

PRESBYTERY OFFERING

For this meeting's offering, we invite our 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

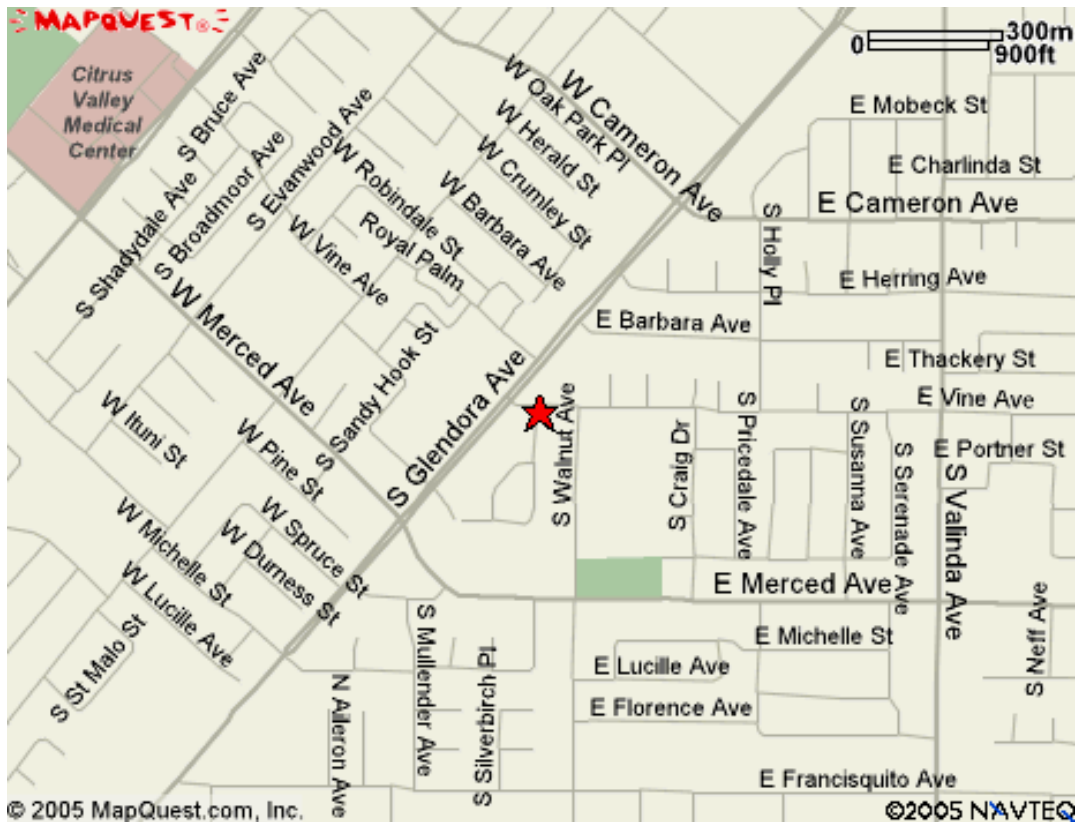
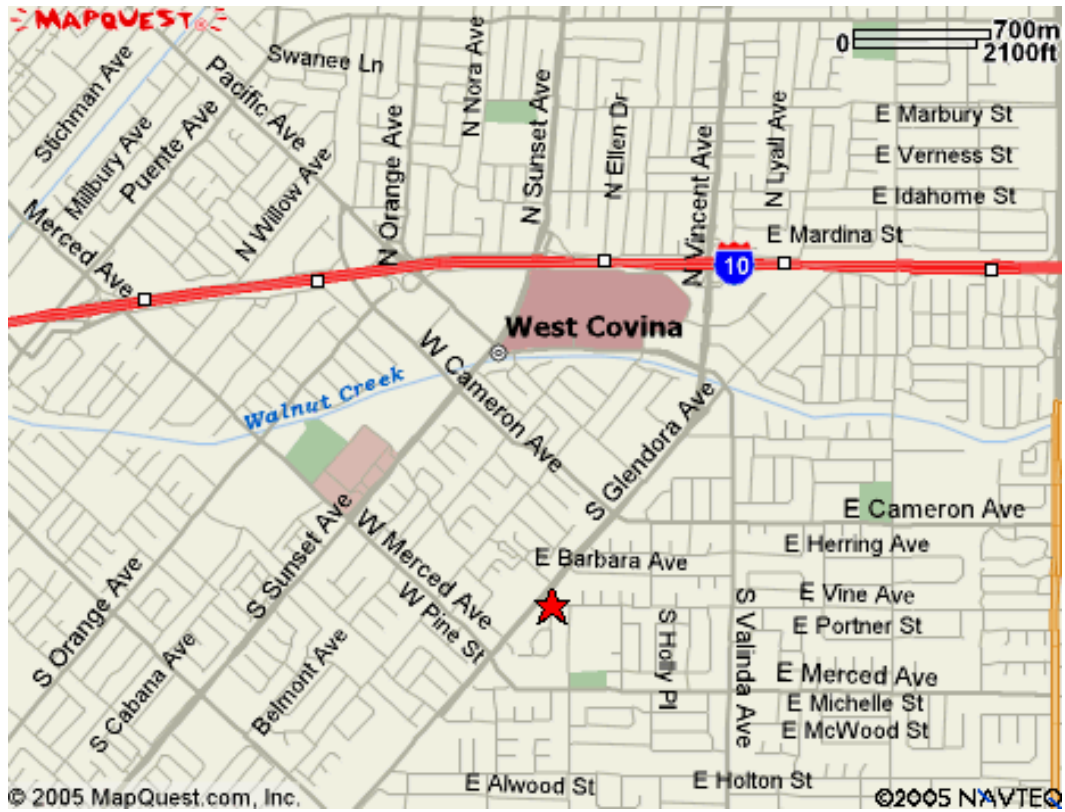
6 - new pencils with erasers

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



Community Presbyterian Church
540 E. Vine Avenue
West Covina, CA 91790

**PRESBYTERY OF SAN GABRIEL
STATED PRESBYTERY MEETING**

June 8, 2019

West Covina Ministry Center

8:30 am *Registration and Hospitality*

DOCKET

9:00 am Call to Order Moderator, TE Roberto Ramirez
Welcome TE Mary Ellen Azada

9:05 am Stated Clerk's Report TE Diane Frasher

9:10 am Opening Worship TE Jennifer Ackerman

9:15 am Presbytery Executive Commission TE Becca Bateman
West Covina Administrative Commission
Rev. James S. Lee – International Theological Seminary
Grace Presbyterian Church, LA Administrative Commission

9:35 am Commission on Ministry TE Cyndie Crowell

9:50 am Executive Presbyter TE Wendy Tajima

10:00 am Justice Peacemaking and Mission TE Brian Gaeta-Symonds
Krisi Van Nostran

10:10 am Worship TE Jennifer Ackerman

10:20 am Benediction, Adjourn and Day of Service Moderator, TE Roberto Ramirez

12:30 pm Return to Fellowship Hall for Lunch

Next Presbytery Meeting:

Saturday, September 14 at Puente de Esperanza Presbyterian Church, La Puente

Stated Clerk's Report for June 8, 2019:

The Stated Clerk brings the Consent Agenda for vote (Items 1-9)

1. That enrollment of minister and elder commissioners be by enrollment list, excuses properly filed with the stated clerk be honored, and all honorably retired ministers and out of state ministers be excused unless enrolled as present.
2. That the minutes of the Stated Meeting of April 6, 2019 be approved.
3. That the proposed docket distributed in the packet be approved.
4. To receive the April 2019 Financial Reports
5. To receive the report from the Administration and Finance Committee.
6. To receive the report from the Administrative Commission for Glendale Korean Presbyterian Church.
7. To receive the report from the Education Committee.
8. That all corresponding members voted upon and registered in writing with the stated clerk be seated.
9. Express the presbytery's thanks and appreciation to the staff and volunteers of Community Presbyterian Fellowship of West Covina and International Theological Seminary for their warm hospitality and assistance in hosting this meeting of the Presbytery.

