

The Committee on Ministry, per the Presbytery of Nevada by-laws 5.0203, report they have ***reviewed and approved the terms of call of the Lake Tahoe Community Presbyterian Church***

Our by-laws state that the commission of the Committee on Ministry to act as the Presbytery applies to ministers ***transferring from other presbyteries***. Since the Rev. Greg Hughes was dismissed from the Presbytery of Santa Barbara to ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians on June 30, 2014, Rev. Hughes ***cannot*** be transferred by the COM action alone. Rev. Hughes transfer is as a minister of another Christian denomination (G-2.0505) and requires Presbytery action.

The requirements for such a transfer are nearly identical to the requirements for ordination as a minister of the Word and Sacrament. The practice of the Presbytery of Nevada has reserved decisions concerning ordination to the entire Presbytery, not a committee.

**The COM moves** that the council, acting as the presbytery according to our by-laws (4.0400)

1. approve the work and actions of the Committee on Ministry to review and approve the call of Lake Tahoe Community Presbyterian Church to the Rev. Greg Hughes on behalf of the Presbytery of Nevada.
2. Approve COM's examination on behalf of the Presbytery of Rev. Greg Hughes, a minister of another Christian Church
3. Approve the COM reception and examination of credentials and evidence of Rev. Greg Hughes's good standing as a minister as acceptable to the Presbytery.
4. Approve the COM action finding that Rev. Greg Hughes has satisfactory evidence for the Presbytery to affirm that Rev. Greg Hughes possesses the qualifications of character and scholarship required for candidates of this church for service as teaching elders.
5. Affirm the COM's determination for the Presbytery that Rev. Greg Hughes possesses the wisdom and maturity of faith, leadership skills, compassionate spirit, honest repute, and sound judgment required of those entering service in the PCUSA ministry as a teaching elder.
6. Affirm the COM's determination that based on Rev. Greg Hughes's previous membership in the PCUSA and as a minister member of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara and his affirmation that the requirements for transcripts, course work requirements, and graduation from an accredited college or university and theological institution accredited by the Association of Theological Schools has been fulfilled.
7. And thus, acting as the Presbytery, determines that the Rev. Greg Hughes is called to work properly under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery of Nevada.

*Another motion is on the next page.*

If the above is approved, **The COM Moves:**

that Rev. Greg Hughes, a minister of another Christian church having been ordained for five or more years, called to work properly under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery of Nevada, be granted an exception from the requirements of G-2.0607 and G-2.0610 according to G-2.0505 by a two-thirds vote of the council acting as Presbytery between meetings of Presbytery as provided by our by-laws (4.0400)

From G-2.0607:

*d. examination materials and evaluations declare those materials satisfactory in the areas covered by any standard ordination examination approved by the General Assembly. Such examinations shall be prepared and administered by a body created by the presbyteries.*

This waiver is necessary because Rev. Greg Hughes, a minister of another Christian Church, does not have copies of examination materials to submit. The Committee of Ministry notes that the Rev. Hughes has passed the PCUSA ordination examinations as evidenced by his affirmation and previous service and membership in the PC(USA). By approving this motion, the Presbytery of Nevada finds this evidence constitutes an alternative means to ascertain readiness to have his previous ordination to ministry recognized by the Presbytery of Nevada so he may work properly under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery of Nevada after being called to that work.

Upon enrollment, Reverend Greg Hughes is required by G-2.0505b. to “furnish the presbytery with evidence of having surrendered membership in any and all other Christian churches with which the minister has previously been associated.”

Gregory H Hughes – PC(USA) records:

12/9/1990	Ordained by Los Ranchos Presbytery
1/1/1991	Associate Pastor - Good Shepherd, Los Alamitos CA
12/1/2000	Pastor/Co-Pastor - Malibu, Malibu CA
3/8/2014	Pastor Serving another Denomination - Malibu (ECO) Malibu CA
6/30/2014	Dismissed to ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians