



# MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

## Presbytery of San Gabriel

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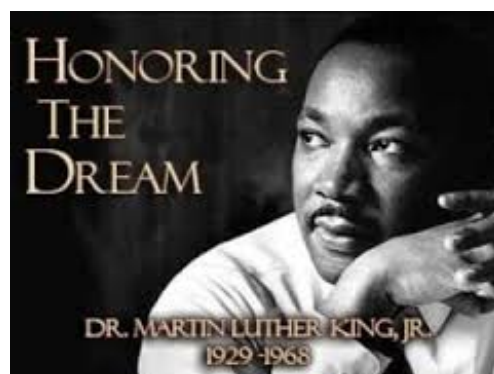
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### PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember Grace Taiwanese Presbyterian Church of Temple City in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, January 27, 2019

### ON THE CALENDAR



The Presbytery office will be closed on Monday, January 21st in observance of Martin

Thursday, January 24 - Vision and Strategy 12:00 at B-Mans, Duarte

Assoc. Stated Clerk/Administrator, Twila French will be out of the office this week.

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## A REFLECTION FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER, WENDY TAJIMA

How very good and pleasant it is  
when kindred live together in unity! *Psalm 133:1*

Last Tuesday was our most recent Presbytery meeting. It was a joy to experience the hospitality of Knox Presbyterian Church. I loved watching the four leaders for communion, the two pastors of Knox and the moderator and vice moderator of the Presbytery. I believe one of these leaders just turned 50, and the others are a bit younger than that. While we talk about diversity which is a strength, others have also noted the presence of several young, committed, and gifted leaders in our Presbytery, and that was quite evident in Tuesday's meeting.

Now this was the first meeting in a while on a weeknight, as we were hoping for more people who are committed on Saturday mornings to attend. Even though it was a very rainy night, we didn't have a drop in attendance, though we had more teaching elders than on Saturdays, and fewer ruling elders. That is what we expected, and frankly the reason we moved Presbytery meetings to Saturdays, so we could be more available to ruling elders who work outside the church. We have one more Tuesday evening meeting in 2019, on November 19<sup>th</sup> at Trinity in Pasadena, and we'll discuss what we'll do in 2020. Let us know if you have ideas about the meetings and the schedule.

Part of the catalyst for this scheduling experiment was to give WinterFest the entire Saturday, so please be sure to register for WinterFest, to be held Saturday, February 2, at Northminster in Diamond Bar. You can click [here](#) to see the schedule and workshop listing, and to register. As you know, there is a discount and free resources for churches who bring 5 or more people (they don't all have to register together; just make sure everyone types in the name of the church on the registration form).

Even though there were a couple of small glitches due to unexpected distractions (I blame the rain), I appreciated hearing the observations of Bob McKennon, who came with his wife Donna to represent East San Gabriel Valley Coalition for the Homeless. By the way, the offering for ESGVCH was a little over \$600; I fear that we had quite a few people who had to leave before we received the offering. So thank you to those who gave, and I urge everyone to go to their website, learn about their services and donate. Their website is <https://esgvch.org/> and you can donate online.

While we are talking about homelessness, please pray for all of us who will be counting homeless people in our communities this Tuesday night and early Wednesday morning. The Homeless Count not only gathers important data which are used to plan resources, but it lets the people experiencing homelessness know that we care enough to speak with them, as at least in Pasadena there is a rather extensive survey that each person responds to with the counting team.

Anyway, at the end of Tuesday's Presbytery meeting, Mr. McKennon told me repeatedly how impressed he was with our Presbytery. He said that compared to other denominations where he's visited, he felt so much love during our meeting. What do you think of that-Presbyterians being a

witness to love! I think he was struck by the care expressed when we honored the ground-breaking ministry of First Presbyterian Church of Baldwin Park, as the spirit of this church goes on to bless others. We know that Baldwin Park members have connected with Community Presbyterian Fellowship in West Covina and also Praise Community Church, aka First Thai Presbyterian Church. I pray that it is a blessing for them to join with other sisters and brothers in Christ, as their participation is a blessing for the receiving church.

