



MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember Claremont Presbyterian Church of Claremont in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, April 14, 2019

ON THE CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 10 - Education Committee 3:30 at Fuller Seminary

A REFLECTION FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER, WENDY TAJIMA

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out." *Luke 19:39-40*

Reflection: Gathering Stones, Silent and Shouting

Last Saturday we held our Presbytery meeting. I thank Divine Light Presbyterian Church for hosting the meeting so beautifully, as always. They consider hosting the Presbytery as a part of their ministry with us, and I thank Rev. Sam Kim and the members for their great hospitality, and the leaders of "The Tent" ministry, a 1001 New Worshiping Community in Koreatown, for the beautiful music during lunch. The Tent's leader, Rev. Daniel Bahng of Pacific Presbytery, has deep family connections with Divine Light.

At this meeting, we considered the amendments to the PC(USA) Constitution. All of the amendments were approved without comment, except for Amendment C. I was interested to see the response to Amendment C, which was mixed but with some strong concern about restricting the church's prophetic call especially in a time when political leaders seem to run counter to Christ's call to care for the poor, the widowed and orphaned, the outcast, the foreigner.

The reason I was intrigued was because the amendment came about in response to the weakening and rumored repeal of the "Johnson Amendment," a part of the IRS tax code that restricts non-profits (including churches) from endorsing or opposing political candidates. Those seeking to repeal the Johnson Amendment have tended to come from conservative churches and politicians, and the concern has been that the power of the pulpit would be used to impact political campaigns. Besides the philosophical concerns about separation of church and state and the pastoral concerns of fomenting discord or undue spiritual pressure on church members, the intent of Amendment C was an attempt to maintain the tenets of the Johnson Amendment within the PC(USA), in case it does get repealed.

So God had the last laugh when some members, critics of the anti-Johnson Amendment camp, raised their concerns about Amendment C. The Presbyterian tradition has a deep and inherent concern for justice in the world, including in government, and the Bible repeatedly condemns prophets and disciples who stay silent in the face of injustice. But we see again that Christians can see injustice in wildly different ways, yet all feel it would be un-Christian to stay silent, whether you see the current President as God's gift to the nation or an affront to God. So this attempt to stay comfortably silent, even with good intentions, was a dodge to "play it safe" which Jesus often rejected. The question is, for what and for whom will you speak out? May our voice, and all our actions, be guided by Christ.

Another highlight of our meeting was the image of God's family in San Gabriel Presbytery. For many of us, Presbytery is a meeting of this family of God's choice. We are not just a biological family, bound by genetics; nor are we a family of choice, formed by our personal desires. We are a family of God's choice, bringing together diverse people who live in the same area, and our presbytery has been faithful in reflecting the diversity of our community. Yet we are family-discerning together, praying together, gathering around Christ's table, and welcoming cousins from near and far into the fold.

So we manage household finances and support members in need, including a DACA recipient and two churches who offer food to the hungry in their neighborhoods. We make decisions together on how we will live together. We hear announcements about what's happening in our houses of faith, and share ideas on ways to care for each other and our neighbors. And we hear from Maggie Harmon of the Presbyterian Foundation and Clayton Cobb of the Board of Pensions about programs and events they are holding for our benefit, including:

- First Call First Steps Seminar with Board of Pensions, 10 am-1 pm on April 23, at Fuller
- Benefits Connection Seminar with Board of Pensions, 10 am-2:30 pm on May 15 at La Canada Presbyterian Church-go [here](#) to register
- Luncheon on Long-Term Financial Sustainability with the Presbyterian Foundation, June 11 at 11:30 am at Westminster Gardens.

And we welcome new (or returning) members, this time Larry Ballenger, as he returns to Arcadia Community Church as Interim Pastor; Charlie Campbell, who was ordained by this presbytery and now will be serving Northminster Presbyterian Church as Pastor; and Pipi Dhali, ordained by Gereja

Kristen Indonesia (GKI), a Presbyterian sister denomination in Indonesia, now serving a church in Covina who are hoping to join our Presbytery.

Whenever we connect with each other, at Presbytery meetings and visiting each other's churches, may we be ever more grateful for God's blessings on us, and the many ways we are responding by blessing others.

As we prepare for Holy Week, as we continue to see ourselves for who we are as God's beloved but broken children, may we give thanks for Christ's gift of life, and Christ's call and assurance that we love one another.

In faith,
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) or Rev. Brian Gaeta-Symonds (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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BIG BEAR LAKE CHRISTIAN CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER

SUMMER CAMP 2019

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

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THE BOARD OF PENSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

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, 2nd 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

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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.

