



## Presbytery of San Gabriel

# MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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### PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember Iglesia de la Comunidad Presbyterian Church of Los Angeles in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, January 7, 2018.

### ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

The deadline to submit committee reports for the January 20th Presbytery Meeting is Friday, January 5th.

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### A REFLECTION FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER, WENDY TAJIMA

#### Reflection

For as the new heavens and the new earth,  
which I will make,  
shall remain before me, says the Lord,  
so shall your descendants and your name remain.  
From new moon to new moon,  
and from sabbath to sabbath,  
all flesh shall come to worship before me,  
says the Lord. *Isaiah 66:22-23*

Happy New Year!

As some of you know, New Year's Day is a big deal for Japanese. This makes for a fascinating mix of traditions for the sizable Japanese-American community in Pasadena. I remember my younger days with many of us working on Rose Parade floats, sleeping on the street, watching the parade, then going to my aunt's house for a day-long feast of food, family, and football.

I no longer work on the floats or sleep on the parade route, and the New Year's event has moved to my cousin's house. As my mother's generation has passed on, the table is now filled with a broader mix of foods, as more and more diverse folk contribute to the table. Mixed in with the Japanese food this year was our version of Korean beef (I now realize it would be unrecognizable as meat jun), a ham and cheese board, and spanokopita. But it's all good, and the feeling that you are starting the new year with an abundance of love and resources is now shared with those who are not Japanese but appreciate the food and the fun.

It's still ingrained in me that how you start the new year sets the tone for the whole year. So I like New Year's Eve services, though I haven't attended many. I do try to bring in the new year with scripture and prayer; this passage from Isaiah was my focus as the clock struck midnight.

The passage reminds me how we measure the constancy of God through our sense of time. And with the dawn of each new year, we seek to put the bad behind us and start anew. Many of us make New Year's resolutions, committing ourselves to improve ourselves for the new year. I've been thinking about taking a stronger focus on health; while I've been trying to will myself into more exercise, this past week (when I slept far more than expected) makes me think I should get better sleep habits, and find more balance in my life. I'm also wanting to resolve to be more kind in my responses to people-though my sharp tongue seems to speak without my thinking, and sometimes kindness requires one to say the difficult thing that others don't want to say.

Forgive me for being so personal. While I do believe we should focus on our communal life as the body of Christ for our neighborhood, each of us as members of that body have individual feelings, challenges, and roles. I hope we can take the time to share these with each other.

I also hope that we see how God offers us every opportunity to start anew, not only when we turn the calendar but whenever we open up to God with repentance. With fresh new mercies every morning, every time we confess our sins, every time we go

to Christ's table, every moment we seek God's grace, we take a step towards the new heavens and earth. May we encourage each other on the path, and share the good news of hope and promise in Jesus Christ with all we meet. There are already several ways we can do this in January, from closing out 2017 to gauging needs of the homeless to empowering ourselves through training at WinterFest. Read on for more information.

Blessings for the year ahead,  
Wendy

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### **GRACE FOR THE END OF 2017**

There's still time to complete your shared mission giving for 2017! The Presbytery office will receive 2017 contributions to the broader mission of the church until January 16, 2018. The per-person apportionment will continue at \$68/member. Call the Presbytery office if you have any questions 626 614-5964.

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## **Homeless Count 2018: Getting Resources for the Homeless**

Los Angeles has more chronically homeless, homeless veterans, and homeless young people than any other city in the country. Seventy-five percent of all homeless people in Los Angeles are living on the streets, in their cars, or in other makeshift situations, the second-highest rate of in the country. While homelessness is a big problem, we don't have to accept it as an unsolvable problem.

The Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count and the Pasadena Homeless Count are each an on-the-ground census of our homeless neighbors in need of support. These Homeless Counts occurs every year and the data collected is essential for advocating for and allocating resources where they will serve the greatest needs.

### **The Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count: January 23-25, 2018**

There are various ways to volunteer. Training and all equipment and materials needed are provided. The time commitment on the night of the Count is usually 3-5 hours. Donations of refreshments and other in-kind donations at deployment sites are also being sought.

For information on the Greater L.A. Homeless Count and to sign up to volunteer visit: [www.lahsa.org](http://www.lahsa.org) and [www.theycountwillyou.org](http://www.theycountwillyou.org)

To see results from 2017 Los Angeles Homeless Count for the San Gabriel Valley click on this link: [San Gabriel Valley homelessness fact sheet](#)

### **Pasadena Homeless Count: January 23 & 24, 2018**

Volunteers are sent in teams of 2-3 to an assigned zone on the night of January 23 (8:00-10:00 p.m.) and the morning of January 24 (6:00-8:00 a.m.). The same teams go

out both times. Volunteers should be 18+ and must attend an orientation on Jan. 17 or 18 (6:30 - 8:30 p.m.).

