



MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember San Marino Community Church of San Marino in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, January 13, 2019

ON THE CALENDAR

Monday, January 7 - Commission on Ministry 5:00 at Trinity, Pasadena

Wednesday, January 9 - Education Committee 3:30 at Northminster, Diamond Bar

Tuesday, January 15 - 6:30 pm Presbytery Meeting at Knox, Pasadena

A REFLECTION FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER, WENDY TAJIMA

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. 1

Peter 1:3-4

Reflection

Happy New Year!

2019 is but a week old now, but more than usual, this new year is rooted in the year past. While some years I can start the year with a clean slate, clean house, and a list of unbroken resolutions (for a few hours at least), I enter this year with memories of dear ones who have passed, and I have also been busier with work than usual. I have joked that in Presbytery work, the holidays are quiet times because the pastors are busy earning their keep by preaching (so I am not needed for pulpit supply), and the church folk are busy planning their holiday events to get into a conflict. But this year, we have had several pastorates end. Jim Conner has left Arcadia Community Church, Walter Contreras has left Pasadena, Ken Tracy finished his contract with St. Andrew's in La Puente, and Jake Kim finished his contract with Northminster in Diamond Bar. One of the most important roles for a Presbytery is to help churches secure faithful and effective pastoral leadership, so we have been busy not only working with these churches but also supporting the many new pastors who have joined us this past year.

As we begin this new year, I see many different streams of activity in Presbytery life, almost like the marbling that happens when different colors of paints are swirled together. We have had several loved ones pass away, so we sorely feel the loss of Leon Fanniel and Zac Bright, as well as Mariko Yanagihara's father and Margarita Reyes' mother and others. Some churches are saying good-bye to their pastors while others are embarking on new adventures, such as First Thai Presbyterian Church wanting to change their name to Praise Community Church, as they have become a faith community for all their Covina neighbors. Many of the Baldwin Park folks are worshiping with the West Covina Fellowship, and we continue to work on pastoral leadership and a partnership with International Theological Seminary that could prove to be a huge blessing for all involved. Westminster in Temple City has found new leadership and new energy to evangelize their neighbors. And Pasadena, having developed a new mission study that deepens their multicultural commitment into their confirmed identity as an *intercultural* church, will soon begin to search for an installed pastor/head of staff.

I had the opportunity to celebrate Epiphany with Northminster yesterday, and I commented on the discomfort we feel facing an unknown future. (Ironically, we ALL face an unknown future, but sometimes it seems more uncertain than at other times.) As the wise men were told, sometimes we have to take another road, and it can be scary to take that unknown path. But even if we don't

know WHAT is ahead of us, we can be assured that we always know WHO is ahead of us. Our faith is in God who loves us so much as to care for us throughout history, come to us as Jesus to live with us and die for us, and lives now and forever in and around us, calling us forth into mission, strengthening us for the journey, and walking with us every step of the way.

We can see how new life is rooted in the past, and that it is only as a grain of wheat dies does it bear much fruit. So as we go forth into 2019, let us give thanks for all who have brought us to this place, let us reach out to those who struggle and grieve, and let us always be emboldened in the knowledge that our risen Christ, who defeated death, calls us forth to serve and share the good news of hope and love. Let us walk together as partners, even sisters and brothers, in Christ.

Blessings for the year ahead,
Wendy

Please come celebrate the lives of our brothers

- Rev. Dr. Leon Fanniel, Wednesday, January 9, 11 am, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2230 W. Jefferson Bl., Los Angeles 90018
- Rev. Zachary Bright, January 12, 1 pm, Arcadia Community (Presbyterian) Church, 121 Alice St, Arcadia, CA 91006

Prayer Requests

And pray for Rev. Dr. Mariko Yanagihara on the passing of her father Friday, January 4.

On December 23rd, the sanctuary of Magnolia Presbyterian Church in Riverside sustained substantial fire damage. This is the church where our Paul Knopf is co-pastor. If you would like to send a note of encouragement or a donation, you may write them at 7200 Magnolia Ave, Riverside, CA 92504.

COME JOIN US!

