



**Synod of the Pacific
Assembly Highlights
October 1-3, 2025**

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1. **The Synod helps churches and ministries thrive through our robust loan program.** Every loan we offer is made possible by funds invested in the Synod by ministries like yours. When you invest with the Synod of the Pacific, you're not just earning interest – you're helping congregations across our region grow, build, and serve their communities. We also have funds available for loans for your congregation or ministry at very competitive rates. More info at: www.synodpacific.org/investments-loans.
2. Part of the proceeds of our Investment & Loan program are returned to each presbytery for their mission! **In 2026, each presbytery will receive over \$32,000.**
3. **We have funds available for grants!** Check out our grant opportunities at www.synodpacific.org/synod-grants. The Synod has already made over \$240,000 in grants in 2025. Let's dream of a bright future together!
4. **Elizabeth Larson** from Redwoods Presbytery was installed as moderator. **Jonathan Mitchell** from Eastern Oregon Presbytery was installed as vice moderator. We thank them for their ministry along with outgoing moderator, **Sarah Reyes-Gibbs**, from San Francisco Presbytery.
5. We had several **special guests** at our assembly. General Assembly Co-Moderator CeCe Armstrong joined us for the week, gave a talk, and preached at our Friday morning worship service. David Gambrell, Associate for Worship at the General Assembly, led our musical worship and led a workshop on music and worship in smaller membership congregations. Sandra Moon and Joseph Moore from the Presbyterian Foundation and Christine Long from the Board of Pensions also presented and were available to chat.
6. The Synod voted to approve the merger of Boise and Kendall presbyteries **to form the Snake River Presbytery**. The necessary documents were forwarded to the General Assembly last week and the Administrative Commission on Mid-Councils will consider the merger on December 5. Please hold all in prayer for a blessed future!
7. The Synod adopted **new bylaws** to be in compliance with California law.
8. There will be a **Special Assembly** via Zoom on Thursday, December 11 at 10:00am Pacific. This meeting should be well under one hour.

9. **Seth Normington**, who had served as Interim Stated Clerk since April 2023, was elected as Stated Clerk.

10. This was our first primarily in-person assembly since 2019. We also had people join by Zoom.

Thank you for your continued ministry with the Synod of the Pacific!