



MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember Faith Grace Chinese Presbyterian Church of Covina in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, April 28, 2019

ON THE CALENDAR

Thursday, April 25 - Vision and Strategy 12:00 at Westminster, Temple City

Executive Presbyter, Wendy Tajima will be out of the office this week.

A REFLECTION FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER, WENDY TAJIMA

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her. *John 20:18*

Reflection: Hope Lives

Happy Easter!

It almost seems an act of insensitivity to be joyous this Easter, against the backdrop of the last week's

events that remind us that Christianity offers no guarantee against mortal danger. When Jesus was preparing his disciples for his coming crucifixion, he warned them that they would face persecution, even sharing, "They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, an hour is coming when those who kill you will think that by doing so they are offering worship to God."

But being Christian in the United States can lull us into thinking that we are safe to worship Christ and share our faith (as long as we don't pay too much attention to Black church burnings or the occasional invasion of armed individuals threatening church services or Bible studies). We sing "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" and assume that our churches are like fortresses against any unpleasantness we face in the world, our faith a shield against any pain of doubt or accusation.

And then we saw Notre Dame on fire. As a student of Western civilization, I watched in disbelief, much the same way I watched the World Trade towers go down on 9/11. I kept recalling the many times I had visited there, especially when I went to school in France. You never feel unsafe inside a cathedral like Notre Dame; you feel like the stone structure will stand forever. So I couldn't believe what I was seeing, partly because it never occurred to me that the roof was made of ancient wood, but also because it almost seemed symbolic of the death of the Christian faith, especially in secular Europe.

And then the singing began. That was when I started to cry, to hear about the people kneeling and praying for their spiritual home, and the hymns being lifted up outside the cathedral. While everyday life in Paris is led by so many without acknowledgement of God's blessings, the danger of losing such a formidable foundation of Christian culture pricked their consciousness, and they turned back to God for help.

And God helped. Only one firefighter and two police were injured, priceless art and holy relics and the magnificent organ were saved, the building stood, and the wealthy and powerful pledged support for rebuilding. The desire to contribute spread to more modest churches closer to home, to three Black churches that were burned down in Louisiana a few weeks prior to Notre Dame, all historic in their own communities, precious in the lives of church members for generations. Since Notre Dame burned, some \$2 million was raised to rebuild these three churches.

France has suffered greatly from terrorist attacks recently, so it seemed a relief that the cause of the Notre Dame fire seems to have been a short circuit. However, it is all too familiar a story that the Black churches were victims of yet another young White man acting out of racist hatred. And yet, members of these churches have responded in a way that must make Jesus' heart swell with joy. Greater Union Baptist Church celebrated the Resurrection in a windowless basement in the local Masonic lodge. Rev. Harry Richard reminded his people, "Don't ever give up on love. I don't care what the world might do to you. You never give up on love."

Likewise, the church secretary showed pity towards arsonist Holden Matthews, and noted the financial donations that will help these three churches rebuild their facilities better than before, saying "Maybe in some weird way or a blessed way, God had a hand. I feel sorry for Holden. He thought destroying a building would destroy our faith and ambition to be better, and he didn't. All he did was motivate us."

Many of us woke up on Easter morning to hear of the tragedy in Sri Lanka. The latest report is that nearly 300 people were killed and over 500 injured in a series of eight bomb blasts, including three churches that were attacked in the midst of Easter services. In the depths of grief for this tragedy that strikes at the very heart of our faith, let us experience a resurrection of faith in our lives. Just as the spear struck at Jesus' side, leading him to glory and all believers to eternal life, may God show us God's gracious and compassionate will on all who mourn for our sisters and brothers in danger.

As Jesus has risen, and Notre Dame yet stands, as the churches of St. Landry Parish, Louisiana, witness to grace and rebuild, as I pray God will find a way to comfort all after Sri Lanka, may we ever see and proclaim that death is not the final answer. Like Mary, each of us who know the risen Christ can declare, in spite of whatever the world might do, "I have seen the Lord!" May we tell all the world that hope still lives, because Jesus yet lives, and will live forever.

I will be out of the office this week. May we all witness to resurrection, the persistence of life in our Lord, this week and throughout our lives.

In faith and gratitude,
Wendy

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

The ladies of Los Ranchos invite us to their Spring Gathering on May 4th. The topic is homelessness and they have lots of great information to share. Please think about getting a group from your PW to attend.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF THE PRESBYTERY OF LOS RANCHOS

WARMLY INVITE ALL MEN AND WOMEN TO

SPRING GATHERING

May 4th, 2019

9:30 am - 12:00 noon



Homelessness Demystified:

Strategic Directions & Missional Actions

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Participants Forum:** Attendees of the *Homelessness Demystified: Buffet of Educational Experiences* (02/02 – 05/04) share lessons learned and next steps.
- **Solutions That Are Working Panel:** **Century Villages at Cabrillo, Long Beach.** Affordable and supportive housing communities for over 20 years.
- **St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, Lomita: Outreach to Homeless.** Works directly with people living on nearby streets, moving them toward housing and jobs; while teaching life skills for the newly-housed to keep them from going back into homelessness.

WHERE:



FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
OF ORANGE

First Presbyterian Church of Orange
191 N Orange St, Orange, CA 92866

Event Suggested donation \$10.

WE ARE COLLECTING ITEMS FOR CASA TERESA LAYETTE (NEW BABY ITEMS) - PLEASE BRING ITEMS TO EVENT.

Register Online with **Eventbrite** <https://tinyurl.com/pwpspring> (separate entry per person) *or* Mail Form Below. Registration will also be available at the door.

Registration donation per person is \$10 (includes Continental Breakfast)
Please make all checks payable to PWP



Number attending Event: * Amount enclosed:

**Please add additional attenders on a separate sheet. Registration will be available at the door.*

Print Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____

Church/Org _____ E-mail Address _____

Mail this registration form **by April 27** * to:

Janet Triplett, 5132 Casa Oro Drive, Yorba Linda, CA 92886.

Or phone her at 714-996-0946.

**Early registration enables seating for everyone attending*

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

BBLCCC.COM
1-877-285-0119



2019 Presbytery Meetings

June 8, 9:00 AM - Work Day @ West Covina Ministry Center

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.



EVENTS OF INTEREST

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.

STEWARDSHIP KALEIDOSCOPE

The Pulse of Generosity- Vital Signs of a Healthy Stewardship

September 30 - October 2, 2019

Catamaran Resort - San Diego

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