



# A Matter of Faith: A Presby Podcast

## Listening Guide – Gender Episodes

Episode	Guest	Question	Timestamp
<a href="#">Episode 2</a>	Beth Olker, Field Staff for Racial Equity and Women's Intercultural Ministries	I am my congregation's first female pastor. While most congregation members are nice and excited, I do feel that I run up against sexist attitudes at. But they aren't overt. Things like members of session or the congregation don't seem to "take me seriously" or only listen to my ideas if a man affirms them first. How can I help them "adjust" and accept a woman in a leadership role?	18:11
<a href="#">Episode 33</a>	Vilmarie Cintrón-Olivieri, Educator, Ruling Elder & Past Co-Moderator of the 223rd General Assembly	In the past year, we've read alarming news on the rise of violence against women, especially during the pandemic. Reading the news about two particular femicides that occurred in Puerto Rico in the spring and news reports shared about protests happening and organizations asking for concrete actions from the government, not much was heard in the continental US about this. In fact, one could argue not much is said in general about the topic and about the response of the church to these evils. Being that this is Domestic Violence Awareness month, could you share what we, as a church, are doing to raise awareness about gender-based violence and violence against women to bring about, support or engage in long-standing change?	Full Episode
<a href="#">Episode 34</a>	Rev. Edwin González-Castillo, Associate for Disaster Response in Latin America & the Caribbean, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance; Rev. Rosa Miranda, Associate for Hispanic/Latino-a Intercultural Congregational Support, Office of Racial Equity & Women's Intercultural Ministries & Rev. Dr. Marielis Barreto, Pastor at Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana en Aguada, Puerto Rico / Edwin Gonzalez-Castillo, Asociado para Respuesta en Desastres para Latinoamérica y el Caribe; Rev. Rosa Miranda, Asociada para el Apoyo Congregacional Intercultural Hispano/Latino & Rev. Dr. Marielis Barreto, Pastora de la Primera Iglesia en Aguada, Puerto Rico	En el pasado año, hemos leído noticias alarmantes sobre el aumento de la violencia contra las mujeres, especialmente durante la pandemia. Al leer las noticias sobre dos feminicidios ocurridos en Puerto Rico en el mes de mayo y las noticias que salieron en la prensa sobre las protestas de organizaciones que pedían acciones concretas del gobierno, no se escuchó mucho en los Estados Unidos continentales sobre esto.	Full Episode

<a href="#">Episode 35</a>	Rev. Dr. Margaret E. Towner	What was your experience becoming the first ordained woman Presbyterian minister? How have you seen opportunities for women in the church (and the ordination process) change during your life? What work do you think remains for church in terms of justice and equality?	Full Episode
<a href="#">Episode 38</a>	Rev. Dr. Erin Swenson	What was your experience like maintaining your ordination credentials in the PCUSA while requesting a name change per your gender transition? How have you seen opportunities for transgender individuals in the church (and the ordination process) change during your life? What work do you think remains for the church in terms of justice and equality for transgender and nonbinary inclusion?	Full Episode
<a href="#">Episode 61</a>	Jenny Delgado, Director, Publica Theology	<i>¡Damos la bienvenida a Vilmarie Cintrón-Olivieri como anfitriona invitada especial con Rosa! Hablan con Yenny Delgado sobre celebrar a las mujeres durante el Mes de la Historia de la Mujer y cómo empoderar a las mujeres en la iglesia.</i>	Full Episode
<a href="#">Episode 71</a>	Victoria Alexander, Young Adult Volunteer & CSW66 Delegate	What was your experience as a delegate to the Commission on the Status of Women? What inspired you? What challenged you? How has it impacted your faith?	17:28
<a href="#">Episode 75</a>	Rev. Dr. Mamisoa Rakotomalala, CSW66 Delegate	What was your experience as a delegate to the Commission on the Status of Women? What inspired you? What challenged you? How has it impacted your faith?	23:43
<a href="#">Episode 91</a>	Rev. Samuel Son, Manager of Diversity and Reconciliation, Presbyterian Mission Agency	How does diversity differ from inclusion?	16:10

Looking to go deeper on Gender issues with [A Matter of Faith: A Presby Podcast](#)? This listening guide outlines a list of our favorite conversations with our guests about gender. We provide the accompanying questions for you to use to reflect on these episodes. These questions could be used for individual or group study. All links and resources mentioned are in each episode's show notes.

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## **Reflection Questions**

What are 3 words that came up during these podcasts that stuck out to you?

What are ways that your faith community or church can begin to have conversations about gender and gender identity?

How can your faith community be inclusive of all genders?

What does gender justice look like in your community? How is your community getting involved in reproductive justice?