Over the last few years, I have noticed that there has been some intentional movement within the Presbytery. Members of churches now dismissed from the PC(USA) have become leaders at churches such as La Verne Heights and Village in Arcadia. Other members who have become weary from helping to shoulder a fragile or struggling church have found needed respite and nurture from churches where they can "just worship," rather than worry if the guest preacher will show up or whether the plumbing is working correctly. I have heard of churches such as San Marino, Knox and La Verne Heights becoming a place of healing for faithful but tired church leaders. In one recent example, a couple moved to a church before the wife's health started to fail, and their new church was able to provide extraordinary welcome and care as the wife went on to the Lord, and the husband faced the holidays alone. Their old church was so thankful that the couple was able to receive this care.

As I have mentioned, the several administrative commissions have also proved to be an opportunity for the Presbytery to be present with a church, through their time, wisdom, and service. Our little experiment at West Covina is flowering into something kind of spectacular, and soon we can celebrate new pastoral leadership coming to walk with this group as we see what new thing God will be doing in West Covina! I always remember the first comment made from the West Covina session to the Presbytery: "We want to become a fellowship of the Presbytery, and the only request we have is that you not sell the property to developers." Not only did we not sell the property, but it looks like there will be all kinds of exciting new ministry happening there!

It was at the West Covina AC meeting last week (they have met almost every week for months now) when we noticed how local church members and pastors are visiting with each other, welcoming each other, reaching out to help one another, and how God is offering mutual blessings through these movements. This is how we are a connectional church, not just in our group decision-making and accountability processes, but in our relationships that extend beyond the confines of our individual churches.

During the month of January, I have had the great privilege and joy of preaching at Northminster in Diamond Bar as they have said farewell to Jake Kim as temporary pastor. Last week I talked about how in Christ we become family, and because Jesus called God Abba Father, we too are heirs of this wondrous and mighty God. I have seen the love and giftedness of the Northminster family as they go through this time of transition, but I also reminded them that they have extended family, in the Presbytery, and I believe that.

I do love to see how we can be family together, in our local churches, in our Presbytery, and with our community. May we continue to be filled with the love of Christ, so much so that our love and our joy cannot help but overflow to all the world.

Thanks be to God!  
Wendy

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](mailto: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>

The Peace-ing It Together Conference is coming up on Feb. 23 at Knox Presbyterian Church in Pasadena. The planners are very excited about the day and hope you will be able to recruit people from your church and wider community to come! Please post the flyer, forward it, and get the word out. We hope to have a large group in attendance.

Thanks for all the work you do and for letting others know about this exciting and important event!

Blessings,

Wendy Gist  
Mission Advocate for Hunger, Poverty, and Peacemaking Issues  
Presbyteries of San Fernando and San Gabriel

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

# PEACE-ING IT TOGETHER

## How Individuals and Congregations Can Bring More PEACE Into Our World

Feb. 23, 2019 at Knox Presbyterian Church, 225 S. Hill Ave., Pasadena 91106

8:30 a.m. registration, 8:50 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Lunch included at no cost

**Are you looking for things you can do that make a difference?  
Come to the Peace-ing It Together conference for answers!**

### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Sara Lisherness: Senior Director for Compassion, Peace & Justice; Presbyterian Mission Agency  
Rev. Emily Brewer, Executive Director, Presbyterian Peace Fellowship

Presentations, workshops, and resource tables will focus on:

#### 1. ADDRESSING VIOLENCE

- ✓ Engaging Congregations in Preventing All Forms of Gun Violence: Virginia Classick, Co-Chair, Gun Violence Prevention Task Force, Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles
- ✓ Responding to Local Violence: Rev. Kyle Joachim, Silverlake Presbyterian Church (PC)
- ✓ Responding to Local Violence: Christa Wallis, First PC of San Bernardino

#### 2. BUILDING PEACE THROUGH INTERFAITH RELATIONS

- ✓ The Guibord Center's dinner & dialogue program: Lisa Patriquin, Tahil Sharma & Samia Bano
- ✓ Azerbaijan's Model for Religious Tolerance and Peaceful Coexistence: Nasimi Aghayev, Consul General of Azerbaijan in Los Angeles
- ✓ Christian-Muslim Study Groups: Carole Wheeler, First PC of Newhall & Jamshed Yazdani, Newhall Unity Center

