

MINUTES OF STATED MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF NEVADA

September 10-12, 2018

Preceding the stated meeting of the Presbytery of Nevada, there were committee meetings and orientation for first time Ministers and Elder Commissioners conducted by Elder Ray Bledsoe.

The Fall Meeting of the Presbytery of Nevada was called to order at 1:00 pm by Moderator, Rev. Bob Kelley, on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at Reno Korean Presbyterian Church, Sparks, NV. Stated Clerk, Elder Joan Jeffers, along with acting Journal Clerk Elder Diane Chambers, recording. Opening prayer was offered by Rev. Alban Fry, HR. Opening worship was offered by Rev. Dana Pope and Rev. Pat Mecham. The co-hosting churches offered welcome and orientation by Rev. David Pak, Reno Korean Church and Rev. Pat Mecham, Spanish Springs Church. A moment was taken for silent prayer in remembrance of the 911 disaster of 17 years ago today.

ROLL CALL:

1. CHURCH	MINISTER/PASTOR	COMMISSIONER
Bishop, Valley	Vacant	Leigh Shambo Vallery Spoonhunter
Elko, First Gardnerville, Christ	Rev. Tom Holslag	Lynn Bondo Jan White Jim White
Hawthorne, Community Henderson Church, Henderson Henderson, Green Valley	Pastor Linda Young, CRE Rev. Adrian Doll	Gary Funk Gilbert Tam Connie Mulick Bill Ruby
S. Lake Tahoe, Community	Rev. Bob Kelley	Lynn Barnett John Harbison
Lamoille, Community Las Vegas, Grace	Vacant Rev. Jim Houston Hencken Rev. Dana Pope	Jim LeBret Bruce Laird Jim Stuhmer
Las Vegas First Filipino Am First Korean First Thai Laotian Mountain View	Rev. Mariano "Nonong" Ordonez Vacant	Kisang Jang
Westminster	Rev. David Dendy	Bonnie Moore Susan Padock Meg Sandeen Melva O'Neill Paula Forsberg Ron Scovill Elaine York
Lee Vining, CA, Community Reno, St. John's	Pastor David Rhee, CRE Rev. Rebecca Watkins Rev. Jim Young	Phillip Kim Junggu Pak Elaine Noble Joyce Whiteford
Sparks, Reno Korean	Rev. Kyong David Pak	
Sparks, Spanish Springs	Rev. Pat Mecham	
Truckee, CA, Lutheran-Presbyterian	Rev. Jeanie Shaw Rev. Joanie Tankersley	
Virginia City, First Wells	Rev. Sue Taylor	Louis Murray
2. NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENTS		
First Taiwanese Las Vegas Valley, Mesquite	Rev. Paul Chen Vacant	
3. OTHER MINISTERS PRESENT – Reverends: Richard Hutchison, HR; Ed Lockett, Jr.; HR; Hilda Pecoraro; Christy Ramsey; and Scott Trevithick.		

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4. **MINISTERS EXCUSED** – Reverends: William Baltz, HR; Jim Blades; Jim Clark, HR; Bob Crall; Ross Doyel, HR; Douglas Gregg, HR; Ken Eimer; Ed Hilton; Jim Juhan; Kenneth Harper, HR; Bruce Kochsmeier; Adolph Kunen, HR; Jackie Leonard; Milt Nolan; Robert Stover, HR; Vernon Towne, HR; Dory Thompson, HR.
5. **MINISTERS ABSENT** – Reverend: Barbara York
6. **OTHER CRE'S PRESENT** – Linda Young
7. **CRE'S EXCUSED** – Carl Dahlen, Antonio Zambrano, Evangelina Zambrano
8. **OTHERS ELDERS ON ROLL** - Joan Jeffers, Stated Clerk; Vern Manke, Director of Finance; Denis Pecoraro, Trustees; Scott Plummer, Council Moderator; Lynne Zenier, Vice Moderator and Moderator of Personnel.
9. **CORRESPONDING MEMBERS** - In accordance with the Presbytery Manual of Operations and to allow voice (but no vote), Presbytery **VOTED** to **ENROLL** the following individuals as Corresponding Members: Garth Butz, Elder, Clerk of Session, Community, S. Lake Tahoe, CA.; Elder Bedford Holmes, Executive Director Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center, Zephyr Cove, NV; Pastor Zachary Darrah, Fresno Interdenominational Refugee Mission, Fresno, CA.; Rev. Kate Freeman, San Francisco Presbytery, San Francisco, CA; Renee Kelly, Coordinator for Youth Missions, Green Valley Presbyterian Church; Henderson, NV; Ryan MacKenzie, Candidate, San Joaquin Presbytery and Presbyterian Conference Center, Zephyr Cove, NV; Linda Rauembuehler, Elder and Membership Chair for POAMN, Green Valley Church, Henderson, NV; Glen Smith, Elder, Community, S Lake Tahoe, CA.
10. **OTHERS PRESENT** – Endry Chou, Steering Committee, Taiwanese Church, Las Vegas, NV; Diane Chambers, Elder, Green Valley Church, Henderson, NV; Thomas Chen, Taiwanese Church, Las Vegas, NV; Joe Commerford, Elder, Community, Hawthorne, NV; Peggy Hall, Elder, Spanish Springs, Sparks, NV; Christina Hsieh, Taiwanese Church, Las Vegas, NV; Joy Hutchison, Elder, Spanish Springs, Sparks, NV; Susan Jones, Elder, First, Elko, NV; Louisa Kuo, Steering Committee, Taiwanese Church, Las Vegas, NV; Tricia Pan, Taiwanese Church, Las Vegas, NV; Scott Pan, Taiwanese Church, Las Vegas, NV; Art Ritter, Elder, Grace Church, NV; Anne Sigurdson, Elder, St. John's Church, Reno, NV; Allan Smith, Elder, Spanish Springs Church, Sparks, NV; Karen Stokes, Elder, Mountain View Presbyterian, Las Vegas, NV; Ellen Stuhmer, Grace Church, Las Vegas, NV.
11. **GUESTS** - Dorothy Fry, Barbara Havens, Jody Morrison, Jean Myles, Elaine Swanson, Jacqueline Stanhope, Amy Willoughby.
12. **Attendance Totals**

