



**Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest**  
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings from the Presbytery Office! Our continual prayer is that you are navigating these challenging and unsettling times with the perseverance, character and hope that God promises to us in His Word.

The Presbytery Council has confirmed that our upcoming **October Presbytery Meeting will be held virtually on Friday, October 9th from 9:00 am to 5:30 pm.** Our agenda includes important and urgent items that need your participation, input and decision. Again, we will miss our normal opportunity when we meet in person to connect with one another, worship together, and receive helpful information for our churches. We have examinations of several exciting candidates for pastoral positions in our churches and will be receiving a new church into our Presbytery – a first since its inception.

The agenda is full, so you should plan to set aside the full day on that Friday. The meeting will be held using the Zoom online meeting platform, which will allow us to communicate back and forth and vote appropriately. Although connection and participation will be best facilitated using a computer or tablet, you may also call in on your phone for audio participation only. However, if you connect with audio only, you will be unable to vote.

**Our hope is that you register as soon as possible and make plans for “attending” the meeting.**

**Registration link:** <https://epcpops.wufoo.com/forms/z1j6cxs00je6rk9/>. After your registration is received, we will email you the meeting link and any special instructions that you might need in which to connect. Make sure to include your direct email address on the registration form so that you receive the link as quickly as possible. If you have any questions, contact Cathy Cole, Presbytery Assistant ([cathy@epcpops.org](mailto:cathy@epcpops.org) or 916-607-6712). Included in the registration link is the option for you to assist with the Session Minutes Review process. We need four ruling elders and two teaching elders for that standing committee.

We also ask that Teaching Elders and Clerks of Session engage your Ruling Elders and seek as many commissioners from your church as you can (within your parity limit) in order to give the decisions that we make as much integrity as possible.

Finally, we can be encouraged by the words of Paul in Romans 5:

*We boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.*

Grace and peace to you, your families, and your congregations,

Mark Eshoff  
Stated Clerk