

DOCKETED MOTIONS

[Report I A](#)[Meetings Working Group](#)

MOTION: The Meetings Working Group requests that the Presbytery of San Francisco approve the following 2027 Presbytery Meeting dates:

2027 Meeting Dates (Location, Time, + Meeting Style TBD):

- **Tuesday, February 16 (Due to Ash Wednesday)**
 - **Tuesday, May 11**
 - **Tuesday, August 10**
 - **Saturday, November 13**
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[Report I B](#)[Nominating Committee](#)

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 of the Presbytery of San Francisco

Monte McClain, TE, Oakland, College Ave, Class of 2028

New Worshiping Communities Working Group (NWCWG)

David Jahnke, MWS, San Carlos Trinity, Class of 2030

Committee on Ministry (COM)

Evangelina Rodriguez, RE, Hayward, First, Class of 2030

[Report I C](#)[Committee on the Preparation for Ministry](#)

MOTION: Committee on the Preparation for Ministry recommends that the Presbytery of San Francisco approve the following:

That Elizabeth Anne Conway of St. John's Presbyterian Church of Berkeley in Berkeley, CA. to be enrolled as a *Candidate* for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament, effective April 22, 2026 (See Motive for Seeking Ministry, Experience of Faith, Previous/Current Work in the Church)

M.E.W.

Elizabeth Anne Conway

My motivation for seeking ordination as a Teaching Elder comes from what I describe as a “call” from the Holy Spirit to minister. From a young age, God’s grace shepherded me gently but firmly to: “Place your hands where the world needs you. Breathe the life and work of Christ into the sorrow and celebrate the joys by inspiring people to gather *together for service, in love, and to heal the world.*” I spent years trying to figure out what this could look like. One day, as I asked again the question I often asked of God, “Where are you? The world cannot wait.” The answer came back from the teachings of my childhood: “Anyone with

the inclination to lay their hands on the suffering of the Earth and the sources of fear and violence, should take up the cross.” The shepherd’s call could no longer be something on the side of my life; it needed clarity and centrality. After exploring other faith traditions and the Seminary, I was increasingly motivated to encourage people to come out from behind their fences and online avatars, from the suffering of secular aloneness. I saw how in a congregation people could move through the *discomfort* of bumping into each other, into the *security* of bumping into each other. We could participate in the communion and reconciliation Christ modeled. This kind of communion strengthens us to do the work of love.

My experience of faith came from family, church leaders, mentors, and laypeople who followed Christ in service and inclusion. They let me serve in youth liturgies, fundraising, and liturgical dance, where I could feel God at work across difference. I felt faith become “contagious” to others and carried these examples when I went to San Francisco Theological Seminary and then joined St. John’s Presbyterian Church in Berkeley as a volunteer, member, and intern. I experienced how inclusive and service-grounded faith is Christ alive today. Prayer, preaching, committee participation, community service, and pastoral work tend the fire of faith. My call to this work has been strengthened as I completed my 400 hours in pastoral chaplaincy. I have been repeatedly called to the spaces of that hospital work where congregational ministry is at the forefront of the effort (with groups of providers, families, and leaders grappling with ethical decisions, for example).

Grace gifted me with work experiences to teach me for ordination. As a young attorney representing people with HIV/AIDS and sexual assault survivors, I worked with physical, institutional, and spiritual pain. In corporate work, I inspired Fortune 500 and start-up teams to work together, observing that if they worked for meaning, rather than just an endgame, they seemed more alive. I learned my efforts are not “me,” they are “We.” And enveloping the “We” is the Holy Other who calls all to reconciliation and connection in all that we do. I hope to take my work experience as a servant always learning and listening, into ordination as a Teaching Elder, gathering people so they want to work together, to care for each other, and to feel the same movement of the Holy Spirit I have been graced with, so that widening circles of people may say, “Here we are, the healing of the world cannot wait.”

