



Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest
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PRESBYTERY UPDATE

Greetings from the new Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest Office! In addition to announcing the upcoming Winter (and first) meeting of our Presbytery, there are several other items of interest in this Update:

- Presbytery Meeting Registration information
- Discovery Workshop Schedule
- Pacific Southwest Office Contact Information

Presbytery Meeting

Friday, February 2, 2018 (9:00 am) through Saturday, February 3, 2018 (12:00 noon)

Centerpoint Community Church
515 Sunrise Ave
Roseville, CA 95661
(916) 782-3186

Our first presbytery meeting will be hosted by our friends at Centerpoint Church, where the first meeting of the Presbytery of the Pacific also took place. Joining us at that meeting will be **Dr. Dean Weaver, the Moderator of the EPC General Assembly**, who will preach at our Saturday morning worship time and provide an update on activities at the GA level, and **Dr. Greg Ogden, pastor and author**, who will share wisdom and insight on how to establish effective discipleship in our churches: *"The Power of Micro Groups to Transform and Multiply Disciples."* Also included in our agenda will be the welcoming of our new **Presbytery Moderator, Rob Perkins**, the ordination examination of Tommy Branaugh from Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, and the examination of at least one additional candidate for ministry, along with the establishment of our Bylaws, the 2018 Presbytery Leadership Council, and our 2018 Budget. **Jim Barstow, Pastor at Centerpoint** will lead us in our Friday evening worship service.

We trust you will pass on this information to all potential commissioners from your church. The **registration information for the Presbytery Meeting is attached to this email.**

Dr. Dean Weaver was elected Moderator of the 37th General Assembly in June 2017. He has served as lead pastor of Memorial Park EPC in the North Hills of Pittsburgh, PA for ten years. He previously served as Senior Pastor of Knox Presbyterian Church, Kenmore, NY and Pastor of Clymer Presbyterian Church, Clymer, PA.

His call to ministry began at his infant baptism ceremony, where he screamed so loudly that the pastor remarked, "Looks like this one is going to be a preacher." He accepted Christ as his savior at age 14. In high school the assistant pastor of the church grabbed him and shook him and said, "You are called to ministry. If you do not follow God's call, you will be miserable until you yield to it." Ignoring him, he began a major in Electrical Engineering until his misery got the best of him and a different pastor preached a convicting sermon that "was just for him," which led him to change his major to Christian Thought and History.

He earned his BA from Grove City College and served with the Coalition for Christian Outreach (CCO), which is now a partner organization with the EPC. He earned his M. Div. from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and his D. Min. from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Beth, have 6 children; 3 natural born, 3 adopted internationally and one new granddaughter.



Presbytery Meeting (continued)



Dr. Greg Ogden is “retired” or better yet “redeployed” from professional church leadership. He now lives out his passion of speaking, teaching, and writing about the disciple-making mission of the church. Most recently Greg served as Executive Pastor of Discipleship at Christ Church of Oak Brook, IL. in the Chicago western suburbs. From 1998-2002, Greg held the position of Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program at Fuller Theological Seminary and Associate Professor of Lay Equipping and Discipleship. Prior to coming to Fuller, Greg enjoyed 24 years in pastoral ministry.

He is the author of six books: *Unfinished Business: Returning the Ministry to the People of God* (Zondervan, 2003), *Discipleship Essentials: A Guide to Building Your Life in Christ* (InterVarsity Press), *Transforming Discipleship: Making Disciples a Few at a Time* (InterVarsity Press); with co-author, Daniel Meyer, *Leadership Essentials: Shaping Vision, Multiplying Influence, Defining Character* (InterVarsity Press), *The Essential Commandment: A Guide to Loving God and Others* (InterVarsity Press), and lastly, *Essential Guide to Becoming a Disciple*.

Dr. Ogden is a chairman of the board in a new ministry entitled the Global Discipleship Initiative (GDI). *GDI trains, coaches, and inspires pastors and Christian leaders to establish indigenous, multiplying, disciple making movements, both nationally and internationally.* (globaldi.org)

It has been a joy to be married to Lily for 48 years and they have one married daughter and two grandchildren

Discovery Workshop

Friday, January 19, 2018 (9:00 am – 4:00 pm)

Fremont Presbyterian Church
5770 Carlson Drive
Sacramento, CA 95819
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This workshop is designed to provide an overview of the polity and doctrine of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. The focus of the morning will be on the EPC Book of Order and the focus of the afternoon will be on the Westminster Confession. All Candidates Under Care seeking calls are required to attend a Discovery Workshop as part of their candidating process. The workshop is also appropriate for teaching elders being received from other denominations and any ruling elders serving or planning to serve in an EPC church. Lunch will be served. There is no cost for the Workshop.

Register your attendance by contacting Cathy Cole, Pacific Southwest Presbytery Assistant (cathy@epcpops.org).

Presenters:

Ron Bengelink Current Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of the Pacific
David Tyra Attorney (Kronick, Moscowitz, Tiedemann & Girard)
 Chair of the EPC General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission (PJC)

Presbytery Parity List

An updated Parity List identifying the number of ruling elder commissioners from each church will be emailed by December 15th. The goal of our Presbytery is to have a ratio of 2 ruling elders to each teaching elder at our Presbytery meetings and in most other committees, commissions and teams. When you receive the list be sure to check out the number of ruling elders authorized for your church. Many have changed.



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