

EPC Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest



Meeting Announcement and Registration

May 16-17, 2019 (Thursday afternoon and Friday)

Fifth Stated Meeting of the EPC Presbytery of the Southwest

Host Church: First Presbyterian Church, Bakersfield
1705 17th Street
Bakersfield, CA 93301
661-325-9419

Local Contact: Megan Loveridge
meganl@fpbchurch.com
(661) 325-9419 ext. 113

Our May 2019 meeting will begin at **1:00 pm on Thursday, May 16th and conclude at 5:00 pm on Friday, May 17th at First Presbyterian Church, Bakersfield, CA.** The Presbytery Council is looking for ways to encourage teaching elders and ruling elders to participate in the full meeting (including the worship service), and the Thursday/Friday format will eliminate the long meeting day on Friday. Included in the meeting will be dinner on Thursday, and breakfast and lunch on Friday.

Our presenter at the meeting will be **Brad Griffin, Director of the Fuller Youth Institute**, where he develops research-based training for youth workers and parents. A speaker, blogger, and volunteer youth pastor, Brad is the co-author of *Growing Young*, several *Sticky Faith* books, *Right Click: Parenting Your Teenager in a Digital Media World*, and the series *Can I Ask That?: 8 Hard Questions about God and Faith*. Brad and his family live in Southern California.



Also planned for the meeting will be a report from the POPS Engage 2025 Home Team, chaired by Rev. George Carey. They will propose for us the adoption of an unreached people group for a special mission emphasis. World Outreach special guests, Rob and Iris A., who have much experience with this people group, will help make the recommendation and be available to answer questions. Please pray with us that a team leader, and team members, will be raised up from among our own churches for this significant pioneer church-planting work.

NEW UPDATE! – A special **Clerk of Session Training** will be offered as part of the meeting **during lunch on Friday**. The training will be led by Jim Conners, Session Minutes Review Chair, and Mark Eshoff, Stated Clerk. All Session Clerks are encouraged to attend as you will be updated on best practices and will have the opportunity to ask specific questions.

Churches schedule for Session Minutes Reviews at the May 2019 meeting:

Clayton Community Church, Clayton, CA
Community Presbyterian Church, Danville, CA
First Armenian Presbyterian Church, Fresno, CA
First Presbyterian Church, Fresno, CA
Fowler Presbyterian Church, Fowler, CA
Millbrook Presbyterian Church, Fresno, CA
New Life Community Church, Covelo, CA
Saint John's Assyrian Presbyterian Church, Fresno, CA
San Ramon Presbyterian Church, San Ramon, CA
Sanger Community Church, Sanger, CA

Pre-meeting Events

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Presbytery Council 7:00 pm

Thursday, May 16, 2019

Care of Candidates Committee 8:00 am

World Outreach Brunch 10:00 am

Join leaders of EPC World Outreach for an update on what's happening in the area of mission in the denomination

Women's Link Brunch 10:00 am

All women are invited to join us as we gather to pray, connect and encourage women in the local church. We will also talk about how we can share resources with one another.

Meeting Schedule

Thursday, May 16, 2019

| | | |
|----------------|----------|--------------------|
| Stated Meeting | 12:00 pm | Registration opens |
| | 1:00 pm | Meeting begins |
| | 5:30 pm | Dinner |
| | 7:00 pm | Presbytery Worship |

Friday, May 17, 2019

| | | |
|----------------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| Stated Meeting | 8:00 am | Registration/Breakfast |
| | 9:00 am | Meeting begins |
| | 12:00 pm | Lunch / Clerk of Session Training |
| | 1:15 pm | Meeting resumes |
| | 5:00 pm | Meeting adjourns |

Registration

Meeting registration, meal reservations, and host housing are all done using the on-line registration form. (PLEASE REMEMBER that making meal reservations means that the Presbytery is buying food for you.)

Note: Please use one form per attendee.

Registration Link: <https://epcpops.wufoo.com/forms/xs2xhow1shy9vc/>

If you have any questions, contact the Registration Coordinator, Megan Loveridge (meganl@fpbchurch.com) or (661) 325-9419 ext. 113).

Meals: All meals will occur at the church. Registration is needed for Thursday dinner, Friday breakfast and lunch.

POPS Meeting Announcement and Registration - May 16-17, 2019



Lodging

Hotel: **Bakersfield Marriott at the Convention Center (.6 miles from the church)**
801 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301
(661) 323-1900
Rate is \$118/night. ***Rate deadline: April 26, 2019***

Book your group rate for First Presbyterian Church Bakersfield

First Presbyterian would really appreciate it if commissioners would use this hotel as they have a guaranteed minimum.

Host Housing: Homes are available upon request. Please make your request on the reservation form or contact Megan Loveridge (meganl@fpbchurch.com or (661) 325-9419 ext. 113). ***Deadline for requesting host homes is Wednesday, May 1st.***

Transportation No shuttle services will be provided. Carpooling is recommended.

Nearest Airport

The nearest airport is Meadows Field Airport located in Bakersfield. It is approximately 7 miles from the church.