

“That’s just brilliant!”

That’s what I thought when I read this quotation from C.S. Lewis – check this out:

“The best safeguard against bad literature is full experience of good; just as real and affectionate acquaintance with honest people gives a better protection against rogues than a habitual distrust of everyone.” C.S. Lewis, An Experiment in Criticism.

Pretty good right?

Greetings Most Excellent Elders of the Santa Barbara Presbytery!

2020 will be our year as a Presbytery – a year in which we experience the positive and dynamic strengths of following Christ together. We’ll experience what is “good” and “real” about being community together.

Our Presbytery meetings will serve as launching pads to continuing to develop in your church as a vibrant worshipping community. I hope you’ll join the fun.

On February 8th, you’ll be able to have a direct impact on where we are headed – in fact, your input at this meeting will be critical as we keep moving forward.

Here’s the plan:

First step – Show up. We need you to be there and folks from your church.

Second Step - Dynamic prayer/worship time with our friends from Coastal Community Church. After worship our hearts will be ready for...

Third Step: Large Group Discussion on where we need to move in hiring Presbytery Staff and a Large Group Discussion on how we can more effectively develop our ministry teams (aka committee structure) to better serve your church.

Fourth Step – the rest of the meeting (see attached Agenda). I am super excited to welcome Keenan Barber who has been called to serve at Moorpark Presbyterian Church.

Make every effort to either make the short drive to Grover Beach (if you live in SLO County) or the longer trek for us who live in Ventura County – this meeting will help determine the future of our Presbytery.

Thanks for all that you do for so many,

Tom Stephen
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