

2026 POPS PASTOR'S RETREAT

Tuesday, October 6th through Thursday, October 8th

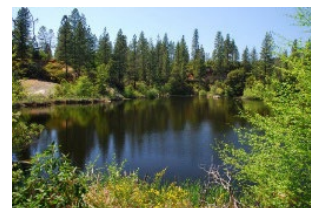


Every pastor needs time away for worship, teaching, community-building and relaxation. To be able to do so with brothers and sisters in Christ in a beautiful and refreshing environment is a special treat. The POPS Pastor's Retreat is a rejuvenating experience in the Sierra foothills with opportunities for rest, relaxation, connection, support and teaching. The Retreat is open to all POPS Teaching Elders and Candidates under Care. Financial aid is available.

LOCATION

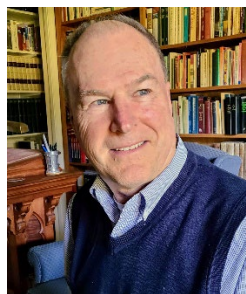
Del Oro Camp and Conference Center, Nevada City, CA

Del Oro Conference Center is located in a quiet and peaceful setting in a pine forest near Nevada City, CA. The recently built premium accommodations will provide an enjoyable and comfortable experience for all.



SPEAKER

James Edwards – Author, Professor, and Pastor



James Edwards is a native of Colorado, where his foremost interests as a young man were skiing and mountaineering. He attended Whitworth University, where he led a large Young Life Club. He holds degrees from Whitworth University (1967) and Princeton Theological Seminary, where he earned a Master of Divinity degree (1970). After marrying his wife, Jane, he studied theology at the University of Zürich in Switzerland. He served as Minister of Students at the First Presbyterian Church in Colorado Springs; at the same time, he earned a Ph.D. in New Testament from Fuller Theological Seminary (1978). From 1978 to 1997 Edwards taught religion and chaired the department of Religion and Philosophy at the University of Jamestown (North Dakota), and from 1997 to 2015 he was Professor of Theology at Whitworth University, where he occupied the inaugural Bruner-Welch Chair of Theology.

Edwards has been a short-term translation consultant for Wycliffe Bible Translators in Colombia, and he was a leader-translator for a dozen church visitations to the former East Germany. He also has led numerous study tours to Israel, Turkey, and Greece. He was named to the North Dakota Humanities Council for his studies on the Holocaust. He has received numerous teaching and research awards for teaching excellence. For two decades, Edwards was Contributing Editor at Christianity Today, and he has authored four New Testament commentaries. He has authored more than one hundred journal articles, both scholarly and popular, and ten books, which have been translated into Korean, Spanish, Portuguese, and German. His most recent book, a commentary on Genesis, will be published by Eerdmans Publishing Company in May 2026.

Jim's wife, Jane, is a watercolor artist and leader of women's Bible study groups. Jim and Jane have two grown children and five grandchildren. In 2003 Jim and his son Mark climbed the Mittellegi Ridge of the Eiger in Switzerland.

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COST

Deluxe Housing – Single Occupancy	\$325 (per person)
Deluxe Housing – Double Occupancy	\$275 (per person)



Note: The cost of the Retreat has been significantly reduced from prior years, but even so, financial concerns should not be a limiting factor for attendance. Financial aid is available for any Teaching Elder or Candidate under Care who would not be able to attend for financial reasons. Email Mark Eshoff, Stated Clerk, for more information (mark@epcpops.org).

REGISTRATION

Retreat Registration and Payment Link:

<https://epcpops.wufoo.com/forms/r1pj83fa1iunke3/>

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Monday, September 21, 2026

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON OPTIONS

The historic town of Nevada City is only 20 minutes from the Conference Center. Other options include hiking or a nap!

Note: The Fall Meeting of the Presbytery will be held at Sierra Presbyterian Church in Nevada City, CA on Friday, October 9th (begins at 9:00 am) through Saturday, October 10th (noon).