Ministers	20
Corresponding Members	8
Elder Commissioners	28
CRE's	2
Other Elders	5
Others Present	16
Guests	7
□ TOTALS	86
13. After consultation with the Stated Clerk, the Moderator declared a **QUORUM** (G-3.0300 – 12 TE and 12 RE).

Elaine Swanson, Clerk of Session for Community Church, Wells, Nevada brought greetings from the congregation and enthusiastically thanked the Presbytery for their grant of \$15,000 to replace windows and exterior siding. The congregation has \$30,000 to put with this grant to complete the restoration. Previously, the church used \$27,000 of its own monies to make repairs to the church after the 2008 earthquake damage, \$24,500 to reroof the sanctuary in 2017.

Joan Jeffers, Stated Clerk, read a letter from Rev. Lee Styer, Henderson Presbyterian Church, thanking the Presbytery for their assistance in reimbursing the insurance deductible payment of \$1,000, in the face of Henderson Presbyterian Church's recent burglaries. Rev. Styer also provided a health update with request for prayers.

DOCKET AND CONSENT AGENDA –Presbytery **VOTED** to **APPROVE** the consent agenda.

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Linda Rauenbuehler, Older Adult Ministry Chair, Green Valley Presbyterian Church, Henderson, NV and Membership Chair of Presbytery Older Adult Ministry (POAM) presented information about POAM. Linda thanked the Presbytery for its support of this program and stated she is available for consultation and general information.

**CLERK'S REPORT, Fall Presbytery Meeting, Reno Korean
2018 Cumulative from 1/2018**

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| 1. | ORDINATIONS | NONE |
| | CHARTERED | NONE |
| | INSTALLATIONS | NONE |
| | ENROLLMENTS | NONE |
| | DISMISSALS | Rev. James Blades to Presbytery of San Jose |
| | REMOVED | NONE |
| | RENUNCIATED | NONE |
| | RELEASED | NONE |
| | VALIDATED MINISTRY | NONE |
| | RETIRED | NONE |
| | INACTIVE | NONE |
| | LABOR IN BOUNDS | NONE |
| | LABOR OUT OF BOUNDS | NONE |
| | OTHER (NCD) | NONE |
| 2. | RECORDS REVIEW [required once annually]: | |
| | Records Review in the North, Monday, September 10, 2018, 4:30 p.m., Reno Korean Church, Sparks, NV | |
| 3. | COMPLETED RECORDS REVIEW (South): | |
| | Community, Hawthorne | Approved, with no exceptions |
| | First Church, Elko | Approved, with no exceptions |
| | First Filipino-American of S. Nevada | Approved, with no exceptions |
| | Grace Church, Las Vegas | Approved, with no exceptions |
| | Green Valley Church, Henderson | Approved, with no exceptions |
| | Henderson Church, Henderson | Approved, with no exceptions |
| | Mountain View, Las Vegas | Approved, with no exceptions |
| | Westminster, Las Vegas | Approved, with no exceptions |
| 4. | TRAINED NEW CLERKS (Elders Ray Bledsoe, Joan Jeffers): | |
| | Teresa Mateo, First Thai-Laotian Church, Las Vegas, NV; Hanny Viner, Green Valley Church, Las Vegas, NV; Amy Patimeteoport, First Filipino-American church, Henderson, NV; Leigh Shambo, Valley Bishop, Bishop, CA. | |
| 5. | COMPLETED RECORDS REVIEW (North): | |
| | First Church, Elko | Approved, without exceptions |
| | First Church Virginia City | Approved, without exceptions |
| | Wells Church, Wells | Approved, without exceptions |
| | Community, Lamoille | Approved, with no exceptions |
| | Community Church, S. Lake Tahoe | Approved, with no exceptions |
| | First Filipino Church, Henderson | Approved, with no exceptions |
| | Spanish Springs Church, Sparks | Approved, with no exceptions |
| | Valley Church, Bishop | Approved, with no exceptions |
| 6. | NOT REVIEWED: | |
| | St. John's Church, Reno | Not reviewed |

