



# MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

## Presbytery of San Gabriel

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### PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember Good Shepherd Taiwanese Presbyterian Church of Los Angeles in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, October 28, 2018.

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### ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

**Thursday, October 25** - Vision and Strategy 12:00 at B-Mans, Duarte

Executive Presbyter, Wendy Tajima will be out of the office Monday, October 22 - Wednesday October 24.

Mission Advocate, Wendy Gist will be out of the office this week.

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**A REFLECTION FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER, WENDY TAJIMA**

They voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints.

- 2 Corinthians 8:3-4

## October 22, 2018: Sharing in the Ministry

Time seems to be moving quickly these days. After what seemed like an endlessly hot summer, we are now looking ahead to the final Presbytery meeting of the year, which is planned for November 10 at First Thai Presbyterian Church, Covina. That's less than three weeks away!

At the November meeting we try to have a budget for the coming year, and a slate of nominees for Presbytery officers and committees. We are on track for this, and we will be moving the necrology to November. We have done this in January in past years, but it works nicely as we can have a "Communion of the Saints" service closer to All Saints Day, as we remember not only the pastors who have passed away this year, but also we give an opportunity for other church leaders to be remembered as well.

The 2019 budget will look somewhat different, as the Presbytery now uses property more actively to support several of our churches, and the Presbytery mission. In addition, there will be a change in the Presbytery staff, because-take a breath-Twila will be going to half-time in July of next year. The plan will be for her to focus on bookkeeping, which has grown in volume and complexity with the additional properties. Come this spring we will need to look for someone to serve as Administrator and Associate Stated Clerk. We are grateful that Twila will continue to be with us, so she can provide her expertise and organizational history for the transition.

What does this mean for your church? The Presbytery Executive Commission (PEC) will be recommending to the Presbytery that the apportionment of Shared Mission Giving will be \$69 in 2019. This is \$1, or 1.5%, more than last year, even though GA's per capita was raised \$1.22, and inflation is running around 4%.

This is not because the Presbytery is making a profit somewhere else, but an attempt to keep from causing a sharp increase in shared giving for the churches. The difference will be funded by Presbytery reserves, or from the sale of the South Hills property (net of the amount reserved for a new church start as a legacy for South Hills). We have also increased the shared mission budget, in hopes that our churches will consider increasing their giving. Some of our churches cut their giving during the recession, but never restored it now that the economy is booming. Let's hope you can increase your participation in the Presbytery mission next year.

As the PEC discussed this, a member who works at Fuller asked whether others besides the churches can contribute to shared mission giving. I said anyone can contribute! And Twila mentioned that if you go to the [sangabpres.org](http://sangabpres.org) website, you'll see the word "DONATE" on the home page, which allows anyone to give to the Presbytery on-line. And yes, in past years there have been individuals who have given directly to the Presbytery's shared mission. (Some have even given by check.)

In fact, I mentioned that in some other presbyteries, the minister members are invited to participate in the shared mission. Some use the per capita as a guideline; many give more than that. Some minister members consider the Presbytery as their "church" though I don't know of anyone who fully tithes to the Presbytery.

However, the day after the PEC meeting, a PEC member did contribute-to the tune of \$2,000! What a wonderful and supportive response. While I have given each year to the Presbytery, I am accepting this unspoken challenge and will match that gift. And though you may not be prepared to give at this level, it will be appreciated if individuals choose to show support for our shared ministry in this way.

This gift from the PEC member is a tangible expression of what I have heard about the Presbytery's ministry, that we are more active in supporting our churches, and in joining together in mission. In 2018 so far, the presbytery has worked with 13 churches in various kinds of pastoral transitions, 9 churches on property and legal issues, 5 in conflicted situations, and 2 churches who are taking different approaches to understanding their denominational connections. We have 5 administrative commissions and a sixth on the way-and while most people shudder at the thought of an AC, our ACs have been what they were meant to be-a way for the presbytery to provide focused and committed resources to work with a church on something the church can't do by themselves. I continue to be impressed and grateful for the work of the ACs.

