The following resolution of the Session of the Northwoods Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas, was approved on June 15, 2020, and is directed to the Commissioners of 224th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Whereas the Session of the Northwoods Presbyterian Church in Houston, Texas, has been a faithful partner with the Presbyterian Church (USA) seeking to make a difference in the lives of people in our community and throughout the world,
Whereas San Francisco Theological Seminary and the Presbyterian Church have worked together for almost 150 years,
Whereas San Francisco Theological Seminary is the only PC(USA) seminary on the west coast of the U.S.,
Whereas Northwoods Presbyterian Church has supported the mission and vision of the San Francisco Theological Seminary for the past ten years,
Whereas Presbyterians strive to do things decently and in order, and abide by the polity of our church,
Whereas the Committee on Theological Education illegally removed San Francisco Theological Seminary from the list of seminaries with institutional relationship without the approval of the General Assembly,
Whereas the Committee on Theological Education illegally excluded San Francisco Theological Seminary from participation on the Committee on Theological Education,
Whereas the Presbyterian Foundation has illegally withheld San Francisco Theological Seminary’s disbursements,
Whereas San Francisco Theological Seminary is not on the seminary list for approval of communion on the General Assembly docket,
Whereas San Francisco Theological Seminary has been illegally denied representation at this year’s General Assembly,
Whereas we are called to speak truth and justice to abuse of power,
Whereas our ordination vows call us to work for the reconciliation of the world, including ourselves,
Whereas we are to work for the peace, unity, and purity of the church,
Whereas our country is extremely divided and polarized,
Whereas the church is called to be the exhibition of the kingdom of heaven to the world,

We petition the Commissioners of the 224th General Assembly, as well as the 224th General Assembly itself, to rectify this injustice and illegal action, by immediately reinstating San Francisco Theological Seminary to the list of seminaries with institutional relationship, grant San Francisco Theological Seminary participation in this year’s General Assembly, and direct the Committee on Theological Education and San Francisco Theological Seminary to mediation.

Signed:  

[Signatures]  
Moderator of Session  
Clerk of Session