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# MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

## Presbytery of San Gabriel

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### PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember Divine Light Presbyterian Church of El Monte in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, May 26, 2019

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### ON THE CALENDAR

Thursday - Vision and Strategy 12:00

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# Day of Service



PRESBYTERY OF  
San Gabriel

For the third year, we are dedicating our June Presbytery meeting to service. This has been a great way for Presbytery folk to get to know each other as we worship, discern, govern, and serve as partners in Christ's mission.

This year, we are focusing our efforts on getting the Community Presbyterian Church of West Covina property ready for International Theological Seminary's move onto the campus, sharing the property with what is now the Community Presbyterian Fellowship.

When: Sat., June 8, 2019 (begins with a brief Presbytery meeting at 9:00AM)  
Lunch will be provided by the Presbytery (\$8 cost per person)  
Where: Community Presbyterian Church of West Covina  
540 E. Vine Ave., West Covina, CA 91790  
Who: San Gabriel Presbytery 626-614-5964  
What: Annual Day of Service to a congregation in our Presbytery

Together we will be helping to paint rooms at the church, do some yard work, write notes to friends facing the immigration process, and pack PDA School Kits.

## **For this meeting's offering, we invite your churches to contribute by:**

- ✓ Giving several \$5-\$10 gift cards (from Target, supermarkets, etc.) to support recently bonded immigrant families with food and other items.
- ✓ Making a financial donation to help support the emerging Hospitality Ministry for families seeking asylum from violence in Central America.
- ✓ Donating any of the following items for the PDA School Kits:  
School Kit (Estimated value \$15)
  - 1 — pair of blunt scissors (rounded tip)
  - 3 — 70-count spiral notebooks or tape-bound pads of 8" x 10 ½" ruled paper with 200-210 sheets each. Please do not bring loose filler paper.
  - 1 — 30-centimeter ruler (12")
  - 1 — hand-held pencil sharpener
  - 6 — new pencils with erasers
  - 1 — large eraser
  - 1 — box of 24 crayons
  - 1 — cotton cloth bag, 12" x 14" to 14" x 17" finished size, with cloth handles.  
(Please, no reusable plastic or non-cotton shopping bags nor backpacks.)

*All of these ways to contribute are greatly needed. Please bring all donations to the Presbytery Meeting/Day of Service on June 8<sup>th</sup>.*

"Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."  
*Matthew 25:37-40*

### **Reflection: We Are the World**

I am writing this from beautiful Zephyr Point, the conference center on the south shore of Lake Tahoe, co-owned by the Synod of the Pacific and Synod of Southern California and Hawaii. This is my second weekend in a row here-last weekend several of us came to participate in a consultation to Presbyterian World Mission about the future of their work. This weekend I am a leader in the Mentoring Conference for Leaders of Color. When I completed my term on the Presbyterian Mission Agency Board, I told Rhashell Hunter, Director of Racial Equity and Women's Intercultural Ministries, that the one thing I would commit to is help encourage leaders of color in the PC(USA).

As it turns out, we in San Gabriel Presbytery can be proud of our leadership development efforts. We are known for our racial and ethnic diversity, but others have noted how many young leaders we have in the Presbytery. When I came to San Gabriel, I was told that the practice is that at any given time, the three Presbytery leaders (Moderator, Vice Moderator, and Moderator of the PEC) would include at least one person of color, women and men, ruling elder and teaching elder. We have been able to maintain this, though we have to work a bit harder to ensure we have proper ruling elder representation. Our installation and ordination commissions also hold to these patterns.

In many ways, we have become a witness to what the PC(USA) hopes to be: diverse in age, ethnicity, perspective, and church size, active partners in ministry, wise stewards of our assets, and welcoming to the community around us. On a regular basis, I have shared stories of our presbytery with others who are new to welcoming immigrant churches, or partnering with other presbyteries and organizations such as International Theological Seminary (see the article on our partnership in the recent "Presbyterian Outlook").

At the World Mission consult, several of us (including Magdy Girgis and James and Charlene Jin Lee from our Presbytery) shared our different experiences in mission around the world, but we also pointed out how many people from around the world are now in our presbyteries. For us, we have personal connections with several countries through our members-so when we help rebuild a church devastated in a Mexico earthquake or support a mission trip to the Philippines or help buy food for a ministry with the homeless in Eagle Rock, it's not just charity to strangers, it's family. So yes, while we continue to support our partnerships in Peru and around the world, we can celebrate that the world has also come to us-and we are found to be welcoming to Christ who greets us in the stranger, the hungry, the naked, the imprisoned.

I am happy to share that two of our recent initiatives have been given the green light. ITS has been granted a Conditional Use Permit to operate the seminary on the West Covina campus, so they should be moving on campus in mid-June. And when I sent a draft grant request to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, to partner with Presbytery of the Pacific in funding an organizer to support and encourage churches and individuals to offer various forms of hospitality to families seeking asylum from violence in Central America, they responded by approving the grant!

So at our June 8<sup>th</sup> Presbytery meeting, we will celebrate both these initiatives:

- We will hear about ITS and their innovative mission, and we will paint some rooms and do some yard work as we get ready to welcome them to West Covina, and
- We will greet Kristi Van Nostran, former mission coworker in El Salvador and the new organizer for welcoming the refugee families, and we will hold another gift card drive to help with much-needed supplies, and write notes of encouragement for the families who are under these trying circumstances. We will also put together school kits that PDA gives to kids who have been

displaced by disaster.