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7. TRAINED:

Barbara Havens, new Clerk for Christ Church, Gardnerville, NV

8. Records review conducted by Elder Ray Bledsoe, Assistant to the Clerk for Records Review.**9. COUNCIL EMAIL VOTES:**

- A. Council **VOTED** on January 13, 2018 to **APPROVE** the request from Rev. B. E. Lockett, Jr. for an endorsement for his certification for the diploma in Pastoral Supervision – CRE Supervisor.
- B. Council **VOTED** on January 23, 2018 to **APPROVE** Emily Fonder from First Presbyterian Church in Elko, NV as our YAAD to the 223rd General Assembly to replace Katherine Jones from Christ Church who was unable to attend.
- C. Council **VOTED** on March 13, 2018 to **APPROVE** the following individuals to the Permanent Judicial Committee on a temporary basis to achieve a quorum: Ruling Elder Gil Tam, Henderson Presbyterian Church; Ruling Elder Bill Ruby, Green Valley Presbyterian Church; Pastor David Rhee, Westminster Presbyterian Church; Rev. B. E. Lockett, Jr. HR, Chaplain; Pastor Rob Schleef, At Large Minister; and Rev. Sue Taylor, At Large Minister.
- D. Council **VOTED** on May 23, 2018 to **APPROVE** a Face to Face Summer Council meeting at Spanish Springs Presbyterian Church, in Sparks, NV. Council also **VOTED** to **APPROVE** an exception for Rev. Jim Houston-Hencken to participate by ZOOM due to a funeral service in the AM.
- E. Council **VOTED** on May 30, 2018 to **APPROVE** the Winter Council 2018 minutes which were delayed due to a disciplinary case.
- F. Council **VOTED** on June 28, 2018 to **APPROVE** the Summer Council 2018 minutes.
- G. Council **VOTED** on July 27, 2018 to **APPROVE** a request from the Elder Vern Manke, Director of Presbytery Finance for a grant of \$15,000 to assist with improvements for the Wells Presbyterian Church in Wells, NV.

10. SYNOD RECORDS REVIEW:

Minutes of the Presbytery of Nevada were submitted, read and approved at the September, 2018, Synod Stated Clerks meeting.

COMMITTEE and COMMISSIONER REPORTS:**1. MISSION OUTREACH, reported by Rev. Jim Houston-Hencken, Chair:**

- A. The Chair discussed the need for a clarification to the charge and scope of the committee. The Chair moved the following language:
 “Under the authority of the Presbytery of Nevada the Mission Outreach Committee exists to further the mission of Jesus Christ within Churches and ministries of the Presbytery of Nevada by overseeing and coordinating all mission projects and programs of the presbytery. This includes financial support for mission projects originating within our presbytery and funding for other mission programs and projects approved by the Presbytery. In addition, at the direction of the Presbytery of Nevada, the Mission Outreach Committee oversees the New Church Development programs within our Presbytery.”
 Presbytery **VOTED** to **APPROVE** the recommendation from the committee.
- B. The Chair discussed the process Taiwanese-American Presbyterian Church of Las Vegas (TAPCLV) NCD has gone through and shared they had met all of the criteria for chartering. He moved that the church be chartered on November 25th, 2018 at 1 pm at Grace Presbyterian Church in Las Vegas, NV
 Presbytery **VOTED** to **APPROVE** Taiwanese-American Presbyterian Church of Las Vegas (TAPCLV) NCD be chartered as a church of the PCUSA. The Rev. Paul Chen and members of the church were invited forward for prayer, the laying on of hands, and singing the Doxology. Rev. Jim Houston-Hencken prayed.
- C. The Chair moved for approval of a chartering commission for TAPCLV. This commission will organize a chartering service and special Presbytery meeting to be held on November 25, 2018 at 1:00 pm. Chartering Committee members shall be: Endry Chow, Louisa Kuo, Scott Pan,

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Rev. Paul Chen, Rev. Prachuab Dechawan, Rev. Adolph Kunen, Rev. Mariano Ordonez, and Rev. Jim Houston-Hencken.
 Presbytery **VOTED** to **APPROVE** the recommendation from the committee.

