

PROPOSED DOCKET



23rd Stated Meeting of the EPC Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest May 15-16, 2025

Christ Community Church
5025 Manzanita Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608
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Please note: The Presbytery proceedings today are being recorded.

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025

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| 1:00 pm | Call to Order and Opening Prayer | RE Brian Wyatt, Moderator |
| | Declaration of Quorum | RE Mark Eshoff, Stated Clerk |
| 1:10 | Welcome | TE Ryan Balbi |
| | Introduction of Guests | Moderator Wyatt |
| 1:20 | Worship | |
| | Call to Worship | Moderator Wyatt |
| | Worship in Music | CCC Worship Team |
| | Sermon | TE Dustin DeVriend |
| | The sermon this afternoon will be given by TE Dustin DeVriend, Associate Pastor at Christ Community Church. He will be preaching on 1 Peter 5:1-4. | |
| | Moderator's Time of Prayer | Moderator Wyatt |
| 2:10 | Stated Clerk's Report | Stated Clerk Eshoff |
| | Presbytery Voting Guidelines | |
| | Absences without Excuse (January 25-26, 2025) | |
| | Teaching Elder Annual Reports | |
| | Discovery Workshop – May 31 st at FPC Hanford | |
| | Changes to the Proposed Docket | |
| | Approval of the Docket | |
| 2:20 | Church Planting Report | TE Shawn Robinson, Church Planting Coordinator |
| | TE Robinson, the Church Planting Team and TE Joe Mazzela will present an update on the church plant in Tejon Ranch, CA. | |
| 2:40 | Report from the EPC Next Gen Summit | |
| 2:55 | Break | |
| 3:15 | Treasurer's Report | RE David Sylvester, POPS Treasurer |
| | RE Sylvester will brief the Presbytery on the 2025 YTD Financials and Askings Report. He will also present the findings from a short survey taken at the January meeting regarding the financial health of churches in the Presbytery. (<i>Attachment 1 - pgs. A2-A4</i>) | |

- 3:25 **POPS Chaplain Update** TE David Burke
- 3:40 **Ministerial Committee Report** TE David Abdo, Chair
- Sanger Community Church**
The congregation of Sanger Community Church has voted (in accordance with the process laid out in the EPC Book of Order) to request release from the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.
- MOTION:** To release to independence Sanger Community Church as a local church in the EPC Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest
- Change of Status - TE Rachel Dorsey**
The congregation of Centerpoint Community Church, Roseville, CA has voted to call TE Rachel Dorsey as Associate Pastor of Outreach and Mission. She is currently serving as Assistant Pastor of Outreach and Mission at the church.
- MOTION:** To approve the Change in Status of TE Rachel Dorsey from Assistant Pastor for Outreach and Mission to Associate Pastor for Outreach and Mission effective (TBD)
- MOTION:** To approve the Administrative Commission consisting of TE's (TBD) and RE's (TBD) to install TE Rachel Dorsey as Associate Pastor for Mission and Formation on (TBD) at (TBD)
- Extension of RE Rick Dorr – Commissioned Pastor**
The Session of Cornerstone Woodlake Church has requested that the Presbytery renew the call of RE Rick Dorr as Commissioned Pastor of Cornerstone Woodlake Church.
- MOTION:** To renew the call of RE Rick Dorr as Commissioned Pastor for Cornerstone Woodlake Church through June 1, 2026
- 4:00 **Session Minutes Review Committee** RE Janet Goodman, Chair
RE Goodman will report on the reviews from the January 2025 meeting and update the Presbytery on how to improve the effectiveness of Session Minutes.
Churches scheduled for Session Minutes Reviews at the May 2025 meeting:
- Clayton Community Church, Clayton, CA
 - Community Pres. Church, Danville, CA
 - First Armenian Pres. Church, Fresno, CA
 - First Presbyterian Church, Fresno, CA
 - Fowler Presbyterian Church, Fowler, CA
 - Millbrook Presbyterian Church, Fresno, CA
 - New Life Community Church, Covelo, CA
 - Saint John's Assyrian Presbyterian Church, Turlock, CA
 - San Ramon Presbyterian Church, San Ramon, CA
 - Sanger Community Church, Sanger, CA
- 4:10 **Ministry Update – San Ramon Presbyterian Church** TE Ken Ferguson
Ken will share an update on the ministry of San Ramon Presbyterian Church, including joys, challenges and ways the Presbytery can pray for him and the church.

