



Presbytery of San Gabriel

MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember Community Presbyterian Church of West Covina in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, April 22, 2018.

ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday, April 16 - Personnel Committee 1:00 at Westminster Temple City
Wednesday, April 18 - Justice, Peacemaking and Mission 11:30 at Knox, Pasadena
Saturday, April 21 - Presbytery Meeting at Claremont Presbyterian Church - 8:30 registration

Presbytery Meeting Lunch Reservations

Please make your lunch reservations no later than **Wednesday, April 18th**. You can email your reservation request to



presby@sangabpres.org

- be sure to include your name, your church and the number of reservations you are making. The cost of lunch is \$8 and should be paid at the meeting.

Click [HERE](#) to download a copy of the complete Presbytery Packet

A REFLECTION FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER, WENDY TAJIMA

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."
John 10:11

Reflection

Last week I wrote about the vastness of Creation, and how we are but a small part of it. (Those who need a reminder can go to Google and type in "milky way you are here" and you'll find many images illustrating this fact.)

Since then—even looking at this lectionary text for next Sunday—I keep getting reminded of the flip side of our relationship with the rest of Creation. I started the week at the vet with my cat, who suddenly seemed to lose control of her limbs. She had three short episodes of this in two hours, two of them while at the vet's office (though, of course, they occurred when the vet and vet tech were out of the room). They took blood tests and said she seemed fine, and she hasn't had one of those episodes since. She does have an overactive thyroid, which I had already suspected, so I'll be taking her back in soon.

But for the last several days I have been worrying over one of my dogs, who has had severe back pain. After another visit to the vet, I have been trying to get him to take multiple drugs to ease the pain, and then to give him Prilosec to ease the pain that comes from taking the drugs. I can't help but feel stressed by this. As a child I remember my mother's great compassion for pets, and while in seminary my first cat died, which was devastating because I felt that God had given me this small life to care for, and I lost her.

We all have the opportunity to fulfill our role as caretakers of Creation, as God commands us. For me, it's pets and my responsibility to you all as members of the Presbytery (remember, I think of people as part of Creation too). For others, it's people healing from injury in hospitals and physical therapy offices, or tending to those who are on their way off this mortal plane. I cannot guess at how it feels to be responsible for one's own children, though there is so much more in that relationship than just responsibility. Certainly Jesus' comment about giving one's life for those we are called to care for is most apparent in a parent's love for a child.

Some of us are trying to reclaim another major role as caretakers of Creation, through farming. I know that in schools as diverse as Crenshaw High School in South Los Angeles, my alma mater John Muir High School in Pasadena, and Kanuikapono Public Charter School in Anahola, Kaua`i, there have been farming initiatives for the students. In

my own very limited experience in urban farming, there is something healing and of course life-giving in tending to and witnessing the life force of nature. I have heard that there are major new initiatives to support community gardens, as a way of promoting healthier lifestyles through the cultivation of fresh produce.

This Saturday, our offering will go to Pomona Hope's efforts to continue their community garden. This garden has been part of the partnership First Presbyterian Pomona has with their immediate neighborhood. In good community organizing fashion, years ago they had a series of meetings with neighbors and talked about the needs of the community. Out of that grew Pomona Hope, which provides after-school educational and sports activities, support groups for parents, art activities, and the Center Street Garden. You can learn more about Pomona Hope at <http://www.pomonahope.org/>

Like many of our churches, Pomona Pres is looking ahead to their next phase of ministry, and they are especially concerned with supporting the next generation as they grow into young adulthood and leadership in the church. The church has been a wonderful presence in the community and its leaders live out their faith in remarkable ways. For instance, I happened to google two of their leaders, Tom and Bree Hsieh, and came across an article from the *Orange County Register* about how they live within the median income for Los Angeles County, which enables them to give away much more than that each year. (I've known Tom and Bree for years and never knew this.)

Our offering will be given in memory of Jonah Hwang, a child of Pomona Pres who lost his life a year ago from gun violence. Again, I cannot imagine the pain felt by Jonah's family, but the joy of his life is his lasting legacy. As Christ gave his life for his people, we as Christ's followers must know that to be faithful is not to be protected from pain; we continue to share the risk of living in this very broken world. As we take up our cross and give up our lives to follow Jesus, we cling to the Resurrection promise that there is eternal love and glorious peace on the other side of the cross. We get a glimpse of this by observing the cycle of life that is lived out constantly in the world around us.

