



Presbytery of San Gabriel

MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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For the week of Monday, June 19, 2017

The Presbytery of San Gabriel has moved!

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PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember Westminster Presbyterian Church, Temple City in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, June 25, 2017.

A REFLECTION FROM THE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER

God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:8

This last Saturday we tried something different for our Presbytery meeting-we held our first annual All-Presbytery Work Day. I say first annual because prior to the event, some of us were bracing ourselves for whatever would happen, as signups were slow and the logistics of the day required a few wings and a few prayers. So we committed that whatever happens, we would take it as a learning opportunity for future work days.

Well, as one person shared later, the day was anointed, and I would like to thank the Justice, Peacemaking and Mission Committee, who organized the event, with help from the Education Committee, who organized the worship and who connect with Tapestry Youth Collective. The Presbytery meeting included several important decisions, including:

- Approval of a loan for several needed repairs that also will greatly improve the energy efficiency and accessibility of the new Presbytery Center in Temple City
- Approval of the call of Rev. Walter Contreras to the Spanish Language Ministry of Pasadena Presbyterian Church, with his installation on July 23rd at 2:30 p.m.
- Approval of the call of Rev. John Moon to Korean Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, with his installation on August 6th at 4:00 p.m.
- Approval of a small grant to help support the new worshiping community, Church Glorious, in West Covina
- Connecting with our Tapestry Youth Collective Middle School Work Week participants, and dedicating our offering to Tapestry
- Commissioning the Youth Trip to Peru this July.

Some of you may appreciate the import of Rev. Moon's call, which represents a new chapter for Korean Good Shepherd, a church that has persevered through years of turmoil due to an attempt to take the church out of the Presbytery. I encourage you all to attend one or both of these installations, which will be true celebrations of our connectional church. Both churches have much potential as well as challenge, and your prayers are welcome.

After perhaps the shortest stated meeting in San Gabriel Presbytery history (1.4 hours, including 25 minutes for worship), about 30 adults and 30 youth grabbed their sack lunches and went to work. Some of the sites had full contingents, some had only a few (though they had some of their own members as well), but the day was a blessing for the workers, and I hope for the churches and mission partners who welcomed us.

For me, the day was a reminder of the many jobs we pastors get to do. It's been said that the pastorate is one of the last true generalist jobs, and I for one rejoice in the diversity of gifts used, and opportunities to work offered, in ministry. I have often said that my favorite day in ministry started out in Honolulu, meeting as a trustee for the \$30 million Hawai'i Conference Foundation, then flying home to Kaua'i to count and sort potatoes for the next day's food pantry.

So on Saturday, Rev. Jeff O'Grady, pastor of San Marino Community Church, and his Princeton intern Alex volunteered to bag the sandwiches for the sack lunches. Rev. Oswaldo Garcia climbed a ladder at Puente de Esperanza in La Puente to clear spiders from the rafters. Rev. N'Yisrela Watts-Afriyie worked with Angel Interfaith Network to put together much-needed supplies of toiletries and clothing for patients as they leave LAC+USC Medical Center. Revs. Diane Frasher and Jake Kim worked in the community garden of First Presbyterian Church of Pomona. Revs. Mary Ellen Azada, Matt Colweel and Jennifer Ackerman applied labels with the presbytery's new address to over 1500 envelopes. And I got to haul concrete that had been broken up with a jackhammer at Shepherd of the Valley, which was a nice counterpoint to the day I mixed and poured concrete at my church in Waipahu.

Of course, it wasn't just the pastors who did this work-there were many more ruling elders, youth, and friends who led us. I would not put a jackhammer in the hands of most pastors! Like former Stated Clerk Grady Parsons said, we are a do-it-together church in a do-it-yourself world.

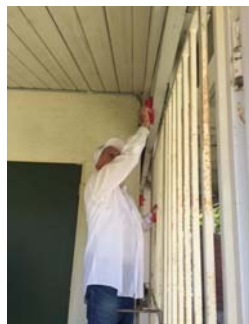
On Sunday I got to preach and fellowship with the English language service of Alhambra True Light Presbyterian Church. During lunch, one of their commissioners commented on the renewal of baptism that was part of the worship service. He stated exactly what Rev. Jennifer Ackerman proposed when she designed the service-that we are baptized into Christ so that we may go out and do Christ's mission in the world. And that's who we are, and that's what we did.

There is much need for the grace of Jesus Christ in this world. We have the awesome opportunity-and responsibility-to be bearers of that grace. Let us take that opportunity, together with our sisters and brothers in Christ, and see God's hand at work in our world.

Thanks for everyone who participated in our first Work Day! And blessings on all of you, for all the ways you reflect God's glory in your life and your work.

Peace,
Wendy

All-Presbytery Work Day





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.

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!

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

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**

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**

The United Nations World Refugee Day is observed each year on June 20th to raise awareness of the situation of refugees throughout the world. This year a coalition of faith based groups (ICUJP, IHC, the Episcopal Diocese of LA and others) are organizing a Justice luncheon, sponsored by St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Apple Valley. There will be speakers from CIVIC (Citizens Initiative for Visiting Immigrants in Confinement) to discuss immigration detention and an opportunity to travel to Adelanto Detention Facility to visit people being detained. There will be transportation available from Echo Park. The time involved would be from 8:00 to 4:30. More information available soon.

Monte Vista Grove 7TH ANNUAL FOUNDERS' GALA:

Saturday, July 29th from 6-9pm at Descanso Gardens in La Canada.

Fritz Coleman, the NBC4 weather forecaster, will emcee this event. We will honor: Synod of Southern California and Hawaii, House of Rest, Convalescent Aid Society and Robert Koch. Proceeds from this event will benefit the Life Engagement Program which provides enrichment programming to enhance the daily life for Assisted Living and Skilled Nursing residents. For more information please contact Meagan Swan, mewan@mvgh.org or (626) 796-6135 X 417

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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