



Presbytery of San Gabriel

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PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember Divine Light Presbyterian Church of El Monte in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, August 19, 2018.

A REFLECTION FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER, WENDY TAJIMA

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel. - *Micah 5:2a*

August 13, 2018: Katie Cannon

Today I intended to write about the Presbyterian Church's tradition and perspective on civic engagement. While some live by a popular rule to never discuss religion and politics, those of us from the Reformed tradition have believed otherwise, which may be why we're known for our vigorous and persistent debates. We cannot forget that our theological forebear, John Calvin, was trained in the law and held great political and religious influence in Geneva, Switzerland. As Reformed Christians, we believe not only in praying for a blessed afterlife, but also engaging in the world to carry out Christ's mission of justice and compassion.

I wanted to point to some helpful resources from the PC(USA) in case you and your church are interested in **promoting open and fair elections** this November. There is a list of resources to consult on issues related to voter education, voter registration, and guidelines for churches to act as 501(c)(3) non-profits; you can find it [here](#).

For a summary of what is and is not permissible, you can consult the [Election Checklist](#) from [bolderadvocacy.org](#).

I know many of our churches open their doors as polling places, which is great. If you are interested in partnering with another church in providing nonpartisan workshops or other election support activities, please let me or Wendy Gist know.

I also wanted to remind folks that we have the great opportunity to hear first-hand from a leader in Haiti who coordinates local work in promoting agriculture, environmental improvements, clean water, and education. What a great benefit it is to have **Fabienne Jean, coordinator of Hands Together Foundation**, come to our Presbytery this September. Please contact Liz Daley of Calvary Presbyterian in South Pasadena if you want to invite Ms. Jean and World Mission Co-Worker Cindy Correll to your church September 22-26. Scroll down for more information, and contact Liz at Liz@Daley.name to schedule a visit.

Another timely opportunity is coming up August 23, 9 am-noon. The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health is holding a light networking breakfast for local faith leaders—pastors, staff, and volunteers. The presentation is on "**Spirituality and Mental Health: What can we learn from each other?**" and will be presented by John M. Warrington, PhD. The County has some good resources on working with those struggling with mental illness, especially among our homeless population, and they have occasionally reached out to provide resources to our churches. I recommend you attend this, as these workshops don't happen often. The meeting is at Covina Community Church, 1551 E. Old Badillo Street, Covina 91724. RSVP by August 20 to Evelyn Lemus at ELemus@dmh.lacounty.gov or (626) 430-2937 or Vicki Xu at yxu@dmh.lacounty.gov or (626) 430-2938.

But today, I want to honor **Rev. Dr. Katie Geneva Cannon**, who passed away of leukemia last Wednesday. Most recently, Katie was the Annie Scales Rogers Professor of Christian Ethics at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Virginia, and a foremost scholar of womanist theology and ethics. By raising the voices of African-American women, she enriched the Christian church in ways only God can quantify. Katie was ordained in 1974, the first African-American woman ordained as a minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Several people, especially women of color, have shared memories of Katie and her impact on their lives and ministry, among them Rev. Dr. Diane Givens Moffett, president of the Presbyterian Mission Agency, and Rev. Dr. Rhashell Hunter, director of Racial Equity & Women's Intercultural Ministries. Rev. T. Denise Anderson, recent co-moderator of the General Assembly, wrote a beautiful [remembrance](#) of Dr. Cannon, remembering the liberating moment when she heard her say "Even when they call your truth a lie, tell it anyway! Tell it anyway!"

Denise writes:

The moment I heard her say that, that was the moment my truth-telling ministry began. That was the day I stopped trying to shrink myself to fit a mold that was too small for me. That was the day I lost my appetite for the crumbs that fall from the table. That was the day I grabbed my chair, pulled it to the table and took my seat. . . .

If you have ever benefited from the ministerial leadership of black women in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), you have Katie Geneva Cannon to thank for that. She opened the door for us. She gave this church pastors, chaplains, theologians, professors, ethicists, executives - and moderators. She was the midwife to our ministries. In telling her story, she gave us permission and courage to tell our own.

