

SECTION III

OMNIBUS Motion

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Reports, Brochures, and Items for Information to be received

III A Stated Clerk Report

FOR ACTION

The Stated Clerk recommends the following actions to the Presbytery:

1. **The Motion to Approve the docket for this meeting is now part of the Docket.** (See the [DETAILED DOCKET](#).)

The new meeting format approved by Mission and Vision Leadership calls for items for which there is anticipated debate to be included on the Docket. Items requiring presbytery approval but are routine, non-controversial, or for which no debate is anticipated are included in the Consent Docket. Any commissioner may remove an item from the Consent Docket and place it on the Docket at the end of the meeting. Simply go to a microphone and identify which item you want pulled. Items being reported and which require no action are now in the Omnibus Motion.

Minor docket revisions will be given verbally. If major revisions are needed, a new docket will be distributed or displayed at the meeting.

[The Omnibus Motion includes non-action items and reports that may need to be included in Minutes so that a record is maintained. It is intended to save plenary time for discussion items and for worship, education, and relationship building. The Omnibus Motion is voted on in one block and without discussion. Committee leadership decides what items will be presented on the omnibus motion and which will be presented for discussion. If you have a question regarding any item, proceed quickly to a microphone to be recognized.]

FOR INFORMATION

OUR COMMUNAL LIFE AS CHRIST'S BODY –

1. Please pray for Presbytery as you read these papers and during the meeting – especially if/when emotions run high. This practice of intentional prayer is in keeping with the reminder in the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) that “**Presbyters are not simply to reflect the will of the people, but rather to seek together to find and represent the will of Christ**” (*Book of Order*, F-3.0204). As a council of the church we have ‘business’ to conduct, but it is equally important to remember and demonstrate that we are the Body of Christ.
2. **Celebrations and concerns** of our ministers and ministries will be shared as part of the Committee on Ministry Report. If you have a prayer request to share, please call or email the Stated Clerk at least a day before the meeting. kgeckeler@sfpby.org.

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS –

3. Per Standing Rules, calculation of quorum for our Presbytery meetings is based on the number of minister members of the Presbytery at the beginning of the prior year. As of January 1, 2017, we had 275 minister members, so **quorum for 2019 will be 56** presbyters, including at least 28 ministers of Word & Sacrament (10% of the roll) and at least 28 ruling elders (a # equal to the minimum number of ministers). This is the same as quorum in 2015, 16 and 2018.

4. Each session elects a **set number of ruling elders** to attend a meeting of Presbytery. The number is set by presbytery each fall as we approve the formula to redress parity between numbers of ministers of Word & Sacrament and ruling elders.
5. The persons working in the registration area do not know how many or whom each session has elected as ruling elder commissioners. We do not monitor *who* registers (it is an honor system) but do allow only the approved *number* to register (on a first come, first registered basis).
6. In keeping with parliamentary procedure and with our theological understanding that the Spirit works in and through our discussion, commissioners are **commissioners for an entire meeting**, and **must be present for discussion** in order to cast a vote. Once registered, a ruling elder may not 'trade' with another person from the same congregation who wishes to be commissioner.
7. Children are welcome in the meeting. We usually try to set aside a specific area for families and have a basket of toys nearby. This meeting you will see such space on the street side of the sanctuary. (Note to other presbyters: If you may be bothered by wiggly ones, do not sit near them!)
Childcare will be available at this Presbytery meeting. Please RSVP with Penny, church secretary@ 415 564-8833 x14
8. There may be limits to the **Wi-Fi** capability on the church campus; especially since we will offer a new Wi-Fi based translation and hearing assistance system at this meeting! Presbyters are strongly urged to download or print all documents prior to attending the meeting – and of course you will want to review them in readiness for active participation. ☺).
9. A light blue binder in the registration area holds one set of the **papers for this meeting**. While we hope that you already have all materials you need, feel free to consult the binder for anything you wish to review.
10. This is the general flow for **presbytery meeting planning**:
 - ✓ 4 weeks ahead – deadline for *docket requests, AV plans, display table requests, Open Space topics and space for any other meeting*. Requests should be submitted to packet@sfpby.org and should include speakers and general description of items of business. The requests for docket time and other time/space at a plenary meeting are all vetted by the Presbytery Meetings Working Group.
 - ✓ 3 weeks ahead – deadline for *print ready material for the packet*. Documents should be submitted electronically to packet@sfpby.org. The Stated Clerk will add report titles and page numbers and may tidy up formatting, but the bulk of the packet content is determined by committee leadership and those who submit the reports.
 - ✓ A **site visit** is made to the host church sometime during the week of packet production to set room assignments and coordinate all plans. All requests regarding the meeting logistics should be submitted to the presbytery office as the Stated Clerk holds overall responsibility for the meeting.
 - ✓ At least 1 week ahead – A “*Call to the Meeting*” is sent by email and the *packet is posted* on the presbytery website: www.presbyteryofsf.org.

