



ETHNIC CONCERNS CONSULTATION
ZEPHYR POINT, LAKE TAHOE
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ECC is dedicated to bringing education and awareness of the concerns of ethnic groups to churches and all of Christendom.

ECC is a place of encouragement that provides avenues for ethnic groups to be connected to and involved in the ministry of the PC(USA). All are welcome to join us at Zephyr Point in October as we come together to enable spiritual growth and cultural awareness and learn how the ECC will advocate for racial and economic justice issues in the church and society.



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“AT THE THRESHOLD”

REV. DR. LIZ THEOHARIS

REV. BRUCE REYES-CHOW

ELDER ELONA STREET-STEWART

This Jubilee Year will be a celebration of the 50 years of the Ethnic Concerns Committee, as well as a time to begin shaping the new directions of ECC for the coming years. We are at the threshold of new beginnings in a growing multicultural church and presbytery, and we have new issues to address with focus, advocacy, and witness to God’s justice for all people. This Consultation invites all people interested to join in celebrating our diversity and to hear from guest speakers who will challenge us to form the future witness of inclusion and witness for all God’s people.

Keynote Speakers



Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis is Co-Chair of the [Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival](#) with the Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II that organized the largest and most expansive wave of nonviolent civil disobedience in US history. She is the Director of the [Kairos Center for Religions, Rights, and Social Justice](#) at Union Theological Seminary.

She has spent over the past two decades organizing amongst the poor in the United States, working with and advising grassroots organizations with significant victories including the Coalition of Immokalee Workers, the Vermont Workers Center, Domestic Workers United, the National Union of the Homeless and the Kensington Welfare Rights Union.

Liz received her BA in Urban Studies from the University of Pennsylvania; her M.Div. from Union Theological Seminary in 2004 where she was the first William Sloane Coffin Scholar; and her PhD from Union in New Testament and Christian Origins. She has been published in *Time Magazine*, *The Guardian*, *Sojourners*, *The Nation*, *The Christian Century*, and others. Liz was named one of the *Politico 50* of “thinkers, doers and visionaries whose ideas are driving politics” in 2018. She gave a TED Talk, “A Call for Moral Revival” with Rev. Dr. William Barber in 2018.

Liz is the author of *Always with Us?: What Jesus Really Said about the Poor* (Eerdmans, 2017). She is co-author of *Revive Us Again: Vision and Action in Moral Organizing* (Beacon, 2018). Liz is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and teaches at Union Theological Seminary in New York City.



Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow is an author, speaker, parent, consultant, coach, podcaster, and pastor. He speaks and writes on issues of faith, technology, race, parenting, and church culture.

He was the Moderator of the 218th General Assembly and is currently the Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Palo Alto. He is also a Senior Consultant and Coach with The Convergence Network and a Gallup-Certified Strengths Coach. He currently sits on the Board of Directors of More Light Presbyterians and is active in supporting hybrid worship and technology efforts across denominations.

Bruce hosts the podcast, BRC & Friends and is the author of five books. His latest is, “In Defense of Kindness” (Chalice Press, 2021) and he is currently working on his next book, “Everything I Believe about God” (2023)

He has an active online presence and can be found on most social networks via @breyeschow



Elona Street-Stewart, Delaware Nanticoke, is a ruling elder and active church member in Saint Paul, MN. She is the Synod Executive for the Synod of Lakes and Prairies, having already been synod program staff for over 20 years. Elona also has served the PCUSA on racial justice matters in mission development, denominational policies, and education programs since 1980.

She has been engaged for four decades in grass root and national advocacy on racial equity, Indian education, family empowerment and public policy. Elona has received many honors, including Minnesota American Indian Parent of the Year 1998, a national PW Women of Faith Award 2010, and a Peacemaker Award in recognition of Mahatma Gandhi’s 147th birthday.

She was the first Native American elected to an urban school board in Minnesota, serving on the Saint Paul School Board of Education for three terms, 2001-2013, as well as the first Indigenous synod executive in the PCUSA. She received the 2018 Alumna Seal Award from Occidental College for Professional Excellence-Service to Community in 2018. Elona was elected as the first Indigenous CoModerator of the 224th General Assembly, PCUSA, along with Rev Gregory Bentley in June 2020. Macalester College conferred an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters for Elona in June 2021. An Upward Bound student from Philadelphia and Occidental college graduate, Elona and her husband, Rev. David Stewart, have 4 children and 5 grandchildren.