

**CLERK'S REPORT March 2026****RECOGNITION OF NATIVE LANDS AND PEOPLES**

The Presbytery of Nevada includes lands that were home to Indigenous peoples for countless generations before settlers claimed them for themselves. We honor the ongoing work of Indigenous peoples for recognition, justice, and the restoration of right relationship with the land. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has encouraged presbyteries and synods to begin gatherings with land acknowledgments as one small but meaningful act of truth-telling and justice.

Even as this church building is new, the land beneath it is ancient and beloved. In this pause in our celebration of newness, we remember that we are not the first to live, love, and gather in this place. We acknowledge that we are on the ancestral land of the Nuwu, the Southern Paiute people, who have cared for this land and built community here for generations, and who are still here among us in the Las Vegas area today. We honor their continuing presence as we begin our life in this new church home in a spirit of care, relationship, and love for neighbor.

Today, the Moapa Band of Paiutes continues to live nearby on a portion of their ancestral homeland, caring for community, culture, and creation. As people of faith, we acknowledge the painful legacy of displacement and injustice endured by Indigenous peoples, confess the complicity of churches and governments in that harm, and recommit ourselves to the work of justice, humility, peace, and reconciliation.

With gratitude, we recognize the Moapa Band of Paiutes and all Southern Paiute peoples, past, present, and future. May our gathering here be marked by respect, listening, and hope.

**March 2026** [actions at Fall September 2025 presbytery meeting and afterward]

ORDINATIONS	NONE
CHARTERED	NONE
INSTALLATIONS	NONE
ENROLLMENTS	NONE
DISMISSALS	NONE
REMOVED	NONE
RENUNCIATED	NONE
RELEASED	NONE
TRANSFERRED	
DECEASED	Rev. Al Fry
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	Elder Elaine York, Ryan McKenzie
INQUIRER ENROLLED	NONE

**OTHER PERMISSIONS / APPROVALS / CHANGES**

Resignation as CRE	
Conduct Baptism/Communion	
Enter CLP Program	
Congregation Moderator	NONE
CLP Commissioning	

**SESSION REVIEWS:** Annual Review, Done in person by Elder John Harbison and Elder Ray Bledsoe at the September 2025 meeting at Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>3/2025</b>	<b>9/2025</b>
Bishop	Valley		
Elko	First		
Gardnerville	Christ		Yes
Hawthorne	Community	Yes	Yes
Henderson	Green Valley	Yes	
Henderson	Henderson United	Yes	
Lamoille	Community		Yes
Las Vegas	First Thai-Laotian		
Las Vegas	Grace		
Las Vegas	Mountain View	Yes	
Las Vegas	Taiwanese Am		Yes
Las Vegas	Westminster		
Lee Vining	Community		
Mesquite	Valley	Yes	
Reno	St Johns	Yes	
S Lake Tahoe	LT Community		Yes
Sparks	Korean Reno	*	*
Sparks	Spanish Spring		Yes
Truckee	Truckee Lutheran		
Virginia City	First		
Wells	Wells		

\*Minutes in Korean

**REVIEW OF VALIDATED MINISTRIES, COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS, MINISTERS, AND TERMS OF CALL**

The Stated Clerk affirms that the Committee on Ministry reports that it has completed its review of all clergy and Commissioned Ruling Elders. Annual reports for Honorably Retired clergy and Members at Large are presented at the Fall meeting, most recently in September. Annual reports for pastors serving in Validated Ministry are presented at this Spring meeting. The reviews of Commissioned Ruling Elders and Commissioned Pastors, as well as the review of terms of call, are likewise presented at this Spring meeting.

**SUMMARY OF ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORTS**

The Annual Statistical Reports are completed online by the clerks of our churches. 20 of the 21 churches turned in their annual reports. The PC(USA) and Stated Clerk thank the clerks and sessions for their work.

	Elko, First	Gardnerville, Christ	Hawthorne, Community
Henderson, Green Valley	Henderson, United	Lamoille, Community	Las Vegas, Mt. View
Las Vegas, Grace	Las Vegas, Taiwanese Am	Las Vegas, Westminster	Mesquite, Valley
Reno, St. Johns	S Lake Tahoe, Lake Tahoe Com	Sparks, Korean Reno	Sparks, Spanish Springs
Truckee, Truckee Lutheran	Wells, Wells		

In 2025, no churches in the Presbytery of Nevada closed, merged, or opened, keeping the total number at 21.

In 2025, with one church not reporting, the average reported attendance at Sunday worship was 1,672, up over 100 from 2024. Five churches reported an average worship attendance of over 100 the same as 2024. Our churches reported 24 baptisms last year, up from 16 in 2024.

