



# MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

## Presbytery of San Gabriel

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### PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember the Village Presbyterian Church of Arcadia in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, March 31, 2019

### ON THE CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 26 - Representation and Nominations 12:30 at Shepherd of the Valley

Thursday, March 28 - Vision and Strategy 12:00 at B-Man's in Duarte

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

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?" *Luke 3:7*

### Reflection: Prophets and the Messiah

I am back in California after a week in the state of Georgia. When I started with you as Executive Presbyter, I had the opportunity to attend the Presbytery Leader Formation training program. It is a three-year program, and we are put in a particular cohort based on the year we started. The cohort I was in was unusual—we were smaller in number, younger in age (though several of us already had experience working with presbyteries), more strategic, and our contexts differed markedly from the imagined presbytery the faculty was training us for. To the faculty's surprise (and dismay, for some), we were very clear how their training didn't address our experience—which may have a little to do with the fact that two of the eight in our cohort are now tasked with overhauling the presbytery leader training approach.

We were also unusual in how strongly we bonded, so we continue to meet for a week each year. This year's host, Deb Tregaskis, is the executive for Flint River Presbytery, south of Atlanta. The big surprise for me was that this rural area, Sumter County, has less than 33,000 residents, yet it has been the home of a small group of Christian revolutionaries, including:

- Clarence Jordan, who wrote the *Cotton Patch* series, which restates New Testament passages within the context of Civil Rights-era Georgia, where Jews and Gentiles are rendered as "white men and Negroes," crucifixion is lynching, Rome is Washington, DC, and Jerusalem is Atlanta. Jordan also co-founded Koinonia Farm, a group who tried to live like the Acts church, sharing a common purse and inviting Blacks and Whites to live as equal neighbors—which led to violence by segregationists in the area.

- Millard and Linda Fuller, who lived at Koinonia before founding Habitat for Humanity. Millard was also a law-school classmate and business partner with Morris Dees, founder of Southern Poverty Law Center. (They made millions in publishing while still in Alabama, which helped fund their respective non-profits.)
- President Jimmy Carter, whose home is close by and is still teaching Sunday School at his church in Plains, and who lent his fame to Habitat for Humanity, making it a global organization.

We had the privilege of having dinner with Linda Fuller Degelmann, Millard's widow and former partner, a formidable Christian justice activist in her own right. As I learned more about this group, I noticed that several of these people suffered in their prophetic witness. There was discussion about Millard being forced out of Habitat for Humanity, and Linda mentioned how Morris Dees was just fired by Southern Poverty Law Center the week before. We remembered how Jimmy Carter was criticized as President, including after a speech on energy conservation and sustainability that was amazing in its foresight and Christian ethic of self-sacrifice (which almost never wins votes).

In our discussions about these prophets, we theorized that while there may have been actual misconduct which warranted discipline, often prophets are pushed out because they do not have the ability to "scale up" as their movement grows. In Silicon Valley, it's generally considered that start-up founders or new technology wizards often find themselves forced out of the very company they started, either because they don't have the skills to manage a much larger organization, or the aggressive personality that helped them promote their invention ended up alienating the people who came alongside them to develop the business.

I have often considered John the Baptist this way—a prophet whose passion for God's kingdom was needed to foretell the coming of the Messiah, but whose unbending sense of righteousness got him in some trouble. Now I would not make a parallel between Jesus, the real Messiah, and large-scale corporate administrators, but Jesus did offer a much more nuanced message than John. Jesus had his moments of righteous anger, but the dominant message from Jesus was one of forgiveness and grace extended not only to honorable Jews but also the outcast "sinners" of society, including even Gentiles. Jesus was not only a prophet of judgment, but also a prophet of radical, life-giving love and acceptance, and his resurrection was proof of God's promise of hope for all of us.

As we continue on our Lenten journey, may we take seriously this promise of hope, and our call to be prophets in our own ways. May we accept the fact that no one of us can be the right voice for all people at all times, so even as we might come up short, even within the Christian context, let us give thanks that there are others who can step forward and continue the mission with varied gifts and skills.

