



# MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

## Presbytery of San Gabriel

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Monday, February 4, 2019

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### PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember Westminster Presbyterian Church of Temple City in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, February 10, 2019

### ON THE CALENDAR

Monday, February 4 - Commission on Ministry 12:00 at the Presbytery Center in Temple City

### A REFLECTION FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER, WENDY TAJIMA

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. - *1 Corinthians 12:12*

Once in a while I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the blessing I have in serving San Gabriel Presbytery. This weekend was such a time.

Saturday was WinterFest, our annual training day. Captained by Rev. Ally Lee of Knox Pasadena, and coordinated by the Education Committee of the Presbytery, this day was a source of inspiration, education, and empowerment. I have heard from several of the participants appreciation and immediate application of what they learned from plenary speaker Rev. Alexia Salvatierra and all the workshops, especially the large interactive afternoon on "Mobilizing Your Church to Serve," led by Rev. Jennifer Ackerman and Sophia Alecci. We will be receiving the PowerPoint presentations from Rev. Salvatierra, so let us know if you want them and we'll send them to you. And if you want to get more involved in the Matthew 25 movement, you can talk with Knox Presbyterian, who is a member church, or go to <https://www.matthew25socal.org/>.

We were also blessed to have Rev. Samuel Son, Manager for Diversity and Reconciliation with the Presbyterian Mission Agency, who led two workshops on diversity as a gospel issue. As I experienced this WinterFest, I realized that I as Executive Presbyter had virtually nothing to contribute to the event, and the host church, Northminster Presbyterian, did a phenomenal job creating a comfortable and welcoming home, even while they are without a pastor and their usual *al fresco* lifestyle had to adjust to the pouring rain. So in deed as well as in word, WinterFest showed us much of what we dream for the church-the priesthood of all believers, gathered in the name of Jesus Christ to work for Christ's mission in the world-and those believers include young leaders, people of all races, lay people and clergy alike. Thank you to everyone who prepared, served, and participated.

I wanted to connect more with Samuel Son, who came all the way out from Louisville just to be with us. He preached and led adult education at Pasadena Presbyterian Church on Sunday, so I went there. I regretted missing West Covina's worship service, as they were honoring Rev. Don Maddox, who has been a faithful preacher and moderator of session during their trailblazing transition to being a Presbytery fellowship. As Revs. Mary Ellen Azada and Jennifer Ackerman begin their ministry at West Covina next Sunday, Don is now helping with St. Andrew's Presbyterian in La Puente, along with Rev. Charles Castles. They were asked to help since Rev. Ken Tracy had to complete his ministry due to severe neck and back pain. I continue to be so grateful for our incredible corps of retired pastors who serve and lead in so many ways in this Presbytery. Thanks to Don, Charlie, and Ken, and we pray for the doctors to find a way to alleviate Ken's back pain.

I ended up staying at PPC until 9:30 pm on Sunday. Here's a brief outline of my day:

- 10 am Worship in English (concurrent with Spanish-language worship)
- 11:30 Adult ed in English
- 12:30 hang out with some of the Latino leaders, eating posole (during the Korean-language worship)
- 1:30 lunch with the Korean ministry
- 2:20 Adult ed in Korean and English
- 4:00 visit with Revs. Samuel Son, Dongwoo Lee, and ShinHwa Park (during Japanese-language worship, a partner ministry of PPC's Korean ministry)
- 7:00 Concert of Korale, an all-Korea choir of college singers, in the sanctuary (during the evening worship in Gamble Lounge that welcomes all, including people who are sleeping on the streets of Pasadena).

Whew! I should mention that other than the choir concert, this is pretty much the schedule for every Sunday at PPC-and that doesn't include church school for the kids, choir rehearsals, and other meetings! So even as they are continuing to work for the transformation of their church, the people of PPC continue to be a beacon of light for many people from multiple backgrounds and circumstances, and they are rapidly becoming a model of intercultural ministry for the whole denomination, as folks enjoy each other's gifts, as folks attend multiple events across ministries. May God continue to bless PPC, especially as they are starting to put together a Pastor Nominating Committee for their installed head of staff. And thank God for the amazing leadership of interim pastor Rev. Ann Oglesby-Edwards and all the leaders and staff of PPC.

