

# PROPOSED DOCKET



26<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of the EPC Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest

May 14-15, 2026

Covenant Presbyterian Church

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*Please note: The Presbytery proceedings today are being recorded.*

## THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2026

- 1:00 pm    **Call to Order and Opening Prayer**    TE Dave Constance, Moderator
- Declaration of Quorum**    RE Mark Eshoff, Stated Clerk
- 1:10        **Welcome**    TE Jay Hull
- Introduction of Guests**    Moderator Constance
- 1:25        **Presbytery Worship Service**  
The POPS Worship Service will be led by TE Jay Hull and the staff and leaders from Covenant Presbyterian Church. Communion will be served, and an offering will be received for the POPS Pastor Support and Care Fund.
- 2:30        **Moderator's Time of Prayer**    Moderator Constance
- 2:50        **Stated Clerk's Report**    Stated Clerk Eshoff
- Presbytery Voting Guidelines  
              Absences without Excuse (January 23-24, 2025)  
              Annual Church Reports  
              TE Annual Reports  
              Pastors Retreat  
              Changes to the Proposed Docket
- Approval of the Docket**
- 3:00        **Prayer for the Family of TE Dave Ricketts**    TE Brandon Morrow  
*(See Attachment 1 – pg. A2)*
- 3:10        Break
- 3:30        **Special Report: *The State of Our Pastors***    TE David Burke, POPS Chaplain\  
David will share from his perspective as POPS Chaplain the general health of POPS pastors as well as pastors nationwide, and will recommend steps to ensure greater health and vitality of those in pastoral roles.
- 4:30        **Ministry Update – Centerville Presbyterian Church**    TE Sam Knottnerus  
Sam Knottnerus will share an update on the ministry of Centerville Presbyterian Church, including joys, challenges, and ways the Presbytery can pray for him and the church.

- 4:50      **Mission Committee Report**      TE Dave Fenska, Chair  
TE Fenska will bring updates about global church planting and share resources to help each church stay engaged with reaching unreached people groups, including the POPS-sponsored Pashtun people group. He will also introduce the opportunity to meet new World Outreach missionaries who will share at the Mission lunch tomorrow.
- 5:10      **Church Health Report**      TE Mike Griffin, POPS Church Health Coordinator  
TE Griffin will update the Presbytery on current active revitalization efforts in POPS churches.
- 5:30      **Meeting Recess**  
Dinner on your own

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## FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026

- 8:00 am Breakfast
- 9:00 **Call to Order and Opening Prayer** TE Dave Constance, Moderator  
**Appreciation to the Volunteers and Staff of the Host Church**
- 9:10 **Worship and Prayer**
- Call to Worship** Moderator Constance
  - Worship in Music** CPC Worship Team
  - Sermon** TE Bill Haslim  
The sermon will be given by TE Bill Haslim, Executive Pastor of Family Life at Community Presbyterian Church, Danville, CA.
- Moderator's Time of Prayer** Moderator Constance
- 10:00 **Session Minutes Review Committee** RE Janet Goodman, Chair  
RE Goodman will report on the reviews from the January 2026 meeting and update the Presbytery on how to improve the effectiveness of Session Minutes.  
Churches scheduled for Session Minutes Reviews at the May 2026 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
- 10:10 Break
- 10:30 **Special Presentation** TE Matthew McCleary  
***"Considering Artificial Intelligence (AI) in a Church Ministry Context"***  
The rapid adoption and ubiquity of AI deserve our thoughtful attention as teaching and ruling elders. During this time, we will consider what it means to think theologically about artificial intelligence, what it means to pastor people in an increasingly AI-saturated world, and what, if any, faithful use of AI in church ministry might look like.

- 12:00 pm Lunch  
Mission Lunch and Presentation - Room 110  
Clerk of Session Lunch and Training - Library (adjacent to Lobby)
- 1:00 **Ministry Update – Easton Presbyterian Church** TE David Abdo  
TE Abdo will share an update on the ministry of Easton Presbyterian Church, including joys, challenges and ways the Presbytery can pray for him and the church.
- 1:20 **Ministerial Committee Report** TE David Abdo, Chair  
**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, 2027**  
**Change of Status for Teaching Elders Without a Call**  
The EPC Book of Order (19-2B.1.A.) requires that teaching elders who have been Without a Call for two years be automatically transferred to Associate Member status.  
**MOTION: To affirm the change in status from Without a Call to Associate Member per Book of Order 19-2B.1.A for the following POPS teaching elders: Joe Cole, Jose Figueroa, Josh Hall, Ron Musch, Rob Perkins, Steven Tyra, and Jason Yum**
- 1:35 **Report from the EPC Next Gen Summit** Debbie Rattan and Peter Ndaita  
Debbie and Peter will present a report from the EPC Next Gen Summit held April 21-23, 2026 in Memphis Tennessee. Five Next Gen workers received POPS scholarships to attend the Summit with a total of sixteen representatives from POPS participating in the event.
- 1:50 **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. (*Attachment 2 - pgs. A3-A5*)
- 2:00 **Church Planting Report** TE Shawn Robinson, Church Planting Coordinator  
TE Robinson will update the Presbytery on the Tejon Ranch church plant and any other possible plants on the horizon.
- 2:20 Break
- 2:40 **Care of Candidates Report** TE Jay Hull, Chair  
**Examination of Caleb Bonifay**  
Caleb Bonifay is ready to come under the care of this Presbytery. He is currently under care of the Session of Community Presbyterian Church, Danville, CA and serves there as Teaching Minister for Men’s Ministries. 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.

