Dr. Benjamin Boswell in April 2021. Dr. Boswell, Senior Pastor of Myers Park Baptist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, described the anti-racism work he has led in that community. The City of Charlotte awarded Dr. Boswell its Martin Luther King, Jr. Medallion for his work. In July 2021, Congressman Emanuel Cleaver II of Kansas City shared his perspective on the racial and social justice issues confronting our nation and the efforts he and his colleagues in the House of Representatives hope to undertake in response. With the Board's assistance, led by Board Chair Rev. Dr. Tex Sample, the seminary focuses on its mission. Our trustees continuously enhance and evaluate the strategic plans to guide us into the future.

As we have happily reported in years past, Saint Paul is financially sound and operates with a balanced budget. These last years' changes have established a solid financial foundation for years of sustainability. As always, we continue to be grateful for donations from the community that provide technology, scholarships, and evolving academic programs to students. Our significant investments in technology have allowed us to maintain a hybrid educational delivery model providing a safe learning environment during the continuing pandemic.

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Our aim has always been to utilize technology as a conduit to bring faculty and students togeth er regardless of whether they are on-campus or joining remotely through Zoom. We took a hard look at the d istance learning landscape during the pandemic to see how we could substantially enhance the classroom experience. After significant testing, we opted to replace our distance-learning classroom technology with Neat's offerings, including technology still in development. All our classrooms began upgrades in Fall 2021 with offerings from Neat. Each smaller classroom added a 65" neat.board, a self-contained screen that functions as a full Zoom room, as well as an electronic whiteboard. Anything written or drawn on these boards is transmitted through Zoom to the screens in the classroom and remote Zoom participants. This content can also be saved and emailed to all participants. We implemented neat.bars in other classrooms that connect to our classrooms' existing screens. We are currently implementing neat.bar pros, just released at the end of 2021, in each of our large classrooms. At Saint Paul School of Theology, we have always tried to be pioneers with distance-learning technologies. We are very early in the lifecycle of this stimulating and groundbreaking technology. We are thrilled to partner with Neat and Zoom in revolutionizing the classroom experience.

Saint Paul School of Theology is blessed to be your partner in ministry and help those seeking to discover more and answer the call. We are grateful for your support of our students and our seminary. May we continue to live into the call of Jesus Christ to be faithful witnesses for healing in these unsettled times and for generations to come.

President Neil Blair, Saint Paul trustees, faculty, staff, alumni, and students thank you for your prayers and support.



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United Theological Seminary Dayton, OH

For the past 150 years, United Theological Seminary has educated men and women for Christian ministry within the historic traditions of the United Brethren, Evangelical United Brethren and United Methodist churches. On October 11, 1871, United Theological Seminary, then Union Biblical Seminary, held its first classes in Dayton, Ohio. From a starting class of 11 students, the seminary has grown to 488 students in its most recent academic year,* representing 39 denominations, 11 countries, and 39 states. Today's seminary serves a diverse student bo dy that is 53% African American.**

On October 10, 2021, the seminary celebrated its 150th anniversary and burned the mortg age on its current campus facilities, freeing up \$400,000 annually to support student scholarships.

In 2021, United received a grant of \$1 million from Lilly Endowment Inc.'s Pathways for Tomorrow Initiative to expand the seminary's Houses of Study, which offer specialized rnaster's tracks to equip students for the unique ministry needs of the communities, movements and denominations they serve. The seminary has introduced six **Houses of Study**, currently enrolling for 2022-23:

- Fresh Expressions, directed by Dr. Michael Beck;
- Mosaix, in partnership with Mosaix Global Network and directed by Rev. Chip Freed;
- Hispanic, 100% in Spanish for Spanish-speaking leaders, directed by Dr. Jorge Ochoa;
- Black United Methodist, directed by Dr. Vance Ross;
- Global Pentecostal, directed by Dr. Mark Chironna;
- and Global Wesleyan, directed by Rev. Gregory Stover.

Because United believes so passionately in this initiative, the seminary has dedicated additional resources to offer half-tuition scholarships for inaugural students in its Houses of Study programs.

United also introduced the Academic Dean's Scholarship, which provides 50% tuition for the duration of a master's degree program, and the Presidential Scholarship, awarding up to \$5,000 per year to new students.

In honor of United's 150th anniversary year, a generous donor gifted \$2 million to help graduating students reduce their educational debt. Each graduate in the 2021-22 academic year will receive up to \$20,000 toward student debt from theological and previous academic studies.