REPORT FOR THE RECORD:

1. The Lord's Supper was served at Westminster Gardens on April 18, 2019 by Dick Hettish and Rob Crowell. The servers were Betty Strobehn, Fred Stock and Lynne Best.
2. We had our first Annual Review of Minute Books for this year on May 18, 2019. It was hosted by Claremont Presbyterian Church. The congregations who had their minute books reviewed were: Emmanuel Hispanic Presbyterian Church, Claremont; Shepherd of the Valley, Hacienda Heights; Grace Taiwanese Presbyterian Church, Temple City; First Taiwanese Presbyterian Church, Pasadena; Grace Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles; and Alhambra True Light Presbyterian Church, Alhambra.

INFORMATION:

1. The next Review of Records event is scheduled for the fall on the west side of the presbytery at Calvary Presbyterian Church, So. Pasadena in October 2019. The exact Saturday date is to be decided upon. Please take note for your calendars if you were not able to attend the spring review.
2. The Stated Clerk has been doing individual "New Clerk of Session Training" this year as the clerk did not have a general education workshop at Winterfest this year. The clerk has met with three new clerks so far this year. Please contact the Stated Clerk at statedclerk@sangabpres.org to schedule a training for your new clerk. At the moment the trainings have occurred in Temple City. But, it is possible to schedule training at other locations, as needed.
3. Information for your reference:
The dates for the rest of the Presbytery Meetings in 2019 are:
 - a. September 14, 9:00 AM – 12:00 noon @ Puente de Esperanza

b. November 19, 7:00 – 8:30 PM (Tuesday Evening) Trinity Presbyterian Church,
Pasadena

4. Information for your reference:

a. **Presbytery Minimums for 2019**

i. Full-Time Salary & Housing	\$	55,840
ii. Travel/Professional Expenses		2,645
iii. Study Leave		985

5. Just a reminder – If you make a motion on the floor that changes the printed handouts substantially or is a new motion, please write out your motion and turn it in to the stated clerk. It is always helpful to present action items in writing in advance.

MINUTES

Presbytery of San Gabriel
April 6, 2019
Divine Light Presbyterian Church, El Monte

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

The Presbytery of San Gabriel convened on Tuesday, April 6, 2019 at 9:07 am at Divine Light Presbyterian Church of El Monte. A quorum was present as reflected in the roll. Deacon Jinha Kim welcomed the Presbytery. The Rev. Diane M. Frasher was the stated clerk for the meeting.

Moderator, TE Roberto Ramirez moderated the meeting, opening with prayer.

ENGAGE IN GOD'S WORK

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK: Diane Frasher

The Presbytery moved, seconded, and voted to adopt the Consent Agenda (Items 1- 7).

1. That enrollment of minister and elder commissioners be by enrollment list, excuses properly filed with the stated clerk be honored, and all honorably retired ministers and out of state ministers be excused unless enrolled as present.
2. That the minutes of the Stated Meeting of January 15, 2019 be approved.
3. That the proposed docket distributed in the packet be approved.
4. To receive the December 31, 2018 and January 31, 2019 Financial Report from the Administration and Finance Committee. (See Appendix C)
5. That all corresponding members voted upon and registered in writing with the stated clerk be seated.
6. Express the presbytery's thanks and appreciation to the staff and volunteers of Divine Light Presbyterian Church in El Monte for their warm hospitality and assistance in hosting this meeting of the Presbytery.
7. The Rev. Hyun Kyung Sung was removed from membership with the Presbytery of San Gabriel on 3/13/2019, according to G-2.0508. (He has not met the criteria for validated ministry or Member-at-large, for over three years. After making repeated attempts to contact him to no avail, he was removed.)

REPORT FOR THE RECORD:

1. Necrology:
 - a. We have received information from the Board of Pensions that the Rev. Robert Jacoby died on 3/6/2019. Services will be held on May 4th at 3:00 pm at Westminster Gardens – Packard Hall
2. The General Assembly Statistical Reporting Period for 2018 has been completed. By eliminating two congregations that were still on the rolls, although closing, the percentage of reporting congregations in the presbytery came to 75.67%. The congregations who have filed and posted their reports are:
Alhambra True Light; Village, Arcadia; First Filipino, Azusa; Emmanuel Hispanic, Claremont; Claremont Presbyterian; Praise Community, Covina; Northminster, Diamond Bar; Divine Light, El Monte; Community Church, El Monte; Shepherd of the Valley, Hacienda Heights; Iglesia De

La Comunidad, Highland Park; St. Andrew's, La Puente; La Verne Heights; Grace, Los Angeles; Occidental, Los Angeles; Taiwanese Good Shepherd, Monterey Park; First Taiwanese, Pasadena; Mideast Evangelical, Pasadena, Pasadena Presbyterian; Westminster, Pasadena; Knox, Pasadena; Trinity, Pasadena; First Presbyterian, Pomona; San Marino Community; Calvary, South Pasadena, Grace Taiwanese, Temple City; and Westminster, Temple City.

3. Those congregations that did not file Statistical Reports are:
First, Altadena; Arabic Evangelical, Arcadia; Capstone Chinese, Arcadia; Arcadia Presbyterian; Faith Grace Chinese Evangelical, Covina; Puente de Esperanza, La Puente; Glendale Korean, Los Angeles; Eagle Rock United, Los Angeles; New Hope, Pasadena; Korean Good Shepherd, Rowland Heights.
4. The 2018 Presbytery Statistical Report is attached to this report (See Appendix D)

INFORMATION:

1. The next Review of Record dates will be May 18, 2019 at Claremont Presbyterian Church, Claremont at 10:00 AM. At that time, we will be reviewing the Session Minutes for the 2018 year and any previous years that have not been reviewed as of yet.
2. Information for your reference:
The dates for the rest of the Presbytery Meetings in 2019 are:
 - a. June 8, 9:00 AM – Plus Work Day @ West Covina
 - b. September 14, 9:00 AM – 12:00 noon @ Puente de Esperanza
 - c. November 19, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM (Tuesday Evening) Trinity Presbyterian Church, Pasadena
3. Information for your reference:
 - a. **Presbytery Minimums for 2019**
 - i. Full-Time Salary & Housing \$ 55,840
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CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

TE Larry Ballenger, member of San Fernando Presbytery; TE Mark Hong, Synod Executive/Stated Clerk and member of Los Ranchos Presbytery; TE Charlie Campbell, member of Santa Barbara Presbytery; TE Daniel Bahng, member of Pacific Presbytery, TE Clayton Cobb, member of Pacific Presbytery and TE Papi Dhali, member of the Gereja Kristen Indonesia/GKI denomination in Indonesia were seated as corresponding members for this meeting.