## Examination of Caleb Bonifay (continued)

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

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

### Representative speaking on behalf of the Candidate

**MOTION: To approve Caleb Bonifay to come under care of the EPC Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest and approve (TBD) as advisor to Candidate Bonifay.**

### Constitutional Questions to the Candidate

Moderator Constance

- 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?

### Charge to the Candidate and Prayer

### 3:20 Nominating Committee Report

RE Chris Rhodes, Chair

RE RHODES will present candidates for positions on POPS committees.

**MOTION: To approve TE Matthew McCleary as a member of the Care of Candidates Committee (Class of 2027).**

### 3:25 Omnibus Motion

Moderator Constance

1. That the Minutes of the Twenty Sixth Stated Meeting of the EPC Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest on January 24-25, 2026 be approved as posted (these minutes are available on the POPS website).
2. That the Administrative Commission to install Noel Anderson as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Hanford, 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.
3. That the Administrative Commission to install Steve Gold as Assistant Pastor for Next Generation Ministries at Covenant Community Church, Vacaville, 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.
4. To receive the report of the Ministerial Committee to transfer TE Quinn Vaughn to the PCUSA North Central California Presbytery.
5. To receive the report of the Ministerial Committee that the transfer of TE Matt Young to the EPC Presbytery of the Pacific Northwest has been approved by that Presbytery, which completes our action.
6. To receive the report of the Ministerial Committee to approve the request from the Session and congregation of Covenant Community Church to renew the call of TE Nancy Duff after age 70 for one year.

**MOTION: To approve the Omnibus actions**

3:35 **Important Upcoming Dates**

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|---------------------|--|
| June 16-18, 2026    | 46 <sup>th</sup> EPC General Assembly<br>Location: Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church, Denver, CO            |
| October 6-8, 2026   | POPS Pastors Retreat<br>Del Oro Conference Center, Nevada City, CA   |
| October 9-10, 2026  | Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest Meeting (#27)<br>Location: Sierra Presbyterian Church, Nevada City, CA |
| January 22-23, 2027 | Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest Meeting (#28)<br>Location: Covenant Presbyterian Church, Orange, CA    |
| May 13-14, 2027     | Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest Meeting (#29)<br>Location: TBD   |

**Hosting Opportunities**

Member churches are reminded that opportunities are available to host the Presbytery at its 2027 meetings in May and October. A church in the Sacramento area would be most convenient, since the Pastors Retreat will be in Nevada City. Contact the Stated Clerk if you are interested in offering an invitation.

We are looking for churches to host **Discovery Workshops** in 2026 and 2027. Contact the Stated Clerk if you are interested in offering an invitation.

3:40 **Adjournment and Closing Prayer**

Moderator Constance



**Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest**  
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**Presbytery Meeting Docket**  
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**ATTACHMENTS**

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## Our Presbytery Mourns the Loss of Former Member TE Dave Ricketts

Former POPS teaching elder, David Ricketts, passed away unexpectedly on April 12 while serving on a mission trip in the Dominican Republic. After serving for many years at Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church in Moraga, CA, Dave was called last year as Co-Pastor at San Clemente Presbyterian Church.

Dave lived a life of deep faith, compassion, and service. He and his wife, Siv, were college sweethearts and were together when Dave served for 7 years at Solana Beach Presbyterian Church. They then raised their sons Corban and Quinn in Moraga, CA while Dave served as an Associate Pastor at Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church for 19 years. He loved and supported this community so faithfully. Last year, Dave and Siv moved to Laguna Niguel so he could take on a new role as a Co-Pastor at San Clemente Presbyterian Church, "his dream job." Over the years, Dave has served on numerous mission trips with Amor Ministries in Mexico and Kids Alive in the Dominican Republic. Serving is what Dave loved best.

His sudden passing has left his family, friends, and community heartbroken. As his family walks through this devastating loss, they are also facing immediate financial burdens. Siv, who will need to cover the mortgage, has also just recovered from a broken shoulder and is currently not employed. The costs to bring Dave home from the Dominican Republic, funeral and memorial expenses, and travel between their homes in northern and southern California during this grieving process are very high. At the same time the family's primary income has significantly changed. A Go Fund Me account has been set up for friends to help with these expenses (see link below). Please keep the Ricketts family in your prayers.