- D. **Amazing Grace** - Elder Commissioner, Jim Stuhmer, Grace Presbyterian Church, presented a report and slide show on the continued growth of Amazing Grace Ministries in Las Vegas. With a budget of only \$32,000, Amazing Grace serves 20,800 ministry encounters per year. The program has expanded this year to include bible clubs at 4 middle schools and an additional Sunday afternoon lunch and worship program for homeless at Hope Chapel.
- E. **F.I.R.M (Fresno Interdenominational Refugee Ministry** - Rev. Zack Darrah, Executive Director, presented a report on the ministry of F.I.R.M, noting that they have added an Arabic speaking staff member to work with Arabic speaking refugees making F.I.R.M the only service provider for the Arabic speaking population. F.I.R.M is dedicating a new building on Sunday, November 2, 2018, in Fresno, California that will be named in honor of F.I.R.M founder Rev. Sharon Stanley. Presbyters were invited to attend the ceremony, if possible.
- F. **PUSA's Self-Development of People (SDOP)**, a poverty program, funded through One Great Hour of Sharing offerings - Rev. Jim Houston-Hencken reported that a conference and workshop will be co-hosted by Grace Presbyterian Church in Las Vegas on November 9-10, 2018. He is working with the Self Development of People program at General Assembly to create a Nevada Presbytery SDOP committee and to then apply for a grant.
- G. **Alaska Mission Trip** - Corresponding Member Rev. Jeanie Shaw, Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church, Truckee, CA, presented a report and video on a successful mission trip she led to Alaska. Thirty-four (34) people from Sacramento and Nevada Presbytery churches participated

BREAK – 3:00 p.m.

2. **PERSONNEL:**

Reported by Elder Lynne Zenier, Chair. Annual interviews were held with our 3 staff members: Joan Jeffers, Stated Clerk; Vern Manke, Director of Finance; and Hilda Pecoraro, Presbytery Pastor. All evaluation surveys returned were overwhelmingly positive. All three have expressed their intent to continue in their positions for the next year. Some job description additions/revisions will be made to better represent the work being done.

3. **SYNOD COMMISSIONERS:** Elder Art Ritter reported.

- A. Art introduced the attendees at Stated Assembly of the Synod of the Pacific in May, 2018; namely, Rev. Pat Mecham, Rev. Hilda Pecoraro, Elder Elaine Noble and himself.
- B. Art gave a brief synopsis of the May, 2018, Synod of the Pacific Assembly. **APPENDIX C**, “2018 Synod Take-Home Piece” is a summary of the May 2018 meeting. Of special note:
 - 1. (Item 4) that Synod had “Taken Steps!” to demonstrate how deeply “white privilege” affects the minority experience in America and how far from the white person’s consciousness that privilege really is.
 - 2. (Item 10) Art had presented “2018 Nevada Presbytery-to-Synod Report” that introduced our Presbytery – who we are, what we are, why we are and how we got to be like this. This report will be posted on our Nevada Presbytery website.
- C. Art gave us an update on Synod programs and loans; encouraging churches to take advantage of the opportunities offered by our Synod. The programs being offered are: Emerging Need Grant, Hilda V. Thompson Medical Ministry Fund and Opportunity Fund Grant. More information on each of these programs may be found on the Synod website: <http://www.synodpacific.org>.

4. **PRESBYTERY PASTOR:**

Rev. Hilda Pecoraro reported on her 3rd year in this unique position and reminded us of God’s vision for our connectional church. We see in Acts 2 that the young Jerusalem church was dedicated to meeting

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each other's needs, spending time together in worship, listening to the apostles' teaching and sharing in fellowship. While they were faithfully doing these things, we read in verse 47, "*And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.*"

Our job is to obediently serve God and love one another in the name of Jesus, it is the Lord's job to add to our numbers. I believe that when our focus is on being the body of Christ, that church growth will be a by-product. Authentic love – fully lived out is very attractive. Jesus said, "*By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.*" (John 13:35) Numeric growth is not our only goal; nor is it the only gauge of our faithfulness. Joyfully sharing the gospel of God's love and grace, hope and forgiveness through Jesus Christ is our goal. If growth follows – all the more reason for rejoicing!

And, we continue to connect through the Pastor's Luncheon, so essential to the ministers of our presbytery. It was a big success and had a great attendance. These important luncheons give pastors an opportunity to discuss pastoral issues they are unable to discuss with congregants. Special thank you's were given to Elder Elaine York, Elder Anne Sigurdson, Rev. Dr. David Pak and the wonderful ladies of the Reno Korean Kitchen.

5. SPECIAL MISSION MOMENT:

Rev. Adrian Doll, presented a video and information on the Green Valley Presbyterian Church's (GVPC) sponsorship of "Care for Aids (CARE)" an orphanage prevention program in Nairobi, Kenya; and GVPC's upcoming October, 2018, mission trip to Kenya accompanying Rev. Doll on the mission trip will be Rev. Hilda Pecoraro and Elder Connie Mulick. Rev. Doll invited pastors and mission committees to attend a luncheon at Green Valley on October 13, 2018, to learn more about this ministry. Rev. Dr. Ed Luckett, Jr. commissioned the team and presbyters were asked to participate in the laying on of hands.

6. GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Elder Elaine Noble; Commissioner, Commissioner Teaching Elder Ed Luckett, HR; and observer Elder Melva O'Neill reported their reflections from the 223rd General Assembly held in St. Louis, MO June 16-23, 2018.

7. COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY & PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY (COM/CPM):

Rev. Bob Kelley, presiding for Pastor Carl Dahlen, Chair, reported.