The presbytery began the year with 2,188 adjusted to 2,185 members and ended with 2,164, reflecting a 3% decrease, more than last year's 2.3% decrease. There were 60 recorded deaths, down from 79 in 2024. Seven churches reported membership growth up from 4 in 2024, with Westminster, Las Vegas, seeing the largest percentage increase: over one-third of its membership. Mt. View had the highest numerical growth, gaining 36 members. Mountain View also reported the most professions of faith, with 36, doubling last year's professions.

Demographically, 75% of members identified as white, down from 84% in 2024, with Asian/Pacific Islanders as the second-largest group at 17%, up from 10% in 2024. Black/African/American/African, Hispanic/Latino, Multiracial, tied from third, each with 2%.

Location	Name	Attend	Mem1/25	Transfer	Youth+	Adult+	CrtLoss	Deaths	Delete	Mem1/26	Change
Bishop	Valley		9							9	0
Elko	First	46	68	1	2	7	0	2	9	67	-1
Gardnerville	Christ	16	28	2	0	0	0	0	0	30	2
Hawthorne	Community	16	17	0	2	2	0	1	3	17	0
Henderson	Green Valley	254	479	11	1	25	0	11	37	468	-11
Henderson	Henderson United	87	88	0	0	9	0	3	4	90	2
Lamoille	Community	51	58	0	0	11	0	0	6	63	5
Las Vegas	First Thai-Laotian	391	89	0	0	0	2	3	15	69	-20
Las Vegas	Grace	45	354	3	0	12	0	6	0	363	9
Las Vegas	Mountain View	178	342	2	0	36	1	15	11	353	11
Las Vegas	Taiwanese Am	26	31	2	0	1	0	2	2	30	-1
Las Vegas	Westminster	40	36	0	0	16	0	2	0	50	14
Lee Vining	Community	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0
Mesquite	Valley	72	49	4	0	0	0	0	0	53	4
Reno	St Johns	140	166	4	0	5	0	5	12	158	-8
S Lake Tahoe	LT Community	108	90	0	0	5	3	4	3	85	-5
Sparks	Korean Reno	88	105	3	3	0	5	0	2	104	-1
Sparks	Spanish Spring	55	84	1	0	1	0	1	6	79	-5
Truckee	Truckee Lutheran	24	42	0	1	0	0	1	12	30	-12
Virginia City	First	21	24	0	0	0	0	1	0	23	-1
Wells	Wells	10	19	0	0	0	0	3	0	16	-3
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>2185</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>2164</b>	<b>-21</b>

**COMMISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERY**

Lee Vining Presbyterian Commission has scheduled worship leadership via Zoom, including CRE Garth Butz and Methodist minister Rev. Karen Moore, while the church building has been closed for the winter. It continues its work with the congregation. The authorization for church closure remains in effect, but is neither required nor time-limited.

Meeting Commission has been formed but has not met to the

Emmanuel Faith Chapel Commission is reporting at the meeting with a recommendation for chartering Emmanuel Faith Chapel as a church of the PC(USA) and the Presbytery of Nevada.

There is an Investing Committee (IC) doing its work among us. The Stated Clerk thanks the Presbyters for their patience and forbearance as the committee does its work.

**PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION**

The Permanent Judicial Commission met in January and elected officers.

Moderator: Minister David Dendy

Vice Moderator: Elder Jean Rey

Clerk: Minister Scott Trevithick

Assistant Clerk: Minister Hilda Pecoraro

The moderator appointed the following **Special Committee**, as required by Church Discipline: current PJC member, Minister Ed Luckett, and former PJC members, Elder Susie Jones and Elder John Harbison.

**BOUNDARY TRAINING STATUS**

As of January 1, 2026, the Presbytery of Nevada includes 47 minister members and 10 ruling elder members who serve as CREs, committee chairs, or officers. In addition, there are 37 commissioners representing our 21 churches. All of these individuals are covered by the Presbytery's boundary training policy, which also applies to commissioners from the past two years. (Standing Rules: 1.3000)

The full policy can be found in the Administrative Manual, under Policy #10. In summary, Presbytery members are directed to complete the following three courses from Praesidium Academy:

- *Keeping Your Church Safe*
- *Preventing Abuse and Exploitation in Pastoral Ministry*
- *Safeguarding God's People: Preventing Sexual Harassment*

Please note: *Safeguarding God's People: Preventing Sexual Harassment* has been retired by Praesidium Academy. Until the Equipping Committee updates the course list, we suggest *Promoting a Safe Environment: Supervisor Sexual Harassment Training (ENG)* as a suitable alternative. This update and additional guidance are posted on the Presbytery website under Resources | Boundary Training.

Other courses are available, and California residents/church attendants should look for the California-specific training. Some ministers have taken these courses in addition to the courses above:

Foundations: Preventing Abuse in Youth-Serving Organizations (ENG)

Duty to Report: Mandated Reporter (ENG)

Abuse Risk Management (ENG)

These presbyters have completed at least all three courses specified by the Equipping Committee to fulfill the Presbytery's boundary training requirements.