In addition, we will welcome Rev. Ming Hsu, who has been called to be the new pastor for Good Shepherd Taiwanese Presbyterian Church in Monterey Park, and we will pray with Grace Presbyterian in Highland Park, as they honor their ministry which will be disbanded this summer.

You can find a flyer about our June 8<sup>th</sup> Day of Service by clicking [HERE](#). We also have it on our website, and will send it out separately so it can be forwarded more easily. Just remember:

- 9 am Presbytery meeting and 10 am work projects, so bring clothes for painting, gardening, or packing school kits or hearing about Kristi's ministry
- We will collect \$5 and \$10 gift cards for our offering in worship, and see the flyer for the kind of supplies needed for the school kits.

As the PC(USA) seeks to respond to Jesus' call to generosity and care through the Matthew 25 movement, may we share the good news we have found in welcoming Christ into our midst,

Peace,  
Wendy



### **Matthew 25 - An Invitation**

As the Presbyterian Church, we are living into hope - expressed by the vision and call to congregations and mid councils to become a Matthew 25 Church.

The vision for Matthew 25 is to multiply Jesus' call to radical and fearless discipleship by partnering with mid councils and congregations to embrace one or more of these three focuses:

- **Building congregational vitality** by challenging people and congregations to deepen their faith and get actively and joyfully engaged with their community and the world.
- **Dismantling structural racism** by advocating and acting to break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice and oppression of people of color.
- **Eradicating systemic poverty** by working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor.

You are invited and encouraged to join the vision and movement of Matthew 25. Visit [presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/become-a-matthew-25-church](http://presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/become-a-matthew-25-church) for more information on how to engage.

To learn more about Matthew 25 SoCal click [HERE](#).  
To learn about the current Matthew 25 SoCal projects and initiatives in the Greater LA County area click [HERE](#).

## **Wear Orange for Gun Safety! June 7-9**

*--Make a plan for your congregation to wear orange on Sunday, June 9  
--Make / find an orange stole for your pastor(s) to wear in worship*

Join Everytown for Gun Safety and [WEAR ORANGE](#) June 7-9

**Orange is the color that Hadiya Pendleton's friends wore in her honor when she was shot and killed in Chicago at the age of 15 - just one week after performing at President Obama's 2nd inaugural parade in 2013.**

**Since then orange has been the defining color of the gun violence prevention movement.** New York gun violence prevention advocate Erica Ford spearheaded orange as the color of peace through her work with her organization, Life Camp, Inc. Whether it's worn by students in Montana, activists in New York, or Hadiya's loved ones in Chicago, the color orange honors the more than 90 lives cut short and the hundreds more wounded by gun violence every day.



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Presbyterian Women in the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii

# **2019 Summer Conference**

## *Love Your Neighbor*

**July 19 - 21, 2019**

*Chapman University ~ Orange, CA*

*with*

**Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Nordquist**

*Keynote Speaker, presenting on the 2019 - 2020 Horizons Bible Study  
Love Carved In Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments*

**Susan Jackson-Dowd**

*Executive Director, Presbyterian Women Inc.*

**Rev. Ann Hayman**

*Dean, 2019 Summer Conference*

**Plenary - Breakout Sessions - Mercado - Worship**

*Registration is now available from  
PWP and PWC Moderators, and  
PWS's Digital Platforms*

*Leadership Grants are also available*



Click [HERE](#) to download complete schedule and a registration form

Click [HERE](#) to download a scholarship application - The deadline for scholarship applications is May 31st!

Would you like to hold discussion series on social justice issues? What better way to begin a thought-provoking discussion than with a powerful film.



Brave New Films offers their films as tools to help educate and move people to action. They create feature-length documentaries and short films that cover a variety of topics including mass incarceration, immigration, gun violence, and numerous other topics of domestic and international concern.

Visit their website for faith communities at <https://bit.ly/bravenewfaith>, take a look at the films they have to offer, and share it with others so they can schedule screenings. Their films are free to show in any setting and are accompanied with discussion guides. All they ask is for you to let them know when and where you show the films and provide feedback so they can improve their content over time.

Questions? Email Tahil Sharma, Faith Outreach Manager, at [tahil@bravenewfilms.org](mailto:tahil@bravenewfilms.org).

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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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## 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



## 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 an Administrative Assistant for Finance and Personnel**

1111 N. Mountain Avenue, Claremont  
909 624-9693

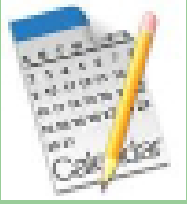
This Bookkeeping position is a Part-time and Exempt Position  
Click [HERE](#) for a complete job description.

### **Westminster Presbyterian Church of Temple City is seeking a Temporary half-time Teaching Elder or Commissioned Ruling Elder**

WPCTC is looking for an enthusiastic pastor who has the drive and motivation to lead a small congregation into action. WPCTC has been hard at work with their current transitional pastor to create a vision of revitalization and a strategy to engage with their surrounding community. The half-time position is temporary for now, but may grow into a permanent pastor position, if by God's grace the revitalization efforts work. See the full job description [HERE](#). 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)

### **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.



## ***EVENTS 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.

### **STEWARDSHIP KALEIDOSCOPE**

#### **The Pulse of Generosity- Vital Signs of a Healthy Stewardship**

September 30 - October 2, 2019

Catamaran Resort - San Diego

For more information and to register, visit [www.stewardshipkaleidoscope.org](http://www.stewardshipkaleidoscope.org)