I had my own brief and empowering encounter with Dr. Cannon, who was tireless and generous in her work to support not only her students at seminary, but so many people around our church, especially those who were not sure this church was open to us. I was helping to host a meeting of Presbyterian women college students, and Katie was there to share her wisdom and encouragement. Katie had a way of being real in all that God made her-an academic, a pastor, a theologian, yes, but she never forgot that her roots, her identity, came from her Black Presbyterian family in rural North Carolina. She shared her sharp wit as she navigated the sometimes hostile waters of academia, uncharted by Black women until she came along. She shared how, as among the first African-American women to earn a PhD from Union Theological Seminary in New York, professors would question her intelligence, writing on her papers, "Good work. Who helped you with this paper?" She also critiqued the narrowness of the Western academic tradition, including the common expectation that theologians study German, saying "I wondered why I needed to learn German in order to write about poor Black women in the South." Finally, I always smile at her family's adventures attending the wedding of her nephew, Nick Cannon, to singer Mariah Carey!

As I reflect on her life, I marvel at the ways that God can work through all of us in amazing ways, and how that work can be magnified through the lives we touch. God delights especially in working through those of us who are young and small like the shepherd-king David, or unimportant places like Bethlehem, the little country of Israel, or even young Black girls from Kannapolis, North Carolina, like Katie Cannon.

I close with the woman who inspired me to write this column, because she herself wrote a moving tribute [please click [HERE](#) to download a copy of the article] to her mentor. Dr. Charlene Jin Lee, a Korean-American scholar, had a deep connection with Katie Cannon from her time as a PhD student at Union Virginia. She writes:

It was my first doctoral seminar in Dr. Cannon's classroom on the second floor of Watts Hall where I found my voice. The agency and substance of my voice. Dr. Cannon amplified it by adding hers to mine then fading away until one day I heard the fullness of my solo sound, at times with boom boom, surprising myself at the cadence and rhythm of my own truths. . . .

She is the kind of teacher-woman-scholar I want to emulate. And in the years since, in every classroom, behind every lectern and pulpit, I have made my earnest attempt. . . . I realize that what I was ultimately emulating was her radical generosity, genuine curiosity, deliberate attention: her love. There was poetry in her majestic, humble way.

In gratitude for Dr. Cannon's generosity, Charlene shared some of the wisdom she remembers:

Prepare. Always prepare. Go prepared. You must be doubly prepared, for you are required to be expert of the truth occupying the structural center and expert of your own truth: "Read even when the lights are out."

Listen. Listen attentively. But don't listen for too long. Speak. Interrupt. Announce!

Don't be stingy with time for people, for conversation, for relationship.

Don't be stingy with affirmation and encouragement.

"People's rejection is God's protection."

It is possible to be simultaneously an astute theologian, a church woman, a lover. All with integrity.

And I say, Read *Katie's Canon!* (especially, Appendix: Exposing My Home Point of View).

Charlene Jin Lee is in fact carrying out Katie Cannon's legacy. I met Charlene when she joined the SFTS faculty here in Southern California. She taught the incoming seminarians in the integrated "Introduction to Ministry" course that, according to several students, was a life-changing experience for them. She also teaches in the Doctor of Ministry program at SFTS, again helping experience pastors to open their eyes to their identity, their calling, as practical theologians. Charlene has returned to church work, now at Brentwood Presbyterian, as well as sharing her life with husband Rev. Dr. James Lee, president of International Theological Seminary and their three children.

Consider the people who have been impacted directly by Katie Cannon, and the countless people whose faith lives have been formed and affirmed by them. All from one Black woman from the rural South. What an example of God's glory shining forth throughout Christ's church!

May you take up your place in spreading the life-giving love of Jesus Christ in your life, and may you have a glimpse of the ways your story has lifted up the lives of others.

Thank God for Katie Cannon, and thank God for you,
Wendy



A TRIBUTE TO LOVE

The news of Rev. Dr. Katie Geneva Cannon's death came by way of a Union colleague's text that afternoon, when my heart—in the same moment—bruised with sadness and swelled with gratitude. I wept and talked aloud to my beloved teacher.

Dr. Cannon, thank you.
Thank you for loving me.
Thank you for your strong, kind love.
Thank you teaching me,
showing me how to teach:
how to love.

It's love.
Love is what remains.
Love is what endures.
It's love.

