



Presbytery of San Gabriel

MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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For the week of Monday, June 26, 2017

The Presbytery of San Gabriel has moved!

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PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember Community Presbyterian Church, West Covina in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, July 2, 2017.

A REFLECTION FROM THE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER

Moses' hands grew weary; so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side; so his hands were steady until the sun set. Exodus 17:12

I have noticed that we are in an exciting season, as churches are making significant decisions that will impact their ministry into the future. As they consider new journeys into an unknown future, I am reminded of the Exodus. I lift up to you the little story of how God empowered Moses to lead the Israelites as they fought Amalek-but Moses got tired, so he needed his partners to help him. This is the essence of what it means to be a presbytery-that we help each other in ministry, as individuals and as churches. So I ask you to lift up to God the following events in prayer.

After five years of trial, Korean Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church will be welcoming Rev. John Moon as their new pastor, to be installed August 6, at 4:00 p.m. This church has experienced denunciation by their former pastor, and years of legal and interpersonal turmoil, and are attempting to rebuild with a determined core of leaders. Churches that have gone through a painful split with the pastor and conflict within do not survive unscathed, so I ask that you pray regularly for Rev. Moon and for the church as they connect with each other and seek to serve Jesus and the people Jesus loves, even as wounded healers.

As you probably know, there have been countless leaders who have contributed time and wisdom to Korean Good Shepherd over the years. One key leader is Rev. David Won. Last week, Rev. Won was hospitalized briefly, then jumped back into ministry, even leading a meeting just this last Saturday in Rowland Heights. But Rev. Won will need a stent to be placed in a clogged artery, either this or next week. Please pray thanksgiving for his help, and hope that God will watch over the procedure and Rev. Won's recovery.

This coming Sunday, Mideast Evangelical Church will be worshipping in their new home in Temple City. There will be some kinks to be worked out for sure-the biggest concern is that the air conditioning in the sanctuary needs to be replaced, so please pray that the temperature in the next two Sundays is, say, 25 degrees cooler than yesterday, especially when they worship at 1:30 p.m.! But their energy is great, and positive, and I am hopeful that this will be a boon to their loving and growing ministry.

Many of our churches are being very intentional about discerning their future ministries, and they are asking the Presbytery for help. So we will be forming several ministry teams, working in various capacities with churches, as requested by their sessions. These teams will take different forms and have different focus areas, depending on what the church sessions identify as their hopes and needs, and the Presbytery's wisdom as COM considers their requests. My prayer is that God will lead us to the people best suited to work with these various churches, and that the people will make themselves available for this important work of the Presbytery.

One ministry team that had been developed almost two years ago worked with Pasadena Presbyterian Church. The team completed their work and has since disbanded, but I believe they played an important part as PPC reviews their ministry and their administration for mission. This coming month, PPC is preparing to install Rev. Walter Contreras as their Spanish-language pastor on July 23 at 2:30 p.m. They are also getting ready to call their Korean-language pastor-which means that for the first time in many years, PPC will have two installed pastors. They are also doing incredibly important work in strengthening their leadership infrastructure, and developing a common vision for ministry as one church. Thanks to the faithful leaders of that church, and the interim work of

Rev. Ann Oglesby-Edwards, and to Rev. Tom Erickson, who helped reestablish the church's confidence that God will be with them as they go forward in faith.

I have spoken with two churches about using the New Beginnings process to help them embark on a new chapter in the life of their churches. You may have heard that we don't do New Beginnings anymore, but what the PC(USA) did is to partner with the Disciples-who developed the New Beginnings process-to continue to support churches who want to use the resource. The person who did the administration for the PC(USA), Michael Whitman, is still the person working with PC(USA) churches doing New Beginnings. The cost is now \$5,500 if a church does it alone, or \$3,500 per church if two or more want to join a cluster. The churches follow the process separately, but the savings come because the trainings can be done jointly and the assessor can meet with multiple churches on one trip. The Presbytery still can provide \$2,000 towards this fee thanks to the Synod stimulus fund, if the church hasn't already used their share in the past.

New Beginnings is not perfect, nor will it give you instant answers about your future ministry, but I still believe it is a cost-effective way to get data about the neighborhood and for all church members to give input in an organized fashion, and many of our churches have made significant decisions after going through the process in the past. Let me know if you are interested in this program, as we are hoping to start with at least two churches this September.

