



MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember Knox Presbyterian Church of Pasadena in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, November 11, 2018.

ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday, November 5 - Commission on Ministry 5:00 at Trinity, Pasadena

Saturday, November 10 - Presbytery Meeting at First Thai Presbyterian Church of Covina - 8:30 Registration, 9:00 meeting

Executive Presbyter, Wendy Tajima is on vacation and will return to the office on Monday, November 19.

A REFLECTION FROM OUR MISSION ADVOCATE, WENDY GIST

You see, then, that it is by our actions that we are put right with God, and not by our faith alone. -

A friend of mine who teaches at Yale Divinity School said, "Joy is a work of resistance against despair. This work involves more than feeling an emotion." Within San Gabriel Presbytery I see lots of places and ways we are involved in this type of work. I want to highlight just a few joyful opportunities that are coming up.

If you are concerned about or feel despair about the health and well-being of people near and far, we have a few connections for you to plug into coming right up.

Our Living Waters for the World team is bringing clean water to various communities in Peru, which equates to better health and less worry for families. This is an extremely joy-filled ministry of our presbytery and you are welcome to join the team! To learn more about the current reality and work in Peru we are blessed to have coming to our presbytery mission co-workers Sara Armstrong and Rusty Edmondson from Nov. 9-13. They will share with us at the Presbytery Meeting on Nov. 10, but they will also be speaking at a number of churches within the presbytery. For more information or to schedule time with Sara and Rusty contact Rev. Cyndie Crowell at cwcrowell1001@gmail.com.

Connecting with organizations working to better the health and well-being of people nearer to home is something many of our churches are doing pretty well. We have the opportunity to support one such organization at the Nov. Presbytery Meeting. Inland Valley Hope Partners (IVHP) will be the recipient of the special offering collected at that meeting. IVHP is addressing homelessness and hunger issues by offering food security programs, housing programs, and healthy living programs to those in need in conjunction with local faith communities, businesses, individuals, and groups. Joyfully I am able to report that we have a few churches directly involved with the work of IVHP. More church partners are always welcome.

If you are concerned about or feel despair about the treatment and/or situation of immigrants, here are some ways that might help you work your way out of that place.

At the November Presbytery Meeting everyone will have the opportunity to write a message of support to unaccompanied minors seeking asylum. We will have postcards available on a table so you can express to kids who are waiting for their day in court that they are in your thoughts and prayers. The cards will be distributed at various locations around Los Angeles through organizations working with unaccompanied minors.

On Nov. 17 Puente de Esperanza Presbyterian Church is holding an immigration workshop. In conjunction with Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE) and other organizations they will offer free consultations with immigration lawyers and a Know Your Rights informational session. CLUE is always looking for churches who can host immigration workshops for immigrants in our neighborhoods. Might your church be willing to provide this service in the future to our immigrant brothers and sisters? If so, let me know at gist.wendy@gmail.com.

If you are concerned about or feel despair about the lack of peace in our world, there's a conference coming up in a few months that you should attend.

"Peace-ing It Together" will be held on Feb. 23, 2019 at Knox Presbyterian Church in Pasadena. This one-day conference will explore various topics of violence and peace and offer specific ideas for peacemaking activities for churches and communities. Featured speakers will include Sara Lisherness and Rev. Denise Anderson from the Presbyterian Mission Agency and Rev. Emily Brewer from Presbyterian Peace Fellowship. For more information contact me at gist.wendy@gmail.com.

There are a number of situations that I despair over in the world today, but taking steps to counter those things which bring me down helps not only me, but the situation itself. I pray that we all find work that brings us joy and also makes this world more like the kingdom of God on Earth.

Peace-ing It Together

Peacemaking Conference - Synod of S. CA and Hawaii

February 23rd, 2019

8:30 a.m. registration, 9:00 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Knox Presbyterian Church

225 S. Hill Ave., Pasadena, CA 91106

Featured speakers include:

Sara Lisherness – Senior Director for Compassion, Peace & Justice, Presbyterian Mission Agency

Rev. Denise Anderson – Coordinator for Racial & Intercultural Justice, Presbyterian Mission Agency

Rev. Emily Brewer – Executive Director, Presbyterian Peace Fellowship

Musical leadership provided by Zehnder

Free lunch will be served.

Specific ideas for peacemaking activities in your church and community will be offered on these topics:

gun violence, immigration, homelessness, interracial issues, and interfaith dialogue.

RSVP to PeaceConfSoCal2019@gmail.com

Thanks to the following for their support of this conference:

Synod JPIC, Presbyteries of San Fernando, Riverside, San Gabriel and Los Ranchos.

All in attendance will be entered into the drawing to take home the quilt commissioned for this conference.

Lieutenant Daniel Menza, Chaplaincy Representative, U.S. Navy Chaplain Programs will be joining us at the November 10th Presbytery Meeting.



Chaplain

A Calling Within a Calling

The ability to minister outside of the conventional setting. The chance to interact with members of diverse faith groups. The opportunity to make a profound difference in the lives of individuals on a regular basis. Together, Navy Chaplains enable the free practice of religion for all the Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who serve.

As a Navy Chaplain, you will nurture the spiritual well-being of those around you. Living with them. Working with them. Eating with them. Praying with them. Understanding their needs and challenges like no one else – in a ministry that is truly 24/7.

Regardless of denomination, the full scope of ministry you'll practice in the Navy immerses you in virtually all aspects of traditional ministry - and takes you beyond. It exposes you to opportunities not available in everyday civilian settings.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Conduct Worship Services in a variety of settings
- Perform Religious Rites and Ceremonies
- Counsel individuals who seek guidance
- Oversee religious education programs
- Visit and provide spiritual guidance and care to hospitalized personnel
- Train lay leaders who conduct religious education programs
- Promote attendance at religious services, retreats, and conferences
- Advise leaders at all levels regarding morale, ethics, and spiritual well-being

OPPORTUNITIES:

- Full Time, Active Duty Service: Three year commitment with a broad range of benefits. You'll take full advantage of the Navy's career and leadership opportunities.
- Part Time, Reserve Duty: Three year commitment to serve as little as 2 days per month and 2 weeks per year. The flexibility to minister in the Navy, while still having a ministerial career outside of the Navy.
- Graduate Student Program: Receive paid on-the-job training during your school breaks under the supervision of a Navy Chaplain. Experience the challenges and reward of being a Chaplain, and then decide if you would like to pursue Active or Reserve Duty after graduation.



JOB DESCRIPTION:

- Provide religious ministry and support to those of your own faith
- Facilitate the religious requirements of those from all faiths
- Care for all service members and their families
- Advise leaders to ensure the free practice of religion

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Be a U.S. Citizen
- Less than 47 years old
- Be able to pass a background check
- Be able to pass a physical examination
- Hold a Bachelor's degree of at least 120 semester hours
- Hold a Master's degree of at least 72 semester hours in Theological or related studies
- Have 2 years of full-time (30 hours/week) employment in your faith background
- Hold or be able to obtain an Ecclesiastical Endorsement

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AMERICA'S
NAVY
FORGED BY THE SEA

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 or Wendy Gist - gist.wendy@gmail.com for more information and to book a date.

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 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

Organized By:



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](#).

Tapestry Youth Collective Fall Retreat 2018

When: November 10-12

Register: online

<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
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>

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

Quick Links

www.sangabpres.org

www.synod.org

www.pcusa.org

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

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.

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