OPENING WORSHIP

The Presbytery entered into a time of worship led by TE Jennifer Ackerman.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

TE Steve Wiebe reported for the committee.

The 2018 year-end and January 2019 financial reports were reviewed by the committee and were presented as part of the Consent Agenda.

Action Item

Due to some revisions on the plan for the gate it was M/S/V to raise the maximum funded amount for the gate at the Azusa property be raised from \$20,000 to \$30,000.

EXECUTIVE COMMISSION

TE Karen Sapio reported for the Commission

The San Gabriel Presbytery Executive Commission met on February 26, 2019, with a quorum present, and took the following actions.

1. Affirmed the 2019 officers of the Presbytery corporation:
 - TE Steve Wiebe, President
 - RE Freya Schmus, Treasurer
 - TE William van Loan, Secretary.
2. Approved a revised 2019 budget (see A&F report), which includes three revisions:
 - Twila French will stay full-time as Associate Stated Clerk and Administrator through the end of 2019, and there will not be an additional hire to replace her. This results in a reduction of \$1,456 in expenses.
 - The House of Rest gave an increased grant for the Chaplain for Retired Presbyterian Church Workers. The increase moves the position to $\frac{3}{4}$ -time in order to add Monte Vista Grove to the constituent base. Because the grant fully funds the position, there is no impact to the budget.
 - The West Covina Ministry Center budget was revised to better reflect their plans. Because the Center is budgeted to be break-even, there is no impact to the budget.
3. Approved funding of \$20,000 for a gate to be installed along Soldano Avenue in Azusa. There have been persistent problems with homeless people sleeping at, and leaving their belongings in, the covered walkway on that side of the church building. Though there are now three churches using the Azusa property throughout the week (and getting along very well), the homeless continue to soil the property, and neighbors and city officials have complained that the church is encouraging them.
4. On behalf of the Presbytery, the PEC elected TE Jennifer Ackerman to the West Covina Ministry Center Administrative Commission, and expects to nominate a Ruling Elder member at the April 6th Presbytery meeting. **It was M/S/V to appoint Elder Cheryl Holland to the Administrative Commission for West Covina.**
5. On behalf of the Presbytery, the PEC voted unanimously to designate the House of Rest as a mission partner of San Gabriel Presbytery. This would allow House of Rest to be a validated ministry with Board of Pensions in case they want to utilize the Board of Pensions for employee benefits, and reflects the partnership between House of Rest and the Presbytery, as House of Rest funds the Chaplain for Retired Presbyterian Church Workers for the Presbytery.
6. Gave feedback to the Presbytery Engagement Team negotiating with Alhambra True Light Presbyterian Church on what would be expected if the Presbytery were to dismiss the church with the Alhambra property.
7. Celebrated with the Education Committee the great success of WinterFest 2019, and affirmed their plans to present the General Assembly amendments for consideration at this Presbytery meeting.
8. Heard plans for the annual gala of Monte Vista Grove Homes this June 22nd at Descanso Gardens in La Cañada, where they will honor Presbytery of San Gabriel and Rev. Jeff O'Grady, pastor of

San Marino Community Church. It is hoped that the Presbytery will have a strong presence there.

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

TE Cyndie Crowell reported for the Commission.

The Commission on Ministry met on Monday, February 4, 2019 and Monday, March 4, 2019 and brings the following recommendations to the Presbytery:

1. It was M/S/V to approve the call of Arcadia Community Church to TE Larry Ballenger to serve as Interim Pastor (3/4 time) with the following terms of call beginning April 7, 2019, for one year, and to receive him as a member of the San Gabriel Presbytery upon his dismissal from the San Fernando Presbytery:

Salary/Housing	\$60,000
Business/Professional Expenses	\$2,645
Continuing Education	\$985
Pension	\$7,200*
(12% of effective salary - post retirement)	
One month vacation and two weeks study leave	

2. It was M/S/V to approve the call of TE Charles Campbell to serve as the pastor of Northminster Presbyterian Church, Diamond Bar, beginning April 15, 2019, for a term of two years, with the following terms and to receive him into membership of the San Gabriel Presbytery upon his dismissal from the Santa Barbara Presbytery. This call is renewable and installed.

Cash Salary	\$17,000
Housing Allowance	\$48,000
Business/Professional Expenses	\$3,600
Continuing Education	\$1,000 (not to be accumulated)
Pension	\$24,654
Dental	\$1,632
6 weeks vacation annually (not to be accumulated beyond 12 weeks)	
3 weeks study leave annually (not to be accumulated beyond 4 weeks)	
Paid sabbatical of 3 months after 7 years of full-time service.	

Installation plans to come.

3. It was M/S/V to receive Rev. Papi Dhali into membership of the San Gabriel Presbytery. He was ordained by the Gereja Kristen Indonesia/GKI denomination in Indonesia, and comes with a recommendation from that denomination. He has been serving at GKI Los Angeles/Covina since 2013. This transfer of membership would be the first step in moving the church into membership as well. We are in correspondence with the GKI through the World Communion of Reformed Churches. He will be assigned a mentor by the COM.

It was M/S/V to approve the following Omnibus Motion:

1. To renew TE Ally Lee's service as Temporary Associate Supply Pastor for Knox Presbyterian Church, Pasadena for one year, January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019.
2. To renew TE Paul Kwon's service as Temporary Supply Pastor for Glendale Korean Presbyterian Church for one year effective November 1, 2018, at Presbytery minimum for half-time.
- 3a. To approve the Site Pastor job description for the West Covina Ministry Center:

Presbytery of San Gabriel
Community Presbyterian Fellowship and West Covina Ministry Center

Site Pastor
(50 hours/month, exempt position)

MINISTRY OBJECTIVES

To provide spiritual leadership and pastoral care for the members of the Community Presbyterian Fellowship at West Covina, represent San Gabriel Presbytery's oversight of the West Covina Ministry Center, and nurture coordination among the ministry partners of the Ministry Center. Because this is a 50-hour/month position, and the ministry needs of this ministry site are flexible at this time, the following responsibilities will adjust as time and God's will dictates. The priorities of the position are worship and pastoral care.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- I. Worship
 - A. Preach the Good News of Jesus Christ each Sunday to Community Presbyterian Fellowship
 - B. Plan traditional Presbyterian worship services with the church musician and Fellowship Leadership Team
 - C. Manage staff for Sunday worship, including music and sound personnel
- II. Pastoral Care
 - A. Provide care for Fellowship members through office presence, visitation, and leadership in coordinating life events as needed.
 - B. Work with Fellowship leaders (Leadership Team and Deacons) to offer ministry programs that will deliver the love of Christ in the neighboring community.
- III. Administration
 - A. Staffing: Manages Presbytery staff supporting the Community Presbyterian Fellowship.
 - B. Property Management: Represents San Gabriel Presbytery with partner who will be leasing and caring for the Center property.
 - C. Partnerships: Develops good working relationships with all ministry partners housed at the Ministry Center and coordinates joint ministry activities that help serve Christ's mission in the West Covina community. Works with Presbytery leadership to assess partner agreements, including addressing concerns as they arise.
- IV. Ministry Development
 - A. Explore possibility of developing and implementing a new vision for the Ministry Center.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA), or able to be authorized for ministry by the Presbytery of San Gabriel.
2. Experience or gifts in ministry with older adults and community service.
3. Strong administrative skills.
4. Self-starter, ability to manage diverse tasks and work with diverse communities.