As United looks forward to the next 150 years with gratitude and anticipation, the seminary remains committed to the preparation of faithful and fruitful Christian leaders to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Dr. Kent Millard, President

* Student data represent 2020-2021 headcount enrollment.

** Figure represents those who responded.

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Pastors and

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In Memoriam

Becky Ruth Thompson Former Director, Council on Ministries

Rev. Joseph Lowe, Jr. Retired Elder

Jan Steen Former clergy

Olive Agnes McKinney Surviving spouse, Jim McKinney

Muriel Alice Wakolee

Juanita Hinman Surviving spouse, Edwin Hinman Feb. 6, 1945 – Aug. 5, 2021

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Angie Smith Meml	6,410	6,410	100%	160	6,570
Billy Hooton	3,055	515	17%	-	515
El Reno	1,044	1,044	100%	25	1,069
Mary Lee Clark Me	11,011	11,011	100%	725	11,736
Norman 1st Amer	7,340	7,340	100%	-	7,340
Pawnee Mission	1,142	-	0%	-	
Ponca Indian	6,863	6,863	100%	461	7,324
Wichita Mission	7,428	7,428	100%	411	7,839
Big Cussetah	4,862	-	0%	-	-
Broken Arrow	8,701	8,701	100%	661	9,362
Choska	1,843	1,649	89%		1,649
Christ UMC	4,649	267	6%		267
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Davis Chapel	2,041	2,041	100%		2,000
Fife Indian	4,818	4,818	100%	635	5,453
Grant Chapel	1,865	135	7%	-	135
Haikey Chapel	6,635	6,635	100%	711	7,346
Honey Creek	1,925	478	25%	651	1,129
Kaney Chapel	1,993	1,993	100%	-	1,993
Lawrence Mission	4,184	4,184	100%	770	4,954
Little Cussetah	3,291	3,291	100%	694	3,985
Mutteloke	1,104	404	37%	-	404
New Hope	8,658	8,651	100%	2,001	10,652
Newtown	5,387	150	3%	40	190
Pickett Chapel	4,668	4,720	101%	633	5,353
Sem. Hitchitee	2,155	2,155	100%	145	2,300
Sequoyah	-	-	#DIV/01		-
Springfield	3,999	2,666	67%	511	3,177
Springtown	2,661	2,661	100%	100	2,761
Stilwell Mission	4,695	4,695	100%	943	5,638
Thiopthiocco	4,733	4,733	100%	411	5,144
Tulsa Indian	4,474	2,238	50%	-	2,238
Wewoka	6,489	6,489	100%	711	7,200
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Bethel Hill	3,727	3,727	100%	200	3
Big Lick	1,337	1,337	100%	-	1
Bobb-Myers	1,310	377	29%	· -	
Boiling Springs	5,956	5,956	100%	1,078	7
Bokchito	4,826	2,003	42%	130	2
Cane Hill	1,089	1,089	100%	661	1
Chihowa Okla	2,844	2,844	100%	-	2
Choctaw Academy		500	20%	-	-
Dallas Mission	15,596	15,596	100%	750	16
Goodland	5,051	5,051	100%	511	5
Goodspring	1,049	1,049	100%		1
Goodwater	4,005	4,005	100%	170	4
Grace Indian	2,504	2,504	100%	941	3
Hampton Chapel	745	745	100%	-	
Johnson Chapel	4,479	4,479	100%	750	5
Kullichito	4,298	4,298	100%	566	
Kullituklo	4,892	997	20%	500	
Mitchell Memorial	4,333	4,333	100%	377	4
Nanih Chito	2652	2,652	100%	30	
Old Cedar	1,165	1,165	100%		
Pennington	1,150	1,100	0%	- 50	
Seeley Chapel	1,326	1,326	100%	70	
St. Paul	4,390	4,390	100%	955	1
Sulphur Springs	1,893	4,590	0%	900	5
Tohwali	4,102	4,102	100%	- 747	
Whitesand/Benn	2,570	2,570	100%		4
Whitesand/Vallian	2,696	2,570	0%	430	3
William-Anderson	3,458	2 459		-	-
Yasho		3,458	100%	51	3
Botone Memi	2,953	2,953	100%	491	
Cache Creek	4,517	1,256	28%	-	-
Cedar Creek	3,094	-	0%		
Hunting Horse	3,742	-	0%	-	
JJ Methvin	5,055	5,055	100%	412	5
Little Washita	4,415	413	9%	269	
	7,232	7,232	100%	761	7
Mt. Scott-Comanc	9,543	-	0%	-	
Mt. Scott-Kiowa	6,211	6,211	100%	411	6
Petarsy Mission	5,116	966	19%	-	
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Ware's Chapel	6,297	200	3%	-	
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		2022	2021	2023
GEN	ERAL AGENCY INCOME	2022	2021	2023
	BGM ALLOCATION	50,000	55,000	50 000
	BGM-PARISH PARTNER	10,000	8,299	50,000
	GCFA-GENERAL ADMIINISTRATION FUND	288,750	300,784	10,000
	TOTAL GEN AGENCY INCOME	348,750	364,083	296,529 356,529
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	OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE	85,000	80,989	95 000
	TEXAS CONFERENCE	3,000	4,125	85,000 3,000
	TOTAL JURIS CONF SUPP	88,000	85,114	88,000
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	S & OTHER RECEIPTS			
	ENDOWMENT EARNINGS	70,000	54,038	60,000
	MISCELLANEOUS-UNRESTR.	10,000	87,689	10,000
	RESERVE FUNDING	27,800		36,015
	PPP Grant		97,247	-
105	OUTSIDE PENS. SUPPORT	5,000	6,387	5,000
202	UNF LIAB-RET PAST INS	5,000	3,886	5,000
	TOTAL GIFTS & OTHER RCPTS	117,800	249,246	116,015
	RCH ASSESSMENTS			
	MOVING ALLOW. APPORT	3,600	2,962	3,600
	HLTH INS- TO CHURCH	55,000	39,055	55,000
	HLTH INS- TO PASTORS	19,200	-	20,400
261	COURSE OF STUDY	5,000	5,285	5,000
	ADVOCATE APPORTIONMENT	6,000	4,632	6,000
72	GENERAL CONF. DELEGATE	6,000	-	6,000
20	ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	191,563	118,714	194,855
	TOTAL CHURCH ASSESSMENTS	286,363	170,648	290,855
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	INTEREST INCOME	3,000	1,625	4,000
160	OTHER TRUST INCOME	4,000	3,029	3,000 4,000
	TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME	11,000	10,587	4,000
OTHE	ER O.I.M.C. RECEIPTS		····	
	ADVOCATE SUBSCRIPTIONS		6	
	CONF. YOUTH PROG. INCOME	3,000	1,920	6 3,000
	TOTAL OTHER O.I.M.C. RCPTS	3,000	1,920	3,000
			1,520	3,000
	ICOME ACCOUNTS			
	HQ INVESTMENT INCOME	800	308	500
205	HQ: OTHER INCOME	200	136	200
	TOTAL HQ INCOME ACCTS	1,000	444	700
WOR	LD SERVICE & CONF. BENES			
44	WORLD SERVICE APPORT	39,719		42,396
	CONF BENEVOLENCES	21,050	15,906	
	JURISDICTIONAL APPORTS	1,409	13,900	21,050
		62,178	15 000	1,348
		02,170	15,906	64,794

