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**TITLE: An Action Relating to Resources and Development; Approving a Mission Site Permit for 1.0 Acre, More or Less, for Tse Sianni Bible Church, Inc., in the Vicinity of Shonto Chapter, Navajo Nation**

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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

Tracking No. 0041-22

**DATE:** February 17, 2022

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION; AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT; APPROVING A MISSION SITE PERMIT FOR 1.0 ACRE, MORE OR LESS, FOR TSE SIANNI BIBLE CHURCH, INC., IN THE VICINITY OF SHONTO CHAPTER, NAVAJO NATION

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this legislation is to approve a mission site permit for Mission Site Permit for the Tse Sianni Bible Church, Inc. on 1.0 acres located in the Shonto Chapter.

**This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.**

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PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Fourth Year, 2022

INTRODUCED BY

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(Prime Sponsor)

TRACKING NO. 0041-22

AN ACTION

RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT;  
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CHAPTER, NAVAJO NATION

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. Pursuant to 16 N.N.C. Section 1151 (C), the Resources Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council has the authority to give approval for permits for mission sites on behalf of the Navajo Nation.
- B. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. Section 501 (B)(2), the Resources Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council has the authority to give final approval for all land withdrawals, non-mineral leases, permits, licenses, rights-of-way, surface easements and bonding requirements on Navajo Nation lands and unrestricted (fee) land. This authority shall include subleases, modifications, assignments, leasehold encumbrances, transfers, renewals, and terminations.

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. The Tse Sianni Bible Church, Inc. has applied for a mission site within the Shonto Chapter.
- B. The Terms and Conditions for the Mission Site Permit is attached as **Exhibit A**.

- 1 C. The proposed mission site is located on 1.0 acres, more or less, within the vicinity of  
2 Shonto Chapter, Navajo Nation (New Mexico). The survey of the Tse Sianni Bible  
3 Church, Inc. Tract is attached as **Exhibit B**.
- 4 D. The Grazing Officials, in memoranda dated September 13, 2021 and March 25, 2013,  
5 have stated that grazing permits have been cancelled in this area of the Navajo  
6 Partitioned Land; therefore, no land user consents were necessary. In addition, the  
7 September 13, 2021 memorandum states “the building is already occupied and being  
8 utilized. The community fully support the operation of the Church and there are no  
9 complaints.” The March 25, 2013 states “To my knowledge, no grazing permittee,  
10 other than the Church will be affected by undertaking, and there are no land disputes at  
11 the location of the Church.” The September 13, 2021 and the March 25, 2013  
12 memoranda are attached as **Exhibit C**.
- 13 E. The Shonto Chapter Resolution SH03-53-13 dated March 24, 2013 “recommends to  
14 the Land Department and the Bureau of Indian Affairs Land offices to expedite the  
15 mission site lease application for the congregation of the Tse Sianni Bible Church and  
16 to accept all the documents showing this tract of land has met the requirements [of] a  
17 land withdrawal.” Shonto Chapter Resolution SH03-53-13, a signed petition, and  
18 statement from Navajo Nation Council Delegate for District 2, dated February 16,  
19 2022, approving the establishment of the mission are attached as **Exhibit D**.
- 20 F. The Biological Resources Compliance Form 20TSBC-01 is attached as **Exhibit E**; the  
21 Historic Preservation Department Cultural Resources Compliance Form No. HPD90-  
22 340 is attached as **Exhibit F**. The Biological Evaluation for a One-acre Residential  
23 Site on the Navajo Nation, Shonto, Arizona prepared for Tse Sianni Bible Church,  
24 prepared by SWCA Environmental Consultants is attached as **Exhibit G**.
- 25 G. The Application, the Certificate of Incorporation, the Articles of Incorporation, and the  
26 Sliding Fee Scale Form for Mission Site Permits are attached as **Exhibit H**.
- 27 H. The Executive Official Review document number 015267 with reviews by the  
28 Department of Justice, Department of Water Resources, Fish and Wildlife, Minerals  
29 Management Department, Historic Preservation Department, Division of Natural  
30 Resources Administration and the Navajo Land Department; and, review by the Navajo

1 Nation Environmental Protection Agency by memorandum dated February 16, 2022  
2 indicating “approved” or “sufficient” are attached as **Exhibit I**.

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4 **SECTION THREE. APPROVAL**

5 A. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby  
6 approves the Mission Site Permit for the Tse Sianni Bible Church, Inc., subject to but  
7 not limited to the attached Terms and Conditions contained herein as **Exhibit A** which  
8 is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

9 B. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby  
10 authorizes President of the Navajo Nation to execute all documents to affect the intent  
11 and purpose of this resolution.