



MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

Presbytery of San Gabriel

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PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember New Hope Presbyterian Church of Pasadena in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, November 18, 2018.

ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Wednesday, November 14 - Education Committee 3:30 at Fuller Seminary

Thursday, November 15 - Honorably Retired Thanksgiving Lunch 12:00 at Westminster Gardens

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

A REFLECTION FROM OUR STATED CLERK, DIANE FRASHER

This past Saturday, November 10th was the last presbytery meeting of the 2018 year. We were welcomed into the Sanctuary of First Thai Presbyterian Church, Covina, to the sight of a beautifully fall decorated sanctuary that was a delight to the eyes. There were fall wreaths spaced intermittently along the side and back walls and a massive expression of fall foliage in the front of the sanctuary. I was suddenly drawn into a place of Thanksgiving in my heart and mind, and I am quite sure that was intended by the environment. Many of the members of First

Thai were present to welcome us as the two portions of the worship service included the participation of the Praise Dancers of the church - a group of young people who led us joyfully in the second portion of the worship service. And, thank you to Rev. Jennifer Ackerman for planning another inspiring worship service. Pastor Peter Tan-Gatue led us in the Lord's Supper this day. We received an offering for Inland Valley Hope Partners during the worship service, as well. If anyone would like to participate in this offering and was not present, you are welcome to send your check in to the presbytery office. And there was a feast of Thai food for lunch after the meeting. What a blessing was our day in Covina. Thank you to Pastor Tan-Gatue and his volunteers that took care of the meeting and meal so beautifully.



The business of the day was fairly limited:

- We received an update from Administration and Finance on the sale and rentals of some of the presbytery's property. Things seem to be moving right along now.
- A highlight of the meeting was a presentation by Sara Armstrong and Rusty Edmondson on their ministry for the last many years in Peru and how Living Waters for the World created a wonderful bridge for their ministry there. Thirty-two systems have been installed while they have worked with them. Our team to Peru has worked hand in hand with them all these years and could not have made the installations the presbytery has been involved in without Sara and Rusty. They are retiring back to the United States and have been replaced by a young couple ready to step into their shoes. We can only benefit from having them present in our area. What a blessing they will be to us.
- Carl von Bibra of the Personnel Committee informed the body of the partial retirement of Twila French, the presbytery's Administrator/ Associate Stated Clerk/Bookkeeper. A deep sigh was heard throughout the gathering as Twila is such an important part of the efficiency of the presbytery. This partial retirement will take place in the middle of 2019 as she will continue to work part-time as the presbytery's bookkeeper. Now, it will actually take one and a half people to do the work that Twila has been doing as the presbytery will be hiring a full-time person to take over the other responsibilities she has cared for over the years. One can tell she has definitely been over-working.
- The Presbytery Executive Commission's report included the presentation of the 2019 Budget highlights. The budget was approved, as well as the per-member apportionment of \$69 for the 2019 year. An Administrative Commission, requested by the congregation of Grace Presbyterian Church, was formalized at this meeting, as well.
- We received a very interesting presentation by Navy Chaplain Lt. Daniel Menza. He has left information with us to distribute if anyone is interested in considering a call to Navy Chaplaincy. Please contact the presbytery office if this interests you.
- We approved the new slate of Committee/Commission members for the 2019 year. I cannot call them universally the Class of 2021 as there were additional classes included.

And we elected our new Vice Moderator, Rev. Karen Sapio, pastor of Claremont Presbyterian Church. She will be installed at the January presbytery meeting. This will mean that Fried Wilson will have completed his three year commitment. Rev. Becca Bateman will become the Moderator of the PEC and Rev. Roberto Ramirez will become the Moderator of the Presbytery. We all look forward to the New Year's leadership. And we thank all those that have completed their terms of service. We have appreciated the sharing of their gifts with the presbytery.

- We received into membership, TE Eun-hyey Lok, transferring from the Presbytery of the Twin Cities. She is the Director of Outreach and a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist at the Asian American Christian Counseling Service in Alhambra. She led the body in a meaningful Lectio-Divina during part of the worship service. I can tell we are blessed to have her become a member of this presbytery.
- We also approved the temporary half-time pastoral leader for Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in Claremont. He will be going through a plan of preparation for authorized ministry in the PC(USA) as he comes to us from the Church of the Nazarene.
- The presbytery concurred with two congregations in the dismissal of their pastors:
 - Pasadena Presbyterian Church - Rev. Walter Contreras
 - Arcadia Presbyterian Church - Rev. James Connor
 - In addition, the Minimum Salary and benefits package for 2019 was approved:
 - Salary and Housing \$55,840
 - Professional Expenses \$ 2,645
 - Study Leave \$ 985

This does represent a 3.9% increase in the CPI-U in our geographic area.

I am sure that I have not remembered everything that occurred Saturday. As those that were present read this, I hope that they will forgive me if I have not focused on something they felt was important on the day.

As we enter the Holiday Season, may I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and a Blessed Advent and Christmas Season!

Diane M. Frasher
Stated Clerk

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

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.

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:



Shepherd of the Valley Presbyterian Church
1723 Park Lawn Road, Hacienda Heights, California 91745

2018 Thanksgiving Concert

November 17 · 7-9 PM

More Info: 626.965.7056

**Choral Groups - Hymns - Refreshments - Free!
All Are Welcome**



WINTERFest

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>

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](#).

Pastor's Minimum Salary: \$55,840

Travel/Professional Expense Reimbursement: \$2,645

Study Leave: \$985

2018 Mileage Reimbursement Rates:

Ministry .545 cents per mile

Charitable 14 cents per mile

Business .545 cents per mile

Mileage rates for 2019 have not yet been released but are expected to be released in December.

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

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

No Way to Treat A Palestinian: Gaza, Unrwa, & Jerusalem

featuring Donna Baransky-Waler of The Rebuilding Alliance

and a panel of experts on Jerusalem,

including Rizek Abusharr, Nasim Houry, Rana Sharif & Bp. Dean Nelson

Saturday, November 17, 2018 8:30 AM - 1 PM

Christ Lutheran Church

6500 Stearns Street, Long Beach, CA 90815

Conference organizer: FRIENDS OF SABEEL(LA&OC)

Cost \$20 and includes lunch (cash at door)

RSVP/Questions to NW2TAP@gmail.com