It was my first doctoral seminar in Dr. Cannon's classroom on the second floor of Watts Hall where I found my voice. The agency and substance of my voice. Dr. Cannon amplified it by adding hers to mine then fading away until one day I heard the fullness of my solo sound, at times with boom boom, surprising myself at the cadence and rhythm of my own truths. We read aloud—announced, she would say—our long and boring papers to one another. The four of us and our Professor around the pentagon shaped seating, I can still hear the rustle of autumn leaves within an arms reach outside the open window. She listened. She listened as if we were scholars. She regarded our sentences, the baby ideas still incubating in them, with concise curiosity and engaged them with a depth of intellectual inquiry that we knew the caliber of our papers did not merit. Soon, we were writing as if we were scholars. And, indeed, we were on our way to our own paths of scholarship, teaching, ministry, and life. There was magic in her pedagogy.

Dr. Cannon served on my dissertation committee. She held me fiercely accountable to voice, to identity, to context in the academic exercise. No place to hide behind the safety of abstractions. I could not afford it. It was a matter of historical survival of the particular self, of the community—legitimation of the experience of being human in the ebb of a violently lopsided structure. I learned from this praxis that what is intensely personal is intensely political. I wrote in my acknowledgments: She is the kind of teacher-woman-scholar I want to emulate. And in the

Vision and Strategy Team Resources:



Free Alpha Course Conference in Santa Monica

Are you interested in:

Reaching un-churched people in your community, and helping them to explore Christianity in a fun and meaningful way?

Attend a free Alpha-Conference:

Venue: Vintage Church, 1015 California Ave., Santa Monica, CA 90403

Date: 10 am Tuesday Oct 2 - Noon Wednesday Oct 3

The Alpha Course is a proven congregational development tool.

For more information contact: Jake Kim, Associate for Ministry Development for San Gabriel Presbytery at jakekim@sangabpres.org or visit <https://www.vintagechurchla.com/alpha-con> or www.alphausa.org

SACP Brochure

2018 Spirituality & Aging Certificate Program



**A course integrating
faith and practice for those
working with and caring for
the older members of
our community**

Programs for older adults often rely on outdated models that do not reflect current cultural trends or an incomplete understanding of the deeper issues faced by persons in the later stages of life. Frequently, what's both lacking and needed is attention to spirituality in the aging process.

In the Spirituality & Aging Certificate Program, participants gain an understanding of the essential role spirituality plays in the aging process and how attending to the spirituality of older adults can enhance the efficacy of health care and congregational services for them. The certificate program is designed to increase awareness of spirituality in aging and empower participants to engage older adults spiritually in a holistic manner that is sensitive to spiritual formation and human development.



The Certificate Program on Spirituality & Aging will be offered starting in September 2018 with a retreat, followed by four courses, held monthly on Saturdays from 9 am to 1:30 pm. The program location is determined by registration.

Orientation Retreat	September 8, 2018
Course 1: Aging Defined	October 13, 2018
Course 2: Spirituality and Aging	November 10, 2018
Course 3: Aging in Context	January 12, 2019
Course 4: Spirituality & Organizational Theory	February 9, 2019

To contact us, and for continuing education and other information, please see the reverse.



Continuing Education Credit

The Spirituality and Aging Program meets continuing education requirements for:

- ❖ BBS
- ❖ RCFE
- ❖ CAMFT
- ❖ BRN
- ❖ NHA
- ❖ Your denomination

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a new theological education resource in Southern California. **New Theological Seminary of the West** offers graduate programs, lay leader education, continuing education for faith leaders, members, and clergy, programming for churches, and independent study options.

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At **HumanGood**, we strive to be more than just a provider of senior living communities. We are on a mission to help older adults reach their full potential. As a local nonprofit organization, we are committed to the notion that better physical environments, better service, and better lifestyles lead to the rich, purposeful life everyone desires and deserves.



Learn more at: www.humangood.org

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

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

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

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



ITEMS OF INTEREST

Stewardship Kaleidoscope

September 24-26, 2018- St. Louis, MO

[Register Here](#)

Save the Date - La Casa's Annual Fundraising Dinner

Thursday, October 11, 2018 6 P.M.

LA/San Gabriel Hilton