



Presbytery of San Gabriel

MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember Westminster Presbyterian Church of Temple City in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, April 15, 2018.

ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Saturday, April 14 - Synod Assembly 1:00 at Monte Vista Grove Homes

Please pray for Sandy Shervington, wife of Rev. Roger Shervington. Sandy is in the ICU at Pomona Valley Hospital with a UTI compounded with thyroid failure. Prognosis is guarded. Thank you and God bless.



Antiracism Training, led by Rev. Eric Law of Kaleidoscope Institute
(Open to all)

April 14 (Sat) 9 AM to 12 PM
Monte Vista Grove Homes, Marwick Place

2889 San Pasqual St., Pasadena

Lunch is provided with RSVP. Please RSVP with Fried Wilson at friedwilson@synod.org

A REFLECTION FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER, WENDY TAJIMA

What are human beings that You are mindful of them,
mortals that You care for them?
You have given them dominion over the works of Your hands;
You have put all things under their feet. *Psalm 8:4, 6*

Reflection

I am a "cradle Presbyterian," meaning I was born and raised in this church. Because my grandfather and two uncles were Presbyterian pastors who held leadership positions in the church and the community at large, because my father was a perennial Presbytery commissioner and a GA commissioner sent by this presbytery to the 1994 General Assembly in Wichita, I grew up assuming I was just like other Presbyterians.

It wasn't until I went to seminary that I realized my way of being Presbyterian had a distinctively Japanese flavor to it. I came to this understanding during a class where each week we talked about Christian spirituality and our response to various issues in life. In one class, we discussed the environment. The White students talked about humans being in charge of Creation, as if we were separate and above the rest of Creation, with the power to destroy the Earth. Their perspective was obviously rooted in Psalm 8.

As they spoke, I thought of Japanese landscape paintings, where people and houses are put in proper perspective to the rest of Creation. In my mind, humans are but small members of the family of Creation. Now because humans are powerful, we have a responsibility to manage our power for good and not for destruction. (I learned this from my days working with battered women, that men have a responsibility to manage their anger, because of the destructive power of their physical strength.) While we are powerful, humans are not in charge of, or outside of, the rest of Creation. Also, I do not believe we have the power to destroy the Earth-though we certainly have proved that we can make Earth uninhabitable for humans and other forms of life. Though this perspective may run counter to Psalm 8, I would contend that much of the rest of the Bible highlights the greatness of God, and only God, who uses the universe as God's footstool, and how humanity and all the rest of Creation are known and loved by God, and all forces of nature can be used by God to care for or discipline humanity.

When I went to Ngorongoro Crater in Tanzania, I had an experience of the Creation that I never had before. Because this is a true crater-the largest inactive and intact crater in the world-the little jeeps first circle the rim, then drive into the center of the crater by one very bumpy road. Reaching the floor of the crater, I could see the rim creating a fairly effective barrier from the rest of the world. It seemed as if this was a world unto itself, with its own order, safe from the excesses of humanity, as Tanzania has made this a conservation area, restricting access and of course hunting.

In this sanctuary, where humans are few and relatively unobtrusive, the animals seemed

to live in peace. Zebras and warthogs gathered in large numbers in one area, with the zebras walking along with the jeep as if they thought we were some kind of mutant, wheel-footed animal. In other areas, wildebeests, gazelles, and ostriches gathered-with lionesses and their cubs on a raised ridge. The animals seemed to understand each other quite well; at one point two gazelles carefully stepped out to watch the lions, tails wagging, to see if the lions would come after them (the gazelles were far enough away that they could run if need be). The lions were otherwise engaged, so the gazelles walked by with a bit of confidence.

This order is not without danger. At one point we found a hyena eating some other animal with relish. But whether they be hippopotamus in the water, rhinoceros in the distance, elephants in the forest, or the crested crane looking stunning amongst them, my friends and I kept expressing the sense of peace in this place. If only we humans can practice moderation, that we may be partners in, rather than tyrants over, the rest of Creation!

In a week from this Saturday, we will have our next Presbytery meeting. Moderator Becca Bateman is shaping the 2018 Presbytery meetings along our priority to build relationships. So in January, we built relationships with each other, as we learned together in WinterFest, worshiped and sat at table with each other in worship, and installed our new officers for 2018.

