

**First Presbyterian Church of
Record of Death**

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Name of Deceased	Name of Deceased
Residence	Residence
Date of Death	Date of Death
Place of Burial	Place of Burial
Date of Burial	Date of Burial
No. on Membership Roll	No. on Membership Roll
Notes:	Notes:

First Presbyterian Church of Marriage Registration Form

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Names in Full: Man:	Names in Full: Man:	Date of Marriage	Officiating Minister	License Info:	Names of 2 Witnesses:
Woman:	Woman:	Place of Marriage	Place of Marriage	License Info:	Names of 2 Witnesses:
Residence:	Residence:				

**First Presbyterian Church of
Baptism of Infant or Child**

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Name of Child	Name of Child
Name of Parents	Name of Parents
Date of Birth	Date of Birth
Place of Birth	Place of Birth
Place of Baptism	Place of Baptism
Date of Baptism	Date of Baptism
Name of Minister Administering Sacrament	Name of Minister Administering Sacrament
Child's Address	Child's Address

**First Presbyterian Church of
Adult Baptism**

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Name _____	Name _____
Parents' Names _____	Parents' Names _____
Date of Birth _____	Date of Birth _____
Date of Baptism _____	Date of Baptism _____
Name of Minister Administering Sacrament _____	Name of Minister Administering Sacrament _____
Residence _____	Residence _____

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
California**

Date: _____

Mr. Mrs. Miss Ms.

Name: _____ Last Name _____ First _____ Middle _____
Confession of Faith _____ Reaffirmation of Faith _____
Certificate of Transfer _____

Maiden Name: _____ Home Phone: _____
If you come by one of the last two, please supply the following:

Cell Phone: _____ EMAIL: _____
Address: _____

Address of Church

Place of Birth: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Please share with us any previous church experience you may have had. (Including any offices held, etc.)

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Children in Family: _____

Name	Date of Birth	Baptized Yes/No

For Office Use Only:

Date Approved by Session: _____
Date of Reception into Membership: _____

Membership Number: _____
If Children are baptized please give information on back.

Have you been baptized? (Yes or No) _____

How are you uniting?

First Presbyterian Church of Directory Information

Household Information

Name: _____
Name: _____

Birthday: _____ Month/day Birthday: _____ Month/day
Address: _____
Address: _____
Address: _____
Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
EMAIL: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
EMAIL: _____

Children in Family:
Name: _____ Birthday: _____
Name: _____ Birthday: _____

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Please put any additional names and any information for
office use only on the back.

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HOW TO WRITE UP YOUR MINUTES

<u>IF THIS HAPPENED</u>	<u>WRITE THIS</u>
1. Half the members showed up and talked for awhile.	The committee met and evaluated the situation.
2. Everybody talked a lot.	We explored all possible solutions to the problem.
3. Nobody understood it.	A great deal of necessary work will be necessary before the proposal can be acted upon.
4. Nothing was accomplished.	The results were inconclusive.
5. Nobody budged an inch.	While no agreement was reached, we feel that definite progress was made towards resolving differences.
6. Somebody guessed.	The estimate has been made that ---
7. This is what I think.	It is suggested that the wisest and more feasible course ---
8. One other person agreed with me.	It is widely accepted ---
9. A couple of others think so too.	Therefore, the consensus is ---
10. Nobody understood the question.	As yet, it has not been possible to provide definite answers.
11. Delayed indefinitely.	Further investigation is recommended.
12. We absolve ourselves of all future responsibility.	This concludes the committee(s) appraisal of the situation.
13. Let somebody else do it next time.	It is hoped that this report will stimulate increased interest in the problem.

New FOG...The New Form of Government...What is it? So What?

I've had many questions about the New Form of Government, the G Section of the Book of Order. So here are some highlights to guide sessions, especially clerks of session as you move into the new year.

Decisions Congregations Need to Make

Determine the quorum for congregational meetings (G-1.0501)

Determine the period of minimum notice for a congregational meeting
(G-1.0502)

Determine whether the congregation wishes to adopt *Robert's Rules* as parliamentary authority

Determine the size and composition of the congregational nominating committee (G-2.0401)

Decisions Sessions Need to Make And Actions to Take

Whether to keep a list of inactive members (G-1.04)

How will you prepare people for active membership? (G-1.0402)

How will you examine those elected as deacons and ruling elders?
(G-2.0104b)

What term will the session clerk serve? (G-3.0104)

What term will the treasurer serve? (G-3.0205)

Develop a manual of operations, including a sexual misconduct policy and a process for financial review (G-3.0106, 3.0113, and 3.0205)

Maintain property and liability coverage (G-3.0112)

Determine the quorum for session meetings (G-3.0203)

Take your time in making decisions. If you are not ready to move forward, do what the

Presbytery did: **Pass this stop-gap policy.**

(Church's Name) adopts the 2009-2011 edition of the *Book of Order* as the guide for the administration of mission, except when:

- it conflicts with the 2011-2013 Form of Government or any subsequent versions of the Constitution of the PC(USA)
- it conflicts with the church's own current Bylaws, Standing Rules, or Manual of Administrative Operations, or relevant policies of the Presbytery or Synod of So. California and Hawaii
- it conflicts with relevant civil laws it is amended by vote of the Congregation and/or Session.

If you have questions give me a call and if I don't know the answer, I'll find someone who does.