

CLERK'S REPORT

Recognition of Native Lands and Peoples:

The Presbytery of Nevada is comprised of land that was faithfully stewarded by indigenous people for countless generations. Today we specifically acknowledge and thank THE WASHO (WASHOE)

From an article by Judy DePuy of the **Truckee-Donner Historical Society** used with the author's permission

The Washo tribe inhabited the Lake Tahoe region over 1300 years ago. They would generally spend the summer in the Sierra Nevada then in the fall move to the mountain ranges to the east, utilizing the valleys found in between for the winter and spring. The western part of the Washo territory was in the mountains and subject to heavy snows so few people wintered there.

Washo people were semi-sedentary hunters and gatherers and very knowledgeable about their land and its resources. This included an understanding of the seasonal cycles of both plants and animals. Fishing was a huge part of the Washo way of life and each family had their own fishing grounds.

The Washo did not have sustained contact with white Euro-Americans until the 1848 California Gold Rush. Their resistance to incursions on their lands proved unsuccessful. The last armed conflict with the Washo and non-Indians was the Potato War of 1857 where starving Washos were killed for gathering potatoes from a settler's farm.

Their hunting grounds were lost to farms and the pinon pine groves fell to feed Virginia City's demand for lumber and charcoal. Commercial fishing at Lake Tahoe destroyed another important resource to the people. These events forced the Washos to depend on jobs found on ranches, farms and in cities.

The Lake Tahoe area is a very spiritual place for members of the Washo Tribe. It also explains their concern for the protection of locations important to the Washo Heritage.

CHIEF TRUCKEE'S INFLUENCE

No story on Truckee's Native American influence would be complete without a nod to Chief Truckee. There are many stories on who first called him "Truckee" but all of them agree on his friendship with the early explorers and settlers.

One such story talks about a Paiute chief who in 1844 told members of the Stephens-Townsend-Murphy party that 50 or 60 miles to the west there was a river that flowed easterly from the mountains and along the river they would find large trees and good grass. A scouting party (which included Stephens, Caleb Greenwood and the chief) rode out to investigate. While exploring, their guide used the Paiute word for "all right". The word sounded like "tro-kay" and everyone thought the chief was telling them his name. The scouting party found the route to be "all right" and began to refer to their guide as "Chief Truckee" (a liberal translation of "tro-kay"). The chief liked the name so much that he retained it for the rest of his life. - Judy DePuy, **Truckee-Donner Historical Society**

We honor the Indigenous people’s ongoing work for recognition and their fight to recover their relationship with the land. Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery and encouragement to start our meetings with a land acknowledgment was recommended by the PCUSA General Assembly in 2018 to all mid councils, that is presbyteries and synods. It is a way to demonstrate that we are God’s people who stand for justice for all.

Wherever you are, I encourage you to learn about the indigenous people of the land that you are on.

2022 03 [actions since Fall presbytery meetings]

ORDINATIONS	NONE
CHARTERED	NONE
INSTALLATIONS	NONE
ENROLLMENTS	NONE
DISMISSALS	NONE
REMOVED	NONE
RENUNCIATED	NONE
RELEASED	NONE
TRANSFERRED	NONE
VALIDATED MINISTRY	NONE
STATED SUPPLY	NONE
HONORABLY RETIRED	NONE
INACTIVE	NONE
LABOR IN BOUNDS	NONE
LABOR OUT OF BOUNDS	NONE
MINISTER AT LARGE	NONE
CANDIDATE UNDER CARE	NONE

OTHER PERMISSIONS/APPROVALS

Conduct Baptism/Communion	NONE
Enter CLP Program	NONE
CLP Commissioning	Elder Brandolyn Thran to Wells Presbyterian Church

- Rene Myers, Mission Engagement Advisor thanks the Presbytery in a letter from April 18,2022 for their donation of \$1,000 in March 2022 for the Matthew 25 fund (E052197)
- I gave greetings on the Presbytery's behalf at the 20th-anniversary celebration at the First Thai-Lao on September 3 in Las Vegas with Director of Finance, Vernon Manke.

- A list of supply preachers for North and South areas of the Presbytery is available for downloading from the presbytery email newsletter or from the clerk. A list of those available to preach via Zoom is planned. Please contact the clerk to be included or excluded from these lists.
- To achieve parity of teaching and ruling elders I have balanced our 57 ministers of the word and sacrament/teaching elders with our ruling elders (which include commissioned ruling elders) from our 23 churches. I plan to do so again in January and would appreciate suggestions from the Presbytery. A breakdown is Attachment A-4
 - We have 57 Ministers of the Word and Sacrament (MOWAS) on the roll. Commissioners are allocated among the 23 churches according to size and request ranging from 1-4 commissioners. This totals 44 ruling elders. We have three members transferred to our roll since their church of membership no longer exists. We have 5 Commissioned Lay Pastors. We have 2 members that are leaders of worshipping communities. We have 1 each of a Certified Church Educator, Chairperson of a committee, and commissioner to General Assembly who otherwise are not members of Presbytery.
 - A summary report with actual numbers is Attachment A-3 on the Presbytery meeting page on our website.
- As required by the Constitution of the PCUSA the Stated Clerk reports that the Presbytery has a manual of Administrative Operations, which can be found linked on the Presbytery website front page or at nevadapresbytery.org/manual.pdf It is also linked in the Presbytery emails.
- As required by the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) the Stated Clerk reports that the Presbytery has established a policy on the Committee of Representation which can be found in the Presbytery manual under Bylaws, 5.0600.
- The Stated Clerk reports that the Presbytery's Safe Church Policy (covering sexual misconduct prevention and response) and Child and Youth Protections Policies **have not been enacted**.
- The Stated Clerk reports the following are former members of the Permanent Judicial Commission from the past 6 years and are eligible for continued service, in accord with D-5.0206b:

2016-Al Fry	Honorably Retired
2018-Betty Squires	St. John's, Reno
2018-Art Ritter	Grace, Las Vegas
2020-Bette Sylvis	Henderson, Henderson
2020-Jackie Leonard	St. John's, Reno
2020-Dr. Bertha Pendleton	Mt. View, Las Vegas
2022-David Dendy	Mt. View, Las Vegas
2022-Susan Jones	First, Elko
2024-Bob Kelley	Honorably Retired
2026-Ed Lockett	Honorably Retired
2026-Tom Hall	Spanish Springs, Sparks
2026 Jean Rey	Lake Tahoe Community
- The Stated Clerk reports that a review of session minutes will occur in person during this meeting and via other arrangements in October. The report of the results of the October 2021 review are in

the clerk's report of the March minutes of presbytery. we thank Elder Ray Bledsoe our Assistant Records Review Clerk for many years of service in Record Review reinventing the process so we could review records even during COVID quarantine.

- As required by the Constitution of the PCUSA, the Stated Clerk reports the following annual minimum compensation for ministers and CRE's in the Presbytery is policy number 3 in our Manual of Administrative Operations:

POLICY NUMBER 3 MINIMUM SALARY

The minimum compensation package for full-time clergy in the Presbytery of Nevada is; \$38,000 yearly salary, including housing and utilities, \$500 study leave, full pension, two (2) weeks study leave (study leave allowance and time to be cumulative up to a maximum of three years), four (4) week vacation, \$1,800 travel allowance (minimum, vouchered at the IRS rate)

- Reports the following names, Elder Elaine York and Elder Diane Chambers having been approved as the ordination exam readers for the year 2022.
- Statistics submitted to General Assembly, Available on the meeting page on our website at nevadapresbytery.org
 - Active membership reported 103 gains and 171 loses for a total of 2439 down from 2515 of which 1514 (62%) were women
 - 12 Baptisms, Average Weekly Attendance was 1103, 271 from Birth through Grade 12 were reported to be in Christian Education
 - Just under the half of the Presbytery was reported to be non-white
 - Annual reported income was just under 5 million dollars with expenses slightly less. Two thirds went to personnel, just over 1/5 went to facilities, and just under 10% went to mission.
- Our quorum, according to our by-laws, (3.0101) A quorum of a Presbytery meeting is three ministers of the Word and Sacrament who are members of the presbytery and three ruling elder commissioners from three different congregations.
- There were no commissions for ordination or installation.
- There is a commission for the Lee Vining Church it is continuing its work.
- There is a commission for the First Korean Presbyterian Church of Las Vegas and it is continuing its work.

Recommendations for Action:

- The Presbytery of Nevada is registered as a non-profit with the State of California
 - CEO – John Christy Ramsey
 - CFO – Vernon Manke
 - Resident Agent – Katherine Suzanne Freeman

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 - President SCOTT PLUMMER
 - Secretary JOHN CHRISTY RAMSEY
 - Resident Agent JOHN CHRSTITY RAMSEY
 - Treasurer VERNON W MANKE
 - Director LYNNE ZENIER
 - Director ROBERT C KELLEY

- The Stated Clerk recommends that the Presbytery grant permission to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to the following entities: Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center, minister members of the Presbytery, and approved Commissioned Ruling Elders of the Presbytery when invited by the churches of the Presbytery and approved by the Committee On Ministry, in hospitals and other institutions, and hospice chaplains. In addition, the Stated Clerk recommends that the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be approved for the in person meetings of the presbytery, typically in March and September.

- Elder Carl Dahlen, member of the Presbytery of Nevada, has transferred his church membership to St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Tucson Arizona on April 12, 2022. Based on 3.0204a, I ask the Presbytery of Nevada to delete his name from the Presbytery rolls.
 - This leaves three members of Presbytery who are not members of a Presbyterian congregation: Vernon Manke, Carol Manke, and Carol Sandmier.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REVIEWS *(Pt. = Pastor)*

Ministers at Large	NONE
Commissioned Lay Pastors	NONE

These are actions taken by Council between Presbytery meetings. According to our by-laws:

4.0400 The Council shall have all the authority as permitted by the Book of Order and consistent with Presbytery Policy, that is, to act with the full authority of Presbytery between Presbytery Meetings

COMMISSION TO LEE VINING

COMMISSION FOR FIRST KOREAN PRESBYTERIAN LV

COUNCIL EMAIL VOTES [actions only]

The minutes of council, thankfully prepared by the Rev. Kate Freeman, Journal Clerk our on the website post for this meeting.

Commission to Lee Vining

A-1 Docket

A-2 Clerk's Report

A-3 2021 Statistics Summary

A-4 Parity Report

A-5 Certificate of Insurance

A-6 Synod Summary

A-7 GA Summary Outlook

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