



## Presbytery of San Gabriel

# MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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## PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember Arabic Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Arcadia in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, May 13, 2018.

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## ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

**Thursday , May 10** - Administration and Finance 2:30 at the Presbytery Center in Temple City

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## OUT OF THE OFFICE THIS WEEK

Executive Presbyter, Wendy Tajima will be out of the office this week for Continuing Education.

Stated Clerk, Diane Frasher will be out of the office this week for vacation.

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# A REFLECTION FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER, WENDY TAJIMA

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything; the only thing that counts is faith working through love. *Galatians 5:6*

## Reflection

A couple of weeks ago, I gave a summary of the April 21 Presbytery meeting, and I mentioned the approach now being taken by the Vision and Strategy Team (VST).

As a new committee, VST felt the need to develop a stronger shared understanding of their role in the life of the Presbytery. They did this by taking the current mission statement of the Presbytery of San Gabriel, and reflecting on its relevance in guiding their work.

In case you aren't familiar with it, here is the Mission Statement of the Presbytery of San Gabriel:

To expand the Kingdom of God in the San Gabriel Valley by building a relational Body of Christ that ministers to our congregations, each other, and the world.

1. To strengthen, support and equip our congregations in their work of ministry;
2. To take time for each other by worshiping, praying, celebrating, supporting and depending upon one another;
3. To work for the transformation of the valley by sharing our faith in Jesus Christ, becoming a mosaic of Godly diversity in a deeply divided society, and by demonstrating our faith by engagement in public life.

I was invited to sit in as VST deliberated their own vision statement for their work together. One of the concerns that we noticed is that the first two bullet points in the current mission statement view ministry internally, suggesting that the Presbytery's work is limited to current congregations. Of course our primary concern is to be supportive of and responsive to our congregations, and to ensure that they have the opportunity to know about and contribute to decisions that impact them. But what if we don't have congregations in a particular area, or they are not equipped to serve that community in its current state of diversity? Is it enough to focus our efforts only on existing congregations?

We also felt that the current mission statement is too long for a mission statement. You probably have heard guidelines that say a mission statement must be short-usually just one sentence-and easy to repeat and compelling to hear. During the discussion, someone noticed that while the first two points seemed more tactical in nature, the third point seemed more like a vision for the mission Jesus Christ called us to. We are not simply to serve our own, but to seek to proclaim the love and saving grace of Jesus to all in our region, in this case San Gabriel Valley. VST's role is to review our ministry coverage for the region, and to nurture new ministries or help redevelop existing congregations where our coverage is thin or insufficient.

And how would VST assess whether we are providing that ministry coverage, and if someone approaches them for aid, how are they to determine whether it's a good investment of limited resources to fund that particular project?

It seemed that this last statement contained the elements of what it means to be a vital ministry or congregation in San Gabriel Presbytery. So as we consider how we're doing as congregations and as a presbytery, we should ask ourselves and each other . . .

- Are we a transformational presence in our communities?
- The best way to become God's transforming presence is by making disciples of Jesus Christ, who know and share and live out the Gospel to neighbors and friends. How are our members able to share their faith and live and love as Jesus calls us?
- Are we reflecting God's creativity-and God's desire for shalom across worldly boundaries-so that we can celebrate and demonstrate the love of people who are siblings in Christ, born in every hue of skin color and/or bringing diverse perspectives on faith and mission.
- And are we using our faith and gifts not only to serve our own, but to bring God's love into the public space as well?

I believe there is value for all of us to consider these three metrics as guidelines for healthy ministries and congregations. Are we making faithful disciples of Jesus Christ? Are we reflecting God's will for all believers to join as one body of Christ that reflects God's creativity and call for love across boundaries? And are we willing to move our faith to more than Sunday worship by demonstrating our faith in public life?

These are characteristics of a vibrant, well-rounded, Reformed community of faith, and I am thankful to VST for giving new life and focus to our existing mission statement. We can use this statement to guide our discernment when reviewing or investing in healthy ministries-discipleship, Godly diversity, engaging with the world. Wouldn't it be a beautiful transformation for our home in San Gabriel Valley if our churches were fulfilling these three roles of vital ministry? I pray you can look at your own church and consider how we are doing in relation to this vision.

In peace, love and hope,  
Wendy

## **2018 REVIEW OF RECORDS**

Saturday, October 13, 2018 at New Hope Presbyterian Church, Pasadena

## **REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE**

A neighbor of the Presbyter Center and good friend of Playfactory Preschool is looking for assistance. His name is Dave and he needs someone to do welfare checks and change compression bandages. Dave's daughter lives far enough away to make this difficult. Her name is Kris Ackerman. Her email address is [kackerman@asc4sales.com](mailto:kackerman@asc4sales.com) and her phone # is (562) 221-7589. Please give her a call if you can be of assistance.

# 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](#)

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## 2018 Presbytery Meetings

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

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## 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

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## Quick Links

[www.sangabpres.org](http://www.sangabpres.org)

[www.synod.org](http://www.synod.org)

[www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org)

[www.pensions.org](http://www.pensions.org)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### Emmanuel Hispanic Presbyterian Church

1111 No. Mountain Ave., Claremont, CA, 91711 is looking for a Temporary pastor, or Student Pastor , half time, who would like to offer his or her leadership in the work and growth of our ministry to the hispanic people in the area where we are located.

The position requires preaching on Sunday morning, conducting a Bible study every Friday evening, some visitation, and cooperating with other activities of the church.

Salary according to experience and preparation.  
Please send your resumé to Zoila A. García, Emmanuel Hispanic Presbyterian Church, 1111 No. Mountain Ave., Claremont, CA 91711. Or to [iglesiapresbyterianemmanuel@gmail.com](mailto:iglesiapresbyterianemmanuel@gmail.com)

### **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](mailto:ppchr@ppc.net). Please go to our website: [ppc.net](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:claremontpresapnc@gmail.com). Applications will be received until the position is filled.

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

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## ***ITEMS OF INTEREST***

### **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