

PROVISIONAL MINUTES



**Twentieth Stated Meeting of the EPC Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest
May 16-17, 2024
Fair Oaks Church
11427 Fair Oaks Blvd. Fair Oaks, CA 95628**

20-1 Call to Order and Opening Prayer

After a breakfast served by the Fair Oaks Church volunteers, Moderator RE Brian Wyatt called the twentieth stated meeting of the Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest (POPS) to order at 9:05 am, opened the meeting with prayer, and welcomed the members and commissioners.

20-2 Declaration of Quorum

Stated Clerk, RE Mark Eshoff, declared a quorum was present as evidenced by the following record of attendance:

TE MEMBERS

Centerpoint Community Church – Roseville, CA
TE Bryan Yeo Present
TE Jeff Hooker Present

Centerville Presbyterian Church – Fremont, CA
TE Sam Knottnerus Present
TE Ryan Bogert Present

Christ Church, Berkeley, CA
TE Jonathan St. Clair Present
TE Andrew Ong Present

Christ Community Church – Carmichael, CA
Dustin DeVriend Present

Clayton Community Church – Clayton, CA
TE Shawn Robinson Present

Community Presbyterian Church – Danville, CA
TE Tyler Scott Excused
TE Cathy Burkholder Present
TE Bill Haslim Excused
TE Ryan Pearce Excused

Cornerstone Woodlake Presbyterian Church – Woodlake, CA
Vacant

Covenant Community Church – Vacaville, CA
TE Nancy Duff Present

Covenant Presbyterian Church – Orange, CA
TE Scott Larson Present
TE Matt Young Present

Covenant Presbyterian Church – Reno, NV
TE James (Jay) Hull Present

Covenant Presbyterian Church – San Diego, CA
TE Patrick King Present
TE Kennerly King Unexcused
Easton Presbyterian Church – Fresno, CA

RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS

Jennifer Harrington, Tom Pool

Marilyn Khalaji, Patricia Lum, Norma Moore, Lydia Palumpon

Ron Lee, Ken Shepard, Mike Stodghill

Keith Parker

Rhea Serpan

Rick Dorr, Jeff Seaward

Rebecca Duvall

Ken Adams

Dianne Billharz, Gerry Dunlap, Janet Goodman, Chris Rhodes

TE David Abdo	Present	
Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church – Fair Oaks, CA		
TE Donny Butkus	Present	Doug Benton, Patsy Conner, Karina Fielden
TE Clifford Graves	Present	Carl Kuhn, Michael Shumaker
First Armenian Church – Fresno, CA		
TE Greg Haroutunian	Present	
First Presbyterian Church – Bakersfield, CA		
TE David Constance	Present	Jim Conners, Jane Galbreath, Steve Gold
First Presbyterian Church – Fresno, CA		
TE Jeremy Vaccaro	Excused	Brian McGuire, Laura Spongberg
TE Meagan Kroeker	Excused	
First Presbyterian Church – Hanford, CA		
TE Tim Brown	Present	Michael Ginn, Annette Rajskup
Fowler Presbyterian Church – Fowler, CA		
TE Erik Buhl	Unexcused	
TE Paul Irwin	Excused	
Fremont Presbyterian Church – Sacramento, CA		
TE David Pack	Present	David Drotts, Patti Dusel, Carol Skinner
TE Matthew McCleary	Present	
Heritage EPC – Santa Maria, CA		
TE Mark Wright	Present	
Hope Presbyterian Church – Folsom, CA		
TE David Huusko	Present	Gordon Pipkin, Randy Wilson
Kingman Presbyterian Church – Kingman, AZ		
TE Joe Tolin	Present	Chris Beard
Millbrook Presbyterian Church – Fresno, CA		
Vacant		
Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church – Moraga, CA		
TE Brandon Morrow	Excused	
TE David Ricketts	Present	
New Life Community Church – Covelo, CA		
Vacant		
Sanger Community Church – Sanger, CA		
Ralph “Joe” Mazzela	Excused	Gordon Wolf
San Ramon Presbyterian Church – San Ramon, CA		
Vacant		
Sierra Presbyterian Church – Nevada City, CA		
TE Michael Griffin	Excused	Jessica Richey
TE Greg Flagg	Present	
St. John’s Assyrian Presbyterian Church – Turlock, CA		
TE Edward Eissabake	Unexcused	
The Table – San Francisco, CA		
TE Troy Wilson	Excused	
Valley Community Church – San Jacinto, CA		

TE Guy Boyer	Unexcused	
Wintersburg Presbyterian Church, Santa Ana, CA		
TE Ryan Teramoto	Present	Jay Kim, Ken Wakamoto

OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERY

TE Lana Roberts, Past Moderator		Present
RE Brian Wyatt, Moderator		Present
RE Mark Eshoff, Stated Clerk		Present

PRESBYTERY COUNCIL

RE Christine Deane	Not Present
TE David Fenska	Present
RE David Sylvester	Present

