



MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember the Alhambra True Light Presbyterian Church in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, February 24, 2019

ON THE CALENDAR

Thursday, February 21 - Administration and Finance 2:30 at the Presbytery Center in Temple City

ATTENTION WINTERFEST ATTENDEES:

Thanks for being part of a wonderful day of worship, learning, and fellowship on February 2. Would you please take [this 5-minute survey](#) to give the Education Committee some feedback from the day? Thank you!

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

But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. *Jeremiah 29:7*

This Saturday is a great opportunity to hear about key issues in our world, and to hear from our own sisters and brothers how they are responding. The event is called "Peace-ing It Together: How Individuals and Congregations Can Bring More PEACE Into Our World" and is being held at:

Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019
8:30 am registration, 8:50 a.m.-4 p.m.
Lunch included at no cost
Knox Presbyterian Church
225 S. Hill Ave., Pasadena 91106
RSVP at PeaceConfSoCal2019@gmail.com

The event begins with worship at 8:50 a.m., with the phenomenal Rev. T. Denise Anderson preaching. Denise just completed her term as co-moderator of the General Assembly, and is now Coordinator for Racial and Intercultural Justice of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. She is a dynamic and inspiring leader in our denomination, and if you ever wonder whether there's a future for the PC(USA), you should meet Denise. Even her experience in the denomination gives us a clue as to where we are as a church: she did not grow up Presbyterian (like more than half of all PC(USA) members), and was in seminary at Howard University when she met Presbyterian faculty. It was their openness and humility in responding to her questions, not with pat answers but with openness and respect, that drew her to the PC(USA). While preparing for ministry, she served as Pastoral Assistant at Taiwanese Presbyterian Church of Washington, DC, leading their English ministry. A woman of many talents and experiences!

Another speaker is Sara Lisherness, Senior Director for Compassion, Peace & Justice. Sara comes out of San Fernando Presbytery, and her mission area includes Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian offices of Public Witness in Washington, DC, and at the UN in New York City, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program (which helps to fund our own Mission Advocate, Wendy Gist).

The day includes workshops focusing on violence, interfaith relations, supporting immigrants, homelessness and housing, and confronting racism. Each workshop includes not only leaders in the community, but also members of churches throughout the Synod who are working on that particular issue. So, for instance, Nasimi Aghayev (Consul General of Azerbaijan) is present to discuss his country, which is mostly Muslim but whose constitution guarantees religious freedom. But local Presbyterians include Christa Wallis from First Presbyterian in San Bernardino, who will speak on responding to local violence, as this church has responded actively to the 2015 killing of 14 people at the Inland Regional Center as well as other problems with violence in the San Bernardino community. The panel on homelessness includes Amie Quigley, who leads the Lord's Lighthouse, the homeless ministry at Hollywood Presbyterian, who is in fact a leader in the care for homeless people throughout Hollywood.

We at San Gabriel Presbytery are not only a co-sponsor of the event, but also through Knox we are host presbytery. Even aside from the convenience factor, I urge you to attend this important event, as so many of our churches have expressed interest in connecting with their communities. You will be inspired and educated, but also you will hear how churches like yours have made commitments to be a beacon of hope in their community in these areas. And if that isn't enough, there is even a quilt commissioned for the event, which will be given to some fortunate participant!

See below for the detailed schedule for the conference. See you there!

Peace,
Wendy

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 Church, 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 (Gun Violence Prevention Task Force, Episcopal Diocese of LA)

Churches Responding to Local Violence: Kyle Joachim (Silverlake Pres) and Christa Wallis (First Pres, San Bernardino)

B. Addressing Immigration Issues - in the Atrium

Matthew 25 Ministries: Matthew Colwell (Knox)

From Detainee Visitation to Post-Release Assistance: Merilie Robertson (Woodland Hills Pres) & Beryl Smith (St. Mark Pres, Newport Beach)

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

Jill Shook, Lori Gay, Walter Contreras (San Gabriel), and Amie Quigley (Hollywood Pres)

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 (First Pres Newhall) & Jamshed Yazdani

2:00 - 2:15 Break

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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 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.

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MONTE VISTA MUSINGS

"TIME'S UP! GOD'S REIGN IS HERE"

A fresh look at the historical Jesus & His impact on the 21st Century
Monday, February 25, 2019

Guest Speaker: Jim Symons

B.A. Williams College, M. Div. and D. Min., San Francisco Theological Seminary



In 2019 the vast majority of young people in Western Society avoid church, shrug off Jesus, and ignore God's reign. Jim's response takes a new look at how Jesus engaged and trained followers 2000 years ago by focusing on "the Son of the Human Being." This suggests compelling and creative ways to proclaim the immediacy of God's reign today. Jim has been a Presbyterian pastor in five states and New Zealand, and has taught at Warren Wilson College, University of Arizona and The Evergreen State University.

Please RSVP to Katie Blackmore
Wellness & Event Coordinator
kblackmore@mvgh.org or 626.796.6135 ext. 510

Marwick Place at MVGH,
2889 San Pasqual Street
Pasadena, CA 91107



*Complimentary event
including wine and appetizers*

Refreshments: 6:00-6:30 PM
Program: 6:30-7:30 PM

Resources from the Presbyterian Hunger Program for Lent and beyond

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](#)

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

Quick Links

www.sangabpres.org

www.synod.org

www.pcusa.org

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

"TIME'S UP! GOD'S REIGN IS HERE"

A fresh look at the historical Jesus & His impact on the 21st Century

Join us on February 25th at 6pm for a FREE evening of appetizers, wine, and great discussion at the Monte Vista Grove Homes Musings Event! Jim Symons, former Presbyterian pastor in five states and New Zealand and teacher at Warren Wilson College, University of Arizona and The Evergreen State University, will share a fresh look at the historical Jesus & His impact on the 21st Century. In 2019 the vast majority of young people in Western Society avoid church, shrug off Jesus, and ignore God's reign. Jim's response takes a new look at how Jesus engaged and trained followers 2000 years ago by focusing on "the Son of the Human Being." This suggests compelling and creative ways to proclaim the immediacy of God's reign today.

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Program: 6:30-7:30 PM

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White Privilege Conference

The 20th White Privilege Conference will be in Cedar Rapids, IA, March 20-23, 2019.

The White Privilege Conference (WPC) is designed to examine issues related to diversity, equity, power, privilege, supremacy, and more. While exploring and challenging these concepts, WPC offers solutions and team building strategies to #MakeItHappen. The WPC is

open to everyone and invites diverse perspectives to provide a comprehensive look at issues of privilege, including race, gender, sexuality, class, disability, and other intersections of identity. The WPC is unique in its ability to bring together local students, youth, educators, faculty, activists, social workers and counselors, healthcare workers, spiritual communities, nonprofit and corporate arenas. #WPC201A is bringing together a network of local and national leaders, learners and practitioners to engage each other and work together to address tough issues. This community-driven collaboration provides the foundation and resources necessary to disrupt and (possibly) change systems of oppression.

[#WPC201ARegistration is open now.](#)

To receive a 15% discount, select the non-profit rate and use the code PRES2019 at the end of the registration process

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.