



PRESBYTERY of SANTA BARBARA

November 7, 2019

Greetings Most Excellent Santa Barbara Presbytery,

I am super excited (yes, I said it again) for you to join us at our next Presbytery meeting on Tuesday, November 12 at Monte Vista in Newbury Park.

Why you ask?

We have created a meeting that will INSPIRE you.

And yes, I do mean inspire as it was originally intended from its Latin roots (inspirare) having to do with breath or breathing. Literally, the Holy Spirit is going to breathe on us in ways that will bring inspiration for ministry in your home church.

Did I mention that Monte Vista is my home church? I have had the honor of serving this outstanding community for over 15 years. And I can testify to the fact that when we open our hearts and minds to God's presence, inspiration happens.

Here are just three things you'll experience at our Presbytery meeting:

- 1) You'll learn a new prayer pattern of discernment for your Session to practice that will lead to inspiration within your congregation.
- 2) You'll hear from our Finance folks about the audit – yes, it is complete! And we are super excited to share it with you.
- 3) You'll also be asked to consider a possible new staff position to help lead our Presbytery into the future. At this point we are calling the position, Presbytery Administrative Pastor. Your input is both needed and appreciated.

And you'll get a full update on the many ways God is working in and through the Presbytery – from a report from IMPACT to an update on the Mission Conference this winter.

So, yeah, I'm super excited.

Take care and God bless,

Tom Stephen
Moderator