

The 734th MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF SAN FRANCISCO
 IN-PERSON PRESBYTERY MEETING
 TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025
 HOSTED BY
 First Presbyterian Church of Newark
 35450 Newark Blvd.
 Newark, CA 94560

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

REGISTER at:

<https://presbyteryofsf.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2672358>

So, you can vote & join in the discussion

Please read **ALL** the meeting documents and meeting instruction **In Advance** at

<https://www.presbyteryofsf.org/current-presbytery-meeting-packet/>

(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

1:00 PM	REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS	Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall
2:00 PM	OPEN SPACES	
	CRE-CP Reunion (Education Working Group)	(FLYER LINK 1) Fellowship Hall
	Palestine.Justice.Network.Bay.Area.of.the.PC(USA)	(FLYER.LINK.8) Classroom 1
	Finance.and.Property.Oversight.Committee	(FLYER.LINK.9) Classroom 2
	First.Time.Commissioners.Orientation	(FLYER.LINK.0) Library
3:00 PM	GREETINGS FROM THE HOST CHURCH	Rev. Karl Shadley
3:05 PM	WORSHIP & COMMUNION	Rev. Karl Shadley
	Worship Music led by Elder Jenn Ayala Luna	
	Communion & Offering	

Rev. Karen Thistlethwaite Celebration

4:00 PM Dinner Break & Rev. Karen Thistlethwaite Celebration FELLOWSHIP HALL

5:00 PM PRESBYTERY PLENARY MEETING CONVENES SANCTUARY

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

Co-Moderator

5:10 PM CALL TO ORDER

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

MOTION: To Approve the **DOCKET** ([See Report I](#))

Elder Leticia Williams

MOTION: To Approve the [February 2025 MEETING MINUTES](#)

MOTION: To Approve the **CONSENT AGENDA** ([See Report II](#)) Any Commissioner can remove any item from the CONSENT AGENDA and place it at the end of the meeting when **New Business** is discussed by standing and requesting the Moderator to have it pulled from the Consent Agenda.

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

To receive all reports for recording in the Minutes.

ANNOUNCEMENT & REPORTS

5:20 PM

Stated Clerk's Report

Transitional Executive Presbyter

Transitional Associate Executive

Elder Leticia Williams

Rev. Laura Cheifetz

Rev. Karen Thistlethwaite

5:35 PM Report from the Committee on the Preparation for Ministry (CPM) Rev. Dr. Doug Schoonover

The Committee on the Preparation for Ministry (CPM) recommends: ([Report I A](#)) ([Report II A](#))

MOTION: That Mary ("Katie") K. Kilby of Montclair Presbyterian Church, Oakland to be enrolled as a Candidate for the Ministry of the Word and Sacrament, effective February 19, 2025 (See Motive for Seeking Ministry, Experience of Faith, Previous/Current Work in the Church- [MEW](#))

5:50 PM Report from the Committee on Ministry (COM)

Rev. Don Hammond

([Report I B](#)) ([Report II B](#)) ([Report III A](#))

MOTION 1: The Committee on Ministry recommends the Presbytery of San Francisco **Erina Kim-Eubanks** is ordained and installed as the full-time co-pastor at Bethel Presbyterian Church, San Leandro effective June 1, 2025.

- [Erina Kim-Eubanks Bio](#)
- [Statement of Faith](#)

MOTION 2: The Committee on Ministry recommends the Presbytery of San Francisco approves to grant **Rev. Riana Shaw-Robinson** and **Rev. Beth Carroll** exemption on all the examination required of candidates for ordination by a two-thirds vote of the presbytery.

- [Rev. Riana Shaw Robinson Bio](#)
- [Rev. Riana Shaw Robinson Statement of Faith](#)
- [Rev. Beth Carroll Bio](#)
- [Rev. Beth Carroll Statement of Faith](#)

MOTION 3: The Committee on Ministry recommends the Presbytery of San Francisco receives **Rev. Riana Shaw-Robinson** and **Rev. Beth Carroll** transfer from the Reformed Church of America into the Presbytery of San Francisco/PC(USA).

MOTION 4: The Committee on Ministry recommends the Presbytery of San Francisco receives **Rev. David Ricketts** transfer from the Evangelical Presbyterian Church into the Presbytery of San Francisco/PC(USA).