In mission beyond our congregations, we continue partnerships with La Casa de San Gabriel, LAC+USC Medical Center, Living Waters for the World in Peru, and we celebrate and support the work of Community Presbyterian El Monte and Puente de Esperanza as they reach out to their immigrant communities. We have a growing partnership with International Theological Seminary as well as Fuller and New Theological Seminar of the West. Our 2019 Presbytery offerings have supported a church rebuilding in Joquicingo, Mexico; Pomona Hope's Community Garden; the ministry of Ryan and Alethia White and the Iranian Presbyterian Church in Berlin; the Door of Hope as they help families keep their housing; and this November we will support Inland Valley Hope Partners; a multi-service agency in the Inland Empire that is actively supported by several of our churches on the eastern part of our Presbytery. As I review the budget for 2019, I estimate that one-third of our total effort (financial and staff) are focused on mission outside our member congregations-that includes our contributions to the wider church mission but does not include the presbytery offerings or the special offerings that you give through the Presbytery!

I could go on and on . . . our Tapestry Youth Collective fall camp at Big Bear begins right after the November Presbytery meeting, plans for the February 2<sup>nd</sup> WinterFest are already shaping up (do you have your church team ready?), we continue our June Presbytery Days of Service, and we were able to secure Synod grants for Korean Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church and Pasadena Presbyterian Church's Korean Language Ministry, accessing funds that were earmarked for Korean churches in Southern California and Hawai'i.

I am writing this column from Louisville, where I've been invited to participate in an Anti-Racism/Cultural Humility Facilitators Consultation. I am especially gratified for the invitation because I have not been as actively engaged in anti-racism training as in prior phases of my life. I am hoping that I might be able to turn back to this, now that my term with the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board has ended. But before I do that, I get to spend the first half of November in Japan, on a mission education trip with several ministries of the Kyodan, the Protestant church in Japan. This will also be my first opportunity to see our family's original farmhouse, which is now part of a UNESCO World Heritage Cultural Site (we were silk farmers once), and I will be preaching for the first time in Kyoto (with translation, of course). Sadly, this means I will miss the November Presbytery meeting, when you will get to hear about chaplaincy in the Navy from Lt. Daniel Menza, receive a wonderful pastoral counselor based in Alhambra, Eun-Hyey Lok, and bless mission co-workers Sara Armstrong and Rusty Edmondson as they retire from their work in Peru. And I will miss Steve Wiebe's ordination and installation at PPC this November 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm, but I will get to participate in Jessica Vaughan Lower's installation at San Marino this Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 am.

There is so much to celebrate, give thanks for, and yes, support in San Gabriel Presbytery. Please consider what God might be leading you to do.

Blessings, and thanks for all the ways you already participate in this Presbytery's ministry,  
Wendy

## PC(USA) Mission Co-Workers in Peru to Visit in November

Sara Armstrong and Rusty Edmondson, our PC(U.S.A) Mission Co-Workers serving in Peru, will be visiting our Presbytery one last time in November. After ten years in Peru, they have decided to return to the United States and to their home in Colorado. Rusty and Sara have been instrumental in identifying potential installation sites for our Living Waters for the World clean water systems, and they have helped our Presbytery build relationships with many different people and groups in Peru. They have also assisted with the youth and women's trips we have made to Peru over the years.

Rusty and Sara will be available for speaking engagements to talk about their work in Peru from Friday, November 9th through Tuesday, November 13th. If your church would like to invite either or both of them to speak at a worship service or other event (women's group, men's group, Bible study, etc.) please contact either me or Wendy Gist to arrange for a time. Hosting responsibilities include transportation to and from your event either by offering a ride or covering the cost of a ride service. They will be staying at the House of Rest in Pasadena while they are sojourning with us. And, while not necessary, honorariums are gratefully appreciated and will help offset the cost of their visit to our Presbytery.

I urge you not to wait to book your date, as their available time-slots will fill up quickly!

Contact Cyndie Crowell - [cwcrowell1001@gmail.com](mailto:cwcrowell1001@gmail.com) or Wendy Gist - [gist.wendy@gmail.com](mailto:gist.wendy@gmail.com) for more information and to book a date.

### Piano Wanted

Well Done, Good and Faithful Servant!