MILITARY CHAPLAINS ON ACTIVE DUTY

INSTITUTIONAL CHAPLAINS

TE Karen Bolte	Present
TE Marty Carpenter	Excused

EVANGELISTS

TE Scott Downing	Present
TE Jose Figueroa	Unexcused

MISSIONARIES

SERVING OUTSIDE THE BOUNDARIES

TE Eric Amundson	Excused
TE Joe Cole	Unexcused
TE Greg Ehlert	Excused
TE Melaku Mekuria	Unexcused
TE Mgrdich Melkonian	Unexcused
TE Rick Nylund	Unexcused
TE Ryan Suzuki	Excused
TE Fred Tanizaki	Unexcused
TE Tony Winterowd	Unexcused

MEMBERS SERVING AS ADMINISTRATIVE MEMBERS

MEMBERS WITHOUT A CALL

TE Greg Alderman	Present
TE David Burke	Present
TE Sam Fielder	Unexcused
TE Josh Hall	Present
TE Ron Musch	Excused
TE Rob Perkins	Excused
TE Dennis Tarr	Unexcused
TE Steve Tyra	Unexcused
TE Patrick Vaughn	Excused
TE Quinn Vaughn	Excused
TE Jason Yum	Excused

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS – ACTIVE

TE Donald Baird	Excused
TE Paul Bergquam	Unexcused

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS – Outside Boundaries

TE Kurt Teng	Not Present
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ASSOCIATE MEMBERS – Retired

TE Samuel Adamson	Not Present
TE Jerry Autry	Not Present
TE Robert (Bob) Badgley	Not Present
TE Jim Barstow	Present
TE Ed Blake	Not Present
TE Kirk Bottomly	Not Present
TE Scott Dickson	Not Present
TE Scott Farmer	Not Present
TE Steve Frank	Not Present
TE Anton Hoffmann	Not Present
TE Heidi Johnson	Not Present
TE Robin Kelley	Not Present
TE Linda Line	Not Present
TE Greg Livingstone	Not Present
TE Tom Naylor	Not Present
TE Ron Owens	Not Present
TE Penny Proschold	Not Present
TE Greg Roth	Not Present
TE Marsha Roth	Not Present
TE Chaluay Ruangchan	Not Present
TE Richard Sanner	Not Present
TE Jerry Voss	Not Present
TE Mark Wollan	Present

GUESTS/OBSERVERS/CANDIDATES/MINISTERS TO BE EXAMINED

David Araldi	Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, Fair Oaks
Connie Baker	Centerpoint Community Church, Roseville
Genafine Bartoo	World Relief, Sacramento
Julie Battenfield	Centerpoint Community Church, Roseville
Kathy Beard	Kingman Presbyterian Church, Kingman, AZ
Lauren Blalock	Centerpoint Community Church, Roseville
Joanne Butterfield	Centerpoint Community Church, Roseville
Jim Clifton	Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, Fair Oaks
Cathy Cole	Presbytery of the Pacific SW, Sacramento
Kelly Corliss	World Relief, Sacramento
Andrea Craddock	EPC World Outreach
Sandra Crawford	Cornerstone, Woodlake
Mark Dandeneau	World Relief, Sacramento
Jamie Davis	Clayton Community Church, Clayton
Rachel Dorsey	Centerpoint Community Church, Roseville
Janet Downing	Rural Compassion, Sparks, NV
David Eichinger	Christ Community Church, Carmichael
Cheryl Eshoff	Fremont Presbyterian Church, Sacramento
Julie Evans	Centerpoint Community Church, Roseville
Karen Fales	Centerpoint Community Church, Roseville
Mindy Fenska	EPC World Outreach, San Diego
Rose Gibson	Centerpoint Community Church, Roseville
Jayne Graves	Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, Fair Oaks
Keli Greant	Centerpoint Community Church, Roseville
Dee Dee Gunther	Centerpoint Community Church, Roseville
Andrew Hatfield	Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, Fair Oaks
Casey High	
Tom Huang	Centerpoint Community Church, Roseville
Mark Huchingson	Centerpoint Community Church, Roseville
Denell Hull	Covenant Presbyterian Church, Reno
Bill Hvidsten	Christ Community Church, Carmichael
John Ishihara	Wintersburg Presbyterian Church, Santa Ana
Jeff Johnson	Cornerstone, Woodlake
Teresa Keen	Centerpoint Community Church, Roseville
Justin Kim	Wintersburg Presbyterian Church, Santa Ana
Sue Kirstein	Centerpoint Community Church, Roseville