TERMS

Contract will be one year which may be renewed by the Presbytery, and may be adjusted based on mission needs as determined by Presbytery leadership. Contract can be terminated with 30 days' written notice by either the Site Pastor or Presbytery, as communicated by the Executive Presbyter or Personnel Committee. Accountable to the Presbytery of San Gabriel, with close working relationships with the staff and leadership of the Fellowship. Compensation set at \$1500/month, no benefits.

1/17/19

- 3b. To approve TE Mary Ellen Azada and TE Jennifer Ackerman to share the position of Site Pastor for the West Covina Ministry Center beginning on February 1, 2019 with the following terms of call:

Cash Salary	\$0
Housing Allowance	\$18,000 (\$9,000 each)
Reimbursable expenses (by voucher) to be shared by co-pastors:	
Business/professional expenses	\$1,200
Continuing Education	\$500
One month vacation and two weeks study leave	

4. To approve a change in the call of TE Yanchih Lee to Shepherd of the Valley Presbyterian Church, Hacienda Heights, from part-time to full-time temporary pastor for one year beginning March 1, 2019 with the following terms:

Cash Salary	\$18,617
Housing	\$37,223
Pension	\$23,732
Business/Professional Expenses	\$2,550
Continuing Education	\$950
One month vacation and two weeks study leave	

5. To dismiss TE Sterrett Collins to the Great Rivers Presbytery where he serves a church in another denomination, effective immediately.

COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

TE Jan Cook reported for the Commission.

The Commission on Preparation for Ministry met on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at Community, San Marino; a quorum was present.

It was M/S/V that Inquirer Tiffany Ashworth be transferred to the care of San Gabriel Presbytery from the care of New Hope Presbytery of North Carolina. Tiffany is a member of Knox Presbyterian Church of Pasadena.

BOARD OF PENSIONS

Board of Pensions Regional Representative, Clayton Cobb announced that he will be retiring in October of this year. Clayton spoke to the Presbytery about the opportunities offered by the Board of Pensions and their commitment to church staff members. He spoke about the following programs:

1. Healthy Pastors Healthy Congregation Initiative

To help PCUSA pastors address the growing financial challenges to ministry, the Board of Pensions has developed Healthy Pastors, Healthy Congregations. This initiative, designed to help ministers and congregations work together for financial stability, provides education and financial resources. This program combines pastor and congregational leader education with grants up to \$10,000 to qualifying pastors.

Program Components

Congregational leader education: Session and Personnel Committee members and other congregational leaders, along with their pastor commit to a two hours session on A Theology of Benefits Bible Study/Financial Realities of Pastors. **(Note: This component will be led by Clayton Cobb, your regional Church Consultant, at a one-time event for those pastors and congregations that have committed to the program, date and time to be negotiated with the Presbytery office)**

Pastor education: Pastors commit to 2.5 hours of online training on Personal finance lessons and Terms of Call lessons. After this grounding the pastor will receive financial counseling through with Ernst & Young at no cost.

Financial grants to pastors: a one-time grant of up to \$10,000 is available to eligible pastors after the pastor and congregational leaders have completed their educational sessions and the pastor has received financial counseling. The grant may be used to reduce or eliminate pastor's educational, credit card, or other debt, or to boost personal savings in the Retirement Savings Plan, a 403b plan.

Pastor Eligibility

To qualify, the pastor must

- Be enrolled in Pastor's Participation in the Benefits Plan
- Have a total household adjusted gross income of less than \$118,200 (twice the median salary for congregational ministers)
- Have a total net worth of less than \$250,000 (excluding the value of home and auto)

To get started

To learn more or take the next step call 215-587-7219, or email hphc@pensions.org.

Also, see Healthy Pastors, Healthy Congregations at [pensions.org](http://www.pensions.org),

<http://www.pensions.org/your-path-to-wholeness/healthy-pastors-healthy-congregations>

Or contact Clayton Cobb, regional Church Consultant at 267-844-2411, or

ccobb@pensions.org

2. Minister Education Debt Assistance

Qualifying ministers can receive a grant of \$5,000 per year, for up to five years, to repay education debt (undergraduate and graduate debt). Participants must engage in financial

coaching with a Board of Pensions partner that specializes in education debt, and commit to participate financially with a prorated amount.

Eligibility

- be enrolled in Pastor's Participation in the Benefits Plan
- have completed a CREDO conference or the Health Pastors Healthy Congregations program
- have an effective salary below \$80,000 and a total household adjusted gross income of less than \$118,200 (twice the median salary for congregations)
- repay your debt by a specified monthly amount based on your effective salary and the amount of the debt

For more information go to: <http://www.pensions.org/your-path-to-wholeness/give-and-receive/assistance-program/minister-educational-debt-assistance-grants>

3. First Call First Steps

Fuller Theological Seminary on April 23rd from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm.

This seminar provides inquirers and candidates for ordination with information and tools essential to navigating the call process effectively. Attendees will be encouraged to negotiate their terms of call through the lens of covenant so they may devote their best gifts to the work of God's kingdom. In this seminar you will . . .

- examine theological perspectives on benefits, compensation, and call;
- consider the financial realities of pastors
 - fair cash compensation
 - effective salary
 - housing allowance
 - clergy taxes
 - income security
 - healthcare coverage; and
- understand key considerations for structuring terms of call through the lens of covenant so they may devote their best gifts to the work of God's kingdom.

There is no cost for this seminar and spouses are encouraged to attend. To register call Devin Johns, program administrator, at 215-587-7459, or email her at education@pensions.org . Registration closes April 11th.

4. Benefits Connection Events

The Board of Pensions hosts annual Benefits Connections at locations across the nation to engage Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) churches in important benefits conversations and to help them be the best employers they can be.

These events are half-day events, during which employers hear from benefits experts from the Board about the foundational values of the Benefits Plan of the PC(USA) — wholeness, compassion, and justice — and the Church’s commitment to just compensation. You’ll explore ways your congregation can support ministers and staff through these values. And you’ll understand how benefits offered by the Board can meet your needs as an employer.

Who should attend?

- church administrators and office managers
- clerks of session
- personnel committee chairs
- pastors
- mid council leaders
- anyone who decides, manages, or supports benefits for ministers or employees.

Event Details

Southern California will have two events:

Wednesday, May 15

La Canada Presbyterian Church

Thursday, May 16

Grace First Presbyterian Church (Long Beach)

Registration opens in March. For more information, go to: <http://www.pensions.org/our-role-and-purpose/the-connectional-church/gatherings-for-congregations/benefits-connections>

Or contact Clayton Cobb at 267-844-2411, ccobb@pensions.org

PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION

Foundation Representative Maggie Harmon reported that the Foundation is almost 225 years old. Maggie is available as a resource for training and other assistance. She has 20 years of legal experience and working with non-profits. Maggie informed the Presbytery of the following events:

- The Foundation will be holding a Best Practices Conference on June 11, 2019 at 11:00 am at Westminster Gardens in Duarte.
- Stewardship Navigator is a free online tool offered by the Foundation that helps congregations raise funds for their mission. More information is available at www.stewardshipnavigator.com
- Steward Kaleidoscope Conference September 30 to October 2, 2019 in San Diego at the Catamaran Resort. Information and registration is available at www.stewardshipkaleidoscope.org.

