



Presbytery of San Gabriel

MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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For the week of Monday, July 10, 2017

On the Calendar This Week

Monday, July 10 - Commission on Ministry 5:00 pm at Trinity, Pasadena

Associate for Ministry Development, Jake Kim will be out of the office this week.

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PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember our Teaching Elders serving in Other Validated Ministries in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, July 16, 2017.

A REFLECTION FROM THE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER

Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle.

2 Samuel 7:5b-6

Are you keeping cool?!

Yesterday I was quite worried about the weekend heat, because we do not yet have air conditioning in the sanctuary at the Presbytery Center on 9723 Garibaldi in Temple City. Worshiping with 200+ folks at 1:30 in the afternoon without air conditioning was going to present quite a challenge for Mideast Evangelical/MEC! (A challenge almost matched at Trinity in Pasadena, as they tried a Saturday afternoon worship in THEIR no-AC sanctuary.)

I decided to stop by to see just how hot it was, and found the folks moving their worship to the fellowship hall. It was so hot that Grace Taiwanese had finished their lunch quickly and went home, which cleared the air-conditioned fellowship hall for MEC to worship there, thank God!

The MEC folk had good spirits about the move and I heard this mobile worship went well. I left early so I could visit with Rev. Dr. Heidi Park, our minister member who moved last year to Cincinnati to be a professor at Xavier University. She had also visited Korea, and her husband continues to go back and forth between Korea and Pasadena for his research. She is doing fine, Xavier has been a welcoming community, and she is doing very interesting research on the physiological impact of historical trauma-she has learned that there are changes to the DNA of a people as they are haunted by past persecution. This research was observed initially with Holocaust survivors after World War II, and Heidi is looking into the struggles of the Korean people. (Interestingly, after speaking with Koreans who have immigrated to the United States, Heidi is hearing that immigration has been more traumatic than memories of past wars.)

There are other ways God's people are on the move in our presbytery. Rev. John Moon just began his ministry at Korean Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, and we pray for him and for his people, that his faithfulness and pastoral gifts help to support and heal and lead the people of KGSPC into a future of hope and service. His installation service is Sunday, August 6, at 4 p.m. Please come and celebrate and pray for this critical new chapter in KGSPC's ministry.

This coming Sunday, Pasadena Presbyterian Church will be hearing and voting on a new pastor for their Korean Language Ministry, and the next Sunday, July 23, the Presbytery will install Rev. Walter Contreras as pastor of their Spanish Language Ministry. Please show your support at this 2:30 p.m. service. Rev. Ann Oglesby-Edwards, PPC's transitional head of staff, is working diligently with skill and sensitivity in addressing multiple interim tasks at the church. Blessings on PPC as they are experiencing an exciting time of transition!

Tonight, the Commission on Ministry will be considering several requests from churches asking the Presbytery to walk with them as they consider their future ministries. One and possibly two churches will be utilizing the New Beginnings process this fall, which will lead to new awareness of the church and their neighborhood, and with this awareness the church members can discern God's will for them. If your church is interested in New Beginnings, most of the same personnel who led our churches through New Beginnings two years ago are

still doing it, so there is still a Presbyterian-focused approach available to our churches. Let me know if you are interested; if your church has not used the stimulus funds (the Presbytery reserved \$2,000/church for church development processes like New Beginnings), then the net cost to the church is \$1,500, which is still a relative bargain for the data you receive. Of the ten churches that went through New Beginnings two years ago, significant decisions have been made in seven churches at least, which is a very good track record.

It's exciting to see how many churches are on the move in our Presbytery. I'm not sure why God decided to move us in the dog days of summer, but it certainly does help to remind us of the challenges of the Exodus. And I have always loved that God was perfectly happy without a structure built by humans who tried to contain God who cannot be contained. And if we can comprehend God's freedom to roam, may we learn to be equally free to move as God leads us.

So as we begin our mini-Exodus and the new promise (and challenge) of change, as our churches take bold steps into an unknown future, may we give thanks that God goes with us every day, even as we worry about discomforts along the way. And thank God that we can band together as God's people, and be as Christ for each other and for all our neighbors in San Gabriel Valley. May we encourage and support each other on this journey, that we all may stay faithful and embrace the opportunities of change that God is presenting to us.