Reid Klatt	Hope Presbyterian Church, Folsom
Evie Knottnerus	Centerville Presbyterian Church, Fremont
Donna Kovar	Centerpoint Community Church, Roseville
Tim Kovar	Centerpoint Community Church, Roseville
Harriet Kuhn	Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, Fair Oaks
Chris Larsen	Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, Fair Oaks
Jeri Lee	Wintersburg Presbyterian Church, Santa Ana
Heidi Lockett	Centerpoint Community Church, Roseville
Marni Love	Fremont Presbyterian Church, Sacramento
Ken Miller	Christ Community Church, Carmichael
Ed Mosbaugh	Christ Community Church, Carmichael
Martha Neill	Centerpoint Community Church, Roseville
Marcos Ortega	GA Ad Interim Committee, Orlando, FL
Fernando Palumpon	Centerville Presbyterian Church, Fremont
Lynne Pinkerton	Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, Fair Oaks
Klarissa Pool	Centerpoint Community Church, Roseville
Debbie Rattan	Fremont Presbyterian Church, Sacramento
Russ Ream	Centerpoint Community Church, Roseville
Joanna Reeder	POPS Home Team
Julie Rietema	World Relief, Sacramento
Gail Rothwell	Centerpoint Community Church, Roseville
Colin Ruan	World Relief, Sacramento
David Schottky	Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church, Fair Oaks
Sierra Seaward	Cornerstone Woodlake, Woodlake
Sallie Kay Stodghill	Christ Community Church, Carmichael
Christopher Takei	Wintersburg Presbyterian Church, Santa ana
Carolyn Taylor	Centerpoint Community Church, Roseville
Dani Tolin	Kingman Presbyterian Church, Kingman, AZ
Lynn Uchizono	Wintersburg Presbyterian Church, Sant Ana
Brian Vaccaro	Cornerstone, Woodlake
Judi Vaccaro	Cornerstone, Woodlake
Nancy VanDiest	Centerpoint Community Church, Roseville
Dana Wakamoto	Wintersburg Presbyterian Church, Santa Ana
Bill Walston	Cornerstone, Woodlake
Judy Walston	Cornerstone, Woodlake
Kyle Watters	Fremont Presbyterian Church, Sacramento

NUMERICAL ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

	Present	Excused	Unexcused	Total/Parity
Teaching Elders (Full Members)	36	19	14	69
Teaching Elders (Associate - Active)	0	1	1	
Teaching Elders (Associate-Retired)	2			
Ruling Elders	42			
Officers of the Presbytery	2			
Presbytery Council	1			
Commissioned Pastors	0			
Received Pending Dismissal	0			
Transitional Members	0			
Candidates/Guests/Observers	72			
TOTAL IN ATTENDANCE	155			
Associate & Retired Members (Not Present)	21			
Inactive Members (Not Present)	0			

20-3 Welcome

TE Donny Butkus, Pastor of Fair Oaks Church, welcomed the Presbytery and shared a brief update on the ministry of the church.

20-4 Introduction of New Commissioners and Guests

Moderator Wyatt welcomed all commissioners and guests. Personal introductions were given to those who were attending a Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest meeting for the first time.

20-5 Worship

Moderator Wyatt led the Presbytery in a Call to Worship from Psalm 95. The Worship Team from Fair Oaks Church led the Presbytery in musical worship. The sermon on Acts 26:19-23 was given by Rachel Dorsey, Candidate for Assistant Pastor at Centerpoint Community Church, Roseville, CA.

20-6 Moderator's Time of Prayer

Moderator Wyatt then led a time of prayer focused on 1 John 1:5-10. Members, commissioners and guests prayed the scripture in small groups.

20-7 Stated Clerk's Report

Stated Clerk Eshoff reviewed the protocol for participation and voting for the meeting. He also noted attendance expectations, the voting guidelines for the Presbytery, and those Teaching Elders that were absent without excuse at the previous Presbytery meeting held on January 24-25, 2024. He reminded the Presbytery about the upcoming Discovery Workshop on September 14, 2024 at Centerville Presbyterian Church in Fremont, CA and the Pastor's Retreat on October 8-10, 2024 in Nevada City, CA. He also noted the updated list of POPS committee members and challenged the members and commissioners present to encourage at least one ruling elder from their home church to attend the next stated meeting.

20-8 Approval of the Docket

Stated Clerk Eshoff presented changes to the proposed docket and recommended the revised docket to the Presbytery for approval.

Motion was sustained to adopt the docket as modified.

20-9 Ministerial Committee Report

TE David Abdo, Chair of the Ministerial Committee, opened in prayer and introduced Rachel Dorsey.

Examination of Rachel Dorsey

Rachel had been called by the Session of Centerpoint Community Church, Roseville, CA as Assistant Pastor for Outreach and Mission, and was seeking ordination in the EPC. She had signed her Ministerial Obligation Form and Ethical Affirmation Form and planned to participate in the next Discovery Workshop. She had been examined by the members of the Ministerial Committee and her current Terms of Call were reviewed and approved by the Committee. She was recommended to the Presbytery for approval.

Rachel's examination began with a sermon on a passage assigned by the Ministerial Committee. The Presbytery examined her on her knowledge of theology and sacraments, her faith in Christ, her calling to the ministry and the nature of the office of a minister of the Word, polity, the Reformed tradition, the Bible, and her spiritual journey. Rachel had no exceptions to the Westminster Standards.

