



# MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

## Presbytery of San Gabriel

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### PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember the Arcadia Community Church in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, March 17, 2019

### ON THE CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 13 - Education Committee 3:30 at Fuller Seminary

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

### PROPOSED GA AMENDMENTS

The Education Committee has prepared the materials below to help you learn about the eight proposed amendments to our Book of Order on which we'll be voting April 6.

[Click here for a fun, interactive "Prezi"](#) that walks through each amendment, the bottom line of what you really need to know, and lots more details if you'd like to go a little deeper.

We won't have time to discuss all eight amendments in detail on April 6, but we do hope to have some lively discussion around key elements of our theology that informs our polity choices. Bring your most compelling questions! (*The Prezi may take a while to load at first. You may also choose to download it to your computer to access offline.*)

If you'd like to go straight to the source, we used two documents in compiling the Prezi information:

- [Proposed Amendments Booklet](#) issued by GA.
- [PC-Biz Website](#) for everything you could possibly want to know about every single proposal to GA...the ones that made it through committee and the ones that didn't.

See you on April 6,  
The Education Committee

## A REFLECTION FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER, WENDY TAJIMA

You are dust,  
and to dust you shall return. *from Genesis 3:19*

### Reflection: From Dust

Last week was Ash Wednesday, when we are reminded of our own mortality. If someone put ashes on you, it's likely they also repeated this snippet from Genesis from the end of the punishment God stated to Adam at the time of the Fall.

So last Wednesday, I was thinking of my own mortality as I awaited the ashes. I am now of the age when I think of mortality once in a while. It occurred to me that I now have an opportunity to be reminded of my mortality-or more precisely, my physical frailty-because I've been having trouble with my eyes for several weeks now. I was diagnosed with moderate glaucoma a few years ago. It doesn't impact my eyesight; the only reason I know is because my cousin told my sisters and me about the incidence of normal-pressure glaucoma in our family (it's more common in Japanese). Due to an allergic reaction to my current prescription, my eyesight is affected as I try new eye drops I can tolerate.

As it happens, several of us on your Presbytery staff are being reminded of our human limitations. This coming Wednesday morning is the funeral mass for Twila's mother, Loretta Guimond. And this last Friday, Lauren Evans had emergency surgery to remove her gallbladder. Twila will be out of the office Tuesday and Wednesday this week, and Lauren was told by her doctor to take two weeks to recuperate.

This is tough for us, because as one pastor noted, we are a "get it done" kind of staff. Lauren was especially disappointed because she just started her work with Monte Vista Grove, and the people there were so welcoming to her as she began to meet with them. So I ask for your prayers for healing, and ask your patience as we need to slow down somewhat, and tend to some earthly cares. (Also, I will be in Georgia all next week, doing continuing education with my cohort of presbytery executives.)

So it's getting easier for me to spend the Lenten season contemplating our mortal weakness. But because we live on this side of Good Friday, we know that we are not condemned to be dust for

eternity. We are an Easter people, living in the hope and promise of eternal life that Jesus brings. In his resurrection, Jesus Christ vanquished the death sentence that this world gave him, and he saved us from the punishment that God gave Adam: "Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven." (1 Corinthians 15:49)

This last weekend, several things happened that gave me hope even in my Lenten disciplines. First, Char Sevesind, former leader of South Hills Presbyterian, finally got to go home from a month in the hospital, recovering from surgery. Prayers of healing for her and her home nurse, husband Don (who has been a godsend for the presbytery, especially helping with the properties of South Hills, Baldwin Park, and West Covina).

On Sunday, Northminster Presbyterian Church called Charlie Campbell to be their pastor with great optimism and gratitude. They have experienced significant transformation in recent years with Jake Kim. As they move forward with their installed pastor, they hope to build on their new outlook and lessons they've learned.