#### 3. TAKING ACTION FOR IMMIGRANTS

- ✓ Matthew 25 ministries: Rev. Dr. Matt Colwell, Pastor, Knox PC
- ✓ From Visitation of Detainees to Post-Release Assistance: Merilie Robertson, Woodland Hills PC & Beryl Smith, St. Mark PC, Los Ranchos Presbytery

#### 4. HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING

- ✓ Jill Shook, Exec. Director, Making Housing and Community Happen
- ✓ Lori Gay, President & CEO, Neighborhood Housing Services of LA County
- ✓ Rev. Walter Contreras, Neighborhood Housing Services of LA County
- ✓ Amie Quigley, Director, Community Outreach, First PC of Hollywood

#### 5. DISMANTLING AND RE-BUILDING: THE CHURCH CONFRONTING RACISM

- ✓ Rev. Denise Anderson, Coordinator for Racial and Intercultural Justice, Presbyterian Mission Agency

There is **no cost to attend** this conference, but **please RSVP** to: [PeaceConfSoCal2019@gmail.com](mailto:PeaceConfSoCal2019@gmail.com) so we know how many lunches to have available.

Thanks to the following supporters: Synod of Southern CA & Hawaii JPIC; the Presbyteries of San Fernando, San Gabriel, Riverside, Los Ranchos, and Pacific; and First Presbyterian Church of Encino

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



## Conference Program

8:30 - 8:50 Coffee and Registration  
8:50 - 9:30 Opening Worship - reflection by Rev. Denise Anderson & music by Zehnder  
9:30 - 10:00 "When Did We See You?" based on Matthew 25 - Sara Lisherness  
10:00 - 10:10 Break

10:10 - 11:10 Interfaith Peacemaking: Panel of different approaches  
Nasimi Aghayev - Consul General of Azerbaijan in Los Angeles  
Lisa Patriquin, Tahil Sharma, and Samia Bano - The Guibord Center  
Carole Wheeler - First Presbyterian of Newhall  
Jamshed Yazdani - Newhall Unity Center

11:10 - 12:10 "Dismantling and Re-building: The Church Confronting Racism" - Denise Anderson  
12:10 - 12:50 Lunch  
12:45 - 1:00 Music by Zehnder to bring us back together

### Breakout groups

This is your chance to go more in depth with speakers on the topic that most interests you.

1:00 - 2:00 Breakout Session #1 (please choose one)

**A. Addressing Violence** – in the Sanctuary

Engaging Congregations in Preventing All Forms of Gun Violence: Virginia Classick  
Churches Responding to Local Violence: Kyle Joachim and Christa Wallis

**B. Addressing Immigration Issues** – in the Atrium

Matthew 25 Ministries: Matthew Colwell

From Detainee Visitation to Post-Release Assistance: Merilie Robertson & Beryl Smith

**C. Housing and Homelessness Issues** – in the North House Dining Room

Jill Shook, Lori Gay, Walter Contreras, and Amie Quigley

**D. Modeling Religious Tolerance & Peaceful Coexistence** – in North House Lounge

Nasimi Aghayev, Consul General of Azerbaijan

**E. Interfaith Dialogue** – in the North House meeting room

The Guibord Center's Dinner and Dialogue Program: Lisa Patriquin, Tahil Sharma, Samia Bano  
Muslim-Christian Study Groups: Carole Wheeler & Jamshed Yazdani

2:00 - 2:15 Break

2:15 - 3:15 Breakout Session #2 (please choose one)

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Jill Shook, Lori Gay, Walter Contreras, and Amie Quigley

**D. The Church Confronting Racism** – North House meeting room

Denise Anderson

3:20 - 4:00 "Trimming the Wicks: Ready to Act" – Rev. Emily Brewer, Presbyterian Peace Fellowship

## \$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



### 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](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

### 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](http://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](http://www.presbyterianyouthtriennium.org)

for more information.