For information on the Pasadena Homeless Count and to sign up to volunteer visit: <https://pasadenapartnership.org/volunteer-homeless-count/>

# WinterFest

**Register now for Winterfest 2018!**

[tinyurl.com/sgpwinterfest](http://tinyurl.com/sgpwinterfest)

January 20, 9am-1pm

Featured speaker Jake Mulder of the Fuller Youth Institute will speak on Growing Young-strategies to help your church grow spiritually, emotionally missionally, and numerically by engaging 15 to 29 yr olds. Don't miss many workshops on a variety of topics from officer training to community outreach to storytelling. Click [HERE](#) to download the flyer and visit [www.tinyurl.com/sgpwinterfest](http://www.tinyurl.com/sgpwinterfest) to register now.



## 2018 Presbytery Meetings

January 20, 2018 @ the Presbytery Center, 9723 Garibaldi Avenue, Temple City

Winterfest begins at 9 am, stated Presbytery meeting begins at 1 pm

April 21, 2018 @ Claremont Presbyterian Church

June 2, 2018 - Including Day of Service @ Westminster Gardens, Duarte

September 15, 2018 @ Calvary Presbyterian Church, South Pasadena

November 10, 2018 @ First Thai Presbyterian Church, Covina

## 2018 Presbyery Minimums

Pastor's Miminum Salary: \$53,745

Travel/Professional Expense Reimbursement: \$2,550

Study Leave: \$950

### 2018 Mileage Reimbursement Rates:

Ministry .545 cents per mile

Charitable 14 cents per mile

Business .545 cents per mile

# WHAT CHAPTER OF LIFE ARE YOU IN?

Learn about a new ministry with Dr. Leslie Braksick . . .



**Your Next Season:  
Advice for Those in Transition  
Saturday, January 20  
10:00 -12:00 pm, Fellowship Hall**

Learn about a ministry for those leaving one chapter of life, and entering the next. Meet Dr. Leslie Braksick, co-author of *Your Next Season*, a book that offers candid, unvarnished, authentic advice from hundreds who understand that the transition of “seasons” is one of the most fragile phases of adult life. Take comfort in this extraordinary book, which brings readers companionship, empathy, encouragement, and sage advice – plus valuable tools to create a purposeful “next season” of their own. Remember, regardless of what you do next, you are taking along the very best part of your career...YOU!



San Marino Community Church  
Sunday Worship 9:00 am & 10:30 am  
1750 Virginia Road • San Marino, CA 91108  
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[Click Here to download a copy of the flyer](#)

# MALAWI: TRANSFORMATIONAL JOURNEY

July 16-Aug 2, 2018

San Marino Community Church

Come to Our Interest Meeting on Sunday, January 7 at 10:30 am in the Church Lounge

## Are you being called to join the "Go" Team?

You would actively engage in an unforgettable cross-cultural experience in the "Warm Heart of Africa."

### What would you do in Malawi?

- Visit Ministry of Hope to:
  - Conduct "pray and play" sessions at orphan care centers
  - Hold babies at the Crisis Nursery
  - Help with a Mobile Medical Clinic in a rural village
  - Meet with Economic Empowerment "trust groups"
  - Ministry of Hope preschooler
- Visit schools and meet with students
- Worship at local churches
- Visit hospitals
- Tour villages to see shallow wells projects
- Spend an afternoon at Lake Malawi
- Travel to Liwonde National Game Park
  - Experience a land safari & a river safari



### How would you prepare for the trip?

- Envision and design projects to implement in Malawi
- Participate in a pre-trip orientation and learning program
- Share information, plans, and opportunities for involvement with our
- Liwonde Safari Camp

### Estimated cost of trip is approximately \$3,700.

This will cover round-trip airfare, lodging, food, transportation, a one-night stay at a wilderness resort with two three-hour guided safaris, and training materials. Not covered in the fee are required immunizations, alcoholic beverages and personal purchases.

*"The Malawi trip is one that will stay vividly in my memory all my life".  
--Former Malawi GO Team member.*

**San Marino Community Church has sent short-term mission teams to Malawi in 1994, 2002, 2008, 2011, and 2015.**

## Quick Links

[www.sangabpres.org](http://www.sangabpres.org)

[www.synod.org](http://www.synod.org)

[www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org)

[www.pensions.org](http://www.pensions.org)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### Open Position - Director of Outreach

Claremont Presbyterian Church is seeking a Director of Outreach. This is a full time position.

Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor's degree and three years' experience working in a church, nonprofit, or similar organization. Some post-graduate work preferred. Salary will be commensurate with experience.

To apply: Submit resume, cover letter, and three current references in pdf format to [claremontpresapnc@gmail.com](mailto:claremontpresapnc@gmail.com). Applications will be received until the position is filled.

Click [HERE](#) for a complete job description.

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## ***ITEMS OF INTEREST***

### **APCE Annual Event**

#### **Deep & Wide - Boundless Hospitality**

January 31 - February 3, 2018

The Galt House, Louisville, KY

Visit [www.apcenet.org](http://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](http://presbyterianmission.org/mosaic) through November 15, 2017

For more information visit [presbyterianmission.org/mosaic](http://presbyterianmission.org/mosaic) or call 800-728-7228 x5805