And let us pace ourselves. To that end, I will be taking the second half of July for vacation, and then will help lead a seminar for new immigrant clergywomen in Florida (including Mary Ren, our Mandarin pastor at Alhambra True Light!), so I will be out of the office July 17-August 6.

Trusting in our nomadic God,
Wendy

WINTERFEST SURVEY

With the summer heat upon us, thoughts of January's Winterfest are far, far away, but not for the Education Committee! We are already working on plans for speakers and workshops, and we need your help. Please give us your thoughts and ideas in this 5-minute survey that will help us make Winterfest 2018 a timely, invigorating event. Deadline is July 15. Click [HERE](#) to take the survey.



David and Josey, home from Cuba in August

Our own David Cortes-Fuentes and Josey Saez Acevedo will be in Southern California, August 7-28. They have some engagements to let folks know about life in Cuba, as they are fully involved at the Matanzas Theological Seminary.



You are welcome to the following events, but they also have available times to visit other churches or organizations. Contact Karen Sapio at karensapio@claremontpres.org to schedule them for a visit.

Sunday August 13: Worship at Trinity Presbyterian near Sierra Madre
3740 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Pasadena 91107
(626) 351-8823

Wednesday August 9 or August 16
Possible evening event at Pasadena Presbyterian (details TBA)
585 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena 91101

Sunday, August 20

– David worships at Claremont Presbyterian and Emmanuel Presbiteriana
1111 N. Mountain Avenue, Claremont 91711

– Josey worships at La Verne Heights Presbyterian
1040 Baseline Road, La Verne 91750

–David and Josey at Westminster Gardens Vespers, 3:00-4:30 p.m.
1420 Santo Domingo Ave, Duarte 91010

–David and Josey at Dinner and Program at Calvary Presbyterian, 5:30-8:00 p.m.
1050 Fremont Avenue, South Pasadena 91030
(626) 799-7148

Sunday August 27: Solana Beach Presbyterian Church, north San Diego
120 Stevens Avenue, Solana Beach 92075
(858) 509-2580

DANCE FOR CHARITY



Dance for Charity



Food, Wine, Dancing
\$35 per person

Friday July 28
6:30 - 9:30 P.M.
Church of Our Savior
Cleaver Hall
535 W. Roses Road
San Gabriel, CA 91775

Presented by the Rotary Club of San Gabriel
to benefit La Casa Community Center and
Rotary International

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La Casa Community Center
626-286-2144 www.lacasacommunitycenter.org

Grant Money Available to Qualified Groups from Self- Development of People (SDOP) Committee

Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development Of People



Do you know a group of economically disadvantaged people who are running or starting a project or business whose goal is to make a positive difference in their own lives and the lives of others in their community? Based on our One Great Hour of Sharing contributions we have grant money available for appropriate projects. The application deadline for this year's grant funds is Sept. 15, 2017.

"People Investing in People"

The following criteria (and more) are used by the SDOP Committee when evaluating whether a project is valid for funding.

1. Presented, owned, and controlled by the group who will benefit directly from it.
2. Addresses long-term correction of conditions that keep people bound by poverty and oppression.
3. Describes, in detail, the project's goal, its objectives, the way the direct beneficiaries

will be involved in all stages of the project, and the methods to be used to achieve the goal and objectives.

4. Is sensitive to the environment while accomplishing its goal(s) or objectives.

The joint Presbytery of San Fernando and San Gabriel Presbytery SDOP Committee is seeking grant applicants. Members of the committee representing SGP are Young Lee Hertig, Walter Contreras, Doug Edwards, and Wendy Gist.

For more information, to talk about a potential project, or to get an application contact Young (younglee@isaacweb.org), Walter (mcymusa@aol.com), Doug (Doug.Edwards@thebegroup.org) or Wendy (gist.wendy@gmail.com).

Meaningful and Important Ways to Support Refugees in our Area

There are a myriad of opportunities available to help refugees in our area. There are ways for our congregations and for us as individuals to get involved. Several options are listed below. Please consider how you can engage with this marginalized population that is in great need.

