

On Authorizing the Sale of the Manse of Westview Presbyterian Church-Watsonville

**Special Presbytery Meeting
Friday, August 7, 2026**

Recommended Action from the Financial Affairs Committee

That the Presbytery of San José approve and authorize the sale of the manse of the Westview Presbyterian Church of Watsonville, and authorizes the Financial Affairs Committee to guide and oversee the sale transaction.

Rationale

Westview Presbyterian Church of Watsonville desires the option to sell the manse and use the sale proceeds for investment income. The Church plans to use the principal for a future pastor either through purchasing another manse somewhere else or engaging in a shared equity agreement. It might be needed for emergency purposes as directed by the Church Session, but Session hopes to keep the principal intact for consistent income.

The investment income will be used, as the rental income was, for making ends meet in the church budget.

The current pastor, The Rev. Dan Hoffman, and his family have not lived in the manse. The manse had been rented for over 20 years and the tenant recently left. The church is currently renovating it to prepare it for sale. The alley where the manse is not as safe as it used to be, and the church would rather not maintain nor own this property. The Presbytery conveyed the deed to the Westview Church in 1979.

Presbytery action is needed to approve and authorize the sale of church property (*Book of Order*; G-4.0206a; Presbytery Standing Rules 4.84c).

As the corporate officers of the Presbytery, the Executive Presbyter or Stated Clerk will sign-off on behalf of the Presbytery on all sale-related documents.