



## Presbytery of San Gabriel

# MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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## PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember Filipino Community Presbyterian Church of Azusa in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, June 10, 2018.

## ON THE CALENDAR

**Tuesday, June 5** - Commission on Preparation for Ministry 5:30 at the Presbytery Center, Temple City

## A REFLECTION FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER, WENDY TAJIMA

For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them with food and clothing. -

*Deuteronomy 10:17-18*

### **REFLECTION**

We had our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual All-Presbytery Day of Service this last Saturday, and it was enlightening in many ways. We had a short business meeting which was highlighted

by the presence of Mission Co-Workers Ryan and Alethia White, who pastor the Farsi-speaking Iranian Presbyterian Church in Berlin, Germany, perhaps the first church in Germany to welcome what is now a very large Middle-Eastern migrant community.



Two other highlights from the business meeting were a report from the survey taken at our April Presbytery meeting by the Vision and Strategy Team. The survey respondents showed the following priorities:

- A strong need for resources and training to help churches build relationships with their community
- A strong need to diversify generationally
- Requests for training and resources in identifying local issues and working with homelessness and hunger issues
- A preference among pastors for a retreat to be centered around a particular topic or speaker.

You can see all the responses in a separate document [here](#).

Perhaps the most important action of the Presbytery was to transition Community Presbyterian Church, West Covina, to be a fellowship of the Presbytery. This allows the CPC family to continue to worship, while the Presbytery takes on the responsibility of managing and utilizing their impressive property, which seems exceptionally well-suited for ministry by multiple bodies. A new AC was formed to discern the vision for that ministry center, with the hope of seeking staff later in the year to care for the fellowship, manage the property, and grow new ministries. This approach is a new strategy for San Gabriel, as it provides support and pastoral care for our long-time members while better stewarding the property that has been entrusted to us for ministry. Several CPC members were present, as Moderator Becca Bateman prayed in gratitude for all they have been and are, as the first church established in West Covina, and as they take on this new path.

In honor of their 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Community Presbyterian Church will be holding a celebration luncheon at the church on Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 a.m. The rest of the meeting (and yes, the stated meeting continued until lunch) was carried out in service projects. The service projects were well-attended and varied. Several people were out landscaping, utilizing not only physical strength but some artistic flair as they laid out a streambed. Others shared stories of faith with some of the residents of Westminster Gardens, and quite a few sorted and packed dozens of toiletry kits for LAC+USC Medical Center, and several housewarming laundry baskets for people moving from homelessness to homes through Door of Hope. We were all astonished at the generosity of our folks bringing in supplies and gift cards for young asylum-seekers, and especially thankful for the churches that took up collections ahead of time.

The immigrant advocacy group met with Fabrizio, a young man awaiting his asylum hearing, and Guillermo Torres, lead organizer for CLUE (Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice), who is coordinating the UCARE Coalition that helps provide legal and family support for unaccompanied minors with the help of Pacific and San Gabriel presbyteries and other people of faith. I will note that many of the strongest and boldest advocates for the immigrants are Jewish, because they see their ancestors in the young asylum-seekers, and they want to give back for those who sheltered them when they fled the Nazis.



Indeed, this theme came up a couple of times on Saturday. Dean Thompson asked Ryan and Alethia White whether the Germans feel a sense of redemption in their generous welcome and support for the Arab refugees, and the Whites affirmed that this is the driving motivation for Germany's leadership in this area. Wendy Gist suggested that what the Whites are doing, welcoming Iranian refugees in a foreign land, is very similar to what many of our churches do.

However, after the immigration advocacy project ended, I asked Alethia White if indeed the issues seemed similar to her. She opened her eyes wide and said no, the idea that the United States of America is forcibly taking children and infants away from their mothers and sending them sometimes thousands of miles away was mind-blowing, as she had no idea this was happening here, and it is totally different from the German government's approach.

A few days earlier, I suggested that 50 years from now, people are going to look back at our country's treatment of refugees the way we look back at Nazi Germany, and they will wonder, what did people of faith do? What will we do?

So as we had a wonderful day of learning and serving, we know that the work continues, and we need to be bold in our obedience to our God, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them with food and clothing. We did quite a bit of that as one body of Christ on Saturday. Let us know Christ's peace as we continue in his footsteps.

In gratitude and joy,  
Wendy

## **A MESSAGE FROM TAMARA ABHARI FOR MEHDI'S MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Dear Family and Friends,

It is with deep sadness and a heavy heart that I write to inform you that Mehdi, my soulmate of 60 years, passed away on May 10, 2018.

