

## **Hominy Monthly Meeting 2018 State of Society Report**

As the Father sent Me, so I am sending you" (John 20:19,21).

As we gather each week to worship, we are often reminded that each one of us is to share in bringing Light into the world around us. When there is so much grief and sorrow, so much suffering and injustice, so much that is dark and negative, it is easy to despair. Yet we have hope in Christ. As we yield ourselves to the leadings of the Holy Spirit, we find ourselves inspired and strengthened to meet any challenges that come our way. The responsibility that stems from understanding that while Christ is the Vine, we are the Branches, can seem burdensome if our lives are not centered in Christ. We seek to be faithful friends of Christ throughout each moment of each day. Gathering together in Christ's name empowers us to more effectively share the love of Christ with others. Thus we are grateful to those who have gone before us, who have provided us with a place to gather, and who have been witnesses to us and many more.

We have worked well together this past year, accomplishing much. Times of fellowship and of worship have enriched our lives. We have celebrated important mileposts in the lives of many and have shared in the grief of those who have lost loved ones. The challenges of substance abuse, societal ills, and greed often seem overwhelming, but we have shown a determination to keep moving forward. Part of our outward witness continues to be making our facilities available to AA twice a week and for substance abuse counseling weekly. In addition we serve the Lord through our continuing involvement in the Hominy Ministerial Alliance (HMA) and its community events and ministries, including Christ's Cupboard, a food pantry. Our involvement includes a significant annual donation to HMA.

Our Wild Onion Dinner continues to be a blessing to us and to our community. We enjoy working together to raise funds and share some of our treasures with other Native Americans and non-Indians alike. We also look forward to our monthly fellowship dinners the second First-day of each month. Other events such as Quivering Arrow Camp, our Easter Egg Hunt, Mothers' Day Cookout, Thanksgiving and Valentines dinners, Christmas Eve children's pageant and Santa's visit, are occasions of wonderful fellowship and some sharing with the wider community. The FUM summer mission projects are also helpful in raising our gaze beyond our borders.

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Growth in leadership and in faith have characterized this past year. Friends have stepped forward in various capacities. David Nagle continues service as an At-Large Member of the AFSC Corporation which entails annual trips to Philadelphia. He has also accepted a request to serve on the AFSC Friends Relations Committee which may necessitate some additional travel. Angela Brown and Beth Green-Nagle have at times filled in for David when he has been away. Beth has recently led morning worship at Council House on two occasions and is willing to make that a once-a-month commitment. Angela also clerks our GPYM Nominating Committee. Carole Revard continues to serve our meeting well as presiding clerk and shoulders many other responsibilities. Beth continues to represent GPYM as a representative to FWCC, Section of the Americas, also assisting with translation and interpretation and serving on sub-committees. We continue to benefit in various ways from having Hermes Sanchez as part of our fellowship. Recently he repaired the back hallway. Ann Sleeper's cooking skills are enjoyed by all. Several of us are involved in preparing the new edition of our cookbook. Many others have stepped forward at times to lighten the load of others as together we seek to serve God and to share His love with those around us.

We are excited at the prospect of dedicating new facilities here in Indian Village and of hosting GPYM. We pray for God's guidance and direction as we move forward together.

On behalf of Hominy Monthly Meeting,  
**Carole Revard**, Presiding Clerk