



**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.

Our upcoming **May Presbytery Meeting will be held virtually on Friday, May 14, 2021 from 9:00 am to 5:00 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 late-afternoon on that Friday and includes examinations of several candidates for pastoral positions in our churches and candidates 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/z1w5hrxy0fpozqk>


After your registration is received, we will email you a link to confirm your registration, after which the meeting link will be sent to you. We will also forward 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 confirmation and 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 Parity List is available on the POPS website ([www.epcpops.org](http://www.epcpops.org)).

Finally, we can be encouraged by these familiar words from 1 Peter:

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.*

We hope to see you next month!

  
Mark Eshoff  
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