		BUDGET	ACTUAL	PROPOSED
		2022	2021	2023
INCO	ME	918,091	897,953	930_899
			007,000	
* EXPER	ISES			
LAY EMPLO	YEES SALARIES			
118 CONF.	OPS STAFF SALARY	40,000	37,886	40,000
119 CONF.	OPS F.I.C.A.	5,302	2,806	5,302
LAY E	MPLOYEE SALARIES	45,302	40,692	45,302
PASTOR SA	LARY SUPPORT			
	RINTENDENCY SALARIES	135,600	136,411	135,775
252 DIREC	TOR OF CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES	33,324	33,824	33,324
115 PASTO	R SALARY SUPPORT	159,723	137,535	143,059
PASTO	OR SALARY SUPPORT	328,647	307,769	312, 158
PASTOR ST	AFF ALLOWANCES		~~~	
	OPS HOUSING ALLOW	40,800	32,100	32,100
124 PASTO	R'S MOVING ALLOW	3,600	- 54,100	3,600
	FUEL EXPENSES	12,000	9,865	12,000
TOTAL	PASTOR/STAFF ALLOWS	56,400	41,965	47,700
OTHER PAS	TOR/STAFF SUPPORT			
	OPS TRAVEL	2,500	1,687	2 500
	SE OF STUDY	5,000	5,264	2,500
	RS PENSION PROGRAM	5,000	0,204	5,000
	IDED LIABILITY	5,000		5,000
218 HEALT	H INSURANCE (active only)	144,664	131,659	5,000 154,272
218 RET. H	EALTH REIMBURSEMENT	15,000	131,009	19,800
249 CONF.	OPS LAY PENSION	5,000		5,000
255 PROM	D/INTERP TRAVEL	2,000	111	2,000
2 FALL F	ET/CEU TRAINING	6,000	803	6,000
TOTAL	OTHER PASTOR/STAFF	190,164	139,523	204,572
CONFEREN	CE OPERATIONS			
	ET EXPENSE	1,500	814	1,500
	SING SCHOOL	2,000	4,189	2,500
	CPA & LEGAL	37,000	40,442	40,500
231 Schola	ship Expense		1,500	
	Program Expenses		43,231	
	RENCE JOURNAL	6,000	5,066	6,000
135 ANNUA	L CONFERENCE	3,000	4,090	3,000
	CATE PRINTING/POSTAGE	5,200	4,912	5,200
72 GEN C	ONFERENCE DELE	6,000	-	6,000
240 INSUR	ANCE & RISK MGMT	126,000	157,564	150,575
	YOUTH PROGRAMS	3,000	-	3,000
TOTAL	CONF. OPERATIONS	189,700	261,806	218,275
137 TELEP		9,000	8,723	9,000
138 SUPPL		3,000	2,274	3,000
	NG & COPYING	2,500	2,432	2,500
140 POSTA		4,000	3,616	4,000
141 MACH	NE MTC/BKKPNG SUPPLIES	7,000	9,571	7,000