Maggie expressed her gratitude for being able to work with churches and do the work she does. She recommended a book entitled *Everything I Learned About Business I Learned From The Grateful Dead*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Presbytery was given an opportunity to make announcements about upcoming events in their churches

BREAK – The Presbytery took a short break.

Vice Moderator, TE Karen Sapio moderated the meeting.

Elder Jinha Kim invited everyone to attend lunch regardless of whether or not they've made a reservation.

JUSTICE PEACEMAKING AND MISSION

TE Brian Gaeta-Symonds reported for the committee.

1. Items for information:
 - a. The JPM Committee approved a \$495 grant request to cover the DACA renewal application fee for Betty Osuna, lay leader at Puente de Esperanza.
 - b. Peace-Ing It Together Conference was a success with more in attendance than planned and great speakers from around the PC(USA).
 - c. Encourage your congregation to give to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Resources can be ordered for free from the PC(USA).
 - d. June 8th will be the Presbytery Day of Service at the West Covina Ministry Center
 - e. JPM 2019 Foci - *Immigration at Our Border and In Our Communities and Housing Insecurity*.
2. Presentations:
 - a. El Monte Initiative – JPM approved a grant for \$9,000 to the Community Food Bank at Community Church of El Monte; to be used to assist with food purchasing for the food bank guests. The check was presented to Elder Stephanie Moseley, member of Community El Monte. Stephanie spoke about the food bank and their service to the community. A large portion of the community in El Monte live below the ~~property~~ poverty level. The food bank serves over 150 families per week.
 - b. Presbytery Offering - Today's offering has been designated for Eagle Rock Presbyterian Church's Evening Service and Meal; serving the churches homeless friends. Carolyn Harris, member of Eagle Rock Presbyterian Church reported that the program is over 10 years ago. She reported that there are more people worshipping at the Sunday night program than worship at the Sunday morning service.

WORSHIP

The Presbytery entered into a time of worship led by TE Wendy Tajima which included a time for discussion in groups of two.

VISION AND STRATEGY

RE Deborah Owens reported for the committee. The committee is beginning to work on a project with the Black Presbyterian Caucus to create a new Black Worshipping Community. Deborah invited anyone interested in joining the committee to contact her.

EDUCATION – GA Amendments

TE Jennifer Ackerman reported for the committee. The Presbytery voted on the proposed amendments in blocks as recommended by the Education Committee.

1. Amendments A,D,E - After an opportunity for questions and discussion, it was M/S/V to approve the following:

Amendment A – Election of Ruling Elders and Deacons – On Amending G-2.0401

Amendment D – Membership of Presbytery – On Amending G-3.0306

Amendment E – Pastor, Counselor and Advisor – On Amending G-3.0307

2. After an opportunity for questions and discussion, it was M/S/V to disapprove Amend C – Officers, On Amending G-3.0104.

3. Amendments B, G, H

After an opportunity for questions and discussion, it was M/S/V to approve the following:

Amend B Renunciation of Jurisdiction

B.1 On Amending G-2.0509

B.2 On Amending D-10.0401d

Amendment G Disciplinary Offence – On amending D-2,02033b

Amendment H Time Limit

H.1 on Amending D-10.0401b

H.2 On Amending D-10.0401c

4. Amendment F – Welcoming to the Table – On Amending W.4.0202

After an opportunity for questions and discussion, it was M/S/V to approve Amendment F.

WORSHIP

The presbytery entered in to a time of worship led by TE Roberto Ramirez. Worship included the Lord's Supper. The offering taken during worship will go to the Homeless Ministry at Eagle Rock Presbyterian Church of Los Angeles.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned with prayer let by TE Karen Sapio at 11:55 am.

The next Presbytery meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 8, 2019 at the West Covina Ministry Center.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Frasher, Stated Clerk

**TEACHING ELDER PRESBYTERY ROLL
DATE APRIL 6, 2019**

APPENDIX A

√ ACKERMAN, JENNIFER	@ GITHUMBI, STEVEN	E METCALF, STEVE	E TAYLOR, TOM
E ANDERSON, BARBARA	E GLENN, CASPER	E MEZA, JOSEPH	√ THOMPSON, DEAN
E ANDERSON, BARBARA P	E GOODERICH, CHARLES	E MILLS, ANN	E TOMLINSON, DAVE
√ AZADA, MARY ELLEN	@ GOULDING, DEIDRE	@ MOLDEN, RICHARD	E TRACY, KEN
E BATEMAN, BECCA	E GRANT, KEN	E MOLLER, GARTH	E VAN LOAN, WILLIAM
√ BERNIS, KAREN	E HAGNER, DON	E MOON, CYRIS	E VAN NESS, WILLIAM
E BIBAWI-SOLIMAN, VEN.	E HAWTHORNE, DON	@ MOON, JOHN	@ VAUGHN LOWER, J.
E BOLES, LARRY	@ HERTIG, YOUNG LEE	E MOORE, NANCY	@ WANG, CHUNG-HSIN
@ BOLES, PAUL	E HESSELL, MARTIN	@ MORA, HUGO	@ WASHBURN, BRAD
@ BOLSINGER, TOD	E HETTISH, RICHARD	E MORGAN, DALE	@ WATTS-AFYRIE, N.
E BROWN, RAYMOND K.	E HILL, TOM	E MUSCH, RON	E WENDEL, ROBERT
@ BUCHANEAN, MARK	@ HSIEH, FRANK	E NAJARIAN, JOHN	E WENTZ, TOM
@ BURNETT, JOHEE	@ HUANG, BOB	E NEWSTEAD, JANE	√ WIEBE, STEVE
E CALHOUN, BERAD	E HUANG, DAVID	@ OGLESBY-EDWARDS, ANN	√ WILLIAMS, PATRICIA
√ CAMPBELL, MARTHA	@ HUGHES, JONATHAN	√ O'GRADY, JEFF	E WONG, HOOVER
E CAMPBELL, TWINING	E JARVIS, ANDREWE	E OSIRIPAIBUL, THANIT	E WOO, DAVID
E CARLSON, CATHARINE GRIER	E JOHNSON, HARRIET	E OVERHOLSER, DENISE	E WOO, FRANKLIN
E CARLSON, MARK	E JOHNSON, ROBERT	@ PAK, DAVID	E WOODBERRY, DUDLEY
E CASTELLANO, PAT	@ KAMEL, HISHAM	E PARK, HEIDI	@ WUERTZ, KRISTA
E CASTLES, CHARLES	E KANG, JOSEPH	E PARKER, GREG	√ YANAGIHARA, MARIKO
@ CHAI, DAVID	@ KANG, STEPHANIE	@ PEACE, DWIGHT	E YEE, ED
E CHATFIELD, DONALD F.	@ KIM, CHARLES	@ PENG, JAMES	@ YE, KAOFANG
E CHEN, SHUI-TENG	E KIM, JAKE	E POPE, GEORGE	
E CHEN, THOMAS	√ KIM, SAMUEL	E POTTER, RALPH	√ =PRESENT
E CHRISTOPHER, HUW	E KIM, SUENG-NAM	E RAMOS, SANTOS	E =EXCUSED
E COATES, JESSIE	@ KIM, YOHAN	√ RAMIREZ, ROBERTO	@ =ABSENT
E COLON, ROBERTO	E KING, PAMELA	√ RANDALL, VIKKI	
@ COLWELL, MATTHEW	@ KINSLER, ROSS	@ RASMUSSEN, SARAH	31 RULING ELDERS
@ CONNER, JIM	√ KISER, KAREN	@ REYES, MARGARITA	26 TEACHING ELDERS
@ CONTRERAS, WALTER	E KIEWER, MARK	E RIDE, BEARE	
√ COOK, JANICE	@ KWON, PAUL	E ROBINSON, JEAMES	
@ CORMODE, SCOTT	E LAI, PETER	E RODRIGUEZ, TEONY	
E CORTES FUENTES, D.	@ LAI, PING TUNG	E RUPPART, RANDEALL	
√ CROWELL, CYNTHIA	@ LAMB, LISA	@ RYU, JUN	
√ CROWELL, ROBERT	@ LEE, ALLY	@ SANDERS, JAMES	
@ DAILEY, ERIK	√ LEE, DONGWOO	E SANTANA-GRACE E.	
@ DAILEY, MILLASON	@ LEE, JAMES SEUNG	√ SAPIO, KAREN	
@ DAVIDSON, JACK	@ LEE, YAN CHIH	E SHANNON, FOSTER	
@ DAVIS, STEVE	E LIM, JUNG	E SHERVINGTON, ROGER	
E DE MELO, JAIRTON	@ LIN, DAVY	E SHUSTER, MARG	
E DEMAREST, GARY	E LITTLE, BRYCE	E SIEMON, JEFFREY	
@ DONNER, ADAM	E LOK, EUH-HYEY	E SIMMEN, LOUIS	
E DUGGAN THOMAS	@ LORENZ, AL	E SOGA, KEIJI	
√ DUONG, JOHN	@ LUTZ, DAVID	E SPAHN, DAVE	
E DYRNESS, BILL	E LUTZ, STEPHEN	E STACKHOUSE, WIL.	
@ EDWARDS, DOUG	@ LY, KEN	E STOCK, JOAN	
@ ELGAWLY, RAAFAT	E MACK, BURTON	E STOECKLY, EUGENE	
E ERICKSON, TOM	E MADDOX, DON	E STOUT, BARBARA	
√ EURICH-RASCOE, SOPHIE	E MADRIGAL, LUIS	@ STRICKLAND, JEN	
E EVANS, LAUREN	@ MAKAR, MAHER	√ SU, RALPH	
E FOWLER, MARSHA	E MANNING, MARILYN	@ SU, SEN YUAN	
√ FRASHER, DIANE	E MCCURRY, DON	E SYMONS, JAMES	
√ GAETA-SYMONDS, BR.	E MCDANIEL, REX	√ TAJIMA, WENDY	
√ GARCIA, OSVALDO	@ MCHUGH, ADAM	@ TAN-GATUE, PETER	
@ GIRGIS, MAGDY	E MESSINGER, THOMAS		

