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PRESBYTERY of **SAN FRANCISCO**

JULY 2024 ANNOUNCEMENTS & INVITATIONS



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Greeting Friends of the Presbytery of San Francisco,

We hope you are well and thriving in your ministry and service. As always, we welcome your contributions to our monthly newsletter. **If you have events or announcements you would like included, please [click here](#)** and add all requests by July 26th, 2024. If you want to see past Newsletters, check out our [Newsletter Tab](#) on our Website!

Truth Commission Assessing Race Equity (T-CARE) Staff Update

Thank you to everyone who completed our race equity survey. Once we have analyzed the survey results, we will enter the third and



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results, we will enter the third and final phase of our work. Based on our findings, we will prepare our final report. The report will recommend strategic interventions to disrupt systemic racism within our presbytery.

To help prepare our presbytery to receive and implement the T-CARE report, T-CARE is seeking to hire an **Outreach Coordinator**. The Outreach Coordinator position will:

- Come alongside T-CARE and learn about their findings and recommendations as the team completes their work.
- Assist T-CARE with identifying and recruiting participants for focus groups.
- Develop and implement a strategy to engage presbytery members in conversation to better understand T-CARE's report.
- Recruit an implementation team to act on T-CARE's findings.

My staff work with the presbytery will end in August. It has been a great honor and privilege to serve as staff to our dedicated T-CARE team for the past two years. The work has been both challenging and rewarding. I believe an Outreach Coordinator can best support the T-CARE Report roll-out and implementation. I want to thank the presbytery for their trust in and support of T-CARE.

Please contact me at linda@sfpsy.org with any questions and share this job description with anyone you think might be interested: [LINK TO JOB DESCRIPTION](#)

Linda Spencer

Where People are Serving in Our Presbytery

We would like to say a huge **thank you** to the 119-plus people who serve our presbytery. These volunteers donate

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their time, talent, and treasure to give back to the Presbytery of San Francisco and we are extremely grateful!!! Please use this list to pray for those who volunteer for our various committees, working groups, and teams. Also, as you see vacancies and feel called to serve, or to suggest someone who you think would be good for the opening, please contact nom@sfpby.org.



[VOLUNTEER REPORT AND OPENINGS](#)

Grateful to be serving together,
[Rev. Karen Thistlethwaite](#)
Transitional Executive Partner for Operations, Finance,
and Communications

Greetings from General Assembly 226: Live into Hope



We look forward to sharing more soon!

<https://ga-pcusa.org/>

"Hope is Here!" Companions on the Inner Way Retreat in Tahoe **Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center in Tahoe** **August 4-9, 2024**

Joyful and daunting opportunities to live into God's dream of justice and beloved community are compelling and available!

Hope is essential to the needed personal and social transformations that prepare us for such sacred opportunities. Yet genuine hope is often confused as merely wish fulfillment, optimism, or perceiving better tomorrows. How can we cultivate



the inner resources necessary to work for change? Join Companions with Dr. Luther E. Smith Jr. for a week of exploration, reflection, and spiritual community.

Register for the August 4-9 retreat on our website:

[https://cotiway.org/next-retreat/!](https://cotiway.org/next-retreat/)

For more information please email: Companions@seventhavenuechurch.org

The Transitional Executive Partner Search Update!

At our May In-Person Presbytery meeting Michael Kim-Eubanks gave us an update on the Transitional Executive Partner search and informed us that the interview process has started. The team hopes to present a candidate at the August presbytery meeting.

For more information, please contact the TEPsearchteam@sfpby.org.

Thank you to the Transitional Executive Partner search team for all your hard work!



Free Guides for Sharing Stories with Children

A message from the PC(USA) Store

These guides for sharing stories with children, along with additional free resources, help families and churches share picture books with children, offering prayers, questions to wonder about, and engagement activities that bring the story to life! New guides are added each month, so be sure to bookmark the page. [Download now](#).

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Online Workshop for the NEW Board of Pensions Benefits Plan 2025



A Message from The Rev. Christine T. Long

As part of our efforts at the Board to connect with churches and pastoral leaders about the Benefits Plan 2025, I am offering two online workshops for each Presbytery's congregations and pastors/Commissioned Pastors.



I have set the two dates for San Francisco these online workshops on Zoom:

- **Thursday, July 25, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. PT**
- **Monday, August 5, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. PT**

We expect Employer Agreement Season (when the churches get benefits ready online at the Board for the next calendar year) to run from late August through October 4, 2024. Annual enrollment for the employees/ministers will be October 21 – November 8, 2024.

[LINK TO THE ZOOM REGISTRATION LINK](#)

Peace,

The Rev. Christine T. Long (she/her/hers)

Church Consultant Serving: Synod of Alaska/Northwest, Synod of the Pacific, and Synod of the Rocky Mountains (MT & WY)

If you're looking for a quick side job to make \$300 for a day this opportunity may be for you!

The Presbytery of San Francisco is actively seeking a detail-oriented and organized individual to join our team as an in person recording clerk. In this role, you work in collaboration with the Stated Clerk and will be responsible for accurately recording and maintaining meeting minutes taken during the the in-person meeting held in 2024: **August 20, 2024** (location TBA). If you have excellent attention to detail, strong organizational skills, we would love to hear from you! Join us in our mission to serve and support the members of the Presbytery of San Francisco. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming our next Recording Clerk for our August meeting, please click here to submit your resume. To learn more about the job description, click [here](#).



CLERGY AND LEADERS OF COLOR CONFERENCE
October 14-17, 2024



What: Retreat for Clergy and Leaders of Color
Where: Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center, Lake Tahoe
When: Monday, October 14 – Thursday October 17, 2024 (3 nights and 4 days)
Who: All Clergy of Color (Pastors, Commissioned Lay Pastors, Commissioned Ruling Elders, Chaplains) and other Leaders in the church are invited to register for this event.

The event will be subsidized by the participating Presbyteries. The total registration cost, which covers room, meals, and program costs, is \$200 per participant.

Our commitment is to provide rest and refreshment for sustaining healthy Clergy and Leaders of Color. This retreat will include time and activities for self-care—physically, spiritually, socially, personally.

Registrations are due: September 1, 2024.

[Registration and Opening Letter Click Here](#)

RETURN YOUR REGISTRATION AND \$200 TO PRESBYTERY OF SAN JOSE.
Please submit \$200 with your registration. We have a limited number of rooms, so we urge you to register as soon as possible.

Faithfully yours,

Calvin Chinn, Arlene Gordon, Irma Hernandez, Joanne Lee, Joey Lee, Pablo Morataya, and Joe Sohn

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please join us in regular prayer for our churches and worshiping communities. Feel free to pick a church to pray for each day of the week, pray for them all at once, or create a rhythm that is right for you.

- [Be Well Community Center](#), Oakland
- [Casa de Dios Roca de Jacob](#), Concord
- [Mensajeros de Dios](#), San Leandro
- [Fellowship Church](#), Hayward
- [FULE](#), Fremont
- [Kairos Fellowship](#), San Francisco
- [Lyrical Assembly](#), San Francisco

As traditional executive partners, we are also honored to pray for specific concerns, celebrations, or other needs. [Click here to share a prayer request.](#)



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