MOTION: Committee on the Preparation for Ministry recommends that the Presbytery of San Francisco approve the following:

That Cynthia Lee Moothart Fong of Seventh Avenue Presbyterian Church San

Francisco to be enrolled as a *Candidate* for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament, effective

February 25, 2026 (See Motive for Seeking Ministry, Experience of Faith, Previous/Current Work in the Church)

M.E.W.

Cynthia Lee Moothart Fong

My **motivation** to seek ordination as a Teaching Elder in PCUSA is rooted in Christ’s love for the Church and for the marginalized. Since I graduated from Stanford in 1991, I sensed a call to full time ministry as a pastor. Christ is my first love and the way I express this love is by serving a concrete, local congregation. As I nurture congregations, I participate with the Trinity in forming a community where God’s new creation

can break into a particular place. Central to my calling is Luke 4:18-19, where Jesus proclaims good news to the poor, sets the oppressed free and proclaims the year of the Lord's favor. Having lived and worked in marginalized communities of color for three decades, I experience the in-breaking reign of God through the churches on the margins. After leaving the church I planted and pastored for twenty years, I wondered if I might explore my calling through community outreach, spiritual direction practice, or chaplaincy. However, each time I explore these other callings, God leads me back to my calling as a pastor of God's flock. Even after a difficult leaving of a church I loved, I notice that I continue to long to preach, lead worship, and serve the sacraments. One of my deepest desires is to offer the Word and Sacraments both in worship and embodied in my words, actions, and life, especially in diverse communities.

My **experience of faith** began as a child when my grandmother taught me to pray. I saw God in the awe of the mountains of my Colorado home. My faith journey continued in an Episcopal church where I did not understand all of the liturgy, but continued to experience love and awe of God. In high school, I joined a Presbyterian church, where the Youth Pastor led me beyond a liturgy I did not understand to personal engagement with Jesus which led to healing from the discord in my family. My faith became the most important part of my life, around which I oriented my college experience. In 1994, my husband and I moved to San Francisco to be a part of a Grace Fellowship Community Church (GFCC), a Cumberland Presbyterian Church in the Mission District. Here, I grew to embrace a communal and emplaced relationship with God. I learned that belonging to God means belonging to God's community and blessing a local neighborhood. In 2002, GFCC sent my family, along with thirty adults and children, to the southeast side of San Francisco to plant Redeemer Community Church. My journey with Redeemer was one of surrender. The Spirit converted me from being like the Pharisee who invited Jesus to eat with him in Luke 7:36-50 to the woman who poured out her most precious gift at Jesus' feet. As I reflect on these five decades of ministry, the primary theme is this: the Trinity has invited me into the foundational love of God, the intimate company of Jesus, and the nurturing and enlivening of the Holy Spirit. Without the redeeming work of the Trinity in my life, I would be trapped in systemic, family, and individual sin and unable to lay down my life for the sake of love and justice in my contexts.

I began my **pastoral work experience** in 1997 as the Children and Youth Pastor of GFCC. At Redeemer, I began in 2002 as the Worship, Children's and Community Life Coordinator who established worship practices around the liturgical calendar, established our Children's Ministry and our household patterns such as childcare and community meals. I stepped out of paid positions for five years to create room for Asian American leaders to find their own leadership style and voice, but continued to serve in the church and neighborhood. When I returned to paid staff, I functioned as our Associate Pastor and eventually became our Lead Pastor in 2019, leading our church through the pandemic. I regularly preached, designed and led liturgy, led midweek gatherings of a meal and Bible or book study (including conversations about race, gender, and sexuality), designed and led membership and confirmation processes, led our session and leadership teams, established a new small group midweek structure, led retreats, performed weddings and funerals, and counseled couples and individuals. I initiated and led community outreaches to local schools, shelters, and neighborhoods as well as partnerships with Black pentecostal churches in the Bayview, Spanish speaking churches on the border, and ministries in Cambodia and Nigeria. I supported church members founding a school in the Bayview in 2018 where 80% of the students are low-

income, first to college, or live in the Bayview. Since leaving Redeemer in 2022, I served as an Operations Manager and Appreciative Inquiry Consultant for a church in Palo Alto and completed a unit of CPE with San Francisco Night Ministry. I am currently providing pulpit supply for Ocean Avenue Presbyterian Church and Spiritual Direction for Rhythms of Repair, a ministry for Black Pentecostal women.