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	2023 BUDGET WORKSHEET			
		BUDGET	ACTUAL	BBODOEDE
		2022	2021	PROPOSED
169	HQ REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	5,000	13,301	
	HQ OFFICE UTILITIES	5,000	3,088	5,00
	TOTAL OFFICE OPERATIONS	35,500	43,004	5,000 35,500
CON				
	COUNCIL ON FINANCE & ADMIN	3,000	246	2.00
	MONITOR/REVIEW	3,000	240	3,000
	BD. OF ORDAINED MINISTRY	3,000	228	300
163	NOMINATIONS	500	220	3,000
	LOC CHURCH MINISTRIES	6,000	1,715	500
110	General Church Apportionments	0,000	16,229	6,000
97	WEB SITE MAINTENANCE	2,000	38	2,000
	EPISCOPAL COMMITTEE	800		
	CONF. CAMPUS MINISTRY BD	1,500	1	800
	ARCHIVES & HISTORY	900		900
	STANDING RULES/JOURNAL REV	350		350
	LAYLEADER/BD OF LAITY	1,700	1,807	1,700
126	CONTINUING EDUCATION	1,000	1,001	1,000
145	TOTAL CONF. BENEVOLENCES	21,050	20,263	21,050
MISC	& OTHER EXPENSES			
155	MISCELLANEOUS	5,000	1,950	2,500
156	BANK SERVICE CHARGES	100	1,000	100
	TOTAL MISC & OTHER EXPS	5,100	1,965	2,600
44	WRLD SRVC APPORTS	39,719		12 200
	S.C. JURISDICTION APPORTS	1,409	-	42,396
	TOTAL MISC & OTHER EXPS	41,128		43,742
	TOTAL ANTICIPATED EXPENSES	912,991	856,987	930,899
	TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME	918,091	897,953	930,899
		5,100	40,966	

Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference Administrative Services worksheet for	
the 2023 Budget process	
	2023 budget amounts
Conference Operations	
Office Staff	
Superintendency salaries	40,000.0
Housing allowances etc.	135,775.0
Director of Connectional Ministries	32,100.0
Office payroll taxes	33,324.0
Treasurer	5,302.0
Auto Fuel expenses	18,025.0
Office operations	12,000.0
OIMC Offices annual insurance	35,500.0
Conference Autos annual insurance	4,735.
Commerical Crime Coverage annual insurance	8,418.9
Commerical General Liability Coverage annual insurance	200.0
Workers Comp annual insurance	9,622.
workers comp annuar insurance	2,086.
Total 2022 budgeted amounts	337,088.
Apportionment %	40.0
	134,835.
District & Region Annual insurance Amts	na tanan ing pangan ing tanan ing tana
NE District Center	28,423.
SE District Center	27,373.
SW District Center	37,130.
South District Parsonage	3,553.
North District Parsonage	3,552.
Total 2022 budgeted amounts	100,032.
Apportionment %	<u>60.0</u>
	60,019.
Total amount to be apportioned to local churches in 2023	194,855.