



Board of Administration Nominee

Soo Ji Alvarez

Region: West (Bishop Matt)

Conference: Southern California

Elder or Lay person: Elder

Job Title and Employer:

Lead Pastor, The Avenue Church. Field Superintendent, FMCS

Church: The Avenue Church

Local Church Ministry:

Soo Ji Alvarez, a dedicated and passionate leader, has been serving in various roles within local church ministry since 1996. With a heart for advocacy, justice, and helping others develop cultural competency, Alvarez is committed to preaching the whole gospel to all people. As the Lead Pastor of the Free Methodist Church in Riverside, California for the past seven years, she has been ordained with the Free Methodist Church since 2011.

Alvarez's extensive experience includes serving in roles such as Worship, Discipleship, Youth, Children, Women's Ministry, Outreach, Administration, and Associate Pastor. She has been actively engaged in community ministry, providing numerous services such as a food pantry, free groceries, soccer clinics, movie nights, and various outreach events. Alvarez also offers free music lessons to women survivors of human trafficking, demonstrating her dedication to empowering others.

Conference and/or General Church Ministry:

In addition to her local ministry work, Alvarez has been actively involved in the Free Methodist Church on a conference level. She has chaired the MEG board, the

Nominating Committee, and currently serves as the secretary on the conference BOA, now in her second term. She also serves as a Field Superintendent for her conference, overseeing six churches.

As the Conference Director for Wesleyan Holiness Women Clergy, Alvarez leads a planning committee to organize conferences for women in ministry every two years. The next event, planned for March 2024, is set to minister to 800 women and men. She has also served on the steering committee for Advocates for Women in Leadership, as well as a program coordinator for an online course designed to resource Asian American and Latina women clergy and faith leaders.

Community Ministry:

Alvarez's leadership extends to providing coaching and consulting for women leaders, offering encouragement and guidance to help them achieve their goals. As an Asian-American woman pastor, she brings a unique perspective to many organizations and is dedicated to serving her denomination and helping them embody their values.

Through her various roles on boards and steering committees, Alvarez is committed to making the Free Methodist Church and local churches thriving places of worship, discipleship, and transformation. As an adaptive and creative leader, she continues to serve her community and denomination with passion and determination.