

The 729th MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF SAN FRANCISCO
ONLINE PRESBYTERY MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024

The **Mission** of
the **Presbytery of San Francisco** is
to **Celebrate, Nurture and Serve**
our communities
by our life together in **Christ**.

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(Understanding Presbytery Packet)

- The **DOCKET** is for items that require action and discussion.
- The **DOCKETED MOTIONS** is for all **MOTIONS** presented to vote on during the meeting.
- The **CONSENT AGENDA** is for action items we do not anticipate require discussion.
- The **OMNIBUS REPORT** is for non-actionable items and information.

DOCKET

6:00 PM

PRESBYTERY PLENARY MEETING CONVENES

Co-Moderator

- *Establish a Quorum*
- *Land acknowledgment*
- *Protocol for online participation*
- *Orientation to language interpretation technology*

6:15 PM WORSHIP & COMMUNION

Rev. Dr. Barbara Barkley

Theme: "Saving our lives by losing our lives"

Scripture: Matthew 16:21-28

Communion: Please have your elements

6:35 PM CALL TO ORDER

Co-Moderator

- *Welcome to all presbyters, guests, and first-time Commissioners*
- *Introductions*

MOTION: To Approve the **DOCKET**

Elder Leticia Williams

MOTION: To Approve the [AUGUST 2023 & November 2023 MEETING MINUTES](#)

MOTION: To Approve the **CONSENT AGENDA** [\(Report II\)](#) Any Commission can remove any item from the CONSENT AGENDA and place it at the end of the meeting when **New Business** is discussed. *Use the “Raise Hand” feature and wait to be recognized by the co-moderator before responding. While raising your hand, you may type your request in the CHAT box for the moderator’s notice; but raising your hand is required for recognition.*

MOTION: To Accept the OMNIBUS REPORT [\(Report III\)](#)

To receive all reports for recording in the Minutes

6:40 PM Installation of New Co-Moderator: Rev. Dr. Pedro P. Morataya
Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana Hispana, Oakland CA

Rev. Dr. Grace Kaori-Suzuki

ANNOUNCEMENT & REPORTS

6:45 PM Stated Clerk’s Report

Elder Leticia Williams

Transitional Executive Partners

Rev. Karen Thistlethwaite
Rev. InHo Kim

7:00 PM Report from T-CARE [\(Report III A\)](#)

Rev. Matt Prinz

7:05 PM Report from the Nominating & Committee on Representation (NOM/COR)

Rev. Cindy Towel-Kephart
Elder Rick Leong

Any additional names for Nominations can be made from the floor

MOTION: The Nominating Committee requests that the Presbytery of San Francisco approve the following nominations: [\(Report I A\)](#)

226th General Assembly Commissioners

Ministers of Word and Sacrament (2 + 1 alternate)

- Rev. Leslie Veen, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary
- Rev. Jinwook Yang, Alameda Korean Presbyterian Church
- Rev. Steve Hong, Ygnacio Valley Presbyterian Church - Alternate

Ruling Elders (2 + 1 alternate)

- Jeanne Choy Tate, Noe Valley Presbyterian
- Rochelle Shaw, Sojourner Truth Presbyterian Church
- Irma Hernandez, Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana Hispana de Oakland - Alternate

Young Adult Advisory Delegate (1 + 1 alternate)

- Lukas Bacho, St. John's Presbyterian
- No alternate

7:15 PM

SEVENTH INNING STRETCH
SHARE PRAYERS in Chat Box

60 SECOND CELEBRATIONS

7:30 PM Report from the Committee on the Preparation for Ministry (CPM) [\(Report I B\)](#)

Rev. Doug Schoonover

MOTION: Committee on the Preparation for Ministry recommends the following:

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MOTION: That Erina Kim-Eubanks of First Presbyterian Church Hayward to be enrolled as a *Candidate* for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament, effective November 15, 2023 (See Motive for seeking Ministry, Experience of Faith, Previous/Current Work in the Church- [MEW](#))

