



Presbytery of San Gabriel

MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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For the week of Monday, June 12, 2017

The Presbytery of San Gabriel has moved!

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ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Wednesday, June 14 - Preschool Directors 1:00 at Olive Garden, Monrovia

Saturday, June 17 - Presbytery Meeting and Work Day - 8:30 Registration at San Marino Community

PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember Grace Taiwanese Presbyterian Church, South Pasadena in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, June 18, 2017.

A REFLECTION FROM THE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER

"I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. . . I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me." John 17:14, 20-21

One year ago, many of us woke up and got ready for church. A few of us heard at church that there had been a mass murder in Florida, at the Pulse nightclub. It was the deadliest mass shooting by a single gunman in U.S. history. The tragedy highlighted the brokenness of this world, as a man from one marginalized group targeted people from another marginalized group, claiming revenge for US intervention in the Middle East. The nightclub itself was one woman's reaction to her brother's death from AIDS; her brother had told her that as a gay man, gay nightclubs were the one place he felt safe.

A little over two weeks ago, on May 26, a man boarded the Portland MAX Green Line train at the Lloyd Center and started harassing two young women with racist and anti-Islamic slurs. Three men attempted to subdue him, and they were stabbed, two of them fatally. In the last two weeks, there have been other terrorist acts in England, but the people of Britain continue with their determination to "keep calm and carry on" and respond to the violence with love.

A few months ago, February 20, 8-year-old Jonah Hwang, a child of First Presbyterian Church in Pomona, was killed by a man who shot into the house where Jonah and others had gathered for dinner. Police found that this man had shot at the house four different times. The man has been arrested, but he has no connection with the family living at the house, and there is no known motive. The Hwang family, the family whose home was shot at, and the whole church family who have cared for them continue to heal, but the grief and shock are deep, and continued prayers are appreciated.

This last week, several members of the Presbyterian Church in Southern California passed away after long illnesses. We pray for Ruth Mandernach (First Encino) upon the death of her husband Bill, the family of John Chandler of Los Ranchos Presbytery, and our own Karen Berns and family upon the passing of our San Gabriel member Rev. Dr. Don Berns early last Monday morning.

We are reminded every day that this world can present us with much to grieve, whether our loss is due to long illness or sudden catastrophic violence. As we face such grievous events, how are we to respond? With certain violent incidents, people have sometimes responded with added violence, demonstrating the axiom that violence begets violence. But we also see that there is another way to respond, even when it seems that the world hates us, and our Lord and Savior and leader of our lives names this directly.

We Christians respond to the hatred of the world with love.

It is no coincidence that the memorial service for Ricky Best, who was killed as he defended those two young women in Portland, included the song "They Will Know We Are Christians by Our Love." I am appreciative that the people of First Presbyterian Pomona have shown strong and persistent love as they care for

each other and grieve together, and that others from partner churches have reached out with resources and support. And I know that the legacy of our close friends and partners is carried forward in the lives of all who loved them.

Last Friday was graduation day for the Alliance Ted K. Tajima High School. This has become one of the happiest days of the year for me. I was delighted to hear multiple allusions to the "Tajima Family"-but only once was that restricted to the likes of my sisters and me. In their minds, the Tajima Family now includes the students, parents, teachers, and administration of this school where young people have been empowered with education and hope, even as they face the difficulties of their lives. Some have had to hold jobs, or care for their siblings, or fear themselves or their parents being deported, or live through violence and poverty and disease in their community-and yet all look forward to college to transform not only their lives, but the lives of their families. As the Senior Class President, a young Latina admitted to UCLA, said,

My parents are undocumented immigrants, and I am the first person in my family to graduate from high school and go to college. That may not mean much to everyone, but when your father had to quit school at 11 because his family could not afford to let him go to school, a high school diploma means so much more. When your mother had to quit school at 11 because she was a girl, and women weren't expected to have an education, a high school diploma means so much more. When your neighborhood is filled with dropouts, gangbangers, and people without hope, a high school diploma means so much more.

We are all challenged with the brokenness of the world and the difficulties of our lives. Yet we have the opportunity to respond as Jesus would respond, with love and faith in the wider mercy of our God. My family was blessed with the suggestion of a man, Dale Okuno, who was inspired by my father's faith to suggest that a school be named after him. We are blessed to see how a legacy can be carried on into future generations, to a family that is not limited to biology or inheritance.

Jesus tells us to love one another, even in the face of the world's hatred. This Saturday we have the opportunity to show love to some of our churches and mission partners with the All-Presbytery Work Day. We still have slots for workers if you want to participate, so please come this Saturday, June 17, and show your support. We may not have lunches if you didn't pre-register, but come anyway. The short Presbytery meeting starts at 9 am at San Marino Community Church, and we expect to start working at the various sites by 11 am. If you have questions, please contact Wendy Gist at gist.wendy@gmail.com or call the Presbytery office, which is now at (626) 614-5964. We will also have worship, with offering going to the Tapestry Youth Collective.

May every action of kindness and justice, of love and forgiveness, be carried forward and magnified in the power of the Holy Spirit. Giving thanks for God's eternal wisdom and the saving grace of Jesus Christ, may we take every opportunity to spread the love that he shows us, that all may be one.

Praying for grace,
Wendy

PRESBYTERY WORK DAY - SLOTS FOR WORKERS ARE STILL AVAILABLE

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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.

Memorial Service for the Rev. Dr. Don Berns

Rev. Don Berns passed away early last Monday morning. A memorial service celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ and Don's life will be this Wednesday, June 14, 3:30, at La Cañada Presbyterian Church, 626 Foothill Blvd, La Cañada 91011.



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



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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
 Business .535 cents per mile

Charitable 14 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

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