

Tentative Agenda
Presbytery of Santa Barbara
“Joining Together. Worshipping God. Loving People”
Special Called Meeting
Tuesday, March 9, 2021 – 3:00 p.m.
Online Zoom Registration and Meeting
****See Important Zoom Update Information Below***

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the sequestering restriction imposed in California this meeting will be held virtually by electronic conference call using Zoom capabilities.

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.

Registration (online Zoom). Prior Registration for this Zoom meeting is required. Please register for the Meeting, the registration link is listed below:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwrdO2trD0qHdT4N4-ZY-O_c8jZ9K795DU0

***ZOOM UPDATE** – Please update Zoom for your device prior to the Meeting.

- To update on a computer: Open your Zoom icon, click on the image of your face in the upper right-hand corner and click on “Check for Updates.” Apply the update.
- To update on a phone or tablet: Go to your app store and update your Zoom app from there. Thank you!

3:00pm Presbytery Constituted – Rev. Tom Stephen, Moderator

- Welcome and Convene with Prayer
- Zoom Ground Rules. John Losey
- Confirmation of Quorum
- Introduction of First Time Ruling Elder Commissioners
- Introductions and Seating of Corresponding Members
- Motion to Grant Privilege of the Floor to Corresponding Members and Committee Members
- Motion to Adopt the Agenda

3:10pm Presbytery-wide Discussion on Strategic Use of Presbytery Reserves - Rev. Tom Stephen, Moderator. Rev. Janet Loughry, Chair of Presbytery Council

- Presentation
- Survey Questions & Results

- Breakout Room Discussions. Questions:
 - Based on Luke 12:13-21, what is the basic message that Jesus is teaching in this parable? How does this inform our theological approach to spending our reserves/interest? (*See Scripture Text below, end of Agenda*)
 - Based on the priorities you selected in the survey, what does spending the reserves/interest look like?
 - Do you have a question that we have not asked?
- Feedback from Breakout Rooms

5:00pm Adjournment and Closing Prayer

Luke 12:13-21 (NRSV)

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.

Next Presbytery Meeting – Saturday, May 15, 2021, 9:00a.m. By Zoom

2021 Presbytery Meeting Dates: Sat. May 15, 9:30AM. By Zoom; Sat. September 18, 9:30AM; Tue. November 9, 2:00PM

The Vision of the Presbytery of Santa Barbara

*We enthusiastically and steadfastly envision a day when all our churches, elders, deacons,
pastors, and ministry leaders will
Build ministries to glorify God
Share tools for the ministry of Jesus Christ
Connect with colleagues
Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God*