APPENDIX B
ELDER COMMISSIONERS
April 6, 2019

(#)= COMMISSIONERS ALLOWED

ALHAMBRA TRUE LIGHT(3)

ABSENT: 3

ALTADENA FIRST (3)

ABSENT: 3

ARCADIA, ARABIC (3)

ABSENT: 3

ARCADIA PRESBYTERIAN (3)

SAM KNOTTNERUS
CINDY CRIPPEN
ABSENT: 1

ARCADIA CAPSTONE (3)

ABSENT: 3

ARCADIA VILLAGE (3)

LYNN BEST
ELIZABETH SHPHERD
ABSENT: 1

AZUSA FILIPINO (3)

ABSENT: 3

BALDWIN PARK (3)

ABSENT: 3

CLAREMONT, CLRMT. (3)

ABSENT: 3

CLAREMONT EM HISP. (3)

ZOILA GARCIA
ARLETTE PABLO
ABSENT: 1

COVINA, FAITH GRACE (3)

ABSENT: 3

COVINA FIRST THAI (3)

ABSENT: 3

DIAMOND BAR NORTHM. (3)

KATHY FARRIS
ROB JUGAN
HELEN HALL

EL MONTE COMMUNITY (3)

STEPHENE MOSELEY
EDDIE
ABSENT: 1

EL MONTE, DIVINE LT. (3)

SANG HYONN AHN
YOUNG HWAN AHN
SEOANG KEE PARK

HAC. HGTS. SOTV (3)

JANICE TAKEDA
ABSENT: 2

LA PUENTE, ST ANDREWS (3)

ABSENT: 3

**LA PUENTE, PUENTE DE
ESPERANZA (3)**

ABSENT: 3

LA VERNE HTS (3)

ABSENT: 3

L.A. EAGLE ROCK (3)

CAROLYN HARRIS
ABSENT: 2

L.A. GLENDALE KOREN (3)

ABSENT: 3

L.A. GRACE (3)

ABSENT: 3

**L.A. IGLESIA DE LA
COMUNIDAD (3)**

ABSENT: 3

L.A. OCCIDENTAL (3)

ABSENT: 3

MONT. PK. TAIWANESE (3)

ABSENT: 3

PAS. FIRST TAIWANESE (3)

ABSENT: 3

PASADENA KNOX (3)

JARROD PHIPPS
ABSENT: 3

PASADENA NEW HOPE (3)

ABSENT: 3

PASADENA. PRES. (5)

MARIA CACARNAKIS
FRIED WILSON
ABSENT: 3

PASADENA TRINITY (3)

ABSENT: 3

PAS. WESTMINSTER (3)

DEBORAH OWENS
HELEN DARSIE
ABSENT: 1

POMONA FIRST (3)

ABSENT: 3

ROWLAND HTS. KOREAN (3)

ABSENT: 2

SAN MARINO COM. (7)

JIM BARBOUR
BONG BRINGAS
CHRIS DUMONT
MEGAN EDWARDS
RANDAL CHIN
ABSENT: 2

SO. PAS. CALVARY (3)

RON SCHOOLER
CARL VON BIBRE

TEMPLE CITY, GRACE (3)

ABSENT: 3

TEMP. CTY. MIDEAST EVAN (3)

ABSENT: 3

**APPENDIX B
ELDER COMMISSIONERS**

April 6, 2019

(#)= COMMISSIONERS ALLOWED

TEMPLE CITY WESTMIN (3)

LAURA-JEAN SLYKHUIS

PAT COLLINS

ABSENT: 1

COUNCIL ELDERS (5)

MELINDA FORBES

*Others signed-in under their church

COMMISSIONED RULING

ELDER (2)

ABSENT: 1

1 SIGNED IN UNDER CHURCH

Presbytery of San Gabriel
Balance Sheet
As of April 30, 2019

Apr 30, 19

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

10010 · Petty Cash	250.00
10100 · Banner Bank Checking	50,126.42
10150 · Banner Bank Savings/Money Mkt	87,696.43
10160 · Banner Bank - Azusa	2,235.53
10170 · Chase Bank - West Covina	50,063.42

Total Checking/Savings 190,371.80

Other Current Assets

11010 · New Covenant Funds	263,222.11
11210 · PILP Investment	200,000.00
11310 · TD Ameritrade	1,844,565.06
11510 · Monrovia Endowment	25,195.96

Total Other Current Assets 2,332,983.13

Total Current Assets 2,523,354.93

Fixed Assets

15000 · Fixed Assets	3,651,672.85
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Total Fixed Assets 3,651,672.85

