



MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

Presbytery of San Gabriel

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PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember Calvary Presbyterian Church of South Pasadena in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, January 20, 2019

ON THE CALENDAR

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

A REFLECTION FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER, WENDY TAJIMA

The Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail. *Isaiah 58:11*

Tomorrow evening is the first Presbytery meeting for 2019, at Knox Presbyterian in Pasadena. The meeting will start with registration and snacks at 6:30 pm and the call to order will come at 7 pm. We have heard that some people cannot come to Saturday morning meetings, so this year we have two Tuesday evening meetings and three Saturday meetings, in addition to WinterFest on February 2nd (Saturday). Hope this will enable more people to participate!

We always try to keep the meetings as efficient and relevant as possible. We will install our new officers Roberto Ramirez as Moderator and Karen Sapio as Vice Moderator. Current Moderator Becca Bateman will become Chair of the Executive Commission, and we thank Fried Wilson, outgoing PEC chair. We will hear the reflections of our General Assembly delegation-Bear Ride, Deborah Owens, and Sophia Alecci-as we look ahead to voting on constitutional amendments in April.

We will show our support for East San Gabriel Valley Coalition for the Homeless, who operates the winter shelter and provides many services for homeless people in central and east San Gabriel Valley. And we will receive support, as we celebrate our chaplaincy for retired Presbyterian church workers, funded by the generosity of House of Rest. House of Rest has generously agreed to fund this program for 2019 at an expanded rate, as Monte Vista Grove Homes has requested that Lauren Evans provide chaplaincy services to them as well.

We will also honor the ministry of First Presbyterian Church of Baldwin Park. The Administrative Commission has been working on resolving the legal issues related to the fraudulent tenant, and helping the members to transition to another church, for now the West Covina Presbyterian Fellowship. They have been a blessing for West Covina, and it is possible that God may bless the ministry at West Covina in other ways too, which will allow them to continue as a blessing for the West Covina community and now our sisters and brothers from the Baldwin Park church. The AC will be presenting a report that highlights the unique and groundbreaking ministry at Baldwin Park, a community always dedicated to following Jesus' call for us to be welcoming of all, and seekers of justice for the oppressed. I cannot speak of Baldwin Park without thanking Melinda Forbes and Sonnie Swenston. Melinda especially has dedicated countless hours and worries to supporting the Baldwin Park church these last few years. My prayer is that she and Sonnie will now be able to gain spiritual renewal in a new church home.

As I look outside my window, the skies are thick with clouds and rain is coming down. I admit that I hate rain, and when the weather looks like this I would just as soon crawl back into bed. But I know that rain makes the earth flourish like no human irrigation system can. (I even saw proof of this, when a previous rain shower made some little plants of mine burst forth in a way that I didn't think possible, as apparently I had been starving them with my paltry watering.)

It's important for me to remember that new life springs forth from times that seem dreary. Last week I attended the memorial services for Leon Fanniel and Zac Bright, and I know there were several other memorial services in our community last week. As we consider the ending of Baldwin Park's ministry, and the lives of bright lights like Leon and Zac, the human response is to mourn their loss, and to miss their presence in our lives. But at Zac's memorial, I felt this peace, and even as several speakers remembered the complexity and brilliance of Zac's mind and faith, I sensed the deep love that Zac had for the Lord and for his family, which seemed to be expressed best in music. Finney Premkumar gave the homily at Zac's service, and offered a helpful quote which has been attributed to Methodist Bishop Warren Chandler, who did not fear crossing the river from life to death because "I belong to a Father who owns the land on both sides of the river."

I was in a meeting yesterday with leaders of a church that has gone through great transformation. But there have definitely been struggles with this transformation, and I mentioned that even in the best of changes, people can't help but grieve what once was. So as we remember the people and the churches of the past, as we look at gray skies and flowered caskets, may we look to the other side of that river, and give thanks that God is the God of all, and in God, rainy days can yield to glorious springtime, and death leads to eternal life. Thanks be to God.

See you tomorrow,
Wendy

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

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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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EVERYONE COUNTS.
NO MATTER WHERE THEY LIVE.



Sign up today for the
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

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

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for more information.

