



Presbytery of San Gabriel

MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember Knox Presbyterian Church of Pasadena in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, February 4, 2018.

Caring for Creation with Biodegradable Supplies

The Justice, Peacemaking, and Mission Committee presented two focus areas for 2018 at our Nov. 2017 presbytery meeting. One of these 2018 focus areas for the presbytery is Environmental Stewardship. Acting on this focus the JPM Committee decided to provide biodegradable and compostable plates, cups, napkins, and utensils for 2018 presbytery meetings. The members of JPM are committed to making a concerted effort to reduce the trash that sits in landfills for years and hopes that all our churches will do the same at congregational events.



JPM suggests that your churches either use reusable/washable items, or biodegradable/compostable items, which are easily found in marketplaces today. We were pleased to hear from our November survey that some of you are already using real dishes and flatware and washing them. If you want to use

biodegradable/compostable utensils, you can buy them through online marketplaces such as Amazon and local markets such as Smart & Final (at Smart & Final, look for brands like Sun Harvest plates or Greenware cups). If your church has a good supplier for such items, please let us know so we can pass on the information.

If you need any ideas for how to be better environmental stewards don't hesitate to ask members of the JPM Committee:

Matt Colwell, Chair
Walter Contreras
Rob Crowell
Carolyn Harris
Young Lee Hertig
Angelica Michail
Jen Strickland
Dean Thompson
Wendy Gist (gist.wendy@gmail.com), Staff

A REFLECTION FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER, WENDY TAJIMA

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

Isaiah 11:6

Reflection

I continue to receive positive feedback on our January 20th Presbytery meeting. One person noted that the meeting was relational, while we also made some important decisions, such as voting to co-sponsor an overture to General Assembly advocating for peace and care for our Syrian sisters and brothers who have suffered so much in the on-going violence. And we received four new minister members, including two who are starting pastorates in our churches. And, of course, WinterFest was a great, well-attended training event.

But I was gratified to hear the term "relational," because Moderator Becca Bateman said her hope is to help build relationships in the Presbytery during this year. In light of this, the leadership team that plans the Presbytery meetings have given relationship themes to each meeting in 2018:

January: Building relationships with each other

April: Building relationship with Creation

June: Building relationships with neighbors near and far

September: Building relationship with God

November: Building relationship with self.

As we live into the hope of restoration that Isaiah prophesied, may we indeed participate in building a beloved community for ourselves, for the world, even with all of Creation.

This weekend were services of celebration for our friends Art French and Hazel Harken. I was able to attend Art's service, which was filled with many stories of the love Art showed to everyone he met. According to Pacific Presbytery, even when he chaired administrative commissions for his presbytery, he showed love and respect as he listened to all sides before the AC made any decisions. I really appreciated this because it is so important for ACs to have an attitude of support and care, even in the midst of serious conflict.

It reminded me how often Presbyterians react to ACs with memories of conflict, or even a sense of being oppressed by a presbytery. For some people, it would be troubling to know that we currently have four ACs in place. But I have heard from nearly all these churches that they have greatly appreciated what the ACs are doing with and for them.

In recent months, ACs for San Gabriel Presbytery have:

- Surveyed a church's membership on their hopes and concerns for the church's future
- Advised a church on staff and church leader responsibilities
- Refocused financial systems and pastor-church relations to Presbyterian norms
- Suggested streamlined administrative practices for a smaller church
- Structured a church budget
- Moderated or acted as clerk for session meetings
- Guest preached and led town hall congregational meetings
- Supported and advised pastors and elders
- Secured needed financial and legal resources from the Presbytery
- Accompanied church leaders to civil court to defend the church's pastor, tenants, and property-and by the way, we are making excellent progress in reversing the damage done through the fraud perpetrated against the church.

In all these cases, the administrative commission is a sign of commitment from the Presbytery to appoint qualified leaders to respond to the needs of a church. In the case of these four ACs, they are providing sensitive, knowledgeable, and faithful support and guidance to our churches, and for that I am extremely grateful.