4:30	Church Health Report	TE Mike Griffin
4:50	Care of Candidates Report Examination of Joshua Randle Joshua Randle is ready to come under the care of this Presbytery. He is currently under care of the Session of Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church, Moraga, CA. The Session has recommended him to the Presbytery as a Candidate Under Care and he has met with and been approved by the POPS Care of Candidates Committee. The Candidate will briefly share their spiritual journey, their sense of call and why they have chosen the EPC. The Presbytery may then examine the Candidate on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian experience and growth • The motive for seeking ordination in the EPC • The candidate's call to the Ministry Representative speaking on behalf of Candidate MOTION: <u>To approve Joshua Randle to come under care of the EPC Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest and approve (TBD) as advisor to Candidate Randle</u>	
	Constitutional Questions to the Candidate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As you understand God's working in your heart and life, do you continue to believe yourself called to the office of Teaching Elder? • Do you now submit yourself to the care and supervision of this Presbytery as you prepare yourself for this office? • Do you renew your commitment as a Christian, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, to live as becomes a follower of Jesus? Prayer for the Candidate Charge to the Candidate	Moderator Wyatt
5:30	Meeting Recess Dinner	
7:00	Presbytery Worship Service The POPS Worship Service will be led by TE Ryan Balbi and the staff and leaders from Christ Community Church. Communion will be served, and an offering will be received for the POPS Pastor Support and Care Fund.	

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- 8:00 am Breakfast
- 9:00 **Call to Order and Opening Prayer** RE Brian Wyatt, Moderator
Appreciation to the Volunteers and Staff of the Host Church
- 9:10 **Worship and Prayer**
Call to Worship Moderator Wyatt
Worship in Music CCC Worship Team
Sermon TE Troy Wilson
The sermon will be given by TE Troy Wilson, Pastor of The Table in San Francisco, CA. He will preach on Psalm 23.
Moderator's Time of Prayer Moderator Wyatt
- 10:00 **Recognition of the Ministry of The Table**
MOTION: To approve the dissolution of the relationship between TE Troy Wilson and The Table Church, San Francisco, CA effective June 30, 2025, and change his status to Without a Call
MOTION: To dissolve The Table Church in San Francisco, CA as a local church in the Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest effective June 30, 2025
- 10:20 **Introduction of Ministry Workshops**
Breaking Stuck Patterns...in You and in Groups TE David Burke
Cross-Cultural Mission in Our Local Communities TE Dave Fenska
Ruling Elders: Understanding and Maximizing Their Sacred Calling RE Brian Wyatt
Recruiting, Training, and Retaining Volunteers Laney Whitcanack
Morning only - Aligning Your Church Around Your Mission & Vision TE Mike Griffin
Afternoon only - Stated Clerks Workshop RE Janet Goodman
- 10:40 Break
- 10:50 **Ministry Workshops begin**
- 11:50 Workshops end
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 **Ministry Workshops begin**

2:00 Workshops end

2:10 **Mission Committee Report**

TE Dave Fenska, Chair

TE Fenska will introduce the POPS Mission Team which will bring updates about global church planting and share resources to help each church stay engaged with reaching unreached people groups--including those here in the United States!