Motion was sustained to arrest the examination.

Rachel was dismissed during the Presbytery discussion. TE Bryan Yeo from Centerpoint Community Church and TE Nancy Duff from Covenant Community Church, Vacaville, CA spoke in support of Rachel.

Motion was sustained to approve the examination of Rachel Dorsey and receive her into full membership in the EPC Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest.

Motion was sustained to approve the Administrative Commission of TE's Bryan Yeo from Centerpoint Community Church, Roseville, CA and Nancy Duff from Covenant Community Church, Vacaville, CA and RE's Marlana Sprague, Julie Battenfield, and Cyndi Parks from Centerpoint Community Church and Rebecca Duvall from Covenant Community Church to ordain and install Rachel Dorsey as Assistant Pastor of Outreach and Mission at Centerpoint Community Church on June 2, 2024 at 4:00 pm for a term of 3 years.

Rachel was invited back into the main session and was greeted with a standing ovation.

TE Bryan Yeo prayed for Rachel.

20-10 Treasurer's Report

RE David Sylvester, POPS Treasurer, opened in prayer and shared the POPS financial update for the month ended March 2024 (attached). He noted that a significant balance of inactive funds was being invested in a Schwab investment account that would result in additional earnings for the Presbytery.

20-11 Special Presentation

TE Marcos Ortega, a member of the Ad-Interim Committee to compose a Pastoral Letter on Racial Lament and Hope, was welcomed by the Presbytery and shared comments on the initial draft of the letter, which was included in the packet provided to all members and commissioners. TE Ortega answered questions regarding its purpose and content and the process for input and approval. He provided excellent insight on the process of developing the letter and the thought and prayer that went into it.

20-12 Ministerial Report (continued)

TE Abdo opened in prayer and introduced RE Rick Dorr from Cornerstone Woodlake Church.

Examination of Rick Dorr

RE Rick Dorr had been called as Commissioned Pastor for Cornerstone Woodlake Church by the Session of the church for a term of 3 years. He had been examined by the members of the Ministerial Committee and his current Terms of Call were reviewed and approved by the Committee. He was recommended to the Presbytery for approval. Stated Clerk Eshoff reviewed the Book of Order guidelines on the examination and approval of a Commissioned Pastor. He noted that a candidate for Commissioned Pastor was not to be held to the same standards of knowledge as that of a Teaching Elder.

Rick's examination began with a sermon on Ephesians 1:3-6, a passage assigned by the Ministerial Committee. The Presbytery examined him on his knowledge of theology and sacraments, faith in Christ, calling to the ministry, polity, the Reformed tradition, the Bible, and his spiritual journey. Rick had no exceptions to the Westminster Standards.

Motion was sustained to arrest the examination

Rick was dismissed during the Presbytery discussion. RE's Jeff Seaward and Jeff Johnson from Cornerstone Woodlake Church spoke in support of Rick.

Motion was sustained to approve the examination of Rick Dorr and affirm his call as Commissioned Pastor of Cornerstone Woodlake Church, Woodlake, CA to preach the Word, evangelize, moderate the Session, administer the sacraments, perform marriages, preside at funerals, and provide pastoral care, and to assign TE Dave Fenska as supervisor to Elder Dorr.

Motion was sustained to approve the administrative commission of RE's Sandra Crawford, Jeff Seaward and Al George from Cornerstone Woodlake and Priscilla Dack from Easton Presbyterian Church and TE's Lana Roberts (Active Retired) and Ron Owens (Associate Retired) to install Rick Dorr as Commissioned Pastor for Cornerstone Woodlake on June 2, 2024 at 6:00 pm for a term of 3 years.

Rick was invited back into the main session and was greeted with a standing ovation. TE Dave Fenska prayed for Rick and the church.

20-13 Mission Committee Report

TE Dave Fenska, Chair of the Mission Committee, opened in prayer and encouraged the Presbytery to take advantage of the mission presentations at the General Assembly that would be aired online. Dave then introduced Andrea Craddock from EPC World Outreach who spoke about the value of mission cohorts. TE Sam Knottnerus, E2025 Home Team Chair, updated the Presbytery on the ministry to the Pashtuns in our Presbytery and encouraged all to be either a pray-er, player or pay-er with the Pashtun people. He closed the report in prayer.

20-14 Ministry Focus – World Relief, Sacramento

Colin Ruan, representative from World Relief, gave an overview of their ministry to refugees in the Northern California area. Several EPC POPS churches partner with them in their ministry. He encouraged the churches to work together to form Good Neighbor Teams to support refugee families.

20-15 Retirement Recognition – TE Cliff Graves

Moderator Wyatt invited TE Cliff Graves and his wife, Jayne, onto the platform and introduced the ceremony. Stated Clerk Eshoff shared a summary of Cliff's ministry and his service to several churches, including Fair Oaks Church.

