

Religion in Fresno Assembly Center

In 1942 the percentage of clergymen among the Japanese evacuees amounted to about one clergyman for every thousand evacuees. More than half of the clergymen could be identified as Christians affiliated with established Protestant Denominations. The balance were Buddhist and Shinto priests with Buddhists outnumbering Shinto Priests 2 to 1. Fresno Assembly Center had a slight advantage in the percentage of established clergymen among the evacuees interned there. This was a dominant factor in the availability of a wide range of religious services for the Japanese evacuees to participate in at Fresno Center.