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PRESBYTERY UPDATE

May 18, 2020

Included in the May 2020 Update are the following:

- Highlights of the May 2020 Presbytery Meeting
- Links to Guidance Pertinent to Gathering Limitations
- General Guidance and Resources on Reopening Your Church
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Highlights of the May 2020 Presbytery Meeting

The Pacific Southwest Presbytery met virtually on May 15, 2020 for a shortened agenda. Note the following highlights:

- Approved the examination, ordination and installation of Sam Knottnerus as Pastor of Centerville Presbyterian Church, Fremont, CA
- Approved the examination and installation of Joe Mazzela as Pastor of Sanger Community Church, Sanger, CA
- Approved Andrew Ong from Christ Church East Bay, Berkeley, CA as a Candidate Under Care of the Presbytery
- Endorsed the nomination of TE Patrick King from Covenant Presbyterian Church, San Diego, CA as a member of the GA National Leadership Team
- Approved the dissolution of pastoral relationships of Tony Winterowd (First Presbyterian Church, Hanford, CA) and Rob Perkins (Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, Moraga, CA)

The next POPS meeting is scheduled for October 9-10, 2020 at Christ Church East Bay, Berkeley, CA.



Guidance During the Current Gathering Limitations

Note the following links for guidance from both Mark Eshoff, POPS Stated Clerk and Jeff Jeremiah, GA Stated Clerk:

- Provisional Opinion – Virtual Communion (Jeff Jeremiah, GA Stated Clerk)
<http://www.epcpops.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Jeremiah-Virtual-Communion.pdf>
- Guidance on Virtual Congregational Meetings (Mark Eshoff, POPS Stated Clerk)
<http://www.epcpops.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Virtual-Congregational-Meetings-200414.pdf>
- Provisional Opinion – Virtual Congregational Meeting (Jeff Jeremiah, GA Stated Clerk)
<http://www.epcpops.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Jeremiah-Virtual-Congregational-Meetings.pdf>
- Guidance on Virtual Officer Election (Mark Eshoff, POPS Stated Clerk)
<http://www.epcpops.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Virtual-Officer-Election-200420.pdf>
- Guidance on Virtual Officer Installation (Mark Eshoff, POPS Stated Clerk)
<http://www.epcpops.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Virtual-Officer-Installation-200422.pdf>

General Guidance and Resources on Reopening Your Church

from the POPS Stated Clerk

Available at the following link:

<http://www.epcpops.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Reopening-the-Church-200518.pdf>

Upcoming EPC Small Church Workshops

The EPC Smaller Church Network will present “The Ordinary Church in Extraordinary Times” in a series of 90-minute webinars. The webinars begin at 7:00 p.m. EDT, and there is no cost to register. This series of webinars featuring Roy Yanke is a substitute for the seminar he was going to lead. Roy is the Executive Director of PIR Ministries and a Ruling Elder for Grace Chapel EPC in Michigan. PIR Ministries is an endorsed resource of the EPC Ministerial Vocation Committee. In addition to Roy, the speakers are Zack Eswine, Lead Pastor of Riverside Church in Webster Groves, MO, Josh Modrzynski, Pastor of Riceville Community Church in Asheville, NC, and Doug Walker, Pastor of River City Church in DeBary, FL.

Each of the following four sessions will conclude with a time for Q&A:

- A Pastoral Approach to Re-connecting (May 21)
- The Life of the Church—Inside and Out! (May 28)
- Facing the Financial Impact (June 4)
- The Tech Challenge—Its Use, Purpose, and Value for the Future (June 11)

For more information and to register, see www.epc.org/smallchurchworkshop.



Whitworth University Ministry Summit – June 23-25, 2020

Whitworth's redesigned virtual conference will feature keynote addresses by Eugene Cho, Pastor of Quest Church, Soong-Cha Rah, Professor of Church Growth and Evangelism at North Park Seminary, and Randy Woodley, Professor of Faith and Culture at George Fox University, with additional panel discussions, live Q&A sessions and a few opportunities for small group connections over the three days. Each session will help you consider how to engage more creatively in the essential practice of lament as we face suffering on the local, national and global scale, and at the same time, enable us to embrace Christian hope as we confront the overwhelming problems in our communities and world. Cost is only \$25 for the whole summit.

More information: <https://www.whitworth.edu/cms/administration/church-engagement/whitworth-ministry-summit/>

EPC Medical Benevolence Fund

On April 30th the EPC National Leadership Team added two new categories of recipients of the Medical Benevolence Fund:

1. Pastors incurring the costs of care related to health conditions not covered by the pastor's medical plan.
2. Pastors needing help with out-of-pocket medical expenses who have had their compensation reduced due to the COVID-19 crisis. Disbursements from the MBF will be made for this group through January 22, 2021. By that date, the NLT will have decided if this period should be extended.

More information will be released to all teaching elders soon by the GA Office. Application forms are available at www.epc.org/medicalbenevolencefund.

Upcoming Presbytery Meeting Dates

October 10-11, 2020	Christ Church East Bay, Berkeley, CA
January 22-23, 2021	First Armenian Presbyterian Church, Fresno, CA
May 13-14, 2021	Sierra Presbyterian Church, Nevada City, CA



POPS Pastor's Retreat Dates

October 6-8, 2020	Mt. Hermon Conference Center, Felton, CA
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2020 EPC General Assembly

September 17-18, 2020	Hope Presbyterian Church, Cordova, TN (Memphis area) Information at epc.org
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