The memorial service is scheduled on:

Saturday, June 23, at 3:00 pm at  
Westminster Gardens

1420 Santo Domingo Ave.  
Duarte, CA 91010

It was Mehdi's wish that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to [World Mission](#) of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

## 2018 REVIEW OF RECORDS

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

MAY and June Hymn Sings

**Come, SING TOGETHER!**

Explore our New Hymnal, Glory to God

**Final Thursday Convocation,  
June 7 4:00 PM**

**"Streams of Song, Styles of Hymnody"**

- Hymnody through the ages
- Hymn styles within worship

**Listeners Welcome  
Too! J**

**All Sessions are with Rebecca Thompson at Marwick Place  
Monte Vista Grove Homes  
2889 San Pasqual Street, Pasadena, California**

MISSION OPPORTUNITY - ALASKA

I am writing to invite you to help the Yukon Presbytery finish a new building for one of our Alaskan village churches. Gambell Presbyterian Church, the community of Gambell, and the Yukon Presbytery are working together to build a new church/community services building for the community. You can learn more about the vision through the following video: <https://vimeo.com/137366828> and by reading the attached bulletin insert.

The goal is to finish the building in 2018. To reduce the overall costs the building is being constructed by volunteer labor. We have been working on the building for the last three summers and with the additional financial resources secured will be able to finish the building this year. In order to do this we need more volunteers to help us!

We invite you to pray and spread the word among your congregations. We are praying the San Gabriel Presbytery will be able to help us in the following ways:

1. form a presbytery or church mission team
2. work with your congregations to identify and send at least one church mission team from your presbytery
3. commit to finding four to six individuals from your presbytery who are interested in working on the church building and encouraging them as they make a commitment to join us this summer
4. Share this information with other groups you partner with who may have people interested in participating

To help with sharing this information I am attaching the following:

1. [General Information for Work Teams](#)
2. [Work Team Calendar with dates available](#)  
(these are suggested and can be rearranged to fit your team's needs.)
3. Link for the Presbyterian Foundation video to promote the project: <https://vimeo.com/137366828>
4. [Sample Bulletin Insert that can be redesigned to fit your needs](#)

Interested groups or individuals who are interested can contact me and we will work together to coordinate the person or group's schedule. In order to finish the building in 2018 we are requesting adult work team members with the hope that several from each team will have construction skills. We do know though that bringing people who have a willing heart and a passion to share God's love through this partnership with the Gambell Presbyterian Church and community is as important as carpentry/construction skills. We will have a building project manager on site to supervise all of the volunteers.

More information is available on the Yukon Presbytery website: [www.pbyukon.org](http://www.pbyukon.org). Click on "missions" and scroll down to "New Gambell Building."

Let me know what questions you have and what other information you may need to help your presbytery consider this opportunity.

Blessings,

Danna Larson  
Yukon Presbytery Coordinator of Mission Teams for Gambell New Church Building  
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Anchorage, AK 99501  
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**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**

September 15, 2018 @ Calvary Presbyterian Church, South Pasadena  
November 10, 2018 @ First Thai Presbyterian Church, Covina

**2018 Presbyery Minimums**

Pastor's Miminum 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

**Presbyterian Hymnals Available for Free**

Monte Vista Grove Homes in Pasadena has recently purchased copies of the new *Glory to God* Presbyterian Hymnal for use in their Marwick Place events. They would like to make available free of charge copies of the 1990 *Presbyterian Hymnal* to any churches, seminaries, colleges, retirement communities, or other groups where lives could be blessed by the use of these hymnals. They are imprinted on the front with the name *Monte Vista Grove Homes*. If you would like more information about these hymnals please contact, Huw Christopher at [huwchristopher@gmail.com](mailto:huwchristopher@gmail.com) or (850)209-6931

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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***

**This year the Office of Hispanic/Latino-a Intercultural and Congregational Support is hosting a Pastoral Leadership Development Seminary in Mexico City on July 18-22.**

*Would you help us share the word with Hispanic and Latino-a leaders in your Presbytery and consider supporting them so that they can have a time for continuing education and network with other leaders in the PCUSA?*

During the event, leaders will have the opportunity to engage in Intercultural Reading of the Bible and our guest speaker Dr. Hans De Wit\* will guide them in this popular and contextual method of reading the bible within their diverse faith communities as well as within their presbytery as a tool to encounter people from different cultures and build bridges of understanding so we may intentionally give steps toward becoming the beloved community that we are called to be in the Gospel.

The cost to attend is \$450.00 which includes 4 nights of a shared hotel room, one dinner, 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, a guided tour to Teotihuacan and materials. For more information and questions, contact Marissa Shearon at [marissa.shearon@pcusa.org](mailto:marissa.shearon@pcusa.org) or 502-569-5385.

### **Save the Date - La Casa's Annual Fundraising Dinner**

Thursday, October 11, 2018 6 P.M.

LA/San Gabriel Hilton