11. A **Call to the Meeting** serves as notice for each plenary meeting of Presbytery and is sent by email at least a **week** prior to the meeting. That same day, the docket, all reports, flyers and other materials are posted at www.presbyteryofsf.org; the packet is *not* sent by mail. If you are not receiving the email notice with the *Call to the Meeting*, please contact Jennifer (office@sfpby.org) at the Presbytery office to make sure that we have your current/correct email address.

12. Any **correspondence regarding meetings** of Presbytery should be sent to packet@sfpby.org. The Stated Clerk will automatically receive a copy of all emails sent to the 'packet' address and will share information, as appropriate, with the Presbytery Meetings Working Group. Using this 'packet' email address helps reduce the likelihood of notes getting lost in the mix of other emails!

13. The **2019 Presbytery Meetings Calendar** or visit [website](#) for the Planning calendar.

- Tuesday, November 13- Lakeside Presbyterian Church, San Francisco
- Tuesday, February 12, 2019-First Presbyterian Church, Richmond
- Tuesday, May 14, 2019 -TBD
- Tuesday, August 27, 2019-TBD
- Tuesday, November 12, 2019-Chinatown Presbyterian Church, San Francisco

14. The following formula is used to redress any imbalance in the number of teaching elder and ruling elder commissioners to our meetings:

Active congregants	Ruling elder commissioners
Under 100	2 ruling elders
101-200	3 ruling elders
201-500	4 ruling elders
501-1000	5 ruling elders
1001-1500	6 ruling elders
1501-2000	7 ruling elders
2001-3000	8 ruling elders

NEWS IN THE PRESBYTERY -

15. Report to the Synod Assembly about The Stated Clerk's Minutes Review

The Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries within the Synod of the Pacific met at Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center on August 30 and 31, 2018 for review of presbytery minutes. Ten of the 11 presbyteries were represented at the meeting; Kendall was not able to be with us. All ten of the presbyteries present submitted minutes for review – San Jose for three years and all others for the one year preceding the review.

All Presbyteries received kudos for the work of their clerks in keeping the records of their councils. Almost all also received some suggestions for improvement – There is always more to learn! The clerks also participated in “swapping” of best practices. E.g. most presbyteries are behind in the need to develop child and youth protection policies, so we shared those – and lots of other resources which will aid in better recording and preserving our history.

Here is the official report on exceptions:

Boise: None

Cascades: No evidence of review of validated ministers, members at large and CREs

Eastern Oregon: No evidence of COR; No evidence of session minutes review; Reports, typed not handwritten, need to be incorporated into minutes; Overall formatting needs improvement

Nevada: None

Redwoods: None

Sacramento: None

San Francisco: None

San Joaquin: None

San Jose: No annual review of ministers who are MAL and/or in validated ministries (2016 and 2017); No report of former PJC members (2016 and 2017); No evidence of COR (2016); No exceptions in 2018

Stockton: None

16. The Stated Clerk is required to provide a roster each year of those who have served on the Presbytery **Permanent Judicial Commission** in [at least] the previous six years. Former PJC members, if still within this presbytery, may be asked to join again in judicial work if/when the PJC is called to convene but does not have enough members to constitute a quorum. These are former members of our PJC who are in this presbytery and eligible to serve again:

Class of 2022: Randy McCready-Beach, minister, John Knox PC, Dublin

Class of 2021: David SooHoo, ruling elder, Chinatown, SF

Class of 2019: Charles Tinsley, minister, VAL

Keith Geckeler, minister, HR (removed while Transitional Stated Clerk (2018)

Susanne Lea, ruling elder, Montclair PC, Oakland

Class of 2017: Esther Kim Gordon, ruling elder, LOPC, Lafayette-Orinda

Mary Jane Gordon, ruling elder, Ingleside SF

Ellen Rankin, minister, MAL

Class of 2015: Ed Sue, minister, HR

Class of 2013: Gordon Ringenberg, ruling elder, Clayton Valley

Class of 2011: Holly Bride Hayashida, ruling elder, San Carlos Trinity

Charie Reid, teaching elder, HR

Earldean Robbins, ruling elder, SF St. John's

Retiring members from the Class of 2017 will also be eligible to serve in 2019 and beyond, as needed to meet quorum and to provide needed expertise!