On June 2nd, our all-Presbytery Day of Service, we will build relationships with our neighbors near and far, as we work at Westminster Gardens for this retirement community as well as other mission partners. In September, we will focus on our relationship with God, and in November we will hold another Self-Care Fair, as we build relationship with self.

Since our April Presbytery meeting is the day before Earth Day, this meeting will be focused on our relationship with Creation. It is also fitting to have the meeting at Claremont Presbyterian, as they have made significant investments in an urban garden and renovating their Christian Education building to be more energy-efficient.

We will also show support for Pomona Hope's efforts to continue their community garden. As it happens, the Presbytery is involved in both Pomona-based community gardens. As we have a prospective buyer for the South Hills property, they are waiting for us to effectively close down that garden. And the City of Pomona has sold the property across from First Presbyterian, which means their garden will be closed down. Both sets of gardeners are working with public officials for a permanent, larger community garden, backed by grants from healthcare companies that want to promote healthier living. Pomona Hope is raising funds for a new garden (sadly, soon after it was announced that their garden is to close, their gardening equipment was stolen), and they are holding a fundraiser on April 14th; if you want to learn more about the event and Pomona Hope in general, click [here](#).

For the April 21st Presbytery offering, we will give to Pomona Hope, the program of First Presbyterian Pomona that runs the Center Street Garden. We will give in honor of our relationship with Creation, in loving memory of Jonah Hwang, the child of First Presbyterian Pomona who loved superheroes and remains in the hearts of the Pomona Pres family, and in support of the Center Street Garden.

As we give thanks for new life this Eastertide, even in the midst of so much destruction

and violence in Syria and in our own neighborhoods, let us pray for and nurture new life for all of Creation, whose care was entrusted to us, and whose bounty sustains our own lives. If you cannot come to the Presbytery meeting, you can always give directly to the garden at saveourgarden.org.

Praying for peace for all of us,
Wendy

Third Annual Interfaith Solidarity March, April 29, 2-6 p.m.

This march is 1.1 miles, starting at Wilshire Boulevard (Jewish) Temple (3663 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles), with brief stops at St. Basil Roman Catholic Church and our own Immanuel Presbyterian Church, where Steve Yamaguchi now serves, and arrives at The Islamic Center of Southern California (434 S. Vermont Avenue). Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. at Wilshire Boulevard Temple, and speakers and community-building will form the program at the Islamic Center. For more information, email InterfaithMarchLA@gmail.com, or phone (323) 454-0557. Go to InterfaithMarchLA for more information, including flyers. The march is organized by the Institute for Religious Tolerance, Peace and Justice, a nonprofit partnership of Los Angeles-area religious groups, including Immanuel. The march is situated in what is called the "Wilshire Cluster" of well-established religious groups from several Abrahamic faiths in what we now call Koreatown. My internship at Immanuel was one of the most important years of my life. While there, I first met Bob Linthicum, who was doing community organizing with the Wilshire Cluster.

Consider the Conversation

Living well...Dying well



Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Westminster Gardens, Packard Hall
1420 Santo Domingo Ave., Duarte, 91010

Choose Your Time: 8:30 - 10:30am or 5:30 - 7:30pm
Free Parking, Continental Breakfast or Evening Appetizers

Video excerpt followed by facilitated discussion



RSVP by April 13th to: Hanan.Salim@huntingtonhospital.com
For more information: San Gabriel Valley End of Life Care Coalition 626-397-5951

Register Now for the POAMN Conference, June 5-8, 2018 at Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center!

Download the full [conference brochure](#), complete and return the registration pages.

Or complete electronically [here](#).

SAVORING THE JOURNEY

"So that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord."

