



## Presbytery of San Gabriel

# MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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**For the week of Monday, June 5, 2017**

### **The Presbytery of San Gabriel has moved!**

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### **ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK**

**Monday, June 5** - Commission on Ministry 5:00 at Trinity, Pasadena

**Tuesday, June 6** - Vision and Strategy Committee 4:00 at La Verne Heights

### **PLEASE REMEMBER**

Please remember Mideast Evangelical Presbyterian Church, South Pasadena in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, June 11, 2017.

### **A REFLECTION FROM THE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER**

The creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for

the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now . . .  
Romans 8:19-22

I think some of the most beautiful and evocative passages in the Bible are contained in Romans 8. I remember a teacher suggesting that this passage points to the Fall, when not only humanity but all of Creation was broken, so we humans are not alone in yearning for God's salvation. This chapter inspires us through its assertion that God's love in Jesus Christ is greater than any kind of trouble we may face. Even the mention of labor pains reminds us of the Fall, when childbirth was cursed with great pain, yet we also know that the pain yields to the joy of new life.

A common perspective is that God gave humankind dominion over the Creation, reflecting the Western Enlightenment view of humanity as standing just below God, separate and above the earth. Our brokenness as humans leads us to mistreat the earth which God has entrusted to our use and care.

I remember a class in seminary when this was discussed, and it was then that I realized that my Christian faith has a distinctive Japanese flavor to it. I never considered humanity to be above Creation, but simply part of it-and if you've seen Japanese landscape paintings, humans are tiny in proportion to the vastness of the rest of Creation.

Now that doesn't mean humans are powerless. My sense of our place as part of Creation is similar to what we used to say when I worked in a battered women's agency-that the man is part of the family and may not be more emotionally hurtful than a woman, but due to his physical and economic strength, he has a special responsibility to manage his power for the good of the whole family, and to control his anger. Likewise, humans are but part of Creation, yet we have the capability of helping or hurting the rest of Creation-so it is our responsibility to choose the way of life and nurture.

I am writing this column early, so that Twila can take a much-deserved long weekend, and today has been focused on the withdrawal of the United States from the Paris Agreement on climate change. This has been anticipated and confronted with much controversy, and a response by several states including California, committing to the goals of the Agreement whether or not they are supported by the nation as a whole.

In the classic *Christ and Culture*, Reinhold Niebuhr offers different models for how we as Christians are to interact with the culture at large. As a nation that was rooted in Christendom, Americans often confuse being American with being Christian. Even many immigrants convert to Christianity in an effort to assimilate to American culture. Yet the Bible repeatedly highlights the corruption of human principalities and powers, and Paul reminds us in Romans 12:2, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-what is good and acceptable and perfect."

As Christian North Americans, it is important to remember that our Christian faith can often be countercultural, and even as laws change, we still have the freedom-and responsibility-to follow God's will. Too often we look to external regulations, even secular regulations, as guides for the Christian life. I noticed when the Book of Order Form of Government was rewritten and reduced, many Presbyterians became anxious because of the lack of specific rules for the ordering of church life. They even interpreted the lack of mention in the new Book of Order with prohibition. In fact, the reverse was intended. When not mentioned, it is left to individual church sessions or other councils of the church to decide what is best for their context.

We American Christians do have the freedom-and the responsibility-to go beyond simple adherence to secular law, but to transcend it with greater mercy and justice than civil law requires. This is not just a response to environmental law. For example, churches are largely exempt from labor laws that regulate all other types of employers in the United States. But too often this is used by churches to take advantage of their employees. Having minimum guidelines-or being exempted from them-does not restrict us down to those minimums; we can choose to do better.

So again, do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed and discern what is the will of God, that individually and as Christ's church, we may be that beacon of light and hope for a hurting world.

Trusting in the love of God in Jesus Christ,  
Wendy

## **June 2017 Stated Clerk's Corner**

We have finally had our Spring Record Review. Leadership from ten (10) congregations attended:

- Knox Presbyterian Church, Pasadena
- La Verne Heights Presbyterian Church, La Verne
- Grace Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles
- First Taiwanese Presbyterian Church, Pasadena
- Grace Taiwanese Church, Temple City
- First Taiwanese Presbyterian Church, Covina
- Westminster Presbyterian Church, Pasadena
- Community Church of El Monte, El Monte
- Community Presbyterian Church, San Marino
- First Presbyterian Church, Altadena

Thank you to Knox Presbyterian Church of Pasadena for being such gracious hosts! We are using our new grid formatted review sheet this year and I am so happy to report that leadership in all the congregations in attendance found it easier and more informative to use! Those of us in attendance were able to learn from each other as we are making this transition. It was a terrific morning!

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](mailto: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

## **SIGN-UP FOR PRESBYTERY WORK DAY SITES NOW UNTIL JUNE 10TH.**

An All-Presbytery Work Day will be held Saturday, June 17. Anyone and everyone is welcome to participate --- not only church members, elders, deacons, and pastors, but those who might never have attended a Presbyterian Church or visited a Presbytery meeting before. The workday will begin with a gathering at 9 am at San Marino Community Church. We will take care of a few brief items of Presbytery business, worship together, and head out in various teams to help at a number of churches and mission projects in our Presbytery. There are 10 different sites to choose from, each one connected to needs in one of our local congregations or mission sites. There are jobs for all different physical ability levels, and no skills or special training is required.

In order to participate in the work day and to receive a lunch, you must sign up in advance, and by June 10th at the latest.,

To sign-up simply click:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oz0u2kaiU-1PUjMem7rR6OYs\\_wU8K\\_jTSkgQnnYmECE/edit?ts=59164dea](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1oz0u2kaiU-1PUjMem7rR6OYs_wU8K_jTSkgQnnYmECE/edit?ts=59164dea)

and write in your name under the work site of your choice.

We will be joined on this work day by our Tapestry Youth Program participants as part of their annual Middle School Mission Week.

As mentioned above, you do not need to be an Elder Commissioner to Presbytery in order to participate; all are welcome. Please join us for worship at 9:45.

Our offering collected during the worship service the morning of June 17th will help support Tapestry activities

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## 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](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

### 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](mailto: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***

#### **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, [mstan@mvgh.org](mailto:mstan@mvgh.org) or (626) 796-6135 X 417

#### **Stewardship Kaleidoscope**

September 25-27, 2017

St. Pete Beach, Florida - TradeWinds Island Grand Resort

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