17. Synod of the Pacific PJC Commissioner from San Francisco is Betty Delaney, ruling elder, Ingleside SF. (Term is calendar year for six years—voted by Synod 10/2018))

NEWS from PC(USA) -

18. **Deadline for Future General Assembly Meetings**

224th GA (2020): June 20-27, 2020 (Baltimore, MD)

180-day Deadline: December 23, 2019	(list of commissioners to OGA)
120-day Deadline: February 21, 2020	(overtures requesting amendment to/interpretation of Book of Order)
60-day Deadline: April 21, 2020	(overtures with financial implications)
45-day Deadline: May 6, 2020	(all other overtures/concurrences; comments)
30-day Deadline: May 21, 2020	(slate of nominations)

225th GA (2022): June 25-July 2, 2022 (Columbus, OH)

180-day Deadline: December 27, 2021	(list of commissioners to OGA)
120-day Deadline: February 25, 2022	(overtures requesting amendment to/interpretation of Book of Order)
60-day Deadline: April 26, 2022	(overtures with financial implications)
45-day Deadline: May 11, 2022	(all other overtures/concurrences; comments)
30-day Deadline: May 26, 2022	(slate of nominations)

226th GA (2024): June 29th- July 6, 2024 (Salt Lake City, UT)

180-day Deadline: January 1, 2024	(list of commissioners to OGA)
120-day Deadline: March 1, 2024	(overtures requesting amendment to/interpretation of Book of Order)
60-day Deadline: April 30, 2024	(overtures with financial implications)
45-day Deadline: May 15, 2024	(all other overtures/concurrences; comments)
30-day Deadline: May 30, 2024	(slate of nominations)

19. [Environmental Investment Letter](#) to Presbytery of San Francisco

III B COM Report

- Approved the call of **Seung Hyun Yoo** ([Biography](#) and [Statement of Faith](#)), as the associate pastor of **Tri-Valley Korean Presbyterian Church**, Pleasanton effective October 7, 2018 and transfer him from the Presbyterian Church of Korea at the following terms:
 - Salary 41,200 Housing 26,400
 - SECA 3,399
 - Full BOP Benefits
 - Travel Allowances 1,500
 - Continuing Education 500/week
 - Vacation 4 weeks (28days) including 4 Sundays
 - Study Leave 2 weeks
- Approve installation plans for **Seung Hyun Yoo** as the associate pastor of **Tri-Valley Korean Presbyterian Church**, Pleasanton, on October 7, 2018 with the following commission:
 - Moderator: Rev. Karl Shadley, HR
 - Rev. Don Smith, HR
 - Rev. Dong Won Kim, Grace Korean Presbyterian Church, San Francisco
 - RE Soon Young Lee, Alameda Korean Presbyterian Church, Alameda
 - RE Steve Lee, Tri-Valley Presbyterian Church, Pleasanton

- Approved funds up to \$1000 to help with mediation and healing for **Sturge Presbyterian Church**, San Mateo.
- Approved the mission study of **Sturge Presbyterian Church**, San Mateo
- Approved part time temporary pastor contract between **David Pan** and **First United Presbyterian Church**, San Francisco, effective July 1, 2018 at the following terms:
 - Salary 26,000
 - Auto Allowance 1,500
 - Vacation 2 weeks
 - Study Leave 2 weeks at \$500/wk
- Approved part time six month interim pastor contract between **Bruce Reyes-Chow** and **Broadmoor Presbyterian Church**, Daly City, effective October 16, 2018 at the following terms:
 - Salary 12,375
 - Housing 9,000
 - BOP – full
 - SECA 1,859.50
 - Continuing Education 500/wk
 - Discretionary(including mileage 750
 - Vacation one week accrued every quarter
 - Study Leave one week accrued every 6 weeks accumulative up to 2 weeks
- Approved part time six month interim pastor contract between **Karen Thistlethwaite** and **Sturge Presbyterian Church**, San Mateo, effective September 1, 2018 at the following terms:
 - Salary 36,000
 - Pension 3,960
 - Medical/Dental 3,689
 - Death/Disability 360
 - Auto Allowance 900
 - Vacation accrued 1 week every 3 months
 - Study accrued 1 week every 6 months at \$600
- Approved 3 month severance between **Jeff Cheifetz** and **Covenant Presbyterian Church**, San Francisco, effective November 5, 2018 at the following terms:
 - Salary 2666.67/month
 - Housing 2751.42/month
 - SECA 448.83/month
- Approved the retirement of **Larry Thorson** from **Irvington Presbyterian Church**, Fremont, effective December 31, 2018.
- First Reading of the [Sexual Misconduct Policy](#)

- **Necrology 2018**

Carl Robert "Bob" Forsberg, 1925- 2017

Bob Forsberg had died in Oakland the evening of December 28 at the age of 92. He had been in decline for months, but in good care and close to his children. Bob had been a beneficiary of the Board's Assistance program, and featured in some Presbyterian publications. Bob had been active with High Street Presbyterian Church.