We will have a **short Presbytery meeting next Tuesday, January 15**, at Knox Presbyterian in Pasadena. Registration starts at 6:30 and the meeting starts at 7 pm. We are meeting on Tuesday evening to see if those who cannot come on Saturdays may be able to participate (we will have another Tuesday night meeting on November 19th).

We are also meeting early so we can dedicate the entire day to **WinterFest on February 2**, 9:30 am-3 pm. Just this weekend I heard how helpful, even eye-opening, past WinterFests have been, and this one will be just as great! Rev. Alexia Salvatierra will give us practical approaches to connecting with our community, and several different kinds of workshops will be offered. We will also welcome Rev. Samuel Son, Manager for Diversity and Reconciliation for the Presbyterian Mission Agency. He will also be preaching at Pasadena Presbyterian on February 3. Please register [here](#) for WinterFest-and remember, you get special benefits if you bring a team of 5 or more from your church!

HOMELESS COUNT

The annual **Homeless Count** will come up January 22-24, with mandatory orientation January 16-17. Take a look at the [info sheet](#) and register now! Several of us will be in Pasadena, Glendale, and Rowland Heights this year.

2019 PRESBYTERY MEETINGS

You can also go to sangabpres.org and download the presbytery and committee calendar, or click [here](#). The Presbytery meetings are:

- January 15 @ Knox Presbyterian, Pasadena, 7 pm
- February 2, WinterFest, @ Northminster, Diamond Bar, 9:30 am
- April 6 @ Divine Light, El Monte, 9 am
- June 8, including Day of Service @ West Covina Ministry Center (aka Community Presbyterian, West Covina), 9 am
- September 14 @ Puente de Esperanza, La Puente
- November 19, 7 pm, host to be announced.

GRACE FOR THE END OF 2018

There's still time to complete-or increase-your **shared mission giving for 2018!** The Presbytery office will receive 2018 contributions to the broader mission of the church until January 15, 2019 (the date of the Presbytery meeting). The per-person apportionment for 2019 is \$69/member. Call the Presbytery office if you have any questions. And individuals can also contribute to the mission of the Presbytery-and they have! Go to sangabpres.org and click "DONATE" near the top right corner of the screen.

BIG BEAR LAKE CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE CENTER

Winter Camp

FOR JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

MARCH 22 - 24

REGISTER BY THURSDAY MARCH 7

WWW.BBLCCC.COM

Resilience & Renewal for Disaster Responders A Time to Rest, Refocus, Recharge

Presented by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Saturday, January 26, 2019
9:30 am-3:30 pm; Registration 9:00 am -9:30 am
Westminster Presbyterian Church
32111 Watergate Rd, Westlake Village, CA 91361

This program is offered to those who have responded to recent natural and human-caused disasters.

Benefits Include:

- * Enjoy time and space for rest and reflection
- * Share experiences that have affected you
- * Recognize and learn to alleviate common signs of stress
- * Learn and practice tools for building resilience and develop a personalized plan for self-care

Register by January 10 at:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Westlakevillage_PDA

Sponsored by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, in collaboration with the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii and the Presbytery of Santa Barbara, the Presbytery of the Pacific and San Fernando Presbytery.

Please contact Kathy Riley kathy.riley523@gmail.com if you have questions about the program

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

Growing into Tomorrow ... Today

A retirement planning seminar



Planning for retirement can be challenging.

This two-day seminar is for plan members retiring within the next 15 years. Look beyond finances to be informed, educated, and inspired for a journey toward wholeness in retirement.

- Identify key questions for discernment.
- Assess your financial readiness.
- Discuss healthcare and housing options.
- Create next steps in identity, relationship, housing, health, and finances.

About Board University Education Seminars

Do you have questions about retirement, taxes, financial planning, or terms of call? Board University can help.

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Note: Board University programs educate and inform attendees. Participants are encouraged to seek professional advice and counsel for specific tax and legal questions.

Key Seminar Details:

February 13-14, 2019
Westminster Gardens
Duarte, CA
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., PT, both days

Sponsored by HumanGood

- **Seating limit:** 30 registrants
- **Board's registration fee:** None
- **Local meal fee:** \$39.50 per person, for both days
- **Lodging:** See registration site for options
- Confirmations include pre-seminar work and meal fee payment instructions.

