

*The Mission of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara:  
We, the PCUSA churches and ministries of Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Luis Obispo  
counties, join together to foster vibrant worshipping communities who proclaim and live out the  
love of Jesus Christ for one another and our neighbors*

January 28, 2019

I hope that you will join me on February 9<sup>th</sup> at Moorpark Presbyterian Church for our Presbytery meeting. We will once again gather to worship together and do the business of our church community.

One of the things I enjoy most about our time together is experiencing the different worship leaders and I am looking forward to hearing Reverend Mike Harbert. Each experience brings me a new appreciation and gratitude for our larger worshipping community.

In terms of business, the financial report will include a vote to approve the audit that was distributed at our November meeting. This audit has been a long time coming but gives us a new financial confidence moving forward and continues our core belief of transparency in our work together.

Before lunch, we will start a new tradition of hearing from a couple of our churches about their bright spots – giving us the chance to celebrate together and learn from one another. Then, over lunch, we will have some questions to discuss as we look at what we collectively want from our Presbytery and how it can best serve our community.

There will be important committee reports that further our work but, most important of all, in these discussions and decisions, we grow together. We continue to define our community. We learn a little more about each other and we strengthen the bonds that carry us through. Small decisions and big ones, deep discussions and light conversations, weave us closer together and bring the joy and comfort of our shared community.

I look forward to seeing you!

Blessings,

Tamara Skov  
Moderator