



Presbytery of San Gabriel

MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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For the week of Monday, July 31, 2017

On the Calendar This Week

Tuesday, August 1 - Commission on Preparation for Ministry 6:00 pm @ San Marino Community

Wednesday, August 2 - Justice, Peacemaking and Mission 11:30 am @ Knox, Pasadena

Executive Presbyter, Wendy Tajima will be on vacation and will return to the office on August 7th.

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PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember those serving in our Mid-Council offices (Presbyteries and Synods) in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, August 6, 2017.

A REFLECTION FROM OUR ASSOCIATE FOR MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT, JAKE KIM

"Growing Younger Through Empathy, Gospel-Centered, Warmth"

How can churches grow younger? The book "Growing Young," written by the Fuller Youth Institute, looks at various strategies to help congregations develop meaningful

youth and young adult ministries. Their work is based on research from over 250 churches of all sizes, denominations, and theological backgrounds who were identified as "growing younger" by effectively engaging young people between the ages of 15 and 29 years of age.

The three top traits of congregations that are growing younger are that they 1) empathize with today's young people, 2) take Jesus' message seriously, and 3) fuel a warm community. If you are interested in learning more about these findings and strategies, I would encourage you to visit www.churchesgrowingyoung.org.

The good news is that congregations are adapting and developing meaningful youth and young adult ministries, and these efforts are not just attracting youth but also helping entire congregations to thrive. I invite San Gabriel Presbytery pastors and Sessions to consider: How warm is your community? How clearly do your ministries show that you take the gospel seriously? To what extent are you able to empathize with young people? Thoughtful self-reflection around these key traits is a useful exercise for any congregation and just might help you begin to "grow younger."

As Associate for Ministry Development for San Gabriel Presbytery, I am the resource person for SGP's Education Committee. One of our mandates is to liaise and support the Tapestry Youth Collective of San Gabriel Presbytery, which equips and encourages collaborative youth ministry activities and mission projects between our churches. Sophia Alecci is the new moderator of Tapestry and also works as the Director of Student Ministries at San Marino Community Church (See her article below). Sophia would love to be a resource for San Gabriel churches looking for ideas to develop youth ministries. Please feel free to contact Sophia at (206) 327-7875 or salecci@smccpby.com or myself, Rev. Jake Kim, at 626-487-1511 or jakekim@sangabpres.org.

In Christ's Service,

Jake Kim

Associate for Ministry Development -SGP Education Committee Resource Person

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."
Hebrews 11:1

Message from SGP Tapestry Youth Collective Moderator - Sophia Alecci

When I was a student in the church, I had mentors that were invested in my growth. They supported me, challenged me, and just hung out with me. Students are the future of the church, and the church needs to be a community that welcomes our youth in! The church should be a space that fosters important dialogue with our students, and creates spaces that students can both laugh and cry in. When attendance is dwindling a church is cutting budgets, too often it is the student ministries that is the first to go. If we want the church to continue to grow, we must invest into our young people!

Sophia Alecci

Moderator of SGP Tapestry Youth Collective

Our youth and adult advisors have arrived safely in Peru. You can follow their adventures on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/113285619323839/>

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. All are welcome!
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

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

We wish him 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 wholistic 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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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 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

Quick Links

www.sangabpres.org

www.synod.org

www.pcusa.org

www.pensions.org

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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



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

2018 Mosaic of Peace - A Presbyterian Peacemaking Conference in Israel/Palestine.

April 29 - May 12, 2018

Apply online at presbyterianmission.org/mosaic through November 15, 2017

For more information visit presbyterianmission.org/mosaic or call 800-728-7228 x5805

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