

# Commissioned Minister Selection Process for Advisory Vote Representation

## Please review the selection process thoroughly and entirely

The Pacific Southwest District (PSD) Convention will take place in La Quinta, CA, June 25-27, 2025. As part of an ongoing effort to enhance the voice of Commissioned Ministers, a select number will be invited to participate in a **preliminary advisory vote** on all non-election convention actions.

### Background

The 2022 PSD Convention approved **Resolution 22.2.3**, which established a **pre-vote model** for Commissioned Ministers, allowing them to participate in a preliminary advisory vote.

- This resolution ensures that each congregation has the right to send one Commissioned Minister as a non-voting advisory delegate.
- Synod Bylaw 4.2.3 already states that **all non-voting ordained and commissioned ministers** within the district **are expected to serve as advisory delegates** unless excused.
- The preliminary advisory voting Commissioned Ministers (PAVCM), however, will have a different role:
  - They will be **seated with voting delegates**.
  - They will **receive a voting device**.
  - They will **receive a stipend for expenses**.

### Selection Process for Preliminary Advisory Voting Commissioned Ministers (PAVCM)

To ensure fair representation, the Pacific Southwest District Board of Directors has established the following process:

- 1. ELIGIBILITY & SIGN-UP**
  - Each congregation may send as many Commissioned Ministers as they wish to serve as non-voting Advisory Delegates.
  - Congregations wishing to send a Preliminary Advisory Voting Commissioned Ministers must sign-up as soon as possible using the submission form.
  - A Commissioned Minister's eligibility is dependent upon the congregation in which they are a member of, not the church/school/RSO in which they are called.
- 2. NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS**
  - The goal is to select **30 Preliminary Advisory Voting Commissioned Ministers**, with **one representative from each circuit**.
  - Selection will be on a **first-come, first-served** basis per circuit.
- 3. GENERAL POOL & UNFILLED SLOTS**
  - If congregations sign up additional Commissioned Ministers beyond the first from their circuit, they will be placed in a **general pool**.
  - If any circuits do not have a registered representative, a Commissioned Minister from the pool will be selected to ensure 30 participants.
- 4. BALANCED REPRESENTATION**
  - Efforts will be made to ensure representation from all areas of the district and various classifications of Commissioned Ministers.
- 5. FINANCIAL SUPPORT**
  - The Pacific Southwest District will provide a \$500 to cover registration, lodging, and food for each Preliminary Advisory Voting Commissioned Minister.
  - **Congregations are responsible for transportation costs.**
- 6. FINALIZATION DEADLINE**
  - The list of selected Preliminary Advisory Voting Commissioned Ministers will be **finalized by April 15, 2025**
- 7. ADDITIONAL ROLES & TRAINING**
  - **Bob McKinney**, a long-time DCE in the district, will serve as **group coordinator** and provide **training** to ensure effective participation.
  - The **Preliminary Advisory Voting Commissioned Ministers** will meet in an open forum on Wednesday morning of the convention to gather input from other Delegates.

### Action Required

- Congregations interested in nominating a Commissioned Minister for this role must complete the submission form as soon as possible.
- All other Advisory Delegates may sign-up via the [District Convention website](#).