



Presbytery of San Gabriel

MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember First Thai Presbyterian Church of Covina, in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, July 29, 2018.

ON THE CALENDAR

Monday, July 23 - Personnel Committee 1:00 at Westminster, Temple City

Thursday, July 26 - Vision and Strategy 12:00 at B-Man's, Duarte

Administration and Finance 2:30 at the Presbytery Center

Stated Clerk, Diane Frasher will be on vacation this week

Mission Advocate, Wendy Gist will be on vacation July 5 - July 29

A REFLECTION FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER, WENDY TAJIMA

Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. *-1 Timothy 4:13-14*

July 23, 2018: What Is a Pastor?

We are rejoicing in a bumper crop of new pastors this month, and it's a joy to anticipate seeing new colleagues-and very gifted ones at that-coming into the life of our congregations and the

Presbytery.

On July 1, Erik Dailey began his work as temporary pastor for Eagle Rock Presbyterian, and Ralph Su began his work as temporary pastor for Good Shepherd Presbyterian in Monterey Park. Actually, neither Erik or Ralph are new to the Presbytery. Erik, of course, has been pastoring Occidental, so he is now serving both of our Eagle Rock churches (this is called a "yoked" pastorate). Ralph was ordained in 1999 by us to serve as associate pastor for Good Shepherd. He has since become a greatly respected pastor, having served in several different states, and returns to us from San Jose Presbytery.

This last weekend, both Claremont Presbyterian and San Marino Community called new associate pastors. Claremont called Brian Gaeta-Symonds, a member of Pacific Presbytery. (By the way, Brian is an alumnus of the old SFTS-Southern California campus in Pasadena and was on staff of the New Theological Seminary of the West.) Both of these calls are what we Presbyterians tend to consider the "norm" but which now seem rare: an installed associate pastor called after a nationwide search, with an undesignated term. And hot off the press, Shepherd of the Valley's session will be requesting that we ordain Deidra Goulding to be temporary co-pastor-and there may be more in the future!

As you can see, we will have a lot to celebrate at our next Presbytery meeting, September 15 at Calvary Presbyterian in South Pasadena. We will also be welcoming Tod Bolsinger, Vice President of Fuller Seminary, and examining for ordination Stephanie Kang, one of our candidates who has become a highly-valued hospital chaplain and parish associate for First Presbyterian Altadena.

Other churches are seeking new pastors as well, and almost always a session member will comment on the critical importance of finding the right pastor, usually saying something along the lines of the pastor having the power to build, resurrect, or destroy the church.

When such a statement gets made, a teaching elder in the room will respond with something like "No, only God has that power" or "The pastor is only one person; in our tradition we need all church members to work together for the leadership of the church." A regular joke for Presbyterian pastors is that the only authority we have is to pick the hymns for Sunday (which I know is not even true at many churches). Indeed, a common complaint or frustration for non-Presbyterians coming into our system is what they consider the stultifying inefficiency of this kind of shared governance model-I remember a seminarian asking "how do they ever get anything done" when Presbyterian pastors have to consult the session all the time (and he didn't even know how often they have to consult the Presbytery as well).

So what is the right answer? I have often thought about this question, but especially as presbytery staff, I believe it very important to help churches find and work with the right pastor. I don't have enough room in this column to share my personal thoughts, so I will try to remember to take up this topic next week. In preparation, let me close with what the Constitution of the PC(USA) says about the role of pastor. See below, and note that I formatted the text in order to facilitate reading, but I did not change any words.

In the meantime, please join me in congratulating these churches and pastors, praying for them in their ministry partnership, and greeting them on September 15.

Blessings,
Wendy

G-2.0504 Pastoral Relationships

When ministers of the Word and Sacrament are called as pastor, co-pastor, or associate pastor of a congregation, they are to be responsible for a quality of life and relationships that commends the gospel to all persons and that communicates its joy and justice. They are

responsible

- for studying, teaching, and preaching the Word,
- for celebrating Baptism and the Lord's Supper, and
- for praying with and for the congregation.

With the ruling elders, they are

- to encourage people in the worship and service of God;
- to equip and enable them for their tasks within the church and their mission in the world;
- to exercise pastoral care, devoting special attention to the poor, the sick, the troubled, and the dying;
- to participate in governing responsibilities, including leadership of the congregation in implementing the principles of participation and inclusiveness in the decision-making life of the congregation, and its task of reaching out in concern and service to the life of the human community as a whole.

With the deacons they are

- to share in the ministries of compassion, witness, and service.

In addition to these pastoral duties, they are responsible for sharing in the ministry of the church in councils higher than the session and in ecumenical relationships.

**Are you interested in learning about root causes of poverty and injustice?
Would you like to share in mending the brokenness that exists in our
world?**

The Presbyterian Peacemaking Program brings leaders from partner organizations to interpret issues of peace and justice each year. By sharing stories of their work and witness, these International Peacemakers help us understand peace and justice concerns around the world.

Come hear firsthand from both an International Peacemaker and a Mission Co-worker who represents the PC(USA) in Haiti. Together Fabienne Jean and Cindy Correll will share stories of connection and partnership between the PC(USA) and ministry partner FONDAMA.

Fabienne and Cindy will be in Southern California from September 22-26.

Please contact Liz Daley at Liz@Daley.name to schedule a visit.



Fabienne Jean is the coordinator of Hands Together Foundation of Haiti. Known by its Haitian Creole acronym FONDAMA, the network is part of an initiative of the Presbyterian Hunger Program. Her role is to work with the member organizations to find lasting solutions to the problems that impoverish the population of Haiti. The member organizations serve their individual communities in promoting agriculture, environmental improvements, clean water, and education. The organizations address root causes of the country's poverty such as land-grabbing, food imports, and climate change by creating campaigns to reduce their harmful effects.

Cindy Correll worked as reporter and editor for The News Leader in Staunton, Va., until leaving to serve as a Mission Co-worker with PC(USA) in 2013. She serves as a companionship facilitator with the Presbyterian Hunger Program's Joining Hands network in Haiti.

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/international-peacemakers/>

International Peacemaker from Haiti coming to Los Angeles in September

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If you would like them to speak at your church contact Liz Daley. Liz@Daley.name

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](#)

2018 Presbytery Meetings

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 OPPORTUNITIES

Church Administrator

Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1757 North Lake Avenue, 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 church members, staff and visitors. This position has responsibility for facilities operations, maintaining the church calendar, scheduling events and the use of church space. He/she will work closely with the accountant to ensure that financial statements are accurate and timely. The person in this position will also assist the Personnel Committee in Human Resource matters.

Qualifications include:

- 3-5 years of supervisory experience including experience in the area of accounting and administration;
- 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: \$42,500 - \$47,500 based on experience and ability with medical coverage included.

To apply: Submit resume, and cover letter in pdf format to the attention of the Personnel Committee at admin@wpcpas.org. Please go to our website:

www.wpcpas.org

for a detailed job description. Applications will be received until the position is filled.

La Verne Heights Presbyterian Church is looking for a Children's Ministry Summer Intern

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- * Teach Sunday school as assigned by the Children's Ministry Director;
- * Spend time interacting with children on Sunday mornings;
- * Plan and lead special activities/events for children and families throughout the summer;
- * Work with adult volunteers;
- * Other duties as assigned.

Please click [HERE](#) for a complete Job Description

La Verne Heights Presbyterian Church
1040 Baseline Rd., La Verne, CA 91750
909 593-1017
www.lvhpc.org

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



ITEMS OF INTEREST

Save the Date - La Casa's Annual Fundraising Dinner

Thursday, October 11, 2018 6 P.M.

LA/San Gabriel Hilton