

The 738th MEETING OF THE PRESBYTERY OF SAN FRANCISCO
IN-PERSON PRESBYTERY MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026
HOSTED BY
Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church
49 Knox Drive
Lafayette, CA 94549

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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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.

The following is a New Business Policy adopted by Mission Vision and Leadership.

The Stated Clerk must receive all miscellaneous new business, in writing, no later than seven (7) days before the meeting. If new business is proposed, the Co-Moderators, in consultation with the Stated Clerk, determines whether the new business is appropriate for the meeting or if the business needs to be referred to committee.

What constitutes new business: *New business can include matters that are appropriate for action or concern by the assembly, motions to act on issues or statements that cannot be delayed until the next meeting, or actions to highlight a celebration or a concern. New business introduced for a presbytery meeting deemed best handled by the normal committee structure shall be referred back to the appropriate commission/committee, working group or task force for discussion and recommendation by the commission/committee, working group or task force for the next stated meeting of the Presbytery.*

DOCKET

1:00 PM	REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS			OAK ROOM
1:30 PM	OPEN SPACES			
	Standing Rules Working Group	1:30pm – 2:00pm	Flyer	CHAPEL
	1st Time Commissioners Orientation	1:30pm – 2:00pm	Flyer	FIRESIDE ROOM
	Session Records Review Commission	1:15pm – 2:45pm	Flyer	OAK ROOM
	Small Church Summit	2:00pm – 3:00pm	Flyer	DAVIES ROOM
	CRE-CP Office Hours	1:00pm-1:30pm	1:30pm – 2:00pm	OAK ROOM
	Flyer	(Zoom Link)	In-Person	
3:00 PM	GREETINGS FROM THE HOST CONGREGATION			SANCTUARY
	<i>Rev. Peter Whitelock</i>			
3:05 PM	WORSHIP, COMMUNION & OFFERING			SANCTUARY
	<i>Led by: Rev. Jenny Warner</i>			
	<i>Theme: “A word for the smoldering and the bruised”</i>			
	<i>Scripture: Isaiah 42:1-9</i>			
4:00 PM	Dinner Break			FELLOWSHIP HALL
5:00 PM	PRESBYTERY PLENARY MEETING CONVENES			SANCTUARY
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Establish a Quorum</i> ● <i>Land acknowledgment</i> ● <i>Protocol for In-Person participation</i> ● <i>Orientation to language interpretation technology</i> 			Co-Moderator
5:10 PM	CALL TO ORDER & CONVENING			
	PRAYER			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Welcome to all presbyters, including guests, first-time commissioners, and corresponding members</i> ● <i>Introductions</i> 			

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

Elder Leticia Williams

MOTION: To Approve the [November 2025 and February 2026 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

5:25 PM

Stated Clerk's Report ([Report III A](#))
Transitional Executive Presbyter ([Report III B](#))
Transitional Associate Presbyter
Race Equity Coordinator

Elder Leticia Williams
Rev. Laura Cheifetz
Rev. Sam Kim
Rev. Jorge Bautista

5:55 PM Report for Partnership Working Group

Elder Michael Kim-Eubanks, CLP

6:05 PM Report for Nominating Committee ([Report I A](#))

Rev. Karl Shadley

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*

Committee on Ministry (COM)

Rev. Mitch Kinsinger, TE, St. Andrew's, Pleasant Hill, Class of 2029, 1st Term

New Worship Community Working Group (NWCWG)

Rev. Sunghae Cho, TE, Korean Presbyterian, San Francisco, Class of 2029, 1st Term

Permeant Judicial Commission (PJC)

Rev. Joann Lee, TE, Calvary, San Francisco, Class of 2032

Rev. Max Lynn, TE, St. John's, Berkeley, Class of 2032

6:15 PM Report for Anne Penke ([Report III C](#))

Elder Bob Kraut

6:25 PM Bills & Overtures Committee ([Report I B](#))

Committee Member

MOTION: The Bills and Overtures Committee recommends that the Presbytery of San Francisco approve submitting Rev. Dr. Barbara Barkley as a nominee to serve as a General Assembly Co-Moderator.

6:35 PM Report for Standing Rules Working Group **Rev. Maggi Henderson/Rev. Keith Geckeler**
[\(Report I C\)](#)

MOTION: The Standing Rules Working Group recommends that the Presbytery of San Francisco adopt the "Proposed Standing Rules" presented at the November and February meetings of Presbytery and

included in today's packet--including the proposed implementation timeline." If approved, the Presbytery leadership is preparing a "Leadership Team" to implement the proposed new Standing Rules. [Standing Rules](#)

6:50 PM

SEVENTH INNING STRETCH

7:00 PM

BLESSINGS OF GA COMMISSIONERS

7:10 PM

SIXTY SECOND CELEBRATIONS

7:15 PM Report from **Finance and Property Oversight**
[\(Report I D\)](#) [\(Report II A\)](#) [\(Report III D\)](#)

Committee Member

MOTION: The **Finance and Property Oversight Committee** recommends that the Presbytery of San Francisco approve to add Fred Ormond Harrell and Jackie Marie Barker as signatories on the presbytery bank accounts at Chase Bank effective May 13, 2026.

7:25 PM Report from **Mission and Vision Leadership (MVL)**
[\(Report I E\)](#) [\(Report II B\)](#) [\(Report III E\)](#)

**Rev. Ben Daniel/
 Rev. Dr. Pablo Morataya**

MOTION: **Mission and Vision Leadership (MVL)** recommends that the Presbytery of San Francisco to approve Ruling Elder Leticia Williams for a three-year term as Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of San Francisco June 1, 2026 through May 31st, 2029. Personnel Working Group reports, "Leticia has grown in her role helping to organize and implement presbytery meetings and in handling intense presbytery investigations...The PWG is satisfied with Leticia's progress and the support systems in place to help her succeed along with identifying growth opportunities."

7:40PM **New Business** and items pulled from **Consent Agenda**
Closing Prayers and Adjournment

Co-Moderator

Driving Directions to the Church

Traveling East from Oakland or Orinda on Highway 24...

Exit at Acalanes Road, which is before Lafayette

At the bottom of the off-ramp, turn right at the traffic signal

Proceed two blocks to the stop sign and turn right onto Hidden Valley Road Immediately turn left onto Knox Drive

Proceed up the hill, the church is on the right with the parking lot entrance as you come around the curve

Traveling West from Walnut Creek or Lafayette on Highway 24...

Exit at Acalanes Road, which is before Orinda

Circle under the freeway and go through the intersection with the traffic signal Proceed two blocks to the stop sign and turn right onto Hidden Valley Road Immediately turn left onto Knox Drive

Proceed up the hill, the church is on the right with the parking lot entrance as you come around the curve

Parking

Free parking is available in the church's parking lot. If the lot fills, street parking is also available but may involve a walk up the hill.

Public Transportation

Public Transit will not easily get you to the church. The BART stop in Lafayette is about 2 1/2 miles from the church. There does not seem to be local bus service. Walking would take 50 minutes to an hour. You could try a ride service to get there from BART – and then on the way back, ask another presbyter for a ride!

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING (In-Person)**Tuesday, August 11, 2026****Hosted by****Tri-Valley Presbyterian Church*****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 14th**

“Print Ready” packet materials are due by **noon** on **Tuesday, July 21st**

Please send ALL requests and information (in WORD)

to packet@sfpby.org

The packet will be posted by **8 pm** on **Sunday, August 2, 2026**