Gordon Lam, 1942- 2018

Reverend Gordon Lam peacefully returned home to God on March 7, 2018 after battling esophageal cancer. He was 75 years old.

Gordon was born on August 4, 1942 in San Francisco, California to his parents Frank Lam and Lee Gim Suey. He grew up in San Francisco, graduating from Lowell High School and earning a BA from San Francisco State University. He finished his studies at San Francisco Theological Seminary with a Masters of Divinity that set him on his path for a lifetime of service to God. Gordon lived his entire life in San Francisco except when he served the United States Army as a chaplain assistant from 1964-1966. In 1969 he married his soulmate, Sandra Chow, and they raised their three children in the Chinatown and Richmond districts of San Francisco.

Gordon dedicated his life to serving God. In his youth he was a leader and junior high director for youth groups at Donaldina Cameron House. After graduating from seminary he was ordained and served as Director of Youth Ministry at Cameron House from 1972 to 1980. From 1981 to 1989, he served as the first Director of Management Services for the Chinatown Community Development Center. From 1989 to 2002 he served as the Pastor of Saint Paul's Presbyterian Church and St. Francis Methodist Church. Before retiring in 2007, he served another 5 years as Director of Youth & Family Ministry at Cameron House. Gordon honorably retired as a minister of San Francisco Presbytery in 2007. What mattered most to Gordon in each of his career stops, and life in general, was the opportunity to work with people and to provide them with good meals, guidance and support as God's servant.

Eugene William Lee, 1928– 2018

Eugene died April 5, 2018 at the age of 90 in Turlock. Born in Livingston and raised in Cressey, husband of Jeanne Marie, son of Forrest and Irene Lee and brother to Myrtle Wells. Eugene was baptized in Delhi Community Presbyterian Church. Throughout his life, he held positions of pastor, missionary, business executive and management consultant. He was proud of family, hometown and boyhood friends. Graduate of Cressey Grammar School, Livingston High School, Bob Jones University, San Francisco Theological Seminary, Spanish Language Institute in Costa Rica, and University of Southern California. He was a member of San Francisco Presbytery, Rotary Club of San Francisco, and volunteer of Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco. Eugene is survived by his wife, Jeanne Marie of 67 years, 13 nieces and nephews, and long time friends in four counties.

Sheldon Robert "Shel" White, 1947 - 2018

Shel White , passed away peacefully on June 9th after an extended illness. He was surrounded by his family. He is survived by Beverly, his wife of 49 years, by Corrie, his daughter, son-in-law Adam Billiet and their two sons, Jordan and Benjamin, and by Harlan, his son, daughter-in-law Tammy Sanders, and their children, Lia and Andy. Shel was born in Tucson, Arizona, and grew up in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He and Beverly lived in Spokane, Washington, Boulder, Colorado, and Princeton, New Jersey before moving to California. He was ordained in the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. in 1975 and served 2 churches in Southern California for 15 years. In 1990, he

began his ministry at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Pleasant Hill and continued there until his retirement in 2012. He also worked as a Volunteer Chaplain with the Pleasant Hill Police Department and the Contra Costa Sheriff's Office. Shel had a passion for life, and a heart full of love for anyone he met. He had the knack of lighting up every room he walked into. He will be greatly missed.

Richard (Dick) D. Williams, 1942-2018

Dick passed away Thursday, February 15, 2018, at his home in Pleasanton, CA. Dick was born August 26, 1942, in Chicago, Illinois and raised in Westmont, Illinois, the son of Clydell and Virginia Williams. Dick and his wife Carol (Vlietstra) were married on September 13, 1969. Dick graduated from Trinity Evangelical Divinity Seminary in Deerfield, IL. He began his ministry working with the youth at Central Presbyterian Church in Long Island, NY. He then served at the First Reformed Church in Holland, Michigan, and eventually moved to California to serve as associate pastor for 15 years at Centerville Presbyterian Church in Fremont, CA. He was ordained into the Presbyterian Church (USA) on September 25, 1977. Dick later received his MA in Counseling from Azusa Pacific University. In 1990, Dick opened Cornerstone Family Counseling, and focused on family, child, and marriage counseling in Fremont. Dick worked passionately for many years as a Christian family counselor and retired in 2015. Dick was incredibly warm and charismatic. He was a talented communicator and incredibly passionate about helping others. He was an amazing husband, father, grandfather & friend, he will be missed dearly by all who knew him.

