



Presbytery of San Gabriel

MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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For the week of Monday, July 17, 2017

On the Calendar This Week

Executive Presbyter, Wendy Tajima will be on vacation and will return to the office on August 4th.

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PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember our Teaching Elders serving as missionaries throughout the world in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, July 23, 2017.

A REFLECTION FROM THE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER

If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. - 1 Corinthians 12:26-27

Every summer, your presbytery staff reflect on our work in the past year, and update our objectives for the next year, until June 2018. I thought I would share a few top-line priorities, for your information and so you can pray for us as we seek to support the ministries of San Gabriel Presbytery.

Diane Frasher, Stated Clerk (statedclerk@sangabpres.org): Diane has the responsibility for ensuring that the constitutional duties of the Stated Clerk are fulfilled, in coordination with Associate Stated Clerk Twila French. A major new emphasis this year is to provide more training and consultation with clerks of session of our member churches, especially new clerks and/or churches who seek to improve their session minutes and church records. Because Diane will no longer be Stated Clerk for Riverside Presbytery, her schedule will be more flexible from now on. On a personal note, she now lives within San Gabriel Presbytery (in La Verne), and has a new grandson, Dalton, born on Friday, July 14. Congratulations, Diane!

Twila French, Associate Stated Clerk/Administrator (presby@sangabpres.org): As I have shared, Twila has had to take on yet another major job responsibility when we purchased the Temple City property. In addition to her work with Diane, managing the office, and doing the bookkeeping, Twila is a point person for repairs and coordinating with our shared ministry partners as we share the Presbytery Center. Unfortunately, one area we had hoped to relieve Twila was website management, but that has not happened as the redesign has not been completed and an on-going maintenance person has not been identified. We will need to make some decisions if the website redesign is not completed by September. An on-going prayer I have for Twila is self-care, especially taking vacation time away from the Presbytery.

Wendy Gist, Mission Advocate (gist.wendy@gmail.com): Wendy's priorities expanded significantly when the Justice, Peacemaking and Mission Committee was formed in 2015. She continues to live into this expanded portfolio in the coming year, now including SDOP (Self-Development of People). We discussed the success of our first annual Presbytery Work Day, and have plans to enable more participation next summer. Wendy is finalizing the preparations for the second youth trip to Peru (though she misses Rocky Supinger, who worked with her to coordinate the details for the first youth trip several years ago). Please pray for all participants, youth and adults, during their time in Peru, July 27-August 7. And we still hope to invite several new participants for our first-ever installation in Peru's capital city of Lima. This will be a great opportunity because Lima is more accessible and closer to sea level, and the culture of Lima is rich and fascinating. The hope is that the Lima trip will be in Spring 2018.

Jake Kim, Ministry Development Associate (jakekim@sangabpres.org): Jake will continue to work with the Vision and Strategy Team to develop procedures for evaluating potential new worshipping communities and their leaders, especially as they apply for funding through and from the presbytery. Jake and VST will also support potential new worshipping community leaders, especially who may be interested in the middle of our presbytery, as well as working with a couple of churches in redevelopment. One area that Jake also hopes to focus more on is leadership development, especially supporting young adults who may be coming into leadership in their churches.

Lauren Evans, Chaplain for Retired Presbyterian Church Workers

(revlaurenevans@gmail.com): Lauren is learning from our retirees how to define and support the relationships of our retirees with the larger church, and with each other. There is a desire for retirees to connect with each other in a different way from their career days before retirement. Lauren hopes to hold quarterly lunches, and to explore ways our retirees can use their personal and also pastoral gifts. Finally, Lauren anticipates opportunities to help retirees navigate their finances, and to share their story. I for one would love to hear more from our amazing retirees, who have lived and often were raised in other countries in work through World Mission. Lauren is seeking a way for the retirees to share their stories-I for one would love to hear more from our retirees!

Wendy Tajima, Executive Presbyter (wendytajima@sangabpres.org): As I mentioned last week, several of our churches are making significant decisions about their future ministries, and I want to support them through their transitions, whatever they may become. Of course, property issues continue to roll along, both the revision and management of the new Presbytery Center but also the ongoing sagas of attempts to sell the Irwindale and South Hills (Pomona) properties. Another major initiative will be to work with Twila French and our CPA, Bruce Gray, to do a major redesign of our accounting system. The current accounting system needs a redesign, especially with property income and expenses, dozens of defunct accounts that need clearing out, and to enable a mission-specific fiscal process.