- [Rev. David Ricketts Statement of Faith](#)

6:20 PM Report from the **Nominating Committee** ([Report I C](#)) **Rev. Cindy Towle Kephart**

MOTION: The **Nominating Committee** requests that the Presbytery of San Francisco approve the following nominations:

Any additional names for Nominations can be made from the floor

Co-Moderator

Lori Yamauchi, RE, Old First SF, Class of 2028

Permanent Judicial Commission

Rev. Riana Shaw-Robinson, Miriam's Song -New Worshipping Community, Class of 2028 (Riana pending transfer into PSF from the RCA through COM)

Personnel Working Group

Claudia Perkins, RE, First Pres Alameda, Class of 2028

New Worshipping Communities Working Group

Rev. Emily McGinley, City Church SF, Class of 2028

Rev. Evangeline Pua, MAL, Class of 2028

Committee on Ministry

Rochelle Noone, RE, Sojourner Truth, Class of 2028

Education Working Group

Rev. Doug Schoonover, Discovery Bay, Class of 2028 (2nd term)

Rev. Evangeline Pua, MAL, Class of 2028

6:30 PM Report from **Mission and Vision Leadership**

Rev. Dr. Grace Kaori Suzuki

[\(Report I D\)](#) [\(Report III B\)](#)

MOTION 1: Mission and Vision Leadership recommends the Presbytery of San Francisco adopts the following policies:

[Harassment Prevention Policy](#)

[Antiracism Policy](#)

MOTION 2: Mission and Vision Leadership recommends the Presbytery of San Francisco affirm the following:
[Sanctuary and act of faith](#)

MOTION 3a: Mission and Vision Leadership with concurrence from the Personnel Working Group recommends the Presbytery of San Francisco adopt the PSF 2025 Employee Handbook.

[PSF Employee Handbook](#)

MOTION 3b: Mission and Vision Leadership recommends the Presbytery of San Francisco give the Personnel Working Group the authority in consultation with legal counsel to make any further revisions and modification to the employee handbook as needed in order to comply with changes in the law or best practices.

MOTION 4: Mission and Vision Leadership recommends the Presbytery of San Francisco approve the proposal to set aside funds to support the Presbytery of San Francisco's Response to the Immigration Crackdown pending Finance and Property Oversight Committee's concurrence.

[The Presbytery of San Francisco's Response to the Immigration Crackdown](#)

MOTION 5: Resolved: The Presbytery of San Francisco ratifies the vote of Mission and Vision Leadership Committee and the recommendation of the Transitional Associate Presbyter Search Committee:

- a. To affirm Rev. Sungwoo Sam Kim as the Transitional Associate Presbyter, according to the process outlined by the Leadership Model Task Force and approved by Presbytery in November 2023.
- b. To authorize the corporate officers to execute the contract for employment of Rev. Sungwoo Sam Kim, in consultation with the Personnel Working Group and general legal counsel for the Presbytery per the terms of direct-hire employment.
- c. The Presbytery of San Francisco moves to dissolve the Transitional Associate Presbyter Search Committee effective upon the signing of the agreement with Rev. Sungwoo Sam Kim with gratitude and thanks!

[Sungwoo Sam Kim Application with Statement of Faith](#)

7:00 PM

7:10 PM

**SEVENTH INNING STRETCH
SIXTY SECOND CELEBRATIONS**

7:15 PM Report from **Anne Penke Committee** [\(Report III C\)](#)

Elder Bob Kraut

7:20 PM **Palestine Justice Network Bay Area of the PC(USA)** [\(Report I E\)](#)

Rev. John Anderson

MOTION: RESOLVED that, as the Presbytery of San Francisco, we: 1. Listen to Dr. King’s prophetic witness that “there comes a time when silence is betrayal,” realizing that we cannot remain silent to the wanton killing that has taken place in Gaza and the Middle East.

[\(Resolution on the Israel/Palestinian Hostility: Our Kairos Moment\)](#)

7:30 PM Report from **Bills & Overtures Committee** [\(Report I F\)](#) **GA226th Commissioners**

MOTION: The Bills & Overtures Committee recommends that the Presbytery of San Francisco approve by Consent Docket Proposed Amendments **24-A, 24-B, 24-C, 24-D, 24-E, 24-F, 24-G, 24-H, 24-I, 24-J, 24-K, 24-L, 24-M** are all motioned in the affirmative. **ANY MEMBER OF THE PRESBYTERY MAY PULL ANY PROPOSED AMENDMENT FROM THE CONSENT DOCKET AND IT WILL BE PLACED ON THE REGULAR DOCKET OF THE MAY MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY FOR DISCUSSION AND VOTE.** (Any member may ask a question for clarification for any item without pulling it from the docket.)

[\(Proposed Amendment Summary\)](#)

[\(Proposed Amendments of the Constitution and Episcopal-Presbyterian Agreement on Local Sharing of Ministries\)](#)

7:45PM **New Business** and items pulled from **Consent Agenda** **Co-Moderator**
Closing Prayers and Adjournment

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING (In-Person)**August 12th, 2025****Hosted by****Broadmoor Presbyterian Church
377 87th St, Daly City, CA 94015*****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 be in Celebration of Ministries.



Docket, table and space requests are due by **noon** on **Tuesday, July 15th**

"Print Ready" packet materials are due by **noon** on **Tuesday, July 22nd**

Please send ALL requests and information (in WORD)

to packet@sfpby.org

The packet will be posted by **8 pm** on **Friday, August 1, 2025**