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| 1. Dennis Bunce    | 8. Laura Martin    | 15. Ron Scovill          |
| 2. Robert Crall    | 9. Mariano Ordonez | 16. Lee Styer            |
| 3. David Dendy     | 10. Hilda Pecoraro | 17. Karen Thistlethwaite |
| 4. Adrian Doll     | 11. Christy Ramsey | 18. Dian Ward            |
| 5. Sue Goodman     | 12. Jean Rey       | 19. Elaine York          |
| 6. Mitchell Holley | 13. Jeff Rumble    | 20. Richard Young        |
| 7. Chris Kirschman | 14. Craig Sanders  |                          |

**Lori Ashton, Joe Commerford, Ron Doyel, Honey Fio, Kate Freeman, David Geeting, Peggy Hall, James Houston-Hencken, David Matawitz, Denis Pecoraro, Karen Stokes, Linda Young** have taken at least one course.

There are 94 members of the Presbytery of Nevada, according to the Book of Order, based on minister members and ruling elders, to balance their number. However, according to our by-laws, active members shall be defined as those who have attended a Presbytery meeting or served on a Presbytery committee within the past two (2) years.1.3000 This should be addressed.

Presbyters can take their training by emailing the stated clerk ([clerk@nevadapresbytery.org](mailto:clerk@nevadapresbytery.org)) for an invitation to enroll in Praesidium Academy before the end of the month. An email invitation from Praesidium to create an account with Praesidium will be sent to those who request one from the Stated Clerk. More information is on the website's top menu under Resources | Boundary Training or by browsing to: [nevadapresbytery.org/2024/05/29/boundary-training/](https://nevadapresbytery.org/2024/05/29/boundary-training/)

#### **ACTIONS REQUESTED**

The Stated Clerk moves that the minutes of the September 2025 meeting of the Presbytery of Nevada, Attachment A-03 be approved.

#### **ACTIONS OF THE PRESBYTERY TAKEN BY THE COUNCIL (Our Version of the Consent Agenda)**

- Acting on behalf of the Presbytery, the Council approved the sale of the manse property in Hawthorne, Nevada if the way be clear. Funds received will be retained by the PC to make needed upgrades to their church building.

- Acting on behalf of the Presbytery, the Council hereby designates 100% of the compensation paid to Minister Christy Ramsey and Minister Kate Freeman as housing allowance. This designation is intended to be continuing and shall remain in effect unless and until modified by subsequent action of the Presbytery or Council, duly recorded in the minutes, or until either employee leaves the position for which the compensation is paid.
- Acting on behalf of the Presbytery, the Council affirmed the Trustees' grant of \$7,000 to First Presbyterian Church, Virginia City, for repairs and upgrades to their furnace and electrical system.
- Acting on behalf of the Presbytery, the Council approved the recommendation of the Committee on Ministry to grant permission to perform the sacraments at First Presbyterian Church, Elko to the elders that have been trained: Jim Byars, Sally Winsley, Vicki Matys, Patty Fisk, Ed Nickel, Jan Petersen, Kathy Reyes, Susie Jones, Barbara Pearson, Brett Pearson, and Jerry Cooney, Kathy Reyes.
- Acting on behalf of the Presbytery, the Council approved the recommendation of the Committee on Ministry to grant permission to Elder Erin Munson to moderate First, Elko's session and congregation meetings for one year.

## POLICY REVISIONS

- Acting on behalf of the Presbytery, the Council revised Policy #1. The current text was stricken due to the language requiring postmarks and assuming the use of USPS ("They own the mail") and replaced with:
  - Churches whose Annual Statistical Reports are recorded as submitted in the General Assembly's designated online reporting system by February 15, or by such other deadline as may be set by the General Assembly, and that pay their per capita apportionment by that same date, shall be eligible for a ten percent (10%) reduction in the per capita apportionment. Payment of the reduced amount shall be considered payment in full.
- Acting on behalf of the Presbytery, the Council revised Policy #18. Due to the change in the seminary environment, the following text was stricken and replaced.
  - C. Take and pass from a ~~Presbyterian~~ seminary two courses:
  - C. Take and pass from a **Presbytery of Nevada approved** seminary two courses:
- Acting on behalf of the Presbytery, the council replaced Policy #20 with new text.
  - ~~Ordinarily, the Nominating Committee, in consultation with the committee members, shall nominate committee chairs from seated members.~~
  - **Ordinarily, each committee shall select its chair from among its members, in consultation with the Nominating Committee, who nominates a chairperson for election by presbytery, unless otherwise provided by the standing rules of the presbytery.**

This ends the report of council actions and becomes the action of the Presbytery of Nevada with this report.

Please see the docket for registration information for our next Presbytery in September at St. John's Presbyterian Church in Reno, Nevada.

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Rev. Mr. J. Christy Ramsey (he/him/his) Stated Clerk/General Presbyter Presbytery of Nevada