But let us hold to a few constants, including what I consider the core lesson of Lent: that Jesus loves us so much, and obeys God so well, as to give up his life even in disgrace—and that God then lifted him up to God's glory.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. *John 3:16*

May we live as followers of Christ, in our work, in our lives, even in the face of danger and death.

Trusting in the promise of the Gospel,  
Wendy

## Update from SGP Tapestry

'Suh' SGP (millennial speak for *What's Up SGP?*),

You may be wondering what all this Tapestry talk is about. Tapestry is a cooperative of youth ministries among churches in the San Gabriel and Riverside presbyteries. It was formed by several youth pastors and directors about 7 years ago out of a desire and need to build a cohesive presence of youth at different

exciting and faith-filled Jr. & Sr. High activities in the Southland. The PC(USA) is a connectional church and the benefit to live into that model is that it offers gifts of student spiritual formation each and every year.

This year, July 2019, happens to be a PC(USA) Youth Triennium year. Although the Tapestry team is not formally shepherding this trip, there is a contingent of youth in San Gabriel Presbytery who will be attending. It is an amazing way for young people to experience the Church as a denomination and learn about the many ways the Presbyterian Church lives out its faith across the country and the world. Ask about ways you may be able to help sponsor a student to attend this transformative experience.

While some are away at the Youth Triennium many others will be gathering that same week for the Tapestry Sacred Activism Week (July 15-19). This is an opportunity for our teens to really dive into what it means to serve our communities in faithful mission partnership. Each day they will learn about a different social justice activity, dive into it and get their hands dirty, and then come together afterward to spend time praying for the work they just became part of for that day. To learn more about this experience please contact Rev. Becca Bateman ([bbateman@smccpby.com](mailto:bbateman@smccpby.com)) or Rev. Brian Gaeta-Symonds ([brian@claremontpres.org](mailto:brian@claremontpres.org)).

A couple final thoughts... As you consider what your church is doing for Vacation Bible School this summer, please check in with the Tapestry team, as they may be able to provide some VBS Coaching (may include some resources). And, pray for our youth. They are up against some difficult pressures, challenges and choices. We want to make sure they know their church family is with them 'hundo p' or as the rest of us might say 100%.

With Gratitude,  
SGP Tapestry

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# SUMMER CAMP 2019

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	JUNE 30 - JULY 6
HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP	JUNE 30 - JULY 6
MIDDLE SCHOOL	JULY 7 - 13
HIGH SCHOOL	JULY 7 - 13

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## FIRST CALL, FIRST STEPS

A Terms of Call Seminar for Presbyterian Students

Sponsored by Board University

TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2019

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

490 E. WALNUT BUILDING, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room

Led by REV. CLAYTON COBB, Church Consultant

Remote participation available

Theological perspectives  
on benefits, compensation, and call

Financial realities of pastors, including

- Financial health
- Fair cash compensation
- Effective Salary
- Housing allowance
- Healthcare

Considerations for structuring terms of call

- Terms of call as covenant
- Components of terms of call
- Navigating the conversation

Please [RSVP](#) by April 11, 2019

A complimentary meal will be provided

The Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
[pensions.org/boarduniversity](http://pensions.org/boarduniversity)



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## National Asian Presbyterian Women

Dear Sisters in Christ,

The triennial gathering of National Asian Presbyterian Women will be held April 26-28 in Laguna Woods, California hosted by APW Southern California, The theme is "Rise, Shine, Your Light has Come." The keynote speaker will be the Rev. Wendy Tajima, Executive Presbyter of San Gabriel Presbytery. The workshop leaders will be Rev. Mary Ellen Azada, Executive Director, Fuller Seminary Careers and Personal Development, Rev. Eun-hyey Lok, Director of Outreach of the Asian American Christian Counseling Service, and Charlene Jin Lee, Ph.D., Interim Pastoral Associate, Brentwood Presbyterian Church.