Registration Information:

- **Registration closes January 28, 2019**
- **Please visit our site to register!**
<http://www.cvent.com/d/gbqv3d>

Have questions about the seminar?

Contact the Board of Pensions at 800-PRESPLAN
Email Education@pensions.org



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2019 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count

[THEYCOUNTWILLYOU.ORG](https://www.theycountwillyou.org)

2019 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count – Jan. 22-24, 2019

The Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count is January 22-24 and covers all LA County except the cities of Glendale, Pasadena, and Long Beach, which conduct their own counts. We need at least 8000 volunteers to canvas more than 80 cities and 200 communities across LA County.

Tuesday, January 22: San Fernando Valley, Santa Clarita Valley, & San Gabriel Valley

Wednesday, January 23: East and West Los Angeles County

Thursday, January 24: Antelope Valley, Metro Los Angeles

For more info and to sign up to help count go to: <https://www.theycountwillyou.org/>

Pasadena Homeless Count – Jan. 22 & 23, 2019

The 2019 Pasadena Homeless Count sets in motion a year full of education, engagement & action for the Pasadena Partnership. Each year, volunteers help count men, women & children living on the streets during one night in January. Volunteers are sent in teams of 2-3 to an assigned zone on the night of January 22 (8-10 p.m.) & the morning of January 23 (6-8 a.m.). The same teams go out both times.

All Homeless Count Volunteers should be 18+ years old and must attend an orientation on Jan 16 or 17 (6:30-8:30 p.m.).

To register to volunteer, please sign up at <https://pasadenapartnership.org/volunteer-homeless-count/>

Glendale Homeless Count – Jan. 22 & 23, 2019

The City of Glendale is organizing and implementing the 2019 City of Glendale Homeless Count and Sub Population Survey. Volunteers are needed to conduct the Count and Survey. Volunteers will be sent out in teams of 2-3, Tuesday, January 22 from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. and Wednesday, January 23 from 8-10 a.m. Each volunteer is required to attend an orientation meeting. The training is scheduled for Wed., Jan. 9 at 10 a.m. at Glendale City Hall, 613 E. Broadway, Room 100, Glendale, CA.

For more info and to register go to: <https://www.glendaleca.gov/government/departments/community-services-parks/community-development-block-grant/homeless-count-volunteer-interest-form>

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

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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



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.**

2019 Presbytery Meetings

January 15, 7:00-8:30 PM @ Knox, Pasadena (Tuesday evening)
April 6, 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon @ Divine Light, El Monte
June 8, 9:00 AM - Work Day @ West Covina Ministry Center
September 14, 9:00 AM - 12:00 noon @ Puente de Esperanza, La Puente
November 19, 7:00 - 9:00 PM (Tuesday evening)

2019 Presbytery Minimums

Pastor's Minimum Salary: \$55,840
Travel/Professional Expense Reimbursement: \$2,645
Study Leave: \$985

2019 Mileage Reimbursement Rates:

Business .58 cents per mile Charitable 14 cents per mile

Quick Links

www.sangabpres.org

www.synod.org

www.pcusa.org

www.pensions.org

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Claremont Presbyterian Church

Facilities Manager

Part-time Exempt

Basic Function - Under the direction of the Head of Staff, provide overall supervision of the maintenance and up-keep of all church facilities.

Click [HERE](#) to download a copy of the complete job description.

Contact - Claremont Presbyterian Church 909 624-9693

Intern for Children: Music and Arts

Claremont Presbyterian Church is hiring an Intern for Children: Music and Arts. This is a paid internship that amounts to 2-5 hours per week.

Click [HERE](#) to download a copy of the complete job description.

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!



ITEMS OF INTEREST

Winter Camp for Jr. High and High School Students

Big Bear Conference Center

March 22-24

Register by March 7th at www.bblccc.com

presbyterian Youth Triennium

"Here's My Heart"

July 16-20 2019

Perdue University, West Lafayette, IN

Registration will open in late 2018 and conclude in May 2019

Visit www.presbyterianyouthtriennium.org

for more information.