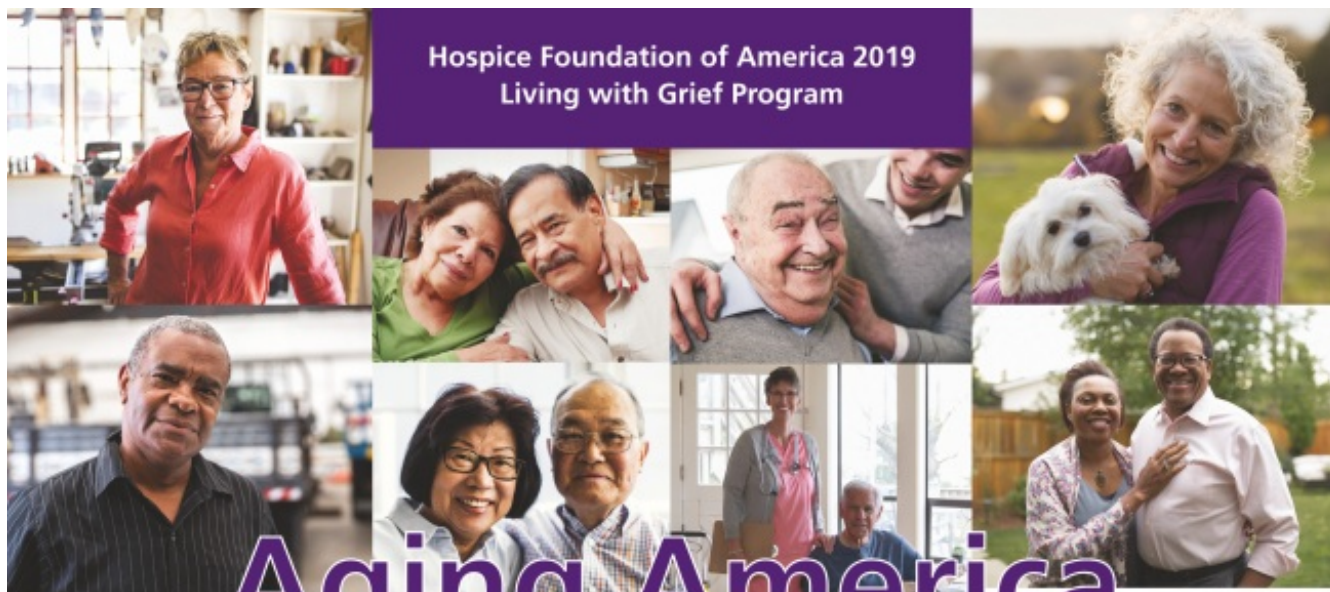
Please invite others to join us and share the registration information. If you have any questions please contact me or Rev. Mei-Hui Lai.

In Christ,

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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

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

2019 Presbytery Meetings

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.

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.



EVENTS OF INTEREST

Messy Midweek Church
Claremont Presbyterian Church
1111 Mountain, Claremont
Wednesday, April 17, 2019
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

If you have young ones, or are young at heart yourself, check out this new initiative happening at CPC. A fun and creative experience that brings together games and crafts, worship, and dinner that embraces the messy-ness of our church community.

Our planning team is hard at work putting together meaningful explorations of faith, fun, and food. Invite your friends and your neighbors!

GOOD FRIDAY
PRAYERS AROUND THE CROSS
APRIL 19, 2019
Open Between 10am - 8pm
Arcadia Community Church
121 Alice Street, Arcadia

Step out of the hurry and into the quiet sanctuary to meditate on the price Jesus paid for your salvation. This self-paced, experiential worship service will engage all five senses and guide you through stations that will help open your eyes and heart to God's voice in a fresh way. Your journey will include an invitation into a sacred space to receive Communion and write out heartfelt prayers and praises to God.

Good Friday Children's Experience
Friday April 19TH | 10AM - 8PM | B101

Come with your children on Good Friday to Arcadia Community Church and experience the love of Jesus on a child's level! Every station teaches about Jesus' journey with things they can touch, smell, taste, hear, see and move! See a real crown of thorns, learn about the last supper and explore the empty tomb. It's a great way to get ready for Easter.

Adults and older children may join us in the sanctuary for a profound and thought provoking journey to the cross depicting the passion of Christ.

121 Alice St. Arcadia 91006 | www.arcadia.church | (626)445-7470

Board of Pensions - Benefits Connection

Helping Church Employers Align Benefits and Values

May 14 - La Canada

May 15 - Los Angeles

Visit pensions.org/benefitsconnections for details and to register

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.

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