



## Presbytery of San Gabriel

# MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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### PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember First Presbyterian Church of Baldwin Park in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, June 17, 2018.

### ON THE CALENDAR

#### 223rd General Assembly Starts June 16th in St. Louis, MO

Executive Presbyter, Wendy Tajima will be out of the office attending General Assembly June 15-23

Stated Clerk, Diane Frasher will be out of the office attending General Assembly June 19 - 23

Associate for Ministry, TE Jake Kim will be on vacation this week.

**Mission Co-Workers Ryan and Alethia White are in our area through June 27 and are available to speak with your church groups.**

They serve with the Iranian Presbyterian Church in Berlin, which is a community of farsi-speaking migrants from Iran and Afghanistan. Many in the congregation came

to Germany in the last three years and are still in the asylum process. Ryan and Alethia help provide spiritual support through the weekly worship services and Bible Study along with working to network with other organizations who can help provide social assistance. In the midst of a difficult and chaotic period of life for many, the Iranian Presbyterian Church seeks to foster a space of peace where people can encounter the living and loving God through Jesus Christ. You can reach them via email at <[alethia.ryan@gmail.com](mailto:alethia.ryan@gmail.com)> to set up a time.

**There are currently two gatherings scheduled in San Gabriel Presbytery:**  
Wednesday, June 13, 7-8 pm at San Marino Community Church  
Friday, June 22, 7:30-8:30 pm at Shepherd of the Valley Presbyterian Church (see flyer [HERE](#))

## A REFLECTION FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER, WENDY TAJIMA

Jesus said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. - *Matthew 14:29*

### REFLECTION

This week there are so many pivot points in the histories of everything: from the global geopolitical drama in the West and in the Korean peninsula, to the start of the 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the start of the tenure of Diane Givens-Moffett as President and Executive Director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency, to several of our churches preparing to welcome new pastors. Another church, Grace Taiwanese Presbyterian Church, will be celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this Sunday. And, of course, this Sunday is Father's Day, and for some this will be their first Father's Day, with all the joy and new awareness and love and responsibility that comes with fatherhood.

It's a little dizzying to consider all that may be happening, and the potential in these events. After a meeting of leading Western nations where the United States seemed to challenge the relationships with our long-time allies, we are now on the brink of a historic meeting with North Korea. There are indications that North Korea, which has seemed more focused on nuclear arms than the lives of their people, is now looking ahead to economic development, more normalized relations with the rest of the world, and peace and even reunification of the Korean people.

After three starts, the Presbyterian Mission Agency found an ideal candidate for their new leader, showing yet again God's gracious control over our lives. The new PMA Director, Diane Givens-Moffett, was not available for the first two starts of the search, so perhaps God stopped our first two attempts in order to make us wait for Diane's availability. Diane represents so much of what the church has been calling for in the PMA Director—a mission-minded, inspiring, culturally proficient, faith-led, forward-thinking leader who has already done much of what we are trying to get the church to look at into the future. She has been a force for reconciliation and collaboration between races, she has provided support for immigrants, she started a new worshiping community, and her ministry has always connected her churches with their communities. She starts her work today, and will be presented to the General Assembly, which begins this Saturday.

Yes, there is another GA coming up, with several different issues at hand. There will be an added emphasis on being present in the host community, this time St. Louis, with opportunities to connect with local churches, serve the community, and voice our concerns for migrants. There is also some controversy over issues at the national level of the PC(USA) regarding its structure, which was developed when the denomination was more than double the size we are now. I would ask your prayers for our contingent: Young Adult Advisory Delegate Sophia Alecci, Ruling Elder Commissioner Deborah Owens, and Teaching Elder Commissioner Bear Ride. Sophia will be leaving Thursday, Stated Clerk Diane Frasher will be joining us a week from Tuesday, and the rest of us will be out Friday, June 15, through Saturday, June 23.

More locally, several of our churches are in the process of calling new pastors. The calls have not been finalized yet, but I anticipate that come this September 15 Presbytery meeting, we will be receiving at least four and maybe a couple more new minister members! Two of these will not be pastoring congregations, though they are all connected with congregations-for instance, Tod Bolsinger has been active with Knox in Pasadena, even as he is extremely busy as Vice President of Fuller Theological Seminary. Tod is even busier with the broad acceptance of his highly recommended book *Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory*-and most recently, the announcement that Fuller will be moving to Pomona in three years! I am very impressed with our new members-to-be, and with the churches who are embracing new leadership. I ask your prayers for all our churches and pastors in transition.

Last but certainly not least, I ask that God bless all of you who are fathers or who act as fathers for those in need of support, and guidance, and care. Lately I've been seeing the great impact that one individual can do in the lives of others, and certainly fathers can change the world as they raise their children. May we all see glimpses of God our Heavenly Father in the love of our human fathers.

As we consider all the possibilities of change and new adventures in our midst, I have been encouraged by a poem, "Beloved is Where We Begin," by Jan Richardson:

If you would enter into the wilderness,  
Do not begin without a blessing.

Do not leave without hearing who you are:  
Beloved,  
Named by the one who has traveled this path  
Before you.

Do not go without letting it echo in your ears,  
and if you find it is hard to let it into your heart,  
Do not despair.....

I cannot promise this blessing will free you from danger, from fear,  
From hunger or thirst, from scorching of sun or the fall of night.

But I can tell you that on this path there will be help.

I can tell you that on this way there will be rest.

I can tell you that you will know the strange graces  
That come to our aid only on a road such as this,  
That fly to meet us bearing comfort and strength,

That come alongside us for no other cause  
Than to lean themselves  
Toward our ear  
And with their  
Curious insistence  
Whisper:

Beloved.  
Beloved.  
Beloved.

May you hear these whispers of grace every day,  
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

**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

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

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## 2018 Presbyery Minimums

Pastor's Mimumum 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**

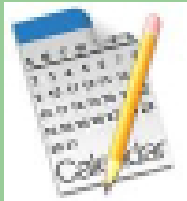
Claremont Presbyterian Church is seeking a Director of Outreach. This is a full time position.

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***

**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



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