

SECTION III

OMNIBUS REPORT

Report III A Stated Clerk Report

1. According to our Standing Rules, calculation of a quorum of Commissioners for presbytery meetings is based on 10% of the number of Minister members at the beginning of the prior year and an equal number of Ruling Elders. As of January 1, 2019, there were 297 minister members. Therefore, the **quorum for 2020 is 58 commissioners**, which includes **29** Ministers of the Word and Sacrament and **29** Ruling Elders.
2. Each session elects a **set number of Ruling Elders** as voting Commissioners to attend presbytery meetings. The number is set each fall as we approve the formula to address parity between minister members and ruling elders.
3. Commissioners are expected to be present for the entire meeting in order to vote.

III B Presbytery of SF Partners Report

As the Presbytery of SF Executive Partners (InHo Kim, Leonard Nielson and Jennifer Sacramento Streett), we are walking into 2021 with intentions to carry Christ's love in our work, together. This collaborative ministry is to heal, create and enhance the trust in our Presbytery, from the least of us to all of us! To do this, we are working on ways to ensure that all voices throughout the Presbytery are engaged and heard to best serve their communities and ministries. This is an important element for not only building trust, but for us to move in unity as a Matthew 25 Presbytery.

Matthew 25:

- As we are fully committed to the whole of Matthew 25-- the interrelated focuses of: [Dismantling structural racism](#) , [Building congregational vitality](#) & [Eradicating systemic poverty](#) we are working closely with our various presbytery committees, working groups and regions to better align and support the work of Matthew 25. (See: [How Matthew 25 is being engaged in our various committee work](#))
- Letter to The Presbytery—[Response to Capitol Insurrection](#) on January 6, 2-2020
- **Crossroads Anti-Racism Training** work began on January 20th from 3-4:30 pm. This series of six 90-minutes live webinars will begin cultivating shared language and shared frameworks. For more information about our Crossroads engagement, visit the webpage [here](#).
- We have engaged with Rev. Kamal Hassan to lead a Book Study **“What Lies Between US, fostering first Steps Toward Racial Healing,”** by Dr Lucretia Carter Berry. Every other Weds (opposite week of Crossroads) starting Feb 10th from 4-5:30pm) Visit the webpage [here](#).
- We received very good feedback for the [2020 Advent Devotionals](#)—*Waiting for Jesus in a Time of Black Lives Matter*. We are looking to some type of devotionals through the course of the year

COVID-19:

- We will be connecting with our Churches to engage in “Post-COVID” outlook around how church might work. We want to see what they have been doing and start thinking about technical needs. We will share considerations of: Hybrid of online and in-house, Live streaming, ZOOM, equipment, technical administrative involved, bandwidth, etc. We feel that we need to first start with learning what actions have been made and provide workable options for Post-COVID churching.
- We shared with our congregations the Second Round Funding PPP Loans/Grants—to follow-up with their banking institutions to latest criteria/next steps.

INFORMATIONAL:

- We are working closely with **Synod of the Pacific** and the presbyteries in our Synod. This ensures that we continue to support each other and the mid-council ministries and mission, to which we are involved.
- We continue to connect with our congregations and NWCs that serve communities of color and of lower income brackets, to see how we can support their ministries. We are fully aware of how the pandemic has severely affected these communities and are working with them to provide ways to advocate and bring equity and justice to our brothers and sisters. Some of the ways we’ve engaged in this work are: directed conversations around the hardships faced by these communities due to Covid-19 and immigration issues, helped with grant writing for PDA grant applications, helped serve as a liaison between PC(USA) organizations with our churches/ministers whose primary language is not English , and providing translated documentation in their language for committee work.
- **Finance:** The presbytery is close to closing out the 2020 year-end books. We would like to share that we as a Presbytery is doing very well compared to the rest of the Presbyteries in the PCUSA.

III C COM Report

The following **Omnibus Report of COM** has been approved, however has been included under **CONSENT** so to be read into the Presbytery Minutes.