James Emerson, 1926 - 2018

The Rev. Dr. James Gordon Emerson Jr. died Sept. 12th of pancreatic cancer at 92. Born June 4th, 1926 in Palo Alto, his educational journey took him from Stanford University to Princeton Seminary and University of Chicago. After a fulfilling career in pulpits from the east coast to Denver, and four years as Director of the Community Service Society of New York City, Jim came home to the Bay Area in 1979 to pastor Calvary Presbyterian Church in San Francisco.

Jim's leadership at Calvary had a profound impact upon those in San Francisco and the Greater Bay Area. His preaching, teaching and care showcased a wonderful balance of intellect and heart. In 1988, at the request of then Mayor Art Agnos, Jim helped form a working group of religious leaders to take on the task of sheltering the homeless. That group became the still very active and important San Francisco Interfaith Council. Jim's 'retirement' from Calvary in 1989, he and his wife, Dr. Margaret Bonnell Emerson, "Migs" continued serving the church in Asia.

When they returned to the States, he served as Interim President of San Francisco Theological Seminary and then as scholar in residence at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley.

Believing in the mission and vision of the SF Rotary club, he was an active member, and president in 1990-91. Jim is survived by his three children: John, Lynne and Jed, 8 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

III C BOSR Report

- **REVIEW OF SESSION MINUTES**

The BOSR Committee continues to offer regular opportunities to review Session minutes. Normally, we perform these reviews during the Open Space portion of each Presbytery meeting.

The committee also recognizes that this does not accommodate Clerks of Session who have full time weekday jobs. Therefore, the committee is again planning additional times (including evenings) and venues for this purpose. Unfortunately, our committee's size has shrunk to 3 members covering the 4 counties, so the process is taking longer than anticipated.

Our denomination requires that Presbytery report to Synod at least annually our activity related to the review of Session minutes. Our spreadsheet reflecting such information is included with this report.

The BOSR Committee is aware that some churches will elect new Clerks of Session for 2019, and accordingly asks that any such changes be communicated to the Presbytery office, so that our records can be updated. We hope to explore the possibility of offering Clerk of Session training in the future, but are still trying to determine the most effective way of presenting the material.

Presbytery of San Francisco's [Church Session Review listing](#), as of October 2018

- **AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

Note that with the recent revisions to Presbytery's Standing Rules, the work of the BOSR Committee will be separated into two groups at the end of 2018. The Session Records Review Commission will continue to review Session minutes as the current BOSR Committee members have done in the past. A new committee has been introduced to handle overtures and proposed amendments to the Book of Order, and the new committee will respond to questions on the proposals from last summer's General Assembly that await ratification by presbyteries. Meanwhile, the proposed Amendments to the Constitution can be viewed at the oga.pcusa.org website (see menu on right hand side of the webpage), and [link to GA Proposed Amendments](#).

III D Regional Meeting Updates and Information

- [East Regional Meeting](#) - [Minutes from Sept 2018](#)
- [Central Regional Meeting](#) – [Notes from Sept 2018](#)
- [West Regional Meeting](#)

III D MVL Report

- First Reading of [Presbytery of SF's Employee Handbook](#)
- YouthTriennium Delgation ([see flyer](#))
- **Partnership Working Group Update**

The next opportunity to apply for a small Peacemaking Fund or Hunger Fund grant closes on December 31. The Partnership Working Group would love to see some great grant applications! Stop by the Partnership table to chat, and download the Guidelines and Application form on the Presbytery's website. <http://www.presbyteryofs.org/mission-and-vision-leadership/> Select from the "Additional Resources" listed on the right side of your screen.

The Partnership Working Group helps link churches with opportunities to partner with each other, so we all can do more. Partnership is looking for new members, too. To learn more, please stop by the Partnership table or contact Karen Vied of First Presbyterian Church, Livermore, partnership@sfpby.org or Bill Campbell of Old First Presbyterian Church, San Francisco, at (415) 599 0206 or williamfcampbell@comcast.net.

- **Personnel Update**

First Reading of [Presbytery of SF's Employee Handbook](#)

