



Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest

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2022 POPS Pastor's Retreat

October 4-6 at Mission Springs Christian Conference Center

Every pastor needs time away for worship, teaching, community-building and relaxation. To be able to do so with brothers and sisters in Christ in a beautiful and refreshing environment is a special treat. Mission Springs Christian Conference Center is located in the Santa Cruz Mountains in a



quiet and peaceful setting amidst old-growth redwoods. Our speaker will be **Jerry Sittser, author and professor at Whitworth University in Spokane, WA** (see below). Four separate teaching and discussion times are planned, as well as ample free time on Wednesday afternoon to relax and enjoy the beautiful surroundings.

The Retreat is open to all POPS teaching elders and candidates under care. Financial concerns should not be a limiting factor for attendance, so financial aid for any teaching elder who would not otherwise be able to attend due to financial reasons will be covered by special funds.

Note: The Retreat will not be concurrent with the Fall POPS Presbytery Meeting, which will be held at Fremont Presbyterian Church in Sacramento, CA on Friday, October 21st through Saturday, October 22nd.

SPEAKER



Jerry Sittser specializes in the History of Christianity, Christian Spirituality, and Religion in American Public Life at Whitworth University. He founded the Certification for Ministry program, the Masters of Arts in Theology program, and the Academy of Christian Discipleship. Currently he is serving half-time as professor of theology and half-time as senior fellow and researcher in the Office of Church Engagement. He holds degrees from Hope College (B.A.), Fuller Theological Seminary (M.Div.) and University of Chicago (Ph.D.). He has written eight books, too, including his most recent, "*Resilient Faith*." Sittser won the Hope College Distinguished Alumni Award in 2009 and has been voted

Most Influential Professor ten times by the Whitworth senior class, most recently by the Whitworth Class of 2015. During graduate school he also won the Jacob K. Javits National Graduate Fellowship award. He is currently doing research on the history of the "catechumenate," which refers to how the church has trained people in the faith over the past 2,000 years. Jerry is a frequent speaker at conferences, and enjoys music, literature, hiking, woodworking, and attending the Oregon Shakespeare Festival every year with his family. Married to Patricia since 2010, he has three married children, two married step-children, and two grandchildren.

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RETREAT COSTS

Standard Housing – Single Occupancy	\$360 (per person)*
Economy Housing – Single Occupancy**	\$320 (per person)*
Standard Housing – Double Occupancy	\$310 (per person)*
Economy Housing – Double Occupancy**	\$270 (per person)*

* Add \$8 for credit card payments

** Some Economy Housing is located a steep walk or short drive from the main conference center. Register early to secure housing in the main conference center area.

REGISTRATION

Sign up using the following link: <https://epcpops.wufoo.com/forms/mromm331elp7zl/>

Registration for the Retreat will close on Friday, September 16, 2022.

PAYMENT

Credit card: Complete the attached Credit Card Authorization and email it to Cathy Cole at the Presbytery Office (cathy@epcpops.org). Please add an \$8.00 processing fee to your payment amount.

Check: Send a check payable to *Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest* to:

Connie Badgley, POPS Treasurer:
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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Tuesday, October 4	4:00 pm	Check-in
	6:00	Dinner
	7:30	Worship / Evening Session
Wednesday, October 5	8:00 am	Breakfast
	9:00	Worship / Morning Session
	12:00 pm	Lunch
	1:00	Free Time
	6:00	Dinner
Thursday, October 6	7:30	Worship / Evening Session
	8:00 am	Breakfast
	9:00	Worship / Morning Session
	12:00 pm	Lunch

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON OPTIONS

Many options on Wednesday afternoon are available in the immediate Santa Cruz area such as golf, hiking, shopping, beaches and Marianne's ice cream. Also included at no extra cost is time for a long and comfortable nap. More details will be available at a later time.

QUESTIONS

Contact Mark Eshoff, Stated Clerk, at mark@epcpops.org for questions and additional information.