



Presbytery of San Gabriel

MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember Eagle Rock Presbyterian Church of Los Angeles in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, September 23, 2018.

ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Tuesday, September 18 - Committee on Representation and Nominations 1:30 pm at SOTV, Hacienda Heights.

PRESBYTERY OFFERING

At our meeting on Saturday, the Presbytery of San Gabriel collected \$777 which will go to benefit Door of Hope

A REFLECTION FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER, WENDY TAJIMA

One generation shall laud your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts. - *Psalms 145:4*

September 17, 2018: Generations

What a joyous Presbytery meeting we had this last Saturday! We welcomed seven new members, and as they shared their statements of faith and answered questions, we could tell how they will be gifts to us as a Presbytery family. Blessings to ordinands Deidra Goulding, Stephanie Kang, and Steve Wiebe, and transferring members Tod Bolsinger, Brian Gaeta-Symonds, Ralph Su, and Jessica Vaughan Lower as they and their families make their new homes here. And congratulations and blessings to Shepherd of the Valley, PIH Health Whittier, Pasadena Presbyterian, Fuller Seminary, Claremont Presbyterian, Good Shepherd, and San Marino Community as they partner with these faithful servants of Christ.

This fall will be a season of ordinations and installations! Please come to as many as you can.

Ordinations and Installations

- Sept. 30, 3 pm, First Presbyterian Altadena: Stephanie Kang's ordination
- Oct. 6, 4 pm, Claremont: Brian Gaeta-Symonds' installation
- Oct. 7, 3 pm, Shepherd of the Valley: Deidra Goulding's installation
- Oct. 28, 9 am, San Marino Community: Jessica Vaughan Lower's installation
- Nov. 4, 2:30 pm, Pasadena Presbyterian: Steve Wiebe's ordination and installation.

We also welcomed Rev. Elizabeth Gibbs-Zehnder of LAC+USC Chaplaincy and Rev. Megan Katerjian of Door of Hope, and heard inspiring stories of people whose lives have been touched in profound ways through these ministries.

I expect that more incredible stories will be shared when International Peacemakers Fabienne Jean and Cindy Corell visit us from Haiti this coming week. Please make every effort to hear them at the following events:

International Peacemakers from Haiti

Sept. 23, 9 am, Claremont: Adult Education and Worship (with Fabienne Jean)
Sept. 23, 10:30 am, Westminster Temple City: Worship (with Cindy Corell)
Sept. 23, 5 pm, Calvary South Pasadena: Potluck dinner and program
Sept. 26, 10:30 am, Westminster Gardens Duarte: Bible study and lunch
Sept. 26, 3 pm, Marwick Place, Monte Vista Grove: Presentation

During the Presbytery meeting, some of our new friends commented on what they see in San Gabriel. Of course they mention the cultural diversity. In fact, I was reminded of **First Presbyterian Church Altadena's Fall Festival this Saturday, Sept. 22, 4-8 pm**. I grew up at these events. Back then we called them church bazaars, but my theory is that their roots are in the Japanese *matsuri*, especially the fall rice harvest festivals. The theme for 2018 is *otomodachi*, or "friends building relationships," with taiko drumming, arts and crafts, food, a raffle, and music. My sister comes down from Spokane every year just to see her old friends there.

But in addition to the cultural diversity, one seasoned pastor commented on the blessing of

many young, gifted leaders in our Presbytery. I also heard from one of those young, gifted leaders how the Presbytery is a blessing for them, by inviting them into leadership. When I first came to San Gabriel, I noticed the presence of several young pastors, and it's a joy to see them and even newer pastors blossom as creative and enthusiastic leaders for their churches and this presbytery.

As life happens, later that night my uncle Calvin passed away, at Monte Vista Grove in fact-boy are we Presbyterian or what. At 94, Uncle Cal was the last living sibling of either of my parents (though I still have three aunts by marriage who are amazingly vital, one at the age of 101). I think everyone would agree that Calvin's best legacy is his children, who work for justice and love of family with every breath they take.

At church Sunday morning, the impact of Calvin's death hadn't sunk in until we started singing "The God of Abraham Praise," which happens to be one of those hymns I grew up on. Rev. Ralph Hamburger, who passed away on September 2nd, and whose memorial will be at Monte Vista Grove on Friday, October 26, 2018 at 3:00 pm, was Calvin's roommate at the Health Center, once shared with me memories of my uncle Don Toriumi, who was also my pastor in my formative years. Uncle Don regularly included "The God of Abraham Praise" in worship; the others I remember best are "Be Thou My Vision" and "Once to Every Man and Nation." Yes, music is a powerful part of our formation and our spiritual life.

Back to Sunday morning-in the back of the sanctuary, a little girl was waving a white Kleenex. Just a week ago, Shepherd of the Valley held a wonderful farewell for Pastor Nancy Moore as she returns to retirement. Nancy gave each person a white Kleenex, and told a story she heard (from Gary Demarest, I believe) about a congregation in Africa who would remember the cloud of witnesses that surrounds them by waving white handkerchiefs over their heads. So Sunday, as this little girl waved her white Kleenex, I could remember the Tajima collective welcoming home their youngest brother, and I can only imagine the huge cloud of witnesses that have brought our new friends into faith, into ministry, and into this Presbytery.