I hope to see you all for our Presbytery meeting this Saturday morning at Claremont Presbyterian Church. Please let us know if you can stay for lunch, so that we have time to catch up with each other. And bring your checkbooks for the offering.

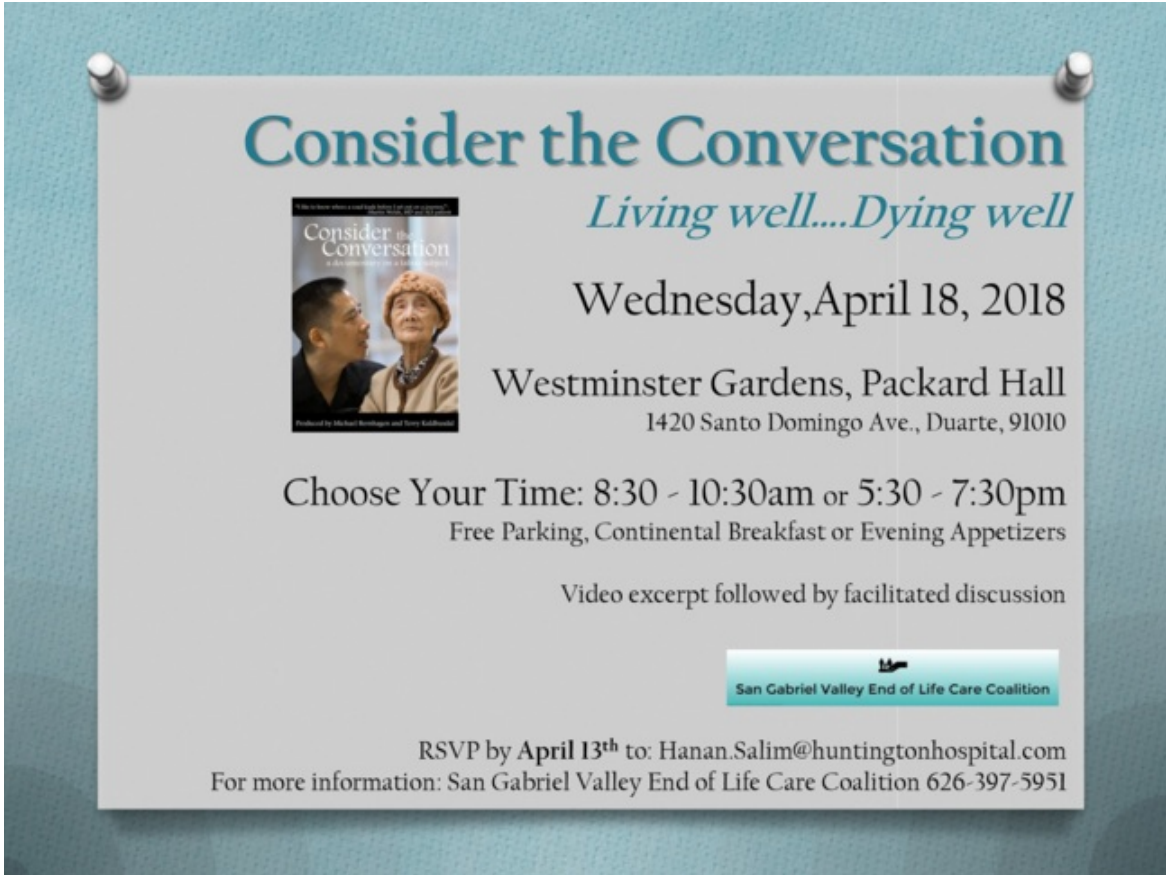
And even if you cannot come to the Presbytery meeting, you can always give directly to the Center Street Garden at saveourgarden.org.

Giving thanks to God for planting me here with you,
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.

A flyer for an event titled "Consider the Conversation" with the subtitle "Living well...Dying well". The flyer is pinned to a light blue background. It features a small image of a man and a woman looking at each other. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at Westminster Gardens, Packard Hall, 1420 Santo Domingo Ave., Duarte, 91010. It offers two time slots: 8:30 - 10:30am or 5:30 - 7:30pm. There is free parking, continental breakfast or evening appetizers. The event includes a video excerpt followed by a facilitated discussion. The flyer is from the San Gabriel Valley End of Life Care Coalition. RSVP is due by April 13th to Hanan.Salim@huntingtonhospital.com. For more information, contact the San Gabriel Valley End of Life Care Coalition at 626-397-5951.

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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

Business .545 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

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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