1. Adopt-A-Family program through Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project. Become a sponsor for an individual or family. Sponsorship will help pay for the refugee's legal representation costs. Sponsors will meet the family and have the opportunity to maintain a relationship with them. Total cost involved (payment plan available) will most likely be between \$3000 and \$5000. For more information contact Guillermo Torres at gtorres@cluejustice.org .
2. Central American Youth Conference 2017 is looking for volunteers to help plan the event. The conference will be held during the first week of December and will take place at Cal State L.A. Last year the conference brought together approximately 600 refugee youth from 12 schools for workshops and more. For more information contact Alexander Sanchez at 213-383-7484 or asanchez@homiesunidos.org .
3. San Fernando Valley Refugee Children Center at 15435 Rayen St., North Hills, CA 91343 can use our support. This center now has about 130 refugee children registered with them and they are doing their best to link them to legal, medical, spiritual, and counseling services. While building relationships with the kids they also provide material support, take them on excursions, and hold special events for the kids and their sponsors. We can support this center by collecting toys, books, school items, personal hygiene supplies, food, and bus tokens. For more information contact the Center at 747-529-4783 or Amanda Romero at amandaromero92@yahoo.com or (818) 400-2891.

Installations

The Rev. Walter Contreras will be installed to the Spanish Language Ministry of Pasadena Presbyterian Church on July 23rd at 2:30 p.m.

The Rev. John Moon will be installed to Korean Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, on August 6th at 4:00 p.m.

We wish them both God's blessings in their new/continued ministries.

Spirituality & Aging Certificate Program Fall 2017



A course integrating faith and practice for those working with and caring for the older members of our community

Older adult programming often fails to adequately address the spiritual concerns that arise in the aging process. Designed to address this gap, the Spirituality and Aging Certificate Program empowers participants with the knowledge and skills needed to effectively address spiritual needs during the aging process where they work, worship, or volunteer.

Participants explore the bio-psycho-social-spiritual aspects of aging, with an emphasis on how spirituality informs and can enhance the aging process. Through the classes, readings, assignments, and interaction with their peers and the professors, students develop a holistic perspective on aging and form a plan to put the knowledge and skills gained into action.

The Spirituality and Aging Certificate Program includes an orientation retreat, followed by four classes, held on Saturdays from 9 am-1:30 pm on the dates below. The course location is determined by registration.

Orientation Retreat	September 16, 2017
Aging Defined	October 21, 2017
Toward a Spirituality of Aging	November 18, 2017
Aging in Context	January 20, 2018
Spirituality and Organizational Theory	February 24, 2018

Continuing education credit is available for BRN, RCFE, and NAB, as well as to meet denominational requirements.

For more information, call 626-765-9500, email info@ntswest.org or visit <http://sccsa.ntswest.org>

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Music Scholarships

Puente de Esperanza (formerly known as First Presbyterian Church of Rosemead) has a great plan to introduce themselves to the La Puente Community! In addition to parenting classes, the church is continuing to use the "CaliCenter/La Puente" program name that was developed under the El Monte Initiative, with a new Summer Music Program for the community!

NOW ENROLLING

YOUTH SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM

June 26 - August 5

Barrio Music ORGANIZATION **PIANO DRUMS GUITAR** **Centro Comunitario CaliCenter LA PUENTE**

CALL: (562) 505-9771 or (626) 695-5110
E-MAIL: info@barriomusic.org **15302 FRANCISQUITO AVE. LA PUENTE, CA 91744**

They will be working with Barrio Music, a non-profit that is utilizing the "El Sistema" approach to teach classical music to low-income children. If you are interested, go to barriomusic.org to learn more about them. (El Sistema is the famed program teaching impoverished youth in Caracas, Venezuela—the most famous local proponent is Gustavo Dudamel.)

We are looking for sponsors to help establish a scholarship fund for the Summer Music Program. Any amount you can give will help and bless children discover new talents and gifts through music. You can send your checks payable to First Presbyterian Church of Rosemead (write CaliCenter on the memo line) and send to:

Puente de Esperanza
15302 Francisquito Avenue
La Puente, CA 91744.

We thank you for your generosity!

June 2017 Stated Clerk's Corner - Church Record Review

We will have the last review of the year at Northminster Presbyterian Church of Diamond Bar on September 23, 2017 at 10:00 AM. We look forward to meeting in that location in the fall. With only 10 congregations cared for in the spring, the fall meeting will have a large group of congregations in attendance. Once again, please contact the Stated Clerk at statedclerk@sangabpres.org if you plan to attend the fall review in order to make adequate arrangements to support the large attendance.