As Sam and I parted, he kept mentioning how much he learned from this brief time with San Gabriel Presbytery. While I told Sam how some of our mission work is rooted in connections

through our immigrant churches, I didn't mention how some of our members are also struggling with the powers of the world themselves. Among them are Ricardo Moreno, whose hearing in Venezuela was postponed yet again. While we continue to pray for him, I am reminded that here in the United States we require asylum-seekers to come repeatedly to court, sometimes while being held in detention in a jail-like facility. We also pray for Betty, a key leader of one of our churches, who has become the administrator for two other of our churches-so this extremely diligent and talented young woman of faith is now crucial to the ministry of three of our churches! She is also a DACA recipient, and is up for renewal this year. I am grateful that our Justice Peacemaking and Mission Committee voted to support her renewal application (which requires a \$495 fee), and that by refusing to hear the case on DACA, the Supreme Court has allowed DACA to continue for at least another year, which I am hoping means that our leader's renewal will be granted. Let us pray for all the Dreamers who are contributing in so many ways to this nation, including our own San Gabriel Presbytery.

And the wide-ranging ministry of San Gabriel Presbytery continues. Today, Rev. Rob Crowell, Elder Pat Martinez-Miller, and staff Wendy Gist go to Peru, to attend a Living Waters for the World conference (Rob is Vice Moderator of the LWW Peru Network Coordinating Team), check on existing installations, and plan for a new installation in Lima. Prayers for their safe journey. And please remember the "Peace-ing It Together" conference on Saturday, Feb. 23, hosted by Knox Presbyterian in Pasadena. Please see below for more information.

Do you feel blessed for being part of the ministry of San Gabriel Presbytery? I do!

Peace,  
Wendy

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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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OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

**Save the Dates: Pray for Students on February 14 & 17**

On February 14, 2018, a former student entered the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida with an AR-15-style semi-automatic weapon. In 7 minutes he killed 17 students and adults. In February of 1893, Presbyterians first participated in the Universal Day of Prayer for Students, lifting to God the lives of children, teenagers and young adults. In February of 2019, these two anniversaries coincide in a way that calls the church to take seriously the steps needed to protect students and all of us from the crisis of gun violence in our nation.

[Download the Worship-Action Kit for Feb. 17](#)

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 letting others know about this exciting and important event! We hope to see you on Feb. 23rd.

Blessings,

Wendy Gist  
Mission Advocate for Hunger, Poverty, and Peacemaking Issues  
Presbytery of 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, Tahlil 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, Tahlil 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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**B. Addressing Immigration Issues** – in the Atrium

Matthew 25 Ministries: Matthew Colwell

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

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



**Tread Lightly for Lent** - 2019 Daily Reflection-Action Calendar can be found [HERE](#)

Promote Eco-Palms - find information, resources, and order palm fronds at [Eco-Palms](#)

Promote One Great Hour of Sharing - information and resources at [OGHS](#)

***Considering Our Treasure: A Reflection on Embracing God's Economy***

Dive deeper into Luke 12:34 as you use this resource for learning, reflection, study, and action. Consider (alone or with a group) God's economy, where your treasure is and where it is being spent, and how your resources reflect God's love for creation.

Find the downloadable resource [HERE](#)

PowerPoints (Info about PHP's work, Hunger Action Congregations, Earth Care Congregations, and more) are available at [PHP PowerPoints](#)

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## **2019 Presbytery Meetings**

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) @ Trinity, Pasadena

## **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

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## **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 is seeking to hire a Nursery Supervisor**

This is a Part-time Non-Exempt Position

This position provides childcare services to the members, friends, and visitors of Claremont Presbyterian church. Click [HERE](#) for a complete job description.

## **Trinity Presbyterian Church is seeking to hire a part-time (5-10 hours per week) Music Director.**

Responsibilities include playing and conducting the music for Sunday worship services and rehearsing and directing the adult choir at weekly rehearsals.

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

Contact - Trinity Presbyterian Church of Pasadena - 626 351-8823

## **Teacher 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.

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