My heart is overflowing with gratitude as we witness the good news of the mighty acts of God, the life-giving, grace-bearing love of Jesus Christ, and the eternal connecting power of the Holy Spirit that blessed our ancestors, bless us now, and call us to bless those who are being raised in our midst. Thanks be to God.

Blessings and thanks,
Wendy

SITE PASTOR FOR WEST COVINA

The West Covina AC has developed a job description for a half-time site pastor. This innovative position calls for a pastor who can be a pastoral presence for the Community Presbyterian Fellowship, facilitate cooperation among the ministries located at the West Covina Ministry Center (aka the Community Presbyterian Church site on Vine Avenue), and oversee the management of the property. The half-time position is temporary for now, but may grow if the pastor helps to develop a vision for new ministry at the Center. See the full job description [HERE](#).

Ordinations and Installations

Following is a list of upcoming Ordinations and Installations in our Presbytery. We invite everyone to attend and join in these wonderful celebrations.

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In Memory

Rev. Ralph Hamburger, passed away on
September 2nd.

His memorial will be held at
Monte Vista Grove on
Friday, October 26, 2018 at 3:00 pm.



Visit <https://www.claremontpres.org/events/2018/9/28/spiritual-practice-for-changing-the-world> to Register



Spiritual Practices for Changing the World
A Retreat Offered by Companions on the Inner Way
and Claremont Presbyterian Church
September 28-30 2018

Presbyterian Women - Click the following link to download a copy of the flyer
[PWS Fall Gathering](#) Click [HERE](#) to download the registration form

Presbyterian Women in the
Synod of Southern California and Hawaii

2018 Fall Gathering

**“Arise, Shine,
Your Light Has Come!”**

Reflecting on the Light



featuring Guest Speaker

Rev. Amy Poling Sutherlun

Author of Presbyterian Women's
2018 - 2019 Horizons Bible Study
God's Promise: I Am with You

Saturday, October 6, 2018
9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Westminster Gardens
Packard Hall

1420 Santo Domingo Avenue
Duarte, CA 91010

Registration \$12 - Lunch Included

RSVP by e-mail or phone by
Saturday, September 29, 2018 to:
Pam Hodges
PamHaji@ca.rr.com or (310) 645 - 0258

BOARD OF PENSIONS UPDATE

[Read the September Board Connections!](#)

Annual enrollment starts next month

Your chance to elect, or make changes to, your benefits coverage for 2019 is October 29 through November 16. [Learn how to get ready for annual enrollment.](#)

Education for all

The Board of Pensions encourages and supports lifelong learning to promote spiritual, health, financial, and vocational well-being. [Read more about our comprehensive offerings.](#)

Retirement readiness starts now

Will you be financially prepared when it's time to retire? [Here are some steps you can take now to prepare.](#)

Get help with work, life, and everything in between

Need to locate before- or after-school care this fall? The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) can help. [Find out what other challenges the EAP can help you manage.](#)

Earn your reduced deductible now

Only two months left to answer the Call to Health and earn reduced medical deductibles in 2019. [Check out the new challenges.](#)

Seminarians: Last call for healthcare enrollment

Inquirers and candidates for ordination in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) have until September 15 to elect healthcare coverage in either the PPO or the EPO. [Read more about eligibility and costs.](#)

Review your Employer Agreement on Benefits Connect

Employers and congregations: Log on to Benefits Connect to review, update, and submit Employer Agreements for 2019, due October 12. [See details.](#)

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

2018 REVIEW OF RECORDS

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

2018 Presbytery Meetings

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

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
Business .545 cents per mile

Charitable 14 cents per mile

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www.sangabpres.org

www.synod.org

www.pcusa.org

www.pensions.org

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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.

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

First Presbyterian Church of Altadena - Fall Festival

Saturday, September 22, 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

2775 N. Lincoln, Altadena

Stewardship Kaleidoscope

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

[Register Here](#)

Presbyterian Women's Fall Gathering

Saturday, October 6, 9:30 - 1:30

Westminster Gardens, Duarte - Packard Hall

\$12:00 lunch included

Click [HERE](#) to download the registration form

What: Monte Vista Grove Homes Community-wide Fall

Event Includes a pancake breakfast, plant and used furniture, clothes, books, odd n' ends sale. Featuring live entertainment, a silent auction, and fun for kids!

When: October 6, 8-11am*

*Stores stay open until 12pm

Where: 2889 San Pasqual St. Pasadena, CA 91107

Why: To support Monte Vista Grove Homes in providing holistic, compassionate and loving Independent Living Care for retired ministers and missionaries who have served the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. for 20 years or more. Funds raised will also support the community-at-large in Assisted Living, Memory Care, and Skilled Nursing facilities

Save the Date - La Casa's Annual Fundraising Dinner

Thursday, October 11, 2018 6 P.M.

LA/San Gabriel Hilton

Pilgrim Place 70th Annual Festival

625 Mayflower Rd., Claremont

Friday and Saturday, November 9 & 10

10 am to 4 pm

Free Admission - Music - Food

Visit www.pilgrimplace.org for more information.

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