Blessings,
Diane M. Frasher
Stated Clerk

2017 Presbytery Meetings

Saturday, June 17 - San Marino Community

Saturday September 16 - First Presbyterian Church, Rosemead

Saturday, November 4 - Monte Vista Groves Homes, Pasadena

2017 Presbytery Minimums

Pastor's Minimum Salary: (Full Time) \$52,435

Travel/Prof. Expense Reimbursement: \$2,485

Study Leave: \$ 925

2017 Mileage Reimbursement Rates:

Ministry .535 cents per mile

Charitable 14 cents per mile

Business .535 cents per mile

www.sangabpres.org

www.synod.org

www.pcusa.org

www.pensions.org

Worship Band Leader

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- * Play in and lead the worship band
- * Recruit and lead volunteer musicians and singers from the congregation, providing instruction and coaching for improvement in skill and musical ability
- * Select both new and familiar congregation-friendly songs, and prepare easy to follow charts for choir and band members
- * Provide 'road maps' to songs for band members
- * Prepare slide presentations for service and upload to projection in sound booth.
- * Interface with sound technician regarding equipment details and needs
- * Participate in worship leadership as assigned, e.g. Scripture readings, prayers
- * Assist in pre-service set up and post-service tear down
- * Lead weekly band rehearsal
- * Perform other duties, as assigned
- * Work collaboratively with the Music Director
- * Consults with other ministry leaders regarding stage setup.

TERM:

- * 15 hrs/wk, salaried. \$15/\$20 per hr. Benefits as per current personnel policy

JOB CONDITION AND ENVIRONMENT

- * Physical demands required related to set up and tear down of music-related equipment.

QUALIFICATIONS

- * Must be able to clearly communicate a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and demonstrate this relationship through his/her life and testimony
- * Steadfast, mature and consistent display of a Christ-like attitude and character
- * Must embrace and model the mission of LVHPC
- * Proficiency and skill in: music fundamentals (theory, dynamics, rhythm and harmony); playing guitar and/or piano; singing; writing and arranging basic music/chord charts
- * Functional knowledge of audio equipment and production
- * Practical, relatable insight and use of Scripture in

- a worship service
- * Strong interpersonal skills
- * Proven ability to work well as part of a team
- * Ability to lead and empower volunteers
- * Ability to relate well with people of all ages
- * Minimum of two years' experience participating in or leading a band
- * An AA degree, degree in progress, or certificated program

Email resume to mjedmond@verizon.net
La Verne Heights Presbyterian Church
1040 Baseline Road, La Verne, CA 91750

Director of Children's Ministries

San Marino Community Church (1750 Virginia Road, San Marino, CA 91108) is seeking a part time director of Children's Ministries to direct and support the spiritual formation and Christian education of children (birth -5th grade) and to administer related programs. The director works in collaboration with the Associate Pastor for Family Ministries. (20 hours/week). See the full job description at <http://smccpby.com/resources/jobs>.



ITEMS OF INTEREST

Angel Interfaith Network Fundraiser

Louise Inouye and the Presbyterian Women of First Presbyterian Church of Altadena are planning an Angel Interfaith Network Fundraiser on August 19, 2017

and you are invited! Reservations are \$35 and must be made by August 10. Contact Alice Young weekdays between 9 AM and noon for more information at (626)791-4271.

Stewardship Kaleidoscope

September 25-27, 2017

St. Pete Beach, Florida - TradeWinds Island Grand Resort

visit www.stewardshipkaleidoscope.org for more information

National Church Planter's Conference - Exponential 2017

Oct. 2-5 in Southern California. If you would like to attend at the lowest price of the year \$99, please contact Jake Kim, Associate for Ministry Development at jakekim@sangabpres.org. This special pricing is available until June 17, before prices go up. Exponential is an enlightening, encouraging, and

energizing event for church planters & their teams, and those considering planting a church. <https://exponential.org/events/2017west/>

APCE Annual Event

Deep & Wide - Boundless Hospitality

January 31 - February 3, 2018

The Galt House, Louisville, KY

Visit www.apcenet.org for more information

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