- A. involvement, the process steps, and what costs of the program this Presbytery funds.
- B. Moderator Kelley presented the seeker and recommended approval into the CRE Program Elder Glen Smith, Community, S. Lake Tahoe Church presented his faith journey and current ministry involvement. Presbyters examined the seeker to their satisfaction.
Presbytery **VOTED** to **APPROVE** Glen Smith to enroll in the CRE program.
- C. Elder Garth Butz, Clerk of Session, Community, South Lake Tahoe Church presented his faith journey and current ministry involvement. Presbyters examined the seeker to their satisfaction.
Presbytery **VOTED** to **APPROVE** Garth Butz to enroll in the CRE program.
- D. He briefly explained the Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) program - each seeker's
- E. Moderator Kelley presented an information item regarding First Korean Presbyterian Church in Las Vegas, NV. Rev. Shin Hwak Hwang has been approved to be stated supply for First Korean Presbyterian, Las Vegas for a six-month period starting September 23, 2018.

Note: The COM report recessed, to be continued in the morning.

Meeting Recessed at 5:00 p.m.

REMEMBRANCE OF 17th ANNIVERSARY OF 911 - Presbyters were shown the video "What We Learned" by Worship House Media, offered by Elder John Harbison, Community Church, S. Lake Tahoe, CA

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CLOSING REFLECTIONS - Rev. David Dendy, Mt. View Presbyterian Church, Las Vegas:
This presentation was a hilarious summary of everything that had happened thus far from his unique viewpoint.
Rev. Dendy then offered the dinner blessing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Designation of Worship Offering: Elder Vern Manke, Director of Finance
Henderson Presbyterian Church/First Filipino Presbyterian Church of Southern Nevada, Improved Security Fund.

The time and place of the Moderator’s Reception was announced.

WORSHIP AND COMMUNION SERVICE

Special music by Reno Korean Praise Team under the director of Elder Philip Kim

Preaching: Rev. Mariano “Nonong” Ordonez,
First Filipino Presbyterian Church of Southern Nevada

“The Tie That Binds”

Scripture: Colossians 3:12 - 17

Communion: The Reverends Robert Kelley, Moderator, Community, S. Lake Tahoe and David Pak presiding.
Assisted by: Elders of Reno Korean Presbyterian Church

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NEVADA PRESBYTERY STATED MEETING

September 12, 2018, 8:30 a.m.

Reno Korean Church, Sparks, NV

CALL TO ORDER: Rev. Robert Kelley, Moderator, 8:45 a.m.

Morning worship with a hymn sing was led by Rev. Hilda Pecoraro and Deacon Amy Willoughby, St. John’s Church, Reno, NV; accompanied by Genie Mathews, pianist retired, St. John’s Church, Reno, NV.
Devotion and opening prayer by Elder Elaine York, St. John’s Church, Reno, NV.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY (continued)

- E. The Chair introduced to Presbyters Ryan McKenzie, Director of Program Development, Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center. COM is recommending approval to take Ryan under care. Ryan presented his faith journey and presbyters examined this candidate to their satisfaction.
Presbytery **VOTED** to **APPROVE** the recommendation of the committee.
- F. Elaine York, Elder, St. John’s Presbyterian Church, was presented to Presbyters. COM is recommending approval for commissioning as a Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE), if the way be clear. Elaine presented her statement of faith and Presbyters examined this candidate to their satisfaction.
Presbytery **VOTED** to **APPROVE** the recommendation of the committee.
- G. Rev. Kate Freeman, Truckee Lutheran Presbyterian Church, Truckee, CA, was presented to Presbyters. COM is recommending Rev. Freeman as a Minister at Large in the Presbytery of Nevada. Rev. Freeman read her statement of faith and Presbyters examined this candidate to their satisfaction
Presbytery **VOTED** to **APPROVE** the recommendation of the committee.

BREAK – 10:30 a.m.

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8. NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

- A. Rev. Scott Trevithick, Chair, reported that consideration was given to inclusiveness and gender representation of the eligible members of the Presbytery; as well as a balance of committee members equally representing North and South, to the extent that it is possible. The committee met with the Committee on Representation prior to presenting this slate to receive their recommendations. The committee recommends approval of the slate attached as **APPENDIX A**
- B. Nominations were requested from the floor. None being offered, the committee Chair moved approval.
- C. Presbytery **VOTED** to **APPROVE** the recommendation of the committee.

SAFE CHURCH AND SEXUAL MISCONDUCT TRAINING by Elder Jane Odell, Transitional Executive Presbyter, Synod of the Pacific.

Jane presented a program on sexual misconduct and an overview of safe church policies. As a part of this training, Presbyters viewed a DVD entitled “Safeguarding God’s People: Preventing Sexual Harassment in the Workplace.” This film was followed by a great interactive discussion among Presbyters and the presenter. Child safety and protection resources for churches were recommended. Churches need to conduct their own training and have the best policies in place. A second training will be held at the Spring Presbytery Meeting.

Attendance was taken and minister’s attendance will be documented.

9. COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION:

Rev. Pat Mecham, Chair, talked about the need for this newly reconstructed committee referencing the principles of participation and representation set forth in the Book of Order (F-1.0403). He defined the committee’s structure, terms of office, and responsibilities. One of the critical responsibilities is assisting the Nominating committee to identify diverse and qualified individuals and overview of the slate. When we remember the grainy pictures on our TV’s of the first people landing on the moon, we must also remember how they got there. NASA was very far-sighted in its decision to include women on its team of scientists. As seen in the film, “Hidden Figures”, its decision to include women of color was also crucial to the success of the space program.

In the same way, we are wise to seek out all kinds of people in our various churches to serve on the committees of presbytery. **WE NEED THE HELP OF EVERY PASTOR AND EVERY SESSION** to identify quality people, to tell Nominating about them. This includes people who might be a little nervous about their ability to speak English, people who have never participated in presbytery before, people who have gifts that we have never considered before. **PLEASE** help us as we encourage as much diversity as we can muster, because the church will benefit, and God’s Realm will be blessed!

10. EQUIPPING:

Rev. Al Fry, Jr., reported for Elder Delois Basnett, Chair, who is excused. The committee approved the following actions:

- A. The Hillis Fund investment monies (from partnership with Sacramento) will be sent to the Community College of Lake Tahoe for the benefit of a California college student.
- B. Meeting with the Missions committee and developing the following Equipping Committee statement of charge and scope.

“The Equipping Committee of the Presbytery of NV exists to support the ministry of Jesus Christ within the bounds of the Presbytery. We want to equip our church leaders. The scope of this committee includes training members for mission, ministry, service, and supporting ministries for youth and assisting churches to equip leaders for ministry within the body of Christ and beyond.”

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- C. Rev. Ray Bledsoe asked that commissioners and pastors review and provide feedback of the new First Time Elder Commissioners and First Time Pastors to Presbytery packets that this committee has prepared.
- D. Commissioner Elder Elaine Noble spoke about upcoming special offerings and encouraged our care of the earth by using reusable water bottles.

INSTALLATION OF 2018-2019 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS was performed by Rev. Scott Trevithick, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Reno, NV.

ANNOUNCEMENT - Director of Finance, Elder Vern Manke reported that **\$2,190** was received at last evening's worship service. Vern will prepare a check to mail to Henderson Presbyterian Church.

11. TRUSTEES:

Elder Ray Bledsoe, Chair reported and Director of Finance, Elder Vern Manke presented the proposed 2019 Presbytery of Nevada budget

- A. The committee Chair requested Moderator Rev. Bob Kelley to present a 2 step, 2 year per capita increase to \$46 per member in 2019 and to \$50 per member in 2020.
- B. Motion was made to amend the committee's request to approve only the first step for 2019. After discussion, a vote was called for.
- C. Presbytery **VOTED** to **RECEIVE** (it was approved) the budget, **APPENDIX B**, with only a 2019 increase to \$46 per member with the request that the Trustees look further into adjustments that can possibly be made to reduce/remove need for additional per capita increases in 2020.

A FAREWELL - Rev. Jim Young, Minister of Word and Sacrament, St. John's Church, Reno, NV, said a fond farewell to his Presbytery of Nevada association.

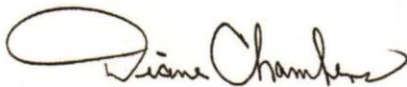
PASSING OF THE CROSS to incoming Moderator, Elder Lynne Zenier, was performed by outgoing Moderator Rev. Bob Kelley.

CLOSING REFLECTIONS, which included Toby Nelson's 911 Reflections published yesterday, were offered by Elder Bedford Holmes. Bedford offered the **closing prayer**.

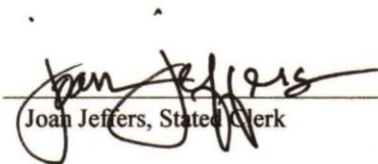
Meeting Adjourned at 1:00.

THE RESOLUTION OF THANKS was entertainingly, and with heartfelt gratitude, presented by Rev. Jim Houston-Hencken, Grace Church, Las Vegas, NV.

Submitted by



Diane Chambers, Journal Clerk



Joan Jeffers, Stated Clerk

APPENDIX A – Approved Committees

APPENDIX B – 2019 Budget

APPENDIX C – Synod “2018 Take Home Piece”

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APPENDIX A

2018 - 2019 PRESBYTERY OF NEVADA COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY & PREPARATION FOR MINISTRYClass of 2019

Pat Mecham	Minister	Spanish Springs, Sparks	775-738-8637	pastorpat11616@frontiernet.net
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Carl Dahlen	CRE	Christ, Gardnerville	775-230-0075	carldahlen@charter.net
Robert Kelley	Minister	Lake Tahoe Community, CA	775-857-9747	bob@the-kelleys.com
Bruce Laird	Elder	Grace, Las Vegas	702-469-7229	brucelaird@cox.net

