



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

Greetings from the Presbytery Office! We pray that you are navigating these challenging and unsettling times, and not forgetting the hope that God promises to us in His Word.

The Presbytery Council has confirmed that our upcoming **January Presbytery Meeting will be held virtually on Friday, January 22, 2021 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**. Our agenda includes important and urgent items that need your prayer, 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. Our planned agenda will take us into the mid-afternoon on that Friday and includes examinations of candidates for pastoral positions in our churches and of a candidate to come under care of the Presbytery.

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/ze0n7je07ynltg>

After your registration is received, we will email you the meeting link and any special instructions that you might need in order 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. The new Parity List is attached as well.

Finally, we can be encouraged by these familiar words from the Gospel of John:

*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father full of grace and truth.*

May you experience His glory this season. Grace and peace to you, your families, and your congregations. Merry Christmas!

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