Speaking of the new Presbytery Center, we need a high-quality grand piano for the sanctuary. The piano was replaced by the Disciples by a loaner when the building was transferred. If you know of a grand piano that can be donated to the Presbytery or purchased, please let Twila or me know. But since I'll be out of town the next three weeks, better to contact Twila at 626.614.5964 or presby@sangabpres.org.

One last update. This last weekend was a very happy one for our presbytery, as Pasadena Presbyterian Church met as a full congregation and voted to call Rev. Dongwoo Lee as their Korean Language Pastor. Dongwoo has been a very active member of our presbytery, and his great pastoral gifts were most appreciated as he helped Korean Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church during a most difficult time as they were exiled from their building. Korean Good Shepherd's Administrative Commission just met this weekend as well, and with that church's call to Rev. John Moon, the AC voted to seek dissolution this fall. They gave original jurisdiction to the church session immediately, and plan to complete financial reviews and present a final report for the September 16 Presbytery meeting. HALLELUJAH!

PPC's Korean praise team sang a song that included the following lines:

Nothing will be able to separate us from the love of God
And nothing will be able to stop us from loving His church.

As we all seek to serve Christ's church in different ways, and as we can celebrate together each other's ministries and the ministries we support as one body, let us give thanks to God for opportunities to uplift each other in the Presbytery, and for very gifted and faithful staff who support you as you follow Christ's leading. And may we all continue to love Christ's church.

In Christ's peace,
Wendy

WANTED - HIGH QUALITY GRAND PIANO

The new Presbytery Center is in need a high-quality grand piano for the sanctuary. The previous piano was replaced with a loaner when the building was transferred from the Disciples of Christ to San Gabriel Presbytery. If you know of a grand piano that can be donated to the Presbytery or purchased, please let Twila know. Contact Twila at 626.614.5964 or presby@sangabpres.org.



David and Josey, home from Cuba in August

Our own David Cortes-Fuentes and Josey Saez Acevedo will be in Southern California, August 7-28. They have some engagements to let folks know about life in Cuba, as they are fully involved at the Matanzas Theological Seminary.



You are welcome to the following events, but they also have available times to visit other churches or organizations. Contact Karen Sapio at karensapio@claremontpres.org to schedule them for a visit.

Sunday August 13: Worship at Trinity Presbyterian near Sierra Madre
3740 E. Sierra Madre Blvd., Pasadena 91107
(626) 351-8823

Wednesday August 9 or August 16
Possible evening event at Pasadena Presbyterian (details TBA)
585 E. Colorado Blvd., Pasadena 91101

Sunday, August 20
– David worships at Claremont Presbyterian and Emmanuel Presbiteriana
1111 N. Mountain Avenue, Claremont 91711
– Josey worships at La Verne Heights Presbyterian
1040 Baseline Road, La Verne 91750
–David and Josey at Westminster Gardens Vespers, 3:00-4:30 p.m.
1420 Santo Domingo Ave, Duarte 91010
–David and Josey at Dinner and Program at Calvary Presbyterian, 5:30-8:00 p.m.
1050 Fremont Avenue, South Pasadena 91030
(626) 799-7148

Sunday August 27: Solana Beach Presbyterian Church, north San Diego
120 Stevens Avenue, Solana Beach 92075
(858) 509-2580

DANCE FOR CHARITY





Dance for Charity



Food, Wine, Dancing
\$35 per person

Friday July 28
6:30 - 9:30 P.M.
Church of Our Savior
Cleaver Hall
535 W. Roses Road
San Gabriel, CA 91775

Presented by the Rotary Club of San Gabriel
to benefit La Casa Community Center and
Rotary International

Tickets for Sale from Lisa
Call La Casa

La Casa Community Center
626-286-2144 www.lacasacommunitycenter.org

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

Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development Of People



"People Investing in People"

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. Presented, owned, and controlled by the group who will benefit directly from it.
2. Addresses long-term correction of conditions that keep people bound by poverty and oppression.
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. 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!

NOW ENROLLING
YOUTH SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM
June 26 - August 5
Barrio Music ORGANIZATION
PIANO DRUMS GUITAR
Centro Comunitario CaliCenter LA PUENTE
CALL: (562) 505-9771 or (626) 695-5110
E-MAIL: info@barriomusic.org
15302 FRANCISQUITO AVE.
LA PUENTE, CA 91744

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Worship Band Leader

www.synod.org

www.pcusa.org

www.pensions.org

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

Email resume to mjedmond@verizon.net

La Verne Heights Presbyterian Church
1040 Baseline Road, La Verne, CA 91750



ITEMS OF INTEREST

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