Cliff became a Christian during the Jesus Movement his senior year of college at San Jose State (1972). He got his first taste of ministry shortly thereafter as a Young Life leader and then as a youth leader at his home Church; Centerville Presbyterian in Fremont, CA. During this time, he was employed at an inpatient Mental Health Facility until deciding to go to Fuller Seminary. At Fuller, he earned a Master of Divinity in Theology/Marriage & Family Therapy ('83), and later a Doctor of Ministry ('97).

He was ordained at Centerville Presbyterian Church by UPCUSA on 3/4/84 ("March Forth"). His first call was to Christ Community Church in Carmichael, CA where he served for 8½ years working with Single Adults. In 1994, he was hired as a Pastoral Counselor by Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church. During that time, he became licensed as an MFCC with the State of California. After being a pastoral counselor for 16 years, Fair Oaks Church called him to be the Associate Pastor of Congregational Care (2009). His hiring date was again March 4th of that year. With that call he transitioned over to the EPC. Over the course of his tenure at FOC he has overseen Congregational Care ministries and numerous adult programs.

Cliff and his wife Jayne have been married for 20 years. They often do hospital and home visitation together. Jayne has enriched the lives of many women at FOC and been a source of love, support and prayer to her husband's ministry, a true "joint heir of the Grace of life".

RE Rob Rivett from Fair Oaks Church shared the impact of Cliff's ministry. Cliff then reflected on the joys of his ministry as well.

Motion was sustained to approve the Change in Status of TE Cliff Graves from Associate Pastor of Care at Fair Oaks Church to Associate-Retired effective June 30, 2024, with great appreciation for his service to Christ's Church.

Cliff was presented with a recognition gift and members of Fair Oaks Church were invited forward to lay hands on him with other members of the Presbytery. RE Jim Clifton prayed for Cliff and Jayne in this new season.

20-16 Meeting Recess and Dinner

The meeting was recessed until the following morning at 9:00 am. Dinner was served by the Fair Oaks Church volunteers.

20-17 Presbytery Worship Service

The POPS Worship Service was led by TE Donny Butkus and the staff and leaders from Fair Oaks Church. Communion was served, and an offering was received for the POPS Pastor Support and Care Fund.

20-18 Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Following a breakfast served by Fair Oaks volunteers, Moderator Wyatt called the meeting to order at 9:05 am on May 17, 2024 and opened in prayer.

20-19 Appreciation to the Volunteers and Staff of the Host Church

Moderator Wyatt expressed deep appreciation to Fair Oaks Church, their pastors and staff, and the volunteers that served the Presbytery in hosting the meeting. The volunteers were given a standing ovation.

20-20 Worship

Moderator Wyatt led the Presbytery in a Call to Worship from 1 Corinthians 3:17-18. The Worship Team from Fair Oaks Church led the Presbytery in musical worship. The sermon on Romans 6:20-23 was given by Justin Kim, Candidate for Pastor at Wintersburg Presbyterian Church, Santa Ana, CA.

20-21 Moderator's Time of Prayer

Moderator Wyatt then led a time of prayer focused on 1 John 2:1-6. Members, commissioners and guests prayed the scripture in small groups.

20-22 Ministerial Committee Report (continued)

TE Abdo opened in prayer and introduced Justin Kim, candidate for Pastor at Wintersburg Presbyterian Church.

Examination of Justin Kim

Justin had been called as Pastor by the congregation of Wintersburg Presbyterian Church, Santa Ana, CA. He had signed his Ministerial Obligation Form and Ethical Affirmation Form. He was examined by the members of the Ministerial Committee and his current Terms of Call were reviewed and approved by the Committee. He was seeking to transfer from the PCA Korean Capital Presbytery and was recommended to the Presbytery for approval.

Justin's examination began with a sermon on a passage assigned by the Ministerial Committee. The Presbytery examined him on his views of theology and sacraments, his faith in Christ, his calling to the ministry and the nature of the office of a minister of the Word, polity, the Reformed tradition, the Bible, and his spiritual journey. Justin had no exceptions to the Westminster Standards.

Motion was sustained to arrest the examination.

Justin was dismissed during the Presbytery discussion. TE Ryan Teramoto and RE Ken Wakamoto from Wintersburg Presbyterian Church spoke in support of Justin.

Motion was sustained to approve the examination of TE Justin Kim and receive him into full membership in the EPC Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest.

Motion was sustained to approve the Administrative Commission of TE's Ryan Teramoto from Wintersburg Presbyterian Church, Santa Ana, CA, and Matt Young from Covenant Presbyterian Church, Orange, CA, and RE's Mao Shimizu, Masaaki Uchida and Ken Wakamoto from Wintersburg Presbyterian Church and Stephen Morris from Covenant Presbyterian Church, Orange, CA to install TE Justin Kim as Pastor of Wintersburg Presbyterian Church on August 18, 2024 at 10:00 am.

