

CLERK'S REPORT**Recognition of Native Lands and Peoples:**

The Presbytery of Nevada is comprised of land faithfully stewarded by indigenous people for countless generations. Today, we acknowledge the living legacy of the Stewart Indian School in Carson City. The following is taken from their website stewartindianschool.com

The Stewart Indian School changed the course of generations of American Indians. For more than 90 years, American Indian children were removed from their homelands, family, and culture, which profoundly impacted their lives. The Stewart Indian School Living Legacy preserves their stories and cultural legacy—never to be Forgotten.

The State of Nevada took over Stewart Indian School property in 1982 and returned 130 acres to Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California leaving 110 acres with 65 stone buildings built by students. In 2021, Governor Steve Sisolak signed three bills at Stewart Indian School: waiving university fees for Native students and banning discriminatory school mascots and sundown sirens

The Stewart Indian School Living Legacy plays a crucial role in educating visitors about the experiences of American Indian children who have been removed from their homelands, families, and cultures. It celebrates their resilience through the interpretation and revitalization of the Stewart campus, providing a unique and enlightening experience for all who visit.

We acknowledge with deep respect and gratitude the traditional homelands of the Wa She Shu (Washoe), Numu (Northern Paiute), Newe (Western Shoshone), and Nuwu (Southern Paiute) people of Nevada. This includes the 27 bands, tribal nations, and colonies that exist as sovereign nations and continue as stewards to this land. We appreciate the opportunity to live and learn on these Indigenous homelands.

The goal of the Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum is to honor the children who attended the school, and importantly, to tell the unvarnished truth about their experiences. By doing so, it helps the alumni, their families, and their communities to heal. The museum is open Monday – Friday 10 AM to 5 PM in South Carson 1 Jacobsen Way, Carson City, NV 89701

I express my heartfelt gratitude to the Presbytery for taking the time to consider the people whose lands we inhabit and their witness as stewards of the land from the beginning of time through today.

- Stewart Indian School cultural center & museum website stewartindianschool.com

[actions since March presbytery meeting]

ORDINATIONS

NONE

CHARTERED	NONE
INSTALLATIONS	
ENROLLMENTS	NONE
DISMISSALS	NONE
REMOVED	NONE
RENUNCIATED	NONE
RELEASED	NONE
TRANSFERRED	NONE
FROM ANOTHER CHRISTIAN DENOM	
VALIDATED MINISTRY	
STATED SUPPLY	NONE
RETIRED	NONE
INACTIVE	NONE
LABOR IN BOUNDS	NONE
LABOR OUT OF BOUNDS	NONE
MINISTER AT LARGE	NONE
CANDIDATE UNDER CARE	NONE
DECEASED	

OTHER PERMISSIONS/APPROVALS

Conduct Baptism/Communion	NONE
Enter CLP Program	NONE
CLP Commissioning	NONE

- The meetings of the Presbytery of Nevada are recorded to preserve and share significant presentations and the production of minutes. They are not the official records of the Presbytery of Nevada. The written minutes, approved by the Presbytery or the council acting as Presbytery, are the official records of the Presbytery of Nevada.

Policies

- 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 or at pbyl.ink/manual. 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 has an antiracism (Policy 27 in the Manual of Administrative Operations) as required by G-3.0106. The Stated Clerk thanks Elder Jean Rey for her work on this policy.
- The Stated Clerk reports that the Presbytery has a sexual misconduct Policy (Policy 10 in the

Manual of Administrative Operations) as required by G-3.0106, which includes requirements for boundary training, which includes the topic of sexual misconduct and child sexual abuse prevention training for its members at least every thirty-six months. The Stated Clerk thanks Elder Ron Scovil for his work on this policy.

- The Stated Clerk reports that the Presbytery does **not have a harassment policy**, as required by G-3.0106. The Presbytery is scheduled to vote on a policy at this meeting. The Stated Clerk thanks Elder Jean Rey for her work on this policy.
- The Stated Clerk reports that the Presbytery does **not have a child and youth protection policy**, as required by G-3.0106. The Synod is considering not making loans to Presbyteries that do not have this policy. The Stated Clerk is against this proposed action.
- 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 accordance with D-5.0206b:

