



Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest
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PRESBYTERY UPDATE

March 13, 2019

Included in the March Update are the following:

- Information about the May 2019 Presbytery Meeting
- Churches scheduled for Session Minutes Review at the May 2019 Presbytery Meeting
- Announcement of the upcoming Discovery Workshop for Ruling Elders and Candidates
- 2019 POPS Pastor's Retreat
- TE Annual Reports
- 2019 Per Member Asking

Upcoming Presbytery Meeting: Thursday, May 16th – Friday, May 17th.

That's right. You read it correctly. 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.



Registration for the meeting will begin in mid-March. Watch for the POPS Meeting Announcement.

May 2019 Session Minutes Reviews

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

Discovery Workshop – Saturday, May 11, 2019

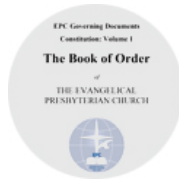
8:30 am - 4:30 pm

First Presbyterian Church, Fresno, CA
 1540 M Street, Fresno, CA 93721
 559-485-6460

Discovery Workshops prepare seminary graduates, candidates, pastors, teaching elders and ruling elders to understand, join and/or fully participate in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. They also provide an opportunity for connection within the EPCPOPS community. The workshop will give ruling elders an overview of the beliefs and government of the denomination, and is helpful training for any incoming ruling elders to prepare for the examination by their local church Session. The workshop also helps ministers and candidates prepare for the EPC written and oral examinations. Participants will gain understanding of the priorities and ethos of the EPC and the Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest. The Presbytery currently requires all candidates and any pastor entering the Presbytery from another denomination to attend the workshop. The workshop and lunch are provided at no cost. Register by emailing Mark Eshoff at mark@epcpops.org.

Content:

- EPC Polity / The Book of Order
- EPC Essentials of Faith
- Westminster Standards



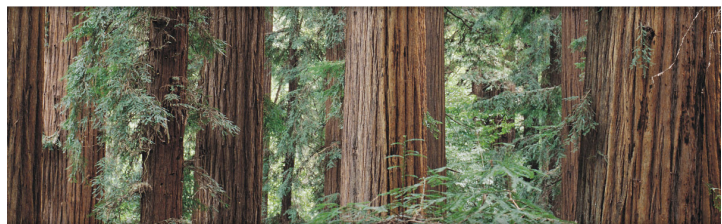
Presenters: Kirk Bottomly, Teaching Elder (retired) - Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church
 Mark Eshoff, Stated Clerk – EPC Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest

2019 POPS Pastor’s Retreat

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. Mt. Hermon Christian Conference Center is located in the Santa Cruz Mountains in a quiet and peaceful setting amidst old-growth redwoods. We are pleased that our speaker will be **Roy Yanke, Executive Director of PIR Ministries**. Roy’s personal experience has shaped him in unique ways to come alongside the many pastors and their families who are “exited,” have fallen or are just plain burned out in ministry.



Beginning with dinner on Tuesday evening, October 8th and ending at noon on Thursday, October 10th, the Retreat precedes the Fall Presbytery Meeting, which will be held this year at Covenant Community Church in Vacaville, CA. We encourage all teaching elders to plan to be there for this unique time together. Also welcome are TE spouses and POPS Candidates Under Care. Registration for the Retreat will open this summer.



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TE Annual Reports

TE Annual Reports were distributed to active members of the Presbytery and were due back to the Presbytery Office on February 28, 2019. Our return rate is slightly above 35%, which is a great average in baseball, but not good enough for us. We can do better! For those who have not yet responded, please look for a friendly email from Stated Clerk Mark Eshoff and he will do his best to prevent a disciplinary call from a member of the Ministerial Committee. ☺ Thanks for your attention to this!

2019 Per Member Asking (PMA)

A reminder that the Per Member Asking amount for our Presbytery of **\$15.00 per member** was approved at the January 2019 Presbytery Meeting to support the work and organization of our Presbytery. This amount is unchanged from 2018. Please pass on this information to your treasurer, administrator, etc. POPS PMA should be sent to Connie Badgley, POPS Treasurer (see address below). Thank you for your support!

The 2019 General Assembly PMA amount also remains unchanged at \$23 per member. GA PMA should be sent directly to the General Assembly Office (see address below).

Upcoming Presbytery Meeting Dates

May 16-17, 2019	First Presbyterian Church, Bakersfield, CA
October 11-12, 2019	Covenant Community Church, Vacaville, CA
January 24-25, 2020	TBA
May 14-16, 2020	Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, Fair Oaks, CA
October 10-11, 2020	Christ Church East Bay, Berkeley, CA



If your church is able to host one of the 2021 meetings, please contact Mark Eshoff, Stated Clerk (mark@epcpops.org).

Future Pastor's Retreat Dates

October 8-10, 2019	Mt. Hermon Conference Center, Felton, CA
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2019 EPC General Assembly

June 18-21, 2019	Cherry Creek Community Church, Englewood, CO (Denver area) Information at epc.org
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