And on Saturday, I attended an event at Chapman University. I was looking forward to the event, partly to see Cisa Payuyo, associate director of Chapman's Office of Church Relations and a national leader of the Disciples of Christ for many years. Cisa shares a common link with Dave Tomlinson, David Cortes-Fuentes, James and Charlene Jin Lee, Diane Frasher, Frank Hsieh, Bong Bringas, Zihong (Bob) Huang, Deidra Goulding, Brian Gaeta-Symonds, Jack Rogers and several other former pastors of this presbytery (and many others I am failing to mention), and myself-we have all been teachers or students at SFTS' Southern California campus. I have not seen Cisa for several years, so it was a blessing to reconnect. I also heard briefly of the events of her life, which included brain surgery that blocked her ordination path. But the joyous news is that from this life-threatening crossroads, she has emerged as strong and vibrant as ever, and she is scheduled to be ordained this Pentecost!

Indeed, we are mere mortals, created out of the stuff of this universe, imperfect and subject to illness and grief, pain and sin that cause fear, anger, and oppression. And yet, we are created by God who is almighty and creative beyond imagination, and in Christ we are loved beyond our shortcomings and mortality. So even as we accept our frailty and need for God, let us also hold fast to the faith and our own experience of God's life-giving love in Jesus Christ. And, empowered by the Holy Spirit, let us go out and share Christ's good news of new life to all the world.

In faith,  
Wendy

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

# Monte Vista Grove Homes

cordially invites you to join us for

## “Untangling Dementia”

An MVGH Wellness Presentation

### Kathleen Demarest Tingus, Ph.D.

Director, Neurodegeneration Track | Associate Professor of Neurology & Psychiatry  
Semel Institute for Neuroscience & Human Behavior | David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

### Alex Steiner, Psy.D.

Semel Institute for Neuroscience & Human Behavior  
David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

**Tuesday**

**April 2<sup>ND</sup>**

**5:00 PM – 6:30 PM**

**La Canada  
Presbyterian Church**

**Demarest Hall**

626 Foothill Boulevard  
La Canada, CA 91011

Easy onsite parking | Heavy hors d'oeuvres provided

**Event is complimentary but seating is limited.**

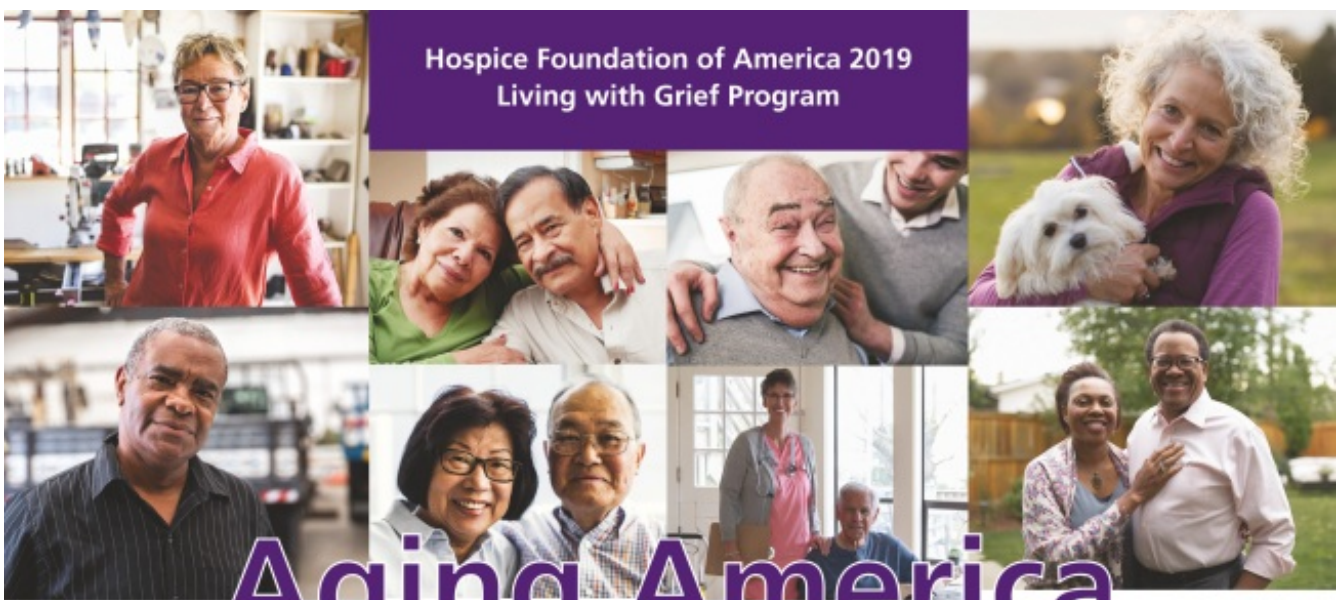
**RSVP required by March 29th to Lindsey Mansis**