Justin was invited back into the main session and was greeted with a standing ovation. TE Scott Larson prayed for Justin and the church.

20-23 Change in Status – TE Matt Young

The congregation of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Orange, CA had called TE Matt Young as Associate Pastor of Outreach and Engagement. He currently served there as Assistant Pastor of Outreach and Engagement.

Motion was sustained to approve the Change in Status of TE Matt Young from Assistant Pastor of Outreach and Engagement to Associate Pastor for Outreach and Engagement at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Orange, CA effective May 17, 2024.

Motion was sustained to approve the Administrative Commission consisting of TE's Scott Larson from Covenant Presbyterian, Orange, CA and Dave Fenska (Active -Retired), and RE's Ken Davis and Stephen Morris from Covenant Presbyterian, Orange, CA and Carlos Gutierrez and Masaaki Uchida from Wintersburg Presbyterian, Santa Ana, CA to install TE Matt Young as Associate Pastor of Outreach and Engagement at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Orange, CA on May 19, 2024 at 10:15 am.

TE Dave Fenska prayed for Matt in his new call.

20-24 Honorary Change in Status – TE Jim Barstow

The congregation of Centerpoint Community Church, Roseville, CA requested that the Presbytery confer the title of Pastor Emeritus for retired TE Jim Barstow. This title comes with no pastoral authority or duty but is an association requested by the church out of affection and gratitude for TE Barstow. TE Bryan Yeo spoke in support of the action and TE Barstow spoke of his appreciation for the church and his past ministry there.

Motion was sustained approve the title of Pastor Emeritus for TE Jim Barstow in association with Centerpoint Community Church, Roseville, CA effective May 17, 2024.

TE Yeo prayed for Jim in his role.

20-25 Ministry Update – 2024 Next Gen Summit

Debbie Rattan, Minister to Children and Families at Fremont Presbyterian Church, Sacramento, CA reported on the recent GA Next Gen Summit held in St. Louis, MS which she attended with two other representatives from POPS: Klarissa Pool (Centerpoint Community) and Kayden Regan (Christ Community). Debbie expressed her enthusiasm for the event, shared the desire to connect regularly with Next Gen workers in the Presbytery, and encouraged POPS Next Gen workers to attend the Summit in 2025. TE Ryan Bogert prayed for the Next Gen ministry in the Presbytery and denomination.

20-26 Q&A with David Burke, POPS Chaplain

TE David Burke had been selected recently as POPS Chaplain. He was interviewed by Stated Clerk Eshoff about the importance of his ministry as a support to POPS teaching elders and on the need for pastoral care among teaching elders. Also clarified was the expectation of confidentiality in his work with pastors.

20-27 Lunch and Clerk of Session Training

Lunch was served by the Fair Oaks volunteers and RE Janet Goodman, Chair of the Session Minutes Review Committee led a training for POPS Clerks of Session. She was assisted by RE Jim Conners, former chair.

20-28 Care of Candidates Committee Report

TE Matt Young, Chair of the Care of Candidates Committee, opened in prayer and introduced Jamie Davis, who was ready to come under care of the Presbytery as a Candidate for Ministry.

Examination of Jamie Davis

Jamie was currently under care of the Session of Clayton Community Church, Clayton, CA. The Session had recommended him to the Presbytery as a Candidate Under Care and he had met with the POPS Care of Candidates Committee who recommended him for approval.

The Candidate briefly shared their spiritual journey, their sense of call and why they have chosen the EPC. The Presbytery then examined the candidate on their Christian experience and growth, motive for seeking ordination in the EPC, and their call to the ministry.

Motion was sustained to arrest the examination.

TE Shawn Robinson from Clayton Community Church spoke on behalf of Jamie.

Motion was sustained to approve Jamie Davis to come under care of the EPC Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest and approve TE Matt Young as advisor to Candidate Davis.

Moderator Wyatt then asked Candidate Davis the Constitutional Questions to which the candidate replied affirmatively. TE Shawn Robinson prayed for Candidate Davis and TE Scott Larson gave him a charge from 2 Timothy 3:16 and John 15:4-9.

20-29 Session Minutes Review Committee

RE Janet Goodman, Chair of the Session Minutes Review Committee, opened in prayer, reported that the minutes due at the January 2024 meeting were all received and have been reviewed. She updated the Presbytery on how to improve the effectiveness of Session Minutes and noted how encouraging it is to read how God is working in our sister churches. She also communicated the need for additional members of her standing committee for the current year.