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 session minutes will be reviewed in person during this meeting and via other arrangements after this meeting. We thank Elder John Harbison for his late nights in review session minutes during our meetings. An update will be given to Council and Presbytery in 2025 for the reviews in 2024
- The presbytery has insurance. The certificate is attached as A-5.
- As required by the Constitution of the PCUSA, the Stated Clerk reports the following annual minimum compensation for ministers and commissioned pastors 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 Minister Adrian Doll, has been approved as the ordination exam readers for the year 2024.
- Statistics submitted to General Assembly, Available on the meeting page on our website at nevadapresbytery.org as Attachment A-6
 - Active membership reported 161 gains and 263 losses for a total of 2396, down from 2439 of which 1470 (61%) were women
 - 38 Baptisms, Average Weekly Attendance was 1336, 222 from Birth through Grade 12 were reported to be in Christian Education
 - Just under 18% of the Presbytery was reported to be non-white
 - Annual reported income was just under 4 million dollars, with expenses slightly over 4 million.
- 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 First Korean Presbyterian Church of Las Vegas, which is has not been dismissed.
- This leaves two members of the Presbytery who are not members of a Presbyterian congregation: Vernon and Carol Manke.
- The Presbytery of Nevada Entity No. 0385856 is registered as a non-profit with the State of California
 - CEO – John Christy Ramsey
 - CFO – Scott Plummer
 - Resident Agent – Katherine Suzanne Freeman
- The stated clerk missed filing the paperwork with the State of California in 2023. The Presbytery was suspended in April of 2024 but is now restored as a legal business entity in California.
 - However, regaining our tax-exempt status in California requires at least 7 months. I have submitted the forms. We should be restored early in 2025
 - The stated clerk regrets and apologizes for his lapse in filing. The next filing deadline is 11/30/2025 at midnight.
- The Presbytery of Nevada NV19091000061 is a registered as a non-profit with the State of Nevada
 - Lynne Zenier, Director | Robert C Kelley, President | Scott Plummer, Treasurer | John Christy Ramsey, Secretary
 - The next filing deadline is July 2025, and can be filed as early as April 14, 2025

Recommendations for Action:

- The minutes for our last meeting on March 11-12, 2024 are submitted for approval. Attachment A-3.
- The Presbytery of Nevada, registered as a non-profit with the State of California, files this annual report of officers. (Nevada officers were due in July and authorized in June by the Council. Action of the Council reported below.)
 - Secretary JOHN CHRISTY RAMSEY
 - Resident Agent KATE FREEMAN
 - Treasurer SCOTT PLUMMER

It is the intent of this Presbytery that this permission continues until Presbytery action to rescind or modify this action as recorded in its minutes.

LORD'S SUPPER AUTHORIZATIONS

- The Stated Clerk recommends that the Presbytery grant permission to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to the **Rev. Dick Young, Rev Sara Tillema**, and other PC(USA) teaching elders leading worship at Zephyr Point Conference Center. In addition, Commissioned Pastors (CREs) of the Presbytery, with prior approval of the chair of the Committee on Ministry, are also authorized to celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Zephyr Point Conference Center. *The Presbytery intends that this permission continues until these ministers leave their current validated ministry or until Presbytery action to rescind or modify this action as recorded in its minutes.*
- The Stated Clerk recommends that the Presbytery grant permission to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to the following minister members of the Presbytery: *It is the intent of this Presbytery that this permission continues until these ministers leave their current validate ministry.*
 - **Rev. Mitchell S Holley**, Chaplain
 - **Rev. Alex Aaron**, Chaplain
 - **Rev. Jeanie Shaw**, Ministry Engagement Advisor
- The Stated Clerk recommends that Commission Pastors (CREs) of the Presbytery, when invited by a church of the Presbytery and approved by the chair of the Committee on Ministry, be authorized to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in the church that invited them. *It is the intent of this Presbytery that this permission continues until Presbytery action to rescind or modify this action as recorded in its minutes.*
- In addition, the Stated Clerk recommends that the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be approved for all in-person meetings of the presbytery, typically in March and September. *It is the intent of this Presbytery that this permission continues until Presbytery action to rescind or modify this action as recorded in its minutes.*
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BOUNDARIES

- The Presbytery of Nevada requests **to a change to its standing rules regarding the boundaries of the Presbytery. See Attachment A-4**
- The Stated Clerk thanks Elder Vern Manke for his work negotiating boundaries with neighboring Presbyteries and the General Assembly. No church is affected by this change.

COUNCIL ACTIONS

These are actions taken by the 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

1. **Council voted to approve the motion to approve updated the Sexual Misconduct policy adding the Book of Order training requirements as presented** (policy can be found on the Presbytery website page for this meeting: P-10).
2. **Council voted unanimously to authorize Rev Christy Ramsey, Secretary of the Corporation to sign all necessary PILP and/or Synod documents including the commitment letter for the loan for Grace Presbyterian Church on behalf of the Presbytery.**
3. **Council voted to approve the change in Presbytery meeting meals reimbursement from a cost per meal to a daily cost not to exceed \$74/day and receipts are required** (the policy can be found on the Presbytery website page for this meeting: P-05)
4. **Council voted to DECLINE to fund a mission trip proposal that did not follow the policy of the Presbytery.** The policy can be found on the Presbytery website page for this meeting: P-26)
5. **Council voted to approve the request that the Moderator of Presbytery with the help of the Committee on Ministry appoint an Administrative Commission for Community Presbyterian Church of Lee Vining to:**
 - a. **Recruit, train, elect and install Session Elders to bring order to the leadership of the church.**
 - b. **Establish a regular worship schedule.**
 - c. **Establish regular pastoral leadership**

6. Council voted to approve Rev Karen Moore to serve communion at both the Lee Vining Community and Bishop Valley after consultation with the Administrative Commission.

The minutes of the council, thankfully prepared by the Rev. Kate Freeman, Journal Clerk, are available by request.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rev. Mr. J. Christy Ramsey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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