lmansis@mvgh.org or (626) 796-6135 x 438

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



Hospice Foundation of America 2019  
Living with Grief Program



# Aging America

## Coping with Loss, Dying and Death Later in Life

Aging America: Coping with Loss, Dying and Death Later in Life addresses the rapid rate of aging in America and the anticipation of Medicare to include 80 million enrollees by 2040. The panelists will integrate their expertise to deliver an in-depth discussion on innovative programs and new approaches to support older adults dealing with loss.

**After the program, a local panel of grief professionals will provide further information and local resources and be available to answer any questions.**

**You're invited to attend our local program and panel discussion. There is no cost to attend.**

**Date:** April 17, 2019

**New Location:**  
Westminster Gardens  
1420 Santo Domingo Ave.  
Duarte, CA 91010

**Hours:**

**Registration/Continental breakfast:** 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

**Teleconference:** 8:30 - 10:45 a.m.

**Local panel discussion:** 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.

**RSVP to:**

Hanan Salim at Huntington Hospital Senior Network  
by April 12, Hanan.Salim@huntingtonhospital.com or  
626.397.5951

**Local Panel:**

- Lisa Bricker, Family Caregiver, Alzheimer's and Dementia Placement Specialist, Gently Guided LLC
- Katrin Koutassevitch, LCSW, Psychotherapist
- Rev. Brian O'Rourke, MonteCedro Chaplain, By Your Side Volunteer Coordinator
- Patricia Tager, RN, Director, Care Coordination, Methodist Hospital of Southern California

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Information at [hospicefoundation.org/professionals](http://hospicefoundation.org/professionals)

# REDEFINE YOUR LIMITS



COULD YOU MAKE A NEW IMPACT ON...  
... your life?  
... your church?  
... the world?

LIVE THE MISSIONAL EDGE  
impact-theglobe.org

Summer Applications Due Now  
Apply Online!

## Make an IMPACT this summer

Join an International Mission Partnerships And Cross-cultural Training (IMPACT) delegation. Mission opportunities include hurricane relief work in Puerto Rico and the USA, work with children and youth in Honduras and Romania, medical service in Haiti, and more.

For information about trips go to: <https://www.impact-theglobe.org/current-trips>

Applications are due ASAP and training begins June 17th.

## 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](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

### Westminster Presbyterian Church of Temple City

is seeking a Teaching Elder or Commissioned Ruling Elder to serve in a half time position to continue their transitional work beginning June 1, 2019. Any interested persons may forward Personal Information Forms to Huw Christopher, a member of the Administrative Commission for the Westminster Church, at [wpctc2019@gmail.com](mailto:wpctc2019@gmail.com) or contact him for further information at this same e-mail address.

### 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!

## **SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM (Undergraduate) | LONG BEACH**

Grace First Presbyterian Church (GFPC) in Long Beach invites young adults to the M.E.G.U.M.I. Project. Megumi is a Japanese word for "grace" and it is also the acronym for Mutual Empowerment Grace-First Urban Ministry Internship Project. The MEGUMI project hopes to bring together a cohort of four young adults ages 18-25 for an 8-week summer internship spanning from June 9 to August 4, 2019. The MEGUMI Project summer internship will provide a broad and thoughtful experience in ministry by exposing interns to a wide range of ministries at GFPC such as: worship leadership; leading activities for children, youth, and adults; pastoral visitation; leading retreats for various age groups; and more.

For a full description of the internship and to learn how to apply click [HERE](#).

Applications due April 1, 2019.





## **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

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

for more information.