7:40 PM Report for the Committee on Ministry (COM) [\(Report III B\)](#)

- Announcement – Introduce new member Rev. Fred Harrell
- Acknowledging the passing of – Rev. Don Smith
- Prayers for the Ministers and Commissioned Ruling Elders

Rev. Enicia Montalvo

Rev. Leslie Veen

Rev. Don Hammond

7:50 PM Report from Personnel Working Group [\(Report III C\)](#)

Rev. Chris Baldwin
Elder Laurie McLachlan-Fry

8:00 PM Report from Finance, Property & Oversight Committee
-Executive Financial Summary Report [\(Report III E\)](#)

Elder Chuck Fry
Elder Cindy Cake
Earl Lavagnino

8:10 PM Report from Mission & Vision Leadership (MVL)

Rev. Dr. Barbara Barkley
Rev. Dr. Grace Kaori-Suzuki

8:15 PM Report from Bills & Overtures Committee [\(Report I C\)](#)

2022 GA Commissioners

The Bills and Overture Committee comprises of the PSF Commissioners from GA 225 and GA 226 recommends that the Presbytery of San Francisco approve the motion for the following overtures:

MOTION #1

The Presbytery of San Francisco overtures the 226th General Assembly to the PC(USA) 2024 to update and expand on the Resolution confronting Christian Zionism approved in 2004. Titled: [“Confessing our Complicity in Christian Zionism Today.”](#)

MOTION #2

The Presbytery of San Francisco overtures the 226th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to: Direct the Committee on Mission Responsibility Through Investment (MRTI) to begin focused engagement with General Electric (GE) and Palantir Technologies, Inc. in the 2025 and 2026 proxy seasons and to report back to the 227th General Assembly (2026) with possible divestment recommendations for the companies that are not moving toward compliance with established General Assembly policies. [\(LINK\)](#)

MOTION #3

The San Francisco Presbytery overtures the 226th (2024) General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to: Inform members, congregations, presbyteries, and national staff of the following two educational resources that can be used to equip PCUSA members and entities on understanding Israeli apartheid in the broader framework of European colonialism. Titled: [“Educational Resources for Seeking Ways to End Israeli Apartheid”](#)

MOTION #4

The San Francisco Presbytery overtures the 226th (2024) General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to: Receive with gratitude and endorse the distribution of “A Call for Repentance: An Open Letter from Palestinian Christians to Western Church Leaders and Theologians.” Titled: [“Endorsing Distribution of Palestinian Christians’ Open Letter to the Western Church.”](#)

8:30 PM New Business and items pulled from **CONSENT AGENDA**

Co-Moderator

8:40 PM Thank You Remarks to Rev. Dr. Barbara Barkley

9:00 PM Closing Prayers and Adjournment

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING (In-Person)

May 21st, 2024

We are the Body of Christ

We are God's people gathered to do God's work, and in prayer we seek to know the mind of Christ. Our time together is much more than a 'business' meeting; it is time for fellowship, worship, education and reflection - and, yes, some decision-making, too.

The docket for our gathering is constructed so that worship is at the center of our time together to highlight that Christ is as our center. We also begin and end every presbytery meeting with prayer. Additionally, at the meeting, we often introduce a spiritual discipline such as a chant or repeating song or a litany to help us be mindful that we gather as Christ's body, not primarily as a legislative body.

With these outward actions, we are invited to seek Christ's inward leading as we speak and listen to each other and to the Holy Spirit moving among us.

- The Officers and Staff of the Presbytery of San Francisco

At our next meeting we will.....

Celebration of Ministries



Docket, table and space requests are due by **noon on Tuesday, April 23rd**
"Print Ready" packet materials are due by **noon on Tuesday, April 30th**

Please send ALL requests and information (in WORD)
to packet@sfpby.org.

The packet will be posted by **8 pm on Friday, May 10, 2024**