The conference will be at the Geneva Presbyterian Church in Laguna Woods. Rooms will be available at the Laguna Hills Lodge about a mile away. If you are flying in, please come to Orange County (SNA). Transportation will be provided from there to the conference site. We will begin with registration and dinner on Friday and end with lunch on Sunday.

The registration of \$50 includes four meals (Friday dinner, Sat. lunch and dinner, and Sunday lunch). If you stay at the Lodge, a light breakfast is included. Each room has a small refrigerator, microwave and coffee maker. There is a shopping center nearby. Scholarships will be available.

Please invite others to join us and share the registration information. If you have any questions please contact me or Rev. Mei-Hui Lai.

In Christ,

Janice Takeda, NAPW Moderator

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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](mailto:gist.wendy@gmail.com)**

**For more information about Self-Development of People, visit [www.pcusa.org/sdop](http://www.pcusa.org/sdop)**

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# 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

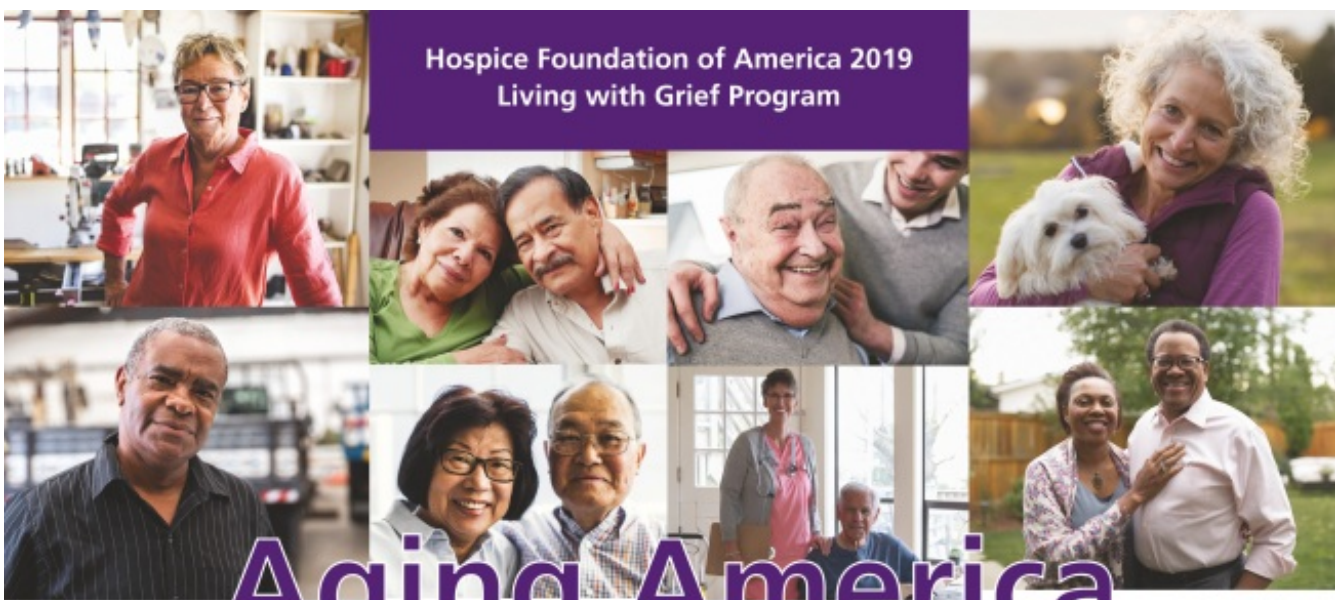
**Event is complimentary but seating is limited.**

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

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

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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)

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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](#)

Grace Presbyterian Church of Los Angeles has approximately 40 copies of Hymns for the Living Church that they are willing to donate. If you are interested, please contact the presbytery office at [presby@sangabpres.org](mailto:presby@sangabpres.org)

## 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

### 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***

### **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.