- Approved retirement of **William McNabb** effective December 30, 2020. (EX-COM)
- Approved to Validate Ministry of **Karen Thistlethwaite** as associate pastor of Ladera Community Church, UCC, in San Mateo (EX-COM)
- Approved to continue payment up to \$75 for Spiritual direction for pastors through 2021. (EX-COM)
- Approved contract between **Rev. Don Smith** and **Sturge PC of Burlingame** (EX-COM)
- Approved extension of interim contact between **Tim Lane-Bortell** and **Lincoln Park, SF.** (EX-COM)
- Approved temporary supply contract between **Keith Geckeler** and **First Presbyterian Church, Concord** from January- March 2021 (EX-COM)

- Approved **Stephen Koh** (CRE) to moderate session and congregational meeting of Immanuel PC in Fremont, January - December 2021 (EX-COM)
- Approved Mission Study Report (MSR) from **First Presbyterian Church, San Leandro** (EB-COM)
- Approved transfer of **Robin Crawford** to Olympia Presbytery effective Nov. 5, 2020 (WB-COM)
- Approved renewal of contract between **Jim Allardice** and **Covenant PC**, San Francisco, (WB-COM)
- Approved one-year contract with **Andrew Quick** and **Broadmoor Presbyterian Church, Daly City**, beginning January 1, 2021 (WB-COM)
- Approved of **MIF for Lafayette-Orinda PC** (EB-COM)
- Approved contract between **Beth Frykberg** and **First Presbyterian Church, Burlingame** (WB-COM)

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Committee on Ministry at com@sfpby.org

III D CPM Report

Committee on the Preparation for Ministry (CPM)

On October 7, 2020, the Committee on the Preparation for Ministry approved to present the new **Presbytery of San Francisco CPM Procedural Manual** for a first reading to the presbytery. The committee is asking for a second and final reading of the manual at the presbytery meeting on February 9, 2021.

Documents included

- [Introducing New CPM Manual](#)
- [CPM STEPs Paper](#)

III E Mission Vision and Leadership (MVL)

MVL Report for February 2021 Presbytery Meeting

Happy and Healthy 2021 to our Presbytery. In this wish for Presbytery, we would like to share some of the work and intentions that we are embracing for 2021.

This year MVL has set intentions around building trust in the Presbytery. We realized that to move the Presbytery forward, we must be in relationships built on trust. We are working on creating an environment for speaking the truth with kindness and problem-solving while actively listening. By practicing and building trust first, we can make better decisions, move forward, and have a mission and vision that all are participating in. We need to be “Us” not “them”.

Continuing in our 2020 commitment to be a Matthew 25 Presbytery we are still focusing on

- [Dismantling structural racism](#) by advocating and acting to break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color.

while also working on ways to engage

- [Building congregational vitality](#) by challenging people and congregations to deepen their faith and get actively and joyfully engaged with their community and the world.
- [Eradicating systemic poverty](#) by working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor.

We are currently developing connectional ways to engage and support our Presbytery in this endeavor.

Some of our goals are:

1. 50% of our churches become Matthew 25 Congregations. We currently have 17 of 68 of our churches engaged in Matthew 25!
2. Work on a balanced representation of all our committees by 2023. This is being done with the help of our Nominating (NOM) and Committee on Representation (COR) committee.
3. Connect with our churches and committees on how they are/have engaged with Matthew 25—and provide support.

Already in progress:

1. Under Dismantling Structural Racism and White Supremacy-- For the next 18 months starting on January 20th we have engaged with Crossroads Anti-Racism organization. This training will help us deeply self-reflect and discern our way forward in dismantling structural racism within our own presbytery and beyond.
2. Under Eradicating Systemic Poverty—We are continuing to support and enhance our Partnership WG to grow around Food insecurity.
3. We are establishing Real Church Assets Envisioning Working Groups in our three regions. This is to help us look at land and building assets, and how to address equity and justice in our work as a Presbytery.

The MVL will continue to share and invite members of Presbytery to work together-- so we can chart a course that embraces relationship and mission for all.

We look forward to working with and hearing from you.

Your Mission, Vision and Leadership (MVL) Committee-

Rev. Karen Thistlethwaite (MVL co-chair)

Jennifer Sacramento Streett (MVL co-chair)

Elder Mary Jane Gordon (co-moderator emeritus)

Rev. Talitha Amadea Aho (co-moderator)

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