2:35 **Care of Candidates Report**

Examination of Amy Ng

Amy Ng is ready to come under the care of this Presbytery. She is currently under care of the Session of Christ Church East Bay, Berkeley, CA. The Session has recommended her to the Presbytery as a Candidate Under Care and she has met with and been approved by the POPS Care of Candidates Committee.

The Candidate will briefly share their spiritual journey, their sense of call and why they have chosen the EPC. The Presbytery may then examine the Candidate on the following:

- Christian experience and growth
- The motive for seeking ordination in the EPC
- The candidate's call to the Ministry

Representative speaking on behalf of Candidate

MOTION: To approve Amy Ng to come under care of the EPC Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest and approve (TBD) as advisor to Candidate Ng

Constitutional Questions to the Candidate

Moderator Wyatt

- As you understand God's working in your heart and life, do you continue to believe yourself called to the office of Teaching Elder?
- Do you now submit yourself to the care and supervision of this Presbytery as you prepare yourself for this office?
- Do you renew your commitment as a Christian, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, to live as becomes a follower of Jesus?

Prayer for the Candidate

Charge to the Candidate

3:15 **National Leadership Team Endorsement – TE Marcos Ortega**

Marcos has been nominated for a position on the EPC National Leadership Team which requires the Presbytery's endorsement.

MOTION: To endorse TE Marcos Ortega as a nominee for membership on the EPC National Leadership Team

- 3:20 **Omnibus Motion** Moderator Wyatt
1. That the Minutes of the Twenty Second Stated Meeting of the EPC Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest on January 25-26, 2025 be approved as posted (these minutes are available on the POPS website).
 2. That the Administrative Commission to install Ryan Balbi as Pastor of Christ Community Church, Carmichael, CA be dismissed with appreciation for their service to the Presbytery, to the pastor, and to the congregation. The commission's minutes are on file with the Stated Clerk.
- MOTION: To approve the Omnibus actions**
- 3:25 **Important Upcoming Dates**
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| June 17-19, 2025 | EPC General Assembly
Location: Ward Church, Northville, MI |
| October 7-9, 2025 | POPS Pastors Retreat
Del Oro Camp and Conference Center, Nevada City, CA |
| October 10-11, 2025 | Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest Meeting (#24)
Location: Covenant Community Church, Vacaville, CA |
| January 23-24, 2026 | Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest Meeting (#25)
Location: First Presbyterian Church, Bakersfield, CA |
| May 14-15, 2026 | Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest Meeting (#26)
Location: Covenant Presbyterian Church, Reno, NV |
| October 9-10, 2026 | Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest Meeting (#27)
Location: Sierra Presbyterian Church, Nevada City, CA |
- Hosting Opportunities**
Member churches are reminded that an opportunity is available to host Discovery Workshops in 2025 and 2026. Contact the Stated Clerk if you are interested in offering an invitation.
- 3:30 **Concluding Prayer** Moderator Wyatt
- Break
- 3:45 **Executive Session**
- MOTION: To move to an Executive Session to facilitate a confidential membership discussion**
- MOTION: To exit the Executive Session**
- 4:00 **Adjournment and Closing Prayer** Moderator Wyatt



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Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest

Income and Expenses

March 31, 2025

	CURRENT MONTH			YEAR-TO-DATE			ANNUAL
CATEGORY	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE	BUDGET
INCOME							
POPS Church Support	\$23,918	\$12,500	\$11,418	\$39,008	\$37,500	\$1,508	\$150,000
Other Income -Church Planting Subsidy	0	250	(250)	0	750	(750)	3,000
Other Income- Church Health Subsidy	0	1,000	(1,000)	0	3,000	(3,000)	12,000
Other Income - Miscellaneous	631	167	464	631	500	131	2,000
Total Income	24,548	13,917	10,632	39,639	41,750	(2,111)	167,000
EXPENSES							
Personnel	\$10,094	\$10,125	\$31	\$30,281	\$30,375	\$94	\$121,500
Travel	28	1,692	1,622	866	5,075	4,209	20,300
Presbytery Office	351	175	(176)	568	525	(43)	2,100
Moderator	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Care of Candidates	0	50	50	0	150	150	600
Church Planting	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Church Health	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mission	1,000	417	(583)	1,055	1,250	195	5,000
Nominating Committee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Session Miniutes Review Committee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Presbytery Meetings	0	792	792	51	2,375	2,324	9,500
Leadership and Training	316	325	(32)	316	975	659	3,900
Accounting and Finance	132	342	209	2,591	1,025	(1,566)	4,100
Total All Expenses	\$11,921	\$13,917	\$1,913	\$35,727	\$41,750	\$6,023	\$167,000
NET INCOME	\$12,628	(\$0)	\$12,545	\$3,911	\$0	\$3,911	\$0



Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest

Balance Sheet

3/31/2025

DESCRIPTION	BALANCE at 3/31/25	BALANCE at 12/31/24
ASSETS		
Cash	\$49,338	\$37,055
Investments	77,919	77,288
Other Assets	0	0
TOTAL ASSETS	\$127,257	\$114,343
FUNDS		
Designated Funds		
Pastor's Care & Support	\$3,659	\$3,875
Church Planting	15,296	3,328
Educational Assistance Fund	3,945	3,945
Chaplains Travel	2,308	2,308
World Outreach E2025	3,766	3,766
Pastors Retreat	653	653
Church Health	6,915	6,915
Women's Ministries	2,395	2,518
Total Designated Funds	38,936	27,306
Reserve/Undesignated Funds	84,409	100,134
Current Income (Loss)	3,911	(13,097)
TOTAL FUNDS	\$127,257	\$114,343



Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest
Percentage of Income (POI)
 March 2025

CHURCH	REPORTED 2023 INCOME	REQUESTED POI	ACTUAL GIVING	% of TOTAL
Centerpoint	\$2,216,907	\$11,085	\$11,835	107%
Centerville PC	1,206,273	\$6,031	748	12%
Christ Church East Bay	1,507,808	\$7,539	0	0%
Christ Community Church	2,475,070	\$12,375	2,805	23%
Clayton Community	613,842	\$3,069	0	0%
CPC Danville	6,770,597	\$33,853	7,743	23%
Cornerstone Woodlake	163,622	\$818	0	0%
Covenant PC - Orange	779,561	\$3,898	0	0%
Covenant PC - Reno	487,740	\$2,439	557	23%
Covenant PC - San Diego	637,459	\$3,187	713	22%
Covenant Community Vacaville	508,879	\$2,544	420	17%
Easton PC	210,859	\$1,054	0	0%
Fair Oaks	1,983,606	\$9,918	2,584	26%
First Armenian PC	623,507	\$3,118	581	19%
First PC - Bakersfield	1,431,813	\$7,159	1,711	24%
First PC - Fresno	1,507,012	\$7,535	3,800	50%
First PC - Hanford	258,114	\$1,291	314	24%
Fowler PC	328,151	\$1,641	0	0%
Fremont PC**	2,163,251	\$10,816	3,000	28%
Heritage EPC	65,222	\$326	94	29%
Hope PC	341,302	\$1,707	0	0%
Kingman PC	201,902	\$1,010	245	24%
Millbrook PC	73,705	\$369	0	0%
Moraga Valley PC	1,967,351	\$9,837	1,230	13%
New Life, Covelo	27,975	\$140	0	0%
San Ramon PC	752,089	\$3,760	0	0%
Sanger Community	207,000	\$1,035	0	0%
Sierra PC	505,799	\$2,529	629	25%
St. John's Assyrian PC	134,682	\$673	0	0%
The Table	184,690	\$923	0	0%
Valley Community	156,393	\$782	0	0%
Wintersburg PC	1,398,037	\$6,990	0	0%
TOTAL	\$31,890,218	\$159,451	\$39,008	24%

**Presbytery Office