Other Assets

18000 · Notes Receivable	367,025.40
19200 · Other Current Assets	47,164.90

Total Other Assets 414,190.30

TOTAL ASSETS 6,589,218.08

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities

20100 · Accounts Payable	687.42
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Total Other Current Liabilities 687.42

Total Current Liabilities 687.42

Long Term Liabilities

26100 · PILP Loan Payable	1,254,252.47
26150 · PILP Restoring Creation Loan	196,515.15

Total Long Term Liabilities 1,450,767.62

Total Liabilities 1,451,455.04

Equity

30000 · Opening Balance Equity	784,751.95
31000 · Presbytery-Restricted	1,256,635.63
34000 · Donor-Restricted	916,149.80
39000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	2,331,461.26
Net Income	-151,235.60

Total Equity 5,137,763.04

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY 6,589,218.08

Presbytery of San Gabriel

Revenue and Expense Budget vs. Actual

January through April 2019

	<u>Jan - Apr 19</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>
Income			
40000 · Shared Mission	96,884.63	123,166.60	-26,281.97
42000 · Facilities Cost Sharing	53,570.00	56,320.00	-2,750.00
43000 · West Covina	19,969.50	35,800.00	-15,830.50
45000 · Inv Related Income/Transfers	26,632.01	84,811.32	-58,179.31
49100 · Other Income	10.00		
49200 · Other Property Related Income	0.00	9,000.00	-9,000.00
Total Income	<u>197,066.14</u>	<u>309,097.92</u>	<u>-112,031.78</u>
Expense			
50000 · Shared Mission Expense	61,145.41	36,423.28	24,722.13
51000 · Commission on Ministry	92.64	1,666.60	-1,573.96
52000 · Comm on Prep for Ministry	0.00	1,066.60	-1,066.60
53000 · Mission	61,569.04	27,033.28	34,535.76
54000 · Education Committee	552.04	833.28	-281.24
55000 · Church Development	70,938.74	32,024.88	38,913.86
60000 · Presbytery Expenses	232.67	1,149.96	-917.29
61000 · Personnel	118,095.99	125,764.20	-7,668.21
62000 · Office Administration	9,599.00	16,416.40	-6,817.40
65000 · Property Management	35,371.75	53,766.64	-18,394.89
69900 · Miscellaneous Expenses	95.90		
Total Expense	<u>357,693.18</u>	<u>296,145.12</u>	<u>61,548.06</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-160,627.04</u></u>	<u><u>12,952.80</u></u>	<u><u>-173,579.84</u></u>

Administration and Finance Committee Report

5.24.2019

Steve Wiebe, Chair

CPA Update – Our CPA, Bruce Gray, is leaving his firm, to start his own company. This was presented to the A & F Committee for any concerns. Committee voted to continue with Bruce as our CPA.

ITS/West Covina – see article in Presbyterian Outlook! ITS is moving to the West Covina Campus. The church has gotten a "Conditional Use Permit" with the city approved, so ITS will move-in in mid-June. The agreement is being finalized. Funding for building modifications will come from a PILP loan, and the estimated payments have been built into the budget. The agreement will start July 1st. At the November Presbytery meeting, three persons were authorized to finalize the agreement: Maria Cacarnakis, Nancy Moore, and Dave Tomlinson.

Garibaldi Property: Playfactory 2020 Increase – The PlayFactory preschool rent will be increased starting January 1, 2020 from \$3280 to \$3350 per month. Per our agreement, they are given advance notice as their budget year is July-June.

Azusa Property - The rent for Ministerios la Gloria de Dios en Accion was discussed. This church uses the small chapel, and they have requested a reduction in rent due to smaller membership. MSP to reduce their rent payment to \$1000 per month, from \$1300.

"Winners Outreach" church (in the Dalton property) asked for approval to sub-lease to another church for their Bible study. MSP to approve the sub-lease, contingent on future research on the sub-tenant, and receipt of their Certificate of Insurance. It was MSP to raise the rent for Winners Outreach from \$2300 to \$2400 per month at their one-year mark, September 1, 2019.

Filipino Community church continues to use the sanctuary and acts as overall property manager.

Glendale Korean: The Administrative Commission will address issues there directly.

Baldwin Park: The Presbytery closed the church in January, and most of the members have moved to the West Covina fellowship. The AC will meet soon to discuss closure of the property and financial accounts. The fraud/small claims/court situation has been resolved in the courts, but there are still loose ends with disposal of personal property of the fraudulent tenant.

Mission Giving: Pledges are on target, but (1) the number of pledging churches is small, and (2) a larger than usual number of churches has not yet contributed to mission giving in 2019.

**Glendale Korean Presbyterian Church
Administrative Commission Report
June 8, 2019**

The AC of Glendale Korean Presbyterian Church met with full attendance on May 8, 2019, and makes the following report.

1. The construction company that was invited to do an analysis for redevelopment of the property came back with a recommendation that the property be sold, as the redevelopment potential was limited.
2. The following actions were taken by the Administrative Commission:
 - a. Stop using the sanctuary building due to liability and health issues, and move to the fellowship room in the other building for worship and other activities by June 1, 2019.
 - b. Research the opportunity to relocate to La Canada, either with La Canada Presbyterian Church (who has already offered an invitation) or the neighboring Christian Science Church. Rev. David Tomlinson will speak with a representative from the Christian Science Church.
 - c. Actively market the Verdugo Blvd. property for sale, after June 1.

San Gabriel Presbytery Education Committee Report

June 2019

- Education Committee members have recently participated in an online small group Micah Intensive on Racism, through Fuller Seminary's Ogilvie Institute of Preaching, and subsequently completed training to become Micah Group facilitators. We hope to make Micah Groups available to SGP leaders soon, which will be an opportunity to advance the kinds of conversations around justice that have been happening through Winterfest and other events. Stay tuned for more information as plans develop.
- Tapestry is SGP's collective youth ministry endeavor that is available to all churches and youth in the presbytery. While the Education Committee provides formal oversight to Tapestry, the primary leadership is currently in the hands of Becca Bateman, Brian Gaeta-Symonds, and Jake Kim. Anyone wanting to learn more about participating in Tapestry youth events is welcome to contact Becca, Brian, or Jake directly.
- In an effort to clarify the decision-making process around financial decisions related to Tapestry, the Education Committee has determined:
 - Tapestry leadership may decide independently how to spend the money in their equity funds (including, but not limited to scholarships for Triennium), and will be responsible for replenishing these accounts as needed. Education Committee will review expenditures for general oversight and accountability.
 - Tapestry leadership may make funding requests to the Education Committee for additional expenditures not to exceed \$1000 per year.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION OF SAN GABRIEL PRESBYTERY FOR
GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LOS ANGELES
REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO PRESBYTERY
JUNE, 2019**

Report:

In 1906, Bible-loving members of Highland Park Presbyterian Church saw a need in the New York Valley. Mr. H. H. Grotthouse was sent to organize a Sunday School. A rustic little chapel was built on two lots near York Blvd and Avenue 56. After a series of Gospel Tent Meetings conducted by Dr. J.R. Pratt, the church was organized and Grace Chapel became Grace Presbyterian Church on June 24, 1912, thirty-four (34) charter members were received. In November of 1912 the 2 lots of land were given to the new church by Highland Park Presbyterian Church.