Acts 3:20

2018 Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries
Network (POAMN) Conference

June 5-8, 2018

Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center, Zephyr Cove, Nevada

Meet us in St. Louis Meet us at Stewardship Kaleidoscope September 24-26, 2018

Looking for ways to transform how your church or judicatory views stewardship? This year's Stewardship Kaleidoscope conference will help you think about generosity in a whole new way! Stewardship Kaleidoscope is an annual event offering keynote speakers and workshops to renew your mind, and worship experiences to renew your spirit. There will also be plenty of time for incredible networking opportunities with others passionate about generosity and giving. Since you've attended a previous Stewardship Kaleidoscope event, we thought you'd want to be among the first to know about this year's transformative event. [SEE MORE](#) and [REGISTER HERE](#)

2018 Presbytery Meetings

April 21, 2018 @ Claremont Presbyterian Church
June 2, 2018 - Including Day of Service @ Westminster Gardens, Duarte
September 15, 2018 @ Calvary Presbyterian Church, South Pasadena
November 10, 2018 @ First Thai Presbyterian Church, Covina

2018 Presbytery Minimums

Pastor's Minimum Salary: \$53,745
Travel/Professional Expense Reimbursement: \$2,550
Study Leave: \$950

2018 Mileage Reimbursement Rates:

Ministry .545 cents per mile

Charitable 14 cents per mile

Quick Links

www.sangabpres.org

www.synod.org

www.pcusa.org

www.pensions.org

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Church Administrator

Pasadena Presbyterian Church, 585 East Colorado Boulevard, Pasadena is seeking an individual to be responsible for efficiently administering the office operations in order to provide a welcoming and well run church, for the church members, staff and visitors. The current office operations staff includes a full-time facilities director, a full-time bookkeeper, a full-time administrative assistant and a part-time administrative assistant. This position will assist the Personnel Committee as the primary resource person for human resources matters. He/she will also work closely with the bookkeeper to ensure that financial statements are accurate and timely.

Qualifications include:

- 5+ years of supervisory experience including experience in the area of Accounting and Human Resources
- Experience working in a non-profit organization, preferably a church
- Strong working knowledge of office computer systems: Outlook, Excel, Word, PowerPoint, church accounting software, database software and willingness to learn new systems.

Compensation: \$65,000 - \$75,000 based on experience and ability with medical coverage included.

To apply: Submit resume, and cover letter pdf format to the attention of the Personnel Committee at ppchr@ppc.net. Please go to our website: ppc.net for a detailed job description. Applications will be received until the position is filled.

PRAISE BAND WORSHIP LEADER - SUNDAY MORNING

Calvary Presbyterian Church in Riverside, CA, is looking for a talented singer/musician and worship leader for our Sunday 8:45 a.m. Contemporary worship service, *The Gathering*. Coordinating with the pastors, Worship Leader selects all songs for this service to compliment the scripture texts. Also directs Praise Band including two vocalists and one pianist/vocalist; leads monthly 2-hr. practice;

and 30-minute warm-up on Sunday morning before worship. Ideally, Worship Leader would have 3+ years of experience leading praise worship and band, play guitar or other instrument, and have experience working with and encouraging other musicians to create spirit-led, inspired praise worship. We are a vibrant downtown church with 30-40 people in this service. Paid position. Send details to Debbie Neal at church@calvarypresch.com

Open Position - Director of Outreach

Claremont Presbyterian Church is seeking a Director of Outreach. This is a full time position.

Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor's degree and three years' experience working in a church, nonprofit, or similar organization. Some post-graduate work preferred. Salary will be commensurate with experience.

To apply: Submit resume, cover letter, and three current references in pdf format to claremontpresapnc@gmail.com. Applications will be received until the position is filled.

Click [HERE](#) for a complete job description.



ITEMS OF INTEREST

DON'T BLOW YOUR BUDGET

Practical Advice That Works

Linda Neuenburg

April 14th @ 5:30

Babysitting is available

9723 Garibaldi Ave, Temple City, CA 91780

Click on the following video link for more information:

<https://youtu.be/ZoID-aaEC28>

2018 Mosaic of Peace - A Presbyterian Peacemaking Conference in Israel/Palestine.

April 29 - May 12, 2018

Apply online at presbyterianmission.org/mosaic through November 15, 2017

For more information visit presbyterianmission.org/mosaic or call 800-728-7228 x5805

PRESBYTERIAN OLDER ADULT MINISTRIES SAVORING THE JOURNEY CONFERENCE

"So that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord." Acts 3:20a
JUNE 5-8, 2018
ZEPHYR POINT PRESBYTERIAN CONFERENCE CENTER
660 HWY 50, ZEPHYR COVE, NV 89448
Click [HERE](#) to download the conference flyer

Save the Date - La Casa's Annual Fundraising Dinner
Thursday, October 11, 2018 6 P.M.
LA/San Gabriel Hilton

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