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Adrian Doll	Minister	Green Valley, Henderson	702-454-8484	adriandoll@greenvalleypres.com
Bedford Holmes	Elder	Lake Tahoe Community, CA	775-588-6759	bholmes@zephyrpoint.org
Judith Donaldson	Minister	HR	775-754-2422	judithd@rabbitbrush.com
Ken Harper	Minister	HR	702-476-9185	ken.harper@centurylink.net

EQUIPPING MINISTRIESClass of 2019

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Ron Scovill	Elder	St. John's, Reno	775-746-1401	rescovsjc@charter.net
Adolph Kunen	Minister	HR	702-346-5683	akunen@gmail.com

Class of 2020

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Class of 2021

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Class of 2021

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Class 2020

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Class of 2021

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SYNOD OF THE PACIFIC COMMISSIONERSClass of 2019

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SYNOD OF THE PACIFIC COMMISSIONERS - ContinuedClass of 2021

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Class of 2024

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Class of 2019

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Class of 2020

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Class of 2021

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PRESBYTERY TRUSTEESConstitutional Appointees

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Class of 2021

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COMMISSIONERS 223rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2018)

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ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS 223rd GA (2018)Alternates

Adrian Doll	Minister	Green Valley, Henderson		
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ALTERNATE COMMISSIONERS 223rd GA (2018)

Melva O'Neill	Elder	Westminster, Las Vegas	702-875-3183	ljomjo2@gmail.com
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YAAD 223rd GA 2018

Emily Fonder	Student	First, Elko		
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MODERATOR 2019

Lynne Zenier	Elder	Grace, Las Vegas	702-379-2701	lynnezenier@cox.net
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VICE MODERATOR 2019

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APPENDIX B

**PRESBYTERY OF NEVADA
ADMINISTRATION FUNDS BUDGET EXPENSES
PROPOSED 2019 BUDGET**

**2019
BUDGET**

PER CAPITA RATE		\$46.00
<u>PER CAPITA APPORTIONMENT</u>	\$	114,180
<u>INTEREST INCOME</u>		1,200
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	\$	115,380
<u>EXPENSES (See Below)</u>		124,000
<u>INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES</u>	\$	(8,620)
<u>EXPENSES (what it costs for Presbytery Administration)</u>		
STATED CLERK	\$	18,600
PRESBYTERY PASTOR		0
DIRECTOR OF FINANCE		9,300
PAYROLL TAXES		2,134
PRESBYTERY PASTOR EXPENSES		0
YOUTH MISSION COORDINATOR TRAVEL		0
PER CAPITA - GA		24,684
PER CAPITA - SYNOD		14,397
PRESBYTERY TRAVEL		17,500
STANDING COMMITTEES EXP		16,500
COUNCIL/TRUSTEES EXPENSES		2,000
HR MEETING COSTS (R & B)		1,500
OFFICE EXPENSE/ANNUAL REVIEW		6,085
INSURANCE		3,000
MEETINGS & CONFERENCES EXP		2,500
RECORDS REVIEW EXP		100
MODERATORS EXPENSE		500
MODERATORS TRAINING		2,000
VICE MODERATOR EXPENSE		200
GA EXPENSES (to accumulate to \$6,000 for 202		3,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	124,000

**PRESBYTERY OF NEVADA
OPERATING (MISSION) BUDGET**

DETAILED BUDGET	BUDGET
For the Years Ending December 31	2019
* TOTAL MISSION FUNDING SYNOD MPF \$	84,685
<u>INCOME</u>	
<u>EQUIPPING COMMITTEE</u>	
MISSION SUPPORT INCOME - MPF \$	10,900
PEACEMAKING - NEW INCOME	2,000
INTEREST RECEIVED - Hillis will	345
Total Income - Equipping	13,245
<u>MISSION OUTREACH COMMITTEE</u>	
MISSION SUPPORT - MPF	25,000
Total Income - MOC	25,000
<u>COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY</u>	
MISSION SUPPORT - MPF ALLOCATION	17,000
VESTA B. COOLEY ENDOWMENT	1,000
Total Income - COM	18,000
<u>OPERATING - TRUSTEES</u>	
MISSION SUPPORT INCOME MPF	31,785
INTEREST INCOME	7,535
INTEREST INCOME NEW RENO NCD	500
INTEREST/DIVIDENDS INCOME - NCD/RDV	280
Total Income - Operating	40,100
TOTAL INCOME \$	96,345
<u>EXPENSES</u>	
<u>EQUIPPING COMMITTEE</u>	
RESOURCE CENTER \$	3,000
LEADERSHIP TRAINING	2,500
SCHOLARSHIPS/CAMPERSHIPS	800
TRIENNIAL	3,000
SUPPLIES EXPENSE	600
ETHNIC CONCERNS COMMITTEE SUPPORT	2,000
EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES	1,000
Total Expenses - Equipping	12,900

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MISSION OUTREACH COMMITTEE

GRANT - AMAZING GRACE	8,000
HPC FOOD BANK - SUPPORT	4,500
WESTMINSTER PC FOOD BANK	4,500
ALLOCATION - FIRM	3,000
GRANT - TEEN CHALLENGE	4,000
OTHER MISSIONS	1,000
Total Expenses -MOC	25,000