In 1927 the church building was moved to 1516 North Avenue 53, where it was enlarged and a lower street floor (basement) was added. The second-hand stained glass windows were purchased for \$1.00 from a man that had stored them after they were saved from the 1st Christian Church of Los Angeles that was torn down in 1915. During this remodeling and construction Worship Services were held under a large pepper tree on the new lots. The membership was approximately 184 at this time. The original chapel buildings were given to a mission in Eagle Rock where it was used by the Community Covenant Church.

In 1944, as the membership of the church and Sunday school continued to grow, the facilities for worship and activities needed to be expanded. The membership was approximately 468 at this time. In 1946, the Application to Erect a New Building Permit was submitted to the city of Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety by the architect Harry L. Pierce with Licensed Engineer Arthur Howland to build a building valued at \$40,000. The present sanctuary building was built and then dedicated in 1949.

On October 3, 1971, the Lord sent us Dr. Alfred Lorenz. In the 1970's, membership started moving out of the city of Los Angeles. Dr. Lorenz was able to add other businesses and congregations to rent the church facilities. These resources allowed our church to nurture and assist in the growth of other ministries.

On August 30, 2005, there was a fire in the attic of the sanctuary and the stairway on the south of the main building. The cause of the fire was determined to be the roofers using a torch to seal the roofing material seams together and not being careful enough. Our insurance covered the damage.

When all repairs were completed, the main building and Sanctuary was beautiful again because of the fire. God does truly provide.

In 2006, Verizon contracted to add an antenna into the church tower. They would give a monthly income for the use of the tower.

In 2013, it became apparent to the session that our dwindling attendance would not be able to support the repairs of the buildings of Grace Presbyterian Church. The session decided it was time to put the property for sale. In August 2014, our prayers were answered when the Highland Park Seventh Day Adventist congregation purchased the buildings. This

allowed Grace Presbyterian church to continue until 2019-2020. We will run out of resources in about a year.

There has always been a mission for our church in our community. God's message of redemption and the proclamation of the Good News has been our privilege to plant roots. The methods have changed but the story stays the same with renewed faith and confidence as we close this chapter and move forward to the future.

The Administrative Committee recommendations:

The AC Committee was formed with 3 members in December, 2018. The members are RE Judie Evers, TE Cyndie Crowell and TE Dave Tomlinson. These are the recommendations.

1. Session has voted for dissolution of Grace Presbyterian Church on June 30, 2019.
2. Al Lorenz will retire on July 1, 2019.
3. Assistance to the congregation members for transfer of membership to the San Gabriel Presbytery.
4. We will have a June 30 Celebration called Tribute Sunday
 - Celebration on June 30, 2019 will consist of a final service in the parlor and then a catered lunch in lower Stewart Hall. The colors will be burgundy, royal blue and silver.
5. Status of the Hispanic ministry

The Hispanic members of Grace will worship for a time at Iglesia de la Comunidad. The session of La Comunidad has approved the Grace members to rent space in the building. There is the hope for shared or merged ministry in the future.
6. Distribution of Church Assets

The AC recommends that funds will be earmarked for the Hispanic ministry in Highland Park to support their transition. The amount depends on the development of their relationship with Iglesia de la Comunidad, so a short-term [3 or 6 month] budget will be developed by the AC and on-going oversight of this ministry will be provided by COM. The funds will be administered by the San Gabriel Presbytery office.
7. A letter has been sent out to the congregation in regards to the transition of membership and the fellowship for the Hispanic congregation; in addition, the AC recommendations that were adopted by the session regarding the dissolution of the church..

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

Report to the San Gabriel Presbytery

Saturday, June 8, 2019

The Commission on Ministry met on Monday, May 6, 2019 and brings the following recommendations to the Presbytery:

- 1a. To approve the call of the Good Shepherd Taiwanese Church, Monterey Park to the Rev. Ming Yuan Hsu to be their Pastor effective July 1, 2019 with the following terms of call:
 - Salary/Housing \$82,000
 - Auto/Travel/Professional Expenses \$4,500
 - Continuing Education \$1,000
 - Pension (11% + 1% Death/Disability) \$9,840
 - Medical Insurance (25%, spouse covered) \$20,500
 - One month vacation (30 days) and two weeks study leave (cumulative up to 6 wks.)
- 1b.) To receive Rev. Hsu into membership of the Presbytery upon his dismissal from the Los Ranchos Presbytery.

The Commission also brings the following recommendations straight to the floor thus requiring a second to these motions:

- 2.) To grant permission for the Rev. James Peng to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery in Los Ranchos Presbytery beginning July 17, 2019 at the Formosan Presbyterian Church of Orange County.
- 3.) There may be a temporary pastoral call to be presented for approval. The position, minimum terms of call, and the candidate have been approved by COM.

Recently, the Bible become more intimate and personal to me, since I read the story of Jonah - when the LORD's calling came upon him, he took action quickly. However, instead of obeying the LORD and heading to the city of Nineveh, he chose instead to go to Tarshish, just like the Shangri-La in Jonah's dream, a paradise he longs for. Indeed, I have a hiding Tarshish in my heart.

My name is Ming Yuan Hsu, I was born in Taiwan and grew up in a non-Christian family. I have a younger sister. My father was a retired elementary school teacher; my mother was a dressmaker and a housekeeper. At the age of 21, I was a college student who started building up my big dream. I dreamt of becoming a TV producer or movie director in my career. Actually it wasn't just a dream: the college I studied at had some famous alumnus, like film director and Oscar winner Ang Lee, etc. I had made many good friends who were talented and creative. Many of my college peers seemed to be in a race to see who could reach the top of the hill fastest. I considered myself as a happy-go-lucky guy and enjoyed the race at that time. But a trip changed everything.

During one summer break, I went back to my hometown. Unintentionally, I attended a Christian retreat though an invitation from one of my best friends. Long story kept short, it's the first time ever where I was touched by the love of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit. When I repented and confessed my sins, I heard a tiny voice and calling from God at the same time, I prayed with tears and dedicated my life to God. After summer break, I went back to college and attended worship at a small church, and got to know a young minister who had just graduated from seminary. The young minister lived in a small and worn-out house attached to the church. Gradually I realized that the road of calling is not an easy one. As a result, I started running away, just like Jonah. I tried to hide and dodge along the way, but God would not let me go, He worked and accompanying with me to deal with my immaturity, to deal with my fear of facing conflict and to transform my failure into committed character.

After almost 10 years, I was a Pro audio/visual who worked at National Cheng Kung University in Taiwan. I married my wife, Mei Ling Chou, in 1990. We lived in a comfortable apartment and bought our first car. My life seemed to be getting smoother, but my heart started to stir. God's calling came to me more and more clearly. I went to Logos Evangelical Seminary in 1991, completed Master of Divinity in 1995. I was ordained in 2002 by Evangelical Formosan Church; examined and installed as the minister of Word and Sacrament by Mission Presbytery (PCUSA) in 2006. I am thankful for EFC of East Valley, EFC of the Inland Empire, Austin Taiwanese Presbyterian Church and Formosan Presbyterian Church of Orange County for bearing with me and giving me the opportunity to learn and grow.

I want to give thanks to my parents who have raised, educated, and supported my ministry. couple years ago, both of them came to be in God's rest. I also want to give thanks to my