Our veteran piano in Westminster Gardens' Shu Lodge must retire. We would welcome a younger upright Presbyterian piano to accompany spirited weekly hymn-sings. Please contact Valerie Garcia, Director of Resident Services, (626) 358-2569, ext. 41613 if you or your church can offer one longing to be played.

Click [HERE](#) to download a copy of the flyer

## **\$2,000 Church Vitalization Grants**

Vision and Strategy Team invites your congregation to apply for a \$2,000 SGP Congregational Vitalization Grant

For more information, or to discuss congregational vitalization ideas, contact Jake Kim, Associate for Ministry Development for more information. [jakekim@sangabpres.org](mailto:jakekim@sangabpres.org) or call 626-487-1511

Click [HERE](#) to download a copy of the flyer. (English and Spanish)

# Immigration Workshop

Presented by CLUE

## FREE Consultations with Immigration Lawyers



*Saturday, November 17, 2018*

**Puente de Esperanza Presbyterian Church**

15302 Francisquito Avenue

La Puente, CA 91744

10:00am-1:00pm

### Know Your Rights

Get information to protect your family

Information about DACA & TPS

For more information: Juan Carlos, CLUE program organizer (323)536-0916  
Pastor Margarita R. Reyes (626)695-5110 or (626)850-5187

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## 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.

- Oct. 28, 10:30 am, San Marino Community: Jessica Vaughan Lower's installation
- Nov. 4, 2:30 pm, Pasadena Presbyterian: Steve Wiebe's ordination and installation.

## **Tapestry Youth Collective Fall Retreat 2018** **When: November 10-12**

Register: online

[3https://smcc.breezechms.com/form/Tapestry13](https://smcc.breezechms.com/form/Tapestry13)

Where: Big Bear Christian Conference Center, located at 575 Prairie Ln. Big Bear Lake, CA 92315.

Cost: \$150 Payment option on the form or you may pay through your church  
For scholarship information please use form.

Who: Middle & High School students from the San Gabriel Presbytery, Riverside Presbytery, or Presbytery of Big Bear.

Churches are partnering with Tapestry for this 7th annual Fall retreat. Tapestry is a collection of Presbyterian Churches. We have several Tapestry events a year, so students are expected to see some familiar faces! This is a great opportunity to unplug from our busy lives, build new relationships, play some games, and most important, worship together and grow in our faith. We hope to see you all there! Registration is open! Questions, contact Rev. Becca Bateman, [FamilyMinistries@smccpby.com](mailto:FamilyMinistries@smccpby.com)

Associate Pastor of Family Ministries  
San Marino Community Church



## Winterfest 2019: Mobilizing the Church to Serve

The San Gabriel Presbytery's Annual Winterfest will be hosted at Northminster Presbyterian Church in Diamond Bar on February 2, 2019. This year's theme is *Mobilizing the Church to Serve*. We are eager to welcome Rev. Alexia Salvatierra as our plenary speaker. This year's workshops will focus on mobilizing our churches to serve in our local community and beyond in addition to providing training for elders, deacons, and clerks of Session. All members of your church are encouraged to attend!

The cost is \$10. ***All churches who register five or more participants in Winterfest will receive a free resource bundle as well a sixth registration for free.***

Register at: <https://knoxpresbyterian.breezechms.com/form/Winterfest2019>

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# LEADING IN FAITH & SCIENCE

**ANNUAL MVGH PASTOR'S EVENT  
FEATURING SPEAKERS, DR. P.  
WILLARD OLSON & DR. JOHN COBB JR.**

## WHEN

**Monday, October 29, 2018  
9:30am**

## WHERE

**Monte Vista Grove, Marwick Place  
2889 San Pasqual St. Pasadena, CA 91107**

## ALSO FEATURING PANELISTS•

**Rev. Dr. Dean Thompson & Patty Compeau,  
MVGH Residents**

Monte Vista Grove Homes has been granted a Certificate of Authority by the State of California, for the assisted living & memory care (RCFER 191222411) and skilled nursing (SNF#97000086) levels of care, as a Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC), Certificate #252.