The following minute reviews were completed for the Winter 2024 cycle:

Centerpoint Community Church, Roseville	Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church
Centerville Presbyterian Church, Fremont	Fremont Presbyterian Church, Sacramento
Christ Church East Bay, Berkeley	Hope Presbyterian Church, Folsom
Christ Community Church, Carmichael	Moraga Valley Presbyterian Church
Covenant Community Church, Vacaville	Sierra Presbyterian Church, Nevada City
Covenant Presbyterian Church, Reno	

Scheduled reviews for May 2024:

Clayton Community Church	St. John's Assyrian Presbyterian Church, Turlock
Millbrook Presbyterian Church, Fresno	First Presbyterian Church, Fresno
Community Presbyterian Church, Danville	San Ramon Presbyterian Church
New Life Community Church, Covelo	Fowler Presbyterian Church
First Armenian Presbyterian Church, Fresno	Sanger Community Church

The following minutes were scheduled for the Winter Cycle but will be reviewed in the Fall:

St. John's Assyrian Presbyterian Church (not received in May 2023)

Janet closed her report in prayer.

20-30 Care of Candidates Committee Report (continued)

Examination of Steve Gold

TE Young introduced Steve Gold, who was ready to come under care of the Presbytery as a Candidate for Ministry. Steve was currently under care of the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Bakersfield, CA. The Session had recommended him to the Presbytery as a Candidate Under Care and he had met with the POPS Care of Candidates Committee who recommended him for approval.

The Candidate briefly shared their spiritual journey, their sense of call and why they have chosen the EPC. The Presbytery then examined the Candidate on their Christian experience and growth, motive for seeking ordination in the EPC, and their call to the ministry.

Motion was sustained to arrest the examination.

TE Dave Constance from First Presbyterian Church spoke on behalf of Steve.

Motion was sustained to approve Steve Gold to come under care of the EPC Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest and approve TE Sam Knottnerus as advisor to Candidate.

Moderator Wyatt then asked the Candidate the Constitutional Questions to which the candidate replied affirmatively. TE Matt Young prayed for Candidate Gold and TE Sam Knottnerus gave him a charge from 1 Thessalonians 2:8 and Job 23:10.

20-31 Ministry Focus – The Influencers

Ryan Balbi (Candidate Under Care) from Christ Community Church, Carmichael, CA introduced David Eichinger, who shared about the effectiveness of the Influencers Ministry as an opportunity for effective discipleship. Candidate Balbi prayed for David and the ministry.

20-32 Intercessory Prayer

TE Karen Bolte prayed for TE Marty Carpenter who was hospitalized with a serious illness.

20-33 Care of Candidates Report (continued)

Examination of Chris Beard

TE Young opened in prayer and introduced Chris Beard, who was ready to come under care of the Presbytery as a Candidate for Ministry. Chris was currently under care of the Session of Kingman Presbyterian Church, Kingman, AZ. The Session had recommended him to the Presbytery as a Candidate Under Care and he had met with the POPS Care of Candidates Committee who recommended him for approval.

The Candidate briefly shared their spiritual journey, their sense of call and why they have chosen the EPC. The Presbytery then examined the Candidate on their Christian experience and growth, motive for seeking ordination in the EPC, and their call to the ministry.

Motion was sustained to arrest the examination.

TE Joe Tolin from Kingman Presbyterian Church spoke on behalf of Chris.

Motion was sustained to approve Chris Beard to come under care of the EPC Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest and approve TE Greg Flagg as advisor to Candidate Beard.

Moderator Wyatt then asked the Candidate the Constitutional Questions to which the candidate replied affirmatively. TE Joe Tolin prayed for Candidate Beard and TE Greg Flagg gave him a charge from Genesis 1:1-3.

20-34 Church Planting Update

TE Shawn Robinson, POPS Church Planting Coordinator, opened in prayer and gave an update on the progress of church planting in the four regions of the Presbytery. He encouraged the Presbytery to see church planting through the lens of God's vision rather than through our fears. He asked pastors and elders to ask their Sessions to pray about how they can be a part of it. He noted that the Church Planting E-book has been published by the GA Church Planting Committee. He closed his report in prayer.

20-35 Omnibus Motion

Moderator Wyatt introduced the Omnibus Motion which included the following:

1. That the Minutes of the Nineteenth Stated Meeting of the EPC Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest on January 26-27, 2024, be approved as posted (these minutes are available on the POPS website)
2. That the Administrative Commission to install Joe Tolin as Pastor of Kingman Presbyterian Church, Kingman, AZ 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 was sustained to approve the Omnibus actions

20-36 Important Upcoming Dates

Moderator Wyatt reminded the Presbytery of the following dates

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| June 18-20, 2024 | 44 th EPC General Assembly
Location: Hope Church, Memphis, TN |
| October 8-10, 2024 | POPS Pastors Retreat
Location: Del Oro Conference Center, Nevada City, CA |
| October 11-12, 2024 | Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest Meeting (#21)
Location: Community Presbyterian Church, Danville, CA |
| January 24-25, 2025 | Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest Meeting (#22)
Location: Centerpoint Community Church, Roseville, CA |

Hosting Opportunities

Moderator Wyatt reminded the member churches that opportunities were available to host the Presbytery at its 2025 meetings and to host Discovery Workshops in 2024.

