

NEWS RELEASE

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By a vote of 156 to 138, the Presbytery of San Francisco decided last night to approve the ordination of Ms. Lisa Larges, despite her declared “departure” from the fidelity and chastity provision in the *Book of Order*. During the three-hour discussion, the commissioners also validated her call as Minister Coordinator of That All May Freely Serve. Ms. Larges, an “out” lesbian who has consistently refused to submit to G-6.0106b’s mandatory ordination standard, has been under care for 23 years, first in Twin Cities Area and for the last 13 in San Francisco.

Enough signatures were collected at the close of the meeting to secure a Stay of Enforcement while a remedial complaint is filed with the Synod of the Pacific Permanent Judicial Commission. Ms. Larges’ ordination cannot take place unless all legal hurdles are overcome, which could take another eighteen months.