**RSVP TO KATIE AT  
KBLACKMORE@MVGH.ORG  
BY 10/24**

## EVENT DETAILS

**Free Admission!**

**\$10 Lunch\***

**\*lunch is complimentary for current  
pastors and church staff**

## EVENT SCHEDULE

**9:30 Registration**

**10:15 Dr. Olson- Is there  
something more than the  
physical universe?**

**11:00 Break**

**11:15 Dr. Cobb- Science &  
Religion**

**12:00 Panel Discussion**

**12:15 Lunch**

**1:00 MVGH Tours**

## EVENT SPONSORED BY:

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SEMINARY OF THE WEST**



## 2018 Presbytery Meetings

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

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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 OPPORTUNITIES

### OUTREACH DIRECTOR (full-time) | POMONA HOPE

Pomona Hope is a community-driven, faith-based, non-profit organization in the city of Pomona that works particularly with at-risk youth and their families to work together toward personal and community transformation. Pomona Hope hosts an After School Program for K-12 students, a Summer Enrichment program as well as parenting classes. The Outreach Director is a full-time salaried position, applicants must be bilingual in Spanish and English. Responsibilities include directing and overseeing all volunteer and intern recruitment and retention and developing all aspects of parent outreach. Please click the link [HERE](#) for a full job description (*position opening in March 2019*).

### SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM (Undergraduate) | POMONA HOPE

Pomona Hope's 10-week summer internship is an opportunity for undergraduate students to participate in urban ministry and gain professional experience while working with K-12 youth in the city of Pomona. Summer Interns live together on-site to develop relationships with each other and their immediate neighborhood. Interns facilitate Summer Enrichment with Pomona Hope, a 5-week program for K-12 students, by teaching daily workshops, planning field trips and mentoring High School volunteers. Interns also partner closely with First Presbyterian Church of Pomona's weekly youth ministry and annual Vacation Bible School. Learn more about Pomona Hope and find a full internship description and application [HERE](#) . Applications due January 30, 2019!

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## ***ITEMS OF INTEREST***

### **Sparking a Climate Revolution! October 26-28, 2018 Camp Sky Meadows in the San Bernardino Mountains**

Join churches throughout Southern California for a three-day workshop (Friday evening to Sunday afternoon) surrounded by the beauty of creation, developing relationships and support networks that will stretch our understanding of what is possible and bring hope to our community through Christian action and witness.

Explore biblical, social and eco-justice reasons why we should care about the Earth. Engage with top climate scientists to explore how climate change impacts our lives, our children's future and our entire planet. Explore our spiritual response to how God is personally speaking to each of us, and take away real, concrete strategies and support networks, joining together to spark a climate revolution that will help bring hope to our planet!

For more information and to register go to: [www.campskymeadows.com/events](http://www.campskymeadows.com/events)

### **LEARN HOW TO MAKE DISCIPLES ADVANCE YOUR BOUNDARIES Sign Up For The 3-Day Conference**

Please join us for the 2018 Bridges Annual Conference at The Oaks Camp and Conference Center, which will be held Friday, 4pm, November 2nd through Sunday, 1pm, November 4th.

Author and speaker Alex Absalom will help us develop customized spiritual practices for ourselves and our unchurched friends that actually fit our modern, busy lives.

And for those already discipling people outside the church, Alex will also help us learn how to gather people together in the Spirit of Jesus

There will be plenty of good food, conversation, and activities.

Alex Absalom. Alex Absalom is a writer, thinker and practitioner on the art of leading in a disciple-making, mission-focused culture. He writes two or three times a week on intentional missional leadership at [alexabsalom.com](http://alexabsalom.com).

Pricing ranges from \$49 to \$299 for children, youth, Bridge Leaders, members of the Presbytery and her congregations and others. All are welcome. Registration is available here: <https://bridgesus.org/>

### **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](http://www.pilgrimplace.org) for more information.

### **Hacienda Heights Shepherd of the Valley Presbyterian Church Thanksgiving Concert**

1723 Park Lawn Rd., Hacienda Heights, CA

Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 7 PM

Featuring East San Gabriel Valley Children's Choir

Admission free      Refreshments following