20-37 Adjournment and Closing Prayer

Motion was sustained to adjourn the meeting.

Moderator Wyatt closed the twentieth stated meeting of the Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest at 3:48 pm and led the Presbytery in prayer.



Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest
Income and Expenses
 March 31, 2024

CATEGORY	CURRENT MONTH			YEAR-TO-DATE			ANNUAL BUDGET
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE	
INCOME							
POPS Church Support	\$8,177	\$12,667	(\$4,489)	\$28,443	\$38,000	(\$9,557)	\$152,000
Other Income -Church Health Subsidy	0	250	(250)	0	750	(750)	3,000
Other Income- Church Planting Subsidy	0	1,000	(1,000)	0	3,000	(3,000)	12,000
Other Income - Miscellaneous	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Income	8,177	13,917	(5,739)	28,443	41,750	(13,307)	167,000
EXPENSES							
Personnel	\$9,094	\$9,983	\$890	\$27,281	\$29,950	\$2,669	\$119,800
Travel	948	1,617	668	4,286	4,850	564	19,400
Presbytery Office	487	225	(262)	676	675	(1)	2,700
Moderator	0	17	17	0	50	50	200
Care of Candidates	0	67	67	0	200	200	800
Church Planting	0	17	17	0	50	50	200
Church Health	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mission	1,000	583	(417)	1,000	1,750	750	7,000
Nominating Committee	0	42	42	0	125	125	500
Session Minutes Review Committee	0	42	42	0	125	125	500
Presbytery Meetings	0	792	792	2,766	2,375	(391)	9,500
Leadership and Training	0	233	233	0	700	700	2,800
Accounting and Finance	125	300	175	3,461	900	(2,561)	3,600
Total All Expenses	\$11,654	\$13,917	\$2,263	\$39,470	\$41,750	\$2,280	\$167,000
NET INCOME	(\$3,477)	(\$0)	(\$3,477)	(\$11,026)	\$0	(\$11,027)	\$0



Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest

Balance Sheet

3/31/2024

DESCRIPTION	BALANCE at 3/31/24	BALANCE at 12/31/23
ASSETS		
Cash	\$116,142	\$131,079
Investments	0	0
Other Assets	0	0
TOTAL ASSETS	\$116,142	\$131,079
FUNDS		
Designated Funds		
Pastor's Care & Support	\$2,780	\$5,780
Church Planting	2,233	2,538
Educational Assistance Fund	3,945	2,842
Chaplains Travel	2,308	2,308
World Outreach E2025	3,666	3,116
Pastors Retreat	1,249	1,249
Church Health	7,220	7,220
Women's Ministries	2,933	3,066
Total Designated Funds	26,334	28,119
Reserve/Undesignated Funds	100,834	84,065
Current Income (Loss)	(11,026)	18,895
TOTAL FUNDS	\$116,142	\$131,079



Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest
Percentage of Income (POI)
 April 2024

CHURCH	REPORTED 2022 INCOME	REQUESTED POI	ACTUAL GIVING	% of TOTAL
Centerpoint	\$2,495,179	\$12,476	\$0	0%
Centerville PC	1,504,686	7,523	1,122	15%
Christ Church East Bay	1,483,879	7,419	0	0%
Christ Community Church	2,586,263	12,931	3,750	29%
Clayton Community	703,198	3,516	0	0%
CPC Danville	6,193,415	30,967	10,324	33%
Cornerstone Woodlake	138,061	690	690	100%
Covenant PC - Orange	471,556	2,358	2,186	93%
Covenant PC - Reno	421,358	2,107	1,350	64%
Covenant PC - San Diego	659,485	3,297	900	27%
Covenant Community Vacaville	504,929	2,525	590	23%
Easton PC	232,000	1,160	1,160	100%
Fair Oaks	2,642,304	13,212	1,962	15%
First Armenian PC	623,434	3,117	581	19%
First PC - Bakersfield	1,438,643	7,193	2,274	32%
First PC - Fresno	1,428,390	7,142	7,193	101%
First PC - Hanford	227,875	1,139	285	25%
Fowler PC	394,677	1,973	0	0%
Fremont PC**	2,175,527	8,478	4,000	47%
Heritage EPC	65,222	326	94	29%
Hope PC	318,705	1,594	0	0%
Kingman PC	195,781	979	490	50%
Millbrook PC	87,353	437	0	0%
Moraga Valley PC	2,042,000	10,210	2,553	25%
New Life, Covelo	20,096	100	100	100%
San Ramon PC	880,627	4,403	0	0%
Sanger Community	207,000	1,035	0	0%
Sierra PC	561,967	2,810	937	33%
St. John's Assyrian PC	112,851	564	0	0%
The Table	138,112	691	691	100%
Valley Community	111,004	555	0	0%
Wintersburg PC	1,691,770	8,459	0	0%
TOTAL	\$32,757,347	\$161,387	\$43,230	27%

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