Donations: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-for-pastor-david-ricketts-family>





Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest  
**Income and Expenses**  
 March 31, 2026

CATEGORY	CURRENT MONTH			YEAR-TO-DATE			ANNUAL
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE	BUDGET
<b>INCOME</b>							
POPS Church Support	\$11,326	\$12,500	(\$1,174)	\$47,184	\$37,500	\$9,684	\$148,500
Other Income -Church Planting Subsidy	0	250	(250)	1,500	750	750	1,500
Other Income- Church Health Subsidy	3,000	1,000	2,000	3,000	3,000	0	12,000
Other Income - Miscellaneous	0	167	(167)	0	500	(500)	2,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>14,326</b>	<b>13,917</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>51,684</b>	<b>41,750</b>	<b>9,934</b>	<b>164,000</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>							
Personnel	\$9,466	\$10,125	\$659	\$28,845	\$30,375	\$1,530	\$121,200
Travel	496	1,692	1,195	2,891	5,075	2,184	17,300
Presbytery Office	300	175	(125)	370	525	155	3,500
Moderator	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Care of Candidates	0	50	50	0	150	150	600
Church Planting	335	0	(335)	335	0	(335)	0
Church Health	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mission	1,000	417	(583)	1,268	1,250	(18)	5,000
Nominating Committee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Session Minutes Review Committee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Presbytery Meetings	0	792	792	2,218	2,375	157	7,000
Leadership and Training	0	325	325	0	975	975	5,300
Accounting and Finance	224	342	118	3,235	1,025	(2,210)	4,100
<b>Total All Expenses</b>	<b>\$11,820</b>	<b>\$13,917</b>	<b>\$2,096</b>	<b>\$39,162</b>	<b>\$41,750</b>	<b>\$2,588</b>	<b>\$164,000</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$2,506</b>	<b>(\$0)</b>	<b>\$2,506</b>	<b>\$12,522</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$12,522</b>	<b>\$0</b>



Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest

**Balance Sheet**

3/31/2026

DESCRIPTION	BALANCE at 3/31/26	BALANCE at 12/31/25
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$104,501	\$97,821
Investments	\$130,773	130,773
Other Assets	0	0
Accounts Receivable	0	3,000
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$235,274</b>	<b>\$231,594</b>
<b>FUNDS</b>		
<b>Designated Funds</b>		
Pastor's Care & Support	\$3,141	\$3,141
Church Planting	100,871	107,699
Educational Assistance Fund	3,945	3,945
Chaplains Fund	21,880	22,308
World Outreach E2025	4,708	3,766
Pastors Retreat	0	0
Church Health	6,915	6,915
Women's Ministries	2,150	2,279
<b>Total Designated Funds</b>	<b>143,610</b>	<b>150,052</b>
<b>Reserve/Undesignated Funds</b>	<b>79,142</b>	<b>79,730</b>
<b>Current Income (Loss)</b>	<b>12,522</b>	<b>1,811</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$235,274</b>	<b>\$231,594</b>



Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest  
**Percentage of Income (POI)**  
 March 2026

CHURCH	REPORTED 2024 INCOME	REQUESTED POI	ACTUAL GIVING	% of TOTAL
Centerpoint	\$2,055,943	\$10,280	\$11,835	115%
Centerville PC	1,218,972	\$6,095	748	12%
Christ Church East Bay	1,442,165	\$7,211	5,500	76%
Christ Community Church	2,261,743	\$11,309	2,805	25%
Clayton Community	650,000	\$3,250	0	0%
CPC Danville	7,103,560	\$35,518	7,743	22%
Cornerstone Woodlake	231,343	\$1,157	0	0%
Covenant PC - Orange	677,548	\$3,388	761	22%
Covenant PC - Reno	484,364	\$2,422	665	27%
Covenant PC - San Diego	543,116	\$2,716	735	27%
Covenant Community Vacaville	573,292	\$2,866	717	25%
Easton PC	299,014	\$1,495	0	0%
Fair Oaks	2,227,810	\$11,139	2,445	22%
First Armenian PC	617,490	\$3,087	0	0%
First PC - Bakersfield	1,400,030	\$7,000	1,742	25%
First PC - Fresno	1,729,045	\$8,645	4,345	50%
First PC - Hanford	296,983	\$1,485	364	25%
Fowler PC	306,929	\$1,535	0	0%
Fremont PC**	2,320,929	\$9,205	3,000	33%
Heritage EPC	69,425	\$347	0	0%
Hope PC	332,907	\$1,665	0	0%
Kingman PC	194,678	\$973	0	0%
Millbrook PC	73,705	\$369	0	0%
Moraga Valley PC	1,967,351	\$9,837	2,455	25%
New Life, Covelo	37,609	\$188	0	0%
San Ramon PC	706,196	\$3,531	0	0%
Sierra PC	520,521	\$2,603	651	25%
St. John's Assyrian PC	148,226	\$741	673	91%
Valley Community	167,631	\$838	0	0%
Wintersburg PC	1,543,927	\$7,720	0	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$32,202,452</b>	<b>\$158,612</b>	<b>\$47,184</b>	<b>30%</b>

\*\*Presbytery Office