I think I mentioned that my hope for 2018 is to be able to increase Presbytery's service in support of our churches, and to fulfill together Christ's ministry within San Gabriel Valley, but also as we contribute to our Synod, the PC(USA), and our mission partners near and far. We are off to an excellent start!!

There are other churches we are working with, of course, and each week we highlight a church that I hope your church prays for. But this week I would ask you to pray also for these churches and their ACs: Baldwin Park (Bear Ride, chair; Rob Crowell, Melinda Forbes), Pasadena (Dave Tomlinson, chair; Rubi Benítez, Daniel Chang, Roberto Colón, Dee Kelley, Ann Oglesby-Edwards, Fried Wilson), West Covina (Jennifer Ackerman, chair; James Lee, Chris Muiga, Corliss Roenicke), and Westminster Temple City (Mariko Yanagihara, chair; Nick Banks, Huw Christopher, Pat Collins).

We are truly blessed to have these and other dedicated leaders volunteering their time and gifts in order to walk alongside our churches. May we continue to grow stronger in our relationships, that we may be one faithful body, caring for the parts of the body that right now need some extra attention.

Hurricane Relief and Rebuilding in Puerto Rico - Summer 2018

Would you like to help with the relief effort in Puerto Rico following Hurricane Maria?

International Mission Partnerships and Cross-cultural Training (IMPACT) is taking applications for a trip this summer. IMPACT is a local faith-based organization that trains and sends out mission groups each year to places where they have local contacts. IMPACT will be partnering with All Hands and Hearts or World Renew this summer to put together a clean-up and recovery trip to Puerto Rico. The cross-cultural training dates are June 25-28 and it takes place in Southern CA. Directly after training the group will travel to Puerto Rico and is scheduled to return on July 10. Applications are being accepted now and are due Feb. 10, so don't delay. For more information about IMPACT and to apply go to:

<https://www.impact-theglobe.org/>





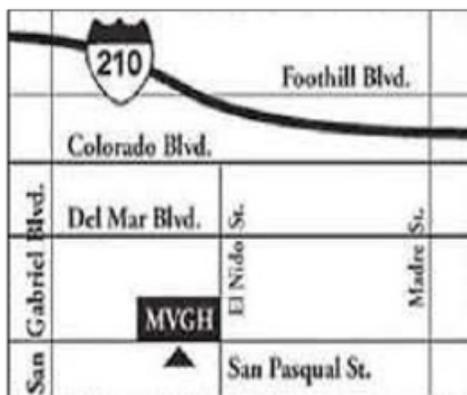
Third Annual
St. David's Day Celebration
at Monte Vista Grove Homes
in Pasadena

Come Learn about Wales
as we sing to the Glory of God
from ***Glory to God*** (the new Presbyterian hymnal)
following the Welsh tradition of a ***Gymanfa Ganu***

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2018
at 2 p.m. in Marwick Place

Special Music by Côr Cymraeg De California
(Welsh Choir of Southern California)

A **Tê Bach** (of Welsh and British goodies) will follow



**Directions to Monte Vista Grove Homes
at 2889 San Pasqual Street,
Pasadena, California 91107**

Park on San Pasqual Street or El Nido Street
or on the Campus
and look for signs for the
St. David's Day Celebration

For more information please contact
Huw Christopher (850) 209-6931
or huwchristopher@gmail.com

[St. Davids Day](#)

2018 Presbytery Meetings

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 Presbytery Minimums

Pastor's Minimum 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

Quick Links

www.sangabpres.org

www.synod.org

www.pcusa.org

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. Applications will be received until the position is filled.

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



ITEMS OF INTEREST

APCE Annual Event

Deep & Wide - Boundless Hospitality

January 31 - February 3, 2018

The Galt House, Louisville, KY

Visit www.apcenet.org for more information

Transitions. . . Making Marriage Work

A Four-Week Enrichment Course with Lisa & John Massaro

Tuesdays, February 6 - 27 6:30-8:00 pm

San Marino Community Church

The cost for this 4-week program is \$50 per couple, which covers a copy of Dr. Gottman's Book, *Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work*, plus two workbooks.

Please visit <https://smcc.breezechms.com/form/Marriage>

to register. **Deadline to register is January 28.**

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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