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

SMALL CHURCH ASSISTANCE	15,000
PASTOR SUPPORT/TRAINING	2,000
Total Expenses - COM	17,000

OPERATING - TRUSTEES

SALARY - PRESBYTERY PASTOR	18,600
PRESBYTERY PASTOR EXPENSES	11,000
ACCOUNTING	9,300
PAYROLL TAXES	2,134
YOUTH ADMINISTRATOR TRAVEL	1,200
AUDITING/REVIEW	3,000
STAFF TRAVEL	1,500
OFFICE SUPPLIES	850
PASS THROUGH/EXTRA COMMITMENT	0
COMPUTERS/EQUIP/SUPPORT	1,000
Total Expenses- Operating	48,584
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 103,484
INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES	\$ (7,139)
Possible repay to Synod for MPF shortfall (2019)	(4,111)
INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES	\$ (11,250)

**PRESBYTERY OF NEVADA BUDGET RECAP
FOR 2019****INCOME**

TOTAL ADMINISTRATION INCOME	\$ 115,380
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	96,345
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 211,725

EXPENSES

TOTAL ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE	\$ 124,000
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	107,595
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 231,595
INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES	(19,870)

INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES - ADMINISTRATION	\$ (8,620)
INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES - OPERATING	(11,250)
INCOME OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES	\$ (19,870)

DEFICIT IS COVERED BY AVAILABLE FUND BALANCES



APPENDIX C

Synod of the Pacific Take-Home Piece

The One Hundred and Sixteenth Stated Assembly

Riverside Hotel, Boise, ID

May 9-11, 2018

The following notes are for commissioners' own use and for reporting to presbyteries. They are not official minutes.

- Ann Butterfield announced her resignation from Synod staff effective the end of May, 2018. Ann has been with the Synod for 17 years in June. Although her decision to take new employment was difficult, she has accepted a position as the Vice President of Finance and Operations for the Community Foundation in Sonoma County. Friends and colleagues throughout the Synod are invited to send cards and messages of support to Ann Butterfield, c/o Synod of the Pacific, 200 Kentucky St., Suite B, Petaluma, CA 94952.
- Jane Odell's recommended reading: [Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kingship](#) by Gregory Boyle, [Alternate Side](#) by Anna Quindlen, and [Small Great Things](#) by Jodi Picoult.
- Investment & Loan rates, effective 6/1/2018, are as follows:*

Investments		Loans	
Custodial Demand	1.20%	Line of Credit	5.75% before Mission Giving discounts
6 Month MDC	1.70%	Amortized	5.50% before Mission Giving discounts
1 Year MDC	1.95%	JM Muzzy (new)	4.50% & 4.75% before Mission Giving Discounts
2 Year MDC	2.15%	Green Loans	3.75%
3 Year MDC	2.35%	Ins/Risk Mitigation	2.25%

* Prior to the 6/1/2018 rate increase, Investments are .20% lower and loans .25% lower.

- Resources for Task Force on Racism and White Privilege:
 - [Waking Up White](#) by Debby Irving was given to commissioners. A study guide is available at https://www.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/waking_up_white_study_english.pdf
 - "Life of Privilege Explained in a \$100 Race" <https://youtu.be/4K5fbQ1-zps>
- Presbyteries, sessions/congregations, and the Synod need to update Youth and Child Protection policies.
- Synod commissioners and guests gave a generous offering to Charitable Assistance to Community's Homelessness (CATCH) of Boise, ID, in the amount of \$1,060.
- MWS Laura Baarda (Kendall) was elected to be Vice Moderator of the Synod. New Synod officers will be installed at the October, 2018, Synod assembly.
- Upcoming Synod assemblies dates and sites are set for:
 - Oct. 3-5, 2018 - Mercy Center, Burlingame, CA
 - May 8-10, 2019 - Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center, NV
 - Oct. 9-11, 2019 - Mercy Center, Burlingame, CA
 - May 6-8, 2020 - Portland, OR
 - Oct. 7-9, 2020 - Mercy Center, Burlingame, CA
- Of the three Opportunity Fund grant applications, two were approved by Synod for funding, in the amount of \$10,000. Allocations:
 - [Smart Yards Cooperative](#) – Stone PC / Sunnyvale Presbyterian / First Unitarian Church, San Jose, CA, within the Presbytery of San Jose – Second year grant of \$5,000.
 - [Iona Project](#) – Mendocino PC, Mendocino, CA / Westminster Woods, Occidental, CA, within the Presbytery of the Redwoods – First year grant of \$5,000.
- Presbytery reports from Cascades, Eastern Oregon, Kendall, and Nevada included history of the area and congregations. In coming months, the Synod website will highlight each presbytery and share the reports.
- If you prepare slides for a report at the synod meeting, please make sure they are in narrow format. For questions, contact andy@northminster.org.
- Reminder – Synod Permanent Judicial Commission members need to be elected in the presbyteries. Only Boise, Kendall and Nevada currently have members on the commission.