As a presbytery, our job is to support each other as we seek to follow Christ in worship and service. I am greatly encouraged that many of our churches are taking bold steps to transform their ministries, and I am humbled that they are asking for their sisters and brothers of the presbytery to walk with them. I ask you to pray for our churches, their leaders, and those who will know Christ through them. Here is a prayer that comes from the Presbyterian Book of Occasional Services that lifts up our churches and reminds us why God called us together:

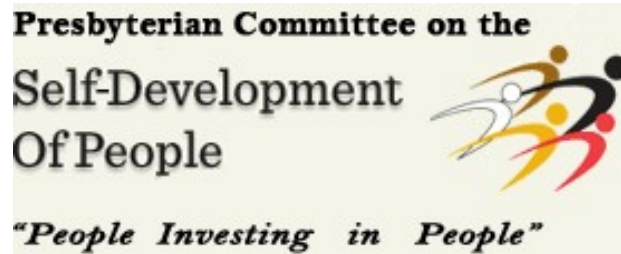
Gracious God, pour out your Spirit of power and truth upon the whole church, that we may be for you a holy people, baptized to serve you in the world. Sustain the church in ministry. Ground us in the gospel, secure our hope in Christ, strengthen our service to the outcast, and increase our love for one another. Show us the transforming power of your grace in our life together, that we may be effective servants of the gospel, offering a compelling witness in the world to the good news of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

May it be so, in your church and in all our churches,
Wendy

WINTERFEST SURVEY

With the summer heat upon us, thoughts of January's Winterfest are far, far away, but not for the Education Committee! We are already working on plans for speakers and workshops, and we need your help. Please give us your thoughts and ideas in this 5-minute survey that will help us make Winterfest 2018 a timely, invigorating event. Deadline is July 15. Click [HERE](#) to take the survey.

Grant Money Available to Qualified Groups from Self-Development of People (SDOP) Committee



Do you know a group of economically disadvantaged people who are running or starting a project or business whose goal is to make a positive difference in their own lives and the lives of others in their community? Based on our One Great Hour of Sharing contributions we have grant money available for appropriate projects. The application deadline for this year's grant funds is Sept. 15, 2017.

The following criteria (and more) are used by the SDOP Committee when evaluating whether a project is valid for funding.

1. 1. Presented, owned, and controlled by the group who will benefit directly from it.
2. 2. Addresses long-term correction of conditions that keep people bound by poverty and oppression.
3. 3. Describes, in detail, the project's goal, its objectives, the way the direct beneficiaries will be involved in all stages of the project, and the methods to be used to achieve the goal and objectives.
4. 4. Is sensitive to the environment while accomplishing its goal(s) or objectives.

The joint Presbytery of San Fernando and San Gabriel Presbytery SDOP Committee is seeking grant applicants. Members of the committee representing SGP are Young Lee Hertig, Walter Contreras, Doug Edwards, and Wendy Gist.

For more information, to talk about a potential project, or to get an application contact Young (younglee@isaacweb.org), Walter (mcymusa@aol.com), Doug (Doug.Edwards@thebegroup.org) or Wendy (gist.wendy@gmail.com).

Meaningful and Important Ways to Support Refugees in our Area

There are a myriad of opportunities available to help refugees in our area. There are ways for our congregations and for us as individuals to get involved. Several options are listed below. Please consider how you can engage with this marginalized population that is in great need.

1. Adopt-A-Family program through Esperanza Immigrant Rights Project. Become a sponsor for an individual or family. Sponsorship will help pay for the refugee's legal representation costs. Sponsors will meet the family and have the opportunity to maintain a relationship with them. Total cost involved (payment plan available) will most likely be between \$3000 and \$5000. For more information contact Guillermo Torres at gtorres@cluejustice.org.
2. Central American Youth Conference 2017 is looking for volunteers to help plan the event. The conference will be held during the first week of December and will take place at Cal State L.A. Last year the conference brought together approximately 600 refugee youth from 12 schools for workshops and more. For more information contact Alexander Sanchez at 213-383-7484 or asanchez@homiesunidos.org.
3. San Fernando Valley Refugee Children Center at 15435 Rayen St., North Hills, CA 91343 can use our support. This center now has about 130 refugee children registered

with them and they are doing their best to link them to legal, medical, spiritual, and counseling services. While building relationships with the kids they also provide material support, take them on excursions, and hold special events for the kids and their sponsors. We can support this center by collecting toys, books, school items, personal hygiene supplies, food, and bus tokens. For more information contact the Center at 747-529-4783 or Amanda Romero at amandaromero92@yahoo.com or (818) 400-2891.

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.

Spirituality & Aging Certificate Program Fall 2017



A course integrating faith and practice for those working with and caring for the older members of our community

Older adult programming often fails to adequately address the spiritual concerns that arise in the aging process. Designed to address this gap, the Spirituality and Aging Certificate Program empowers participants with the knowledge and skills needed to effectively address spiritual needs during the aging process where they work, worship, or volunteer.

Participants explore the bio-psycho-social-spiritual aspects of aging, with an emphasis on how spirituality informs and can enhance the aging process. Through the classes, readings, assignments, and interaction with their peers and the professors, students develop a wholistic perspective on aging and form a plan to put the knowledge and skills gained into action.

The Spirituality and Aging Certificate Program includes an orientation retreat, followed by four classes, held on Saturdays from 9 am-1:30 pm on the dates below. The course location is determined by registration.

Orientation Retreat	September 16, 2017
Aging Defined	October 21, 2017
Toward a Spirituality of Aging	November 18, 2017
Aging in Context	January 20, 2018
Spirituality and Organizational Theory	February 24, 2018

Continuing education credit is available for BRN, RCFE, and NAB, as well as to meet denominational requirements.

For more information, call 626-765-9500, email info@ntswest.org or visit <http://sccsa.ntswest.org>

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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

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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