I am a spiritually grounded pastoral leader with over twenty-five years of experience cultivating multi-ethnic, intergenerational congregations and leading through seasons of growth, transition, and change. I believe my deep commitment to discipleship, justice, and whole-life formation alongside my skills in cross-cultural leadership, collaborative visioning, preaching, and developing healthy teams could be a good fit for ordination as a teaching elder in the PCUSA.

[Report I D](#)

[Committee on Ministry](#)

MOTION: The Committee on Ministry recommends that the Presbytery of San Francisco approve the following:

COM recommends approval of the revised Sexual Misconduct Prevention Policy and Procedures.

[\(Sexual Misconduct Prevention Policy and Procedures\)](#)

[Report I E](#)

[Finance and Property Oversight Committee](#)

MOTION: The Presbytery of San Francisco approve the resolution below authorizing the sale of real property, and related matters (1399 43rd Avenue, San Francisco, CA)

WHEREAS, the Presbytery of San Francisco (the “Presbytery”) is a governing body of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) organized and existing as a religious corporation under the laws of the State of California, governed in accordance with the constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), including the Book of Order; and the Presbytery owns certain real property commonly known as 1399 43rd Avenue, San Francisco, California (the “Property”), formerly known as the St. Paul’s San Francisco campus; and

WHEREAS, by resolutions adopted the meetings of the Presbytery of San Francisco on August 20, 2024, and February 10, 2026, the Presbytery directed the Presbytery staff and others to explore the sale of the Property, subject to the approval of the FPOC and the Presbytery; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Presbytery of San Francisco, having determined that the Property is no longer needed for the Presbytery’s mission and ministry purposes and having obtained an independent appraisal dated April 10, 2026 of the fair market value of the Property (the “Appraisal”), hereby approves and authorizes the sale of the Property.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Presbytery hereby authorizes the Transitional Executive Presbyter, acting in his or her capacity as CEO of the corporation, in consultation with General Counsel, to negotiate

a listing agreement with a duly licensed real estate broker; provided, however, that the final terms and conditions of the listing agreement shall be subject to the review and approval of the Finance, Property, and Oversight Committee of the Presbytery (“FPOC”) prior to execution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, in accordance with the Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Presbytery hereby authorizes the sale of the Property for a purchase price of not less than the value established by the Appraisal, it being the intent of the Presbytery that the Property shall not be sold for a consideration less than its appraised fair market value.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the final terms and conditions of the sale, including but not limited to the purchase price (subject to the minimum set forth herein), contingencies, closing conditions, and any credits or adjustments, shall be negotiated by the Transitional Executive Presbyter, acting in his or her capacity as CEO of the corporation, and General Counsel, acting on behalf of the Presbytery.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no purchase and sale agreement for the Property shall be binding upon the Presbytery unless and until the FPOC has reviewed and approved the final form of such agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Transitional Executive Presbyter (as CEO), the Stated Clerk (as Corporate Secretary), and the Treasurer (as CFO) are each hereby authorized and directed, individually or jointly, to execute and deliver any and all documents, instruments, and agreements, and to take any and all actions, as may be reasonably necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes and intent of this Resolution, including the execution of any escrow instructions, deeds, transfer documents, certificates, or other instruments required to consummate the sale of the Property, and each such officer is further authorized to certify on behalf of the corporation such matters as may be required by any title company, escrow holder, or other party to the transaction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be effective upon adoption by the Presbytery of San Francisco at a duly noticed meeting of the Presbytery at which a quorum is present.