



MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember the Capstone Chinese Presbyterian Church of Arcadia in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, March 24, 2019

ON THE CALENDAR

Executive Presbyter, Wendy Tajima will be out of the office this week.
Mission Advocate, Wendy Gist will be out of the office through March 31st.

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 shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. *Deuteronomy 10:19*

Reflection: They are us

This last week I was shocked twice.

The first shock came on Tuesday, through a short message from Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson II, our Stated Clerk:

It is with a heavy heart that I share the news that Robina Winbush died today in New York.

Robina, who served as Associate Stated Clerk and Director of Ecumenical Relations with the Office of the General Assembly, was traveling with a PC(USA) delegation to the middle east when she collapsed while deplaning a flight. Emergency personnel were unable to revive her.

I knew that Robina was out of the country, because as recently as a week ago, I had written her asking for advice. Robina was a very wise woman who somehow managed to connect with the world, as a big part of her job was maintaining relationships with our sister Presbyterian churches in all the countries around the globe. She was also one of the core leaders of the World Council of Churches, and she was a gracious and helpful guide for myself and others when we attended the Evangelism Conference in Tanzania last year.

My personal favorite memory of Robina was a major "aha!" moment she gave me a few years ago. I served for a short time on the GA Committee on Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations, and we were discussing how the PC(USA)'s pronounced distaste for bishops was a hindrance in our work with Churches Uniting In Christ, a major ecumenical movement that grew out of the initiative of then-Stated Clerk Eugene Carson Blake. All the other partner churches accepted an episcopal structure for CUIC, even those churches that did not have bishops. But the Presbyterians could not imagine participating in any organization that would require us naming any individual as a "bishop."

I knew that there are other Reformed churches, even some called Presbyterian, that have bishops, so I wondered aloud why we have such a negative reaction to them. Robina suggested that it grew out of our roots in the Church of Scotland, whose violent rejection of bishops stemmed from the role of bishops as agents of the Church of England, and of the English king. That clicked for me with the importance of the cause of freedom-and freedom of religion-that our Scots-Irish forebears brought as a foundational value for the United States, and the PC(USA).

This belief in religious freedom has been sorely wounded by the second shock, the anti-Muslim terrorist attack on two mosques in New Zealand. The thought that people could be gunned down as they gathered for prayer is almost beyond my imagination, and yet it has happened too many times these recent years-in a Sikh temple in Wisconsin, at Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, and now this.

As horrifying as this action was, I was able to find hope in the swift and strong response of the people of New Zealand and around the world, offering love to drown out the hate. New Zealand's Prime Minister expressed her solidarity with the Muslim community, many of whom had come to New Zealand to escape violence in their homelands, declaring that the Muslims are integral and beloved citizens of New Zealand: "they are us."

Closer to home, the first email I saw regarding this shooting was from Benjamin Ross, a Jewish rabbi in Los Angeles, sending his love to the leaders of the Islamic Center of Southern California. Rabbi Sharon Brous then shared the following:

My heart hurts for my Muslim brothers and sisters. You have been targeted with a crude and shameless bigotry . . . Your faith has been desecrated for political gain, your bodies and holy sites threatened by an unapologetic hatred. I am a Jew and a rabbi. I reach out to you with love and in solidarity.

I also found that within a few hours, the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh set up an emergency fund for the victims of the New Zealand attack-if you'd like to give, you can find them at jewishpgh.org. And New Zealand Jewish synagogues closed their services, in solidarity with the mosques that were told to stay closed out of concerns for their security.

I was struck with the speed and strength of the Jewish community's response to this attack on Muslims. But, just as God told their ancient forebears, they know what it is like to be oppressed as the "stranger," and from that history comes compassion. As they were once strangers in the land of Egypt, Jews-and, later, Christians-are called to welcome the stranger in our midst. As they have suffered attacks for their faith, Jews step forward to support Muslim victims of hatred. As they know what it feels like to be unsafe in their own place of worship, Jews and Christians in Los Angeles and elsewhere went to local mosques, showing with their presence their support and concern for their Muslim neighbors' safety.

And just as we give thanks this Lenten season for Jesus' sacrifice for us, and just as we take comfort that in Jesus, God has chosen to feel our pain, may we be moved to show compassion to others-not just those who are like us, but even those who are not. If nothing else, let us all pray for comfort and safety for those who are being treated as strangers. Let us pray for Christ's peace for Robina's family and friends. Let us pray that again God would stay the hand of tyrants and abusers, here and around the world.

Blessings to you and yours. I am in Georgia this week, and may be hard to reach for some days, but Twila knows how to reach me, and I will be back on Monday March 25.

In faith,
Wendy

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



Need a grant for your grassroots group?

Our Presbytery's Self-Development of People (SDOP) Committee may have grant funds for you.

You could be eligible for a grant from the Self-Development of People (SDOP) Committee of our Presbytery.

- Are you involved in a community growth project based on human dignity and self-reliance?
- Are you a working partner in a low-income, grassroots group searching for long-term solutions to systemic problems that keep people poor and oppressed?
- Is your project or program controlled by those who *benefit* from the collective effort?
- Does your program empower those involved in the project?
- Can you tell us why you need additional funding?

If you can answer "yes" you may be eligible to apply for a grant from the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People (no denominational connection is required).



For more information about grants through our Presbytery's SDOP Committee contact Wendy Gist at gist.wendy@gmail.com

For more information about Self-Development of People, visit www.pcusa.org/sdop

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 2ND

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

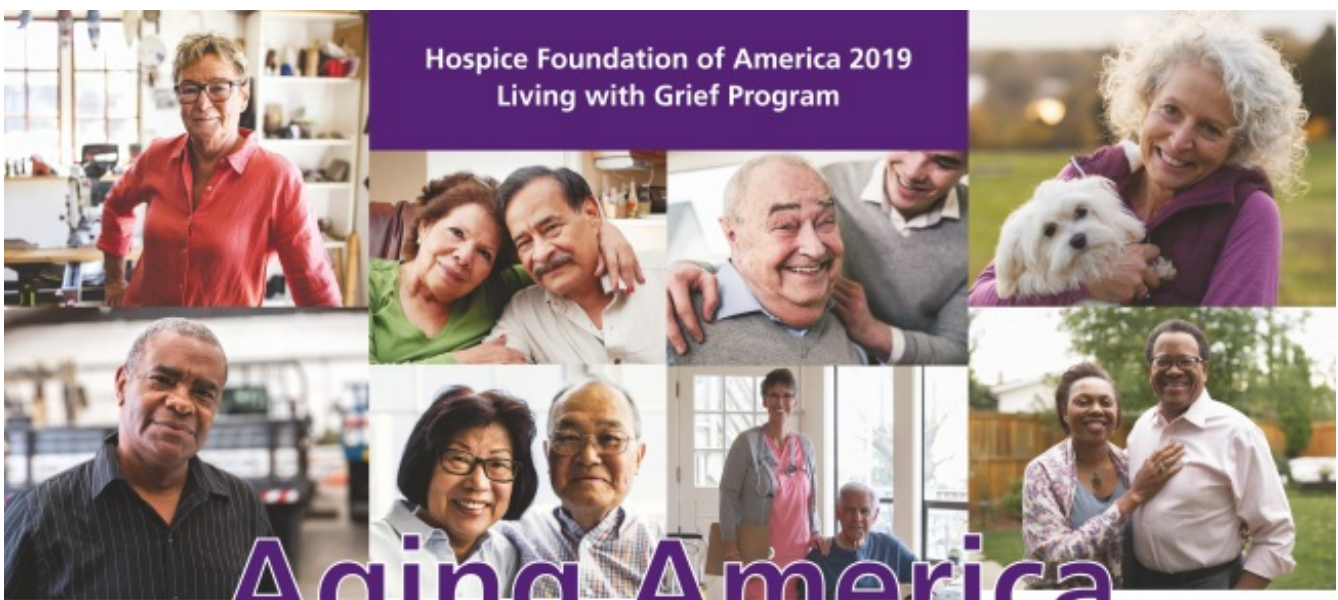
Event is complimentary but seating is limited.

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

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... your church?
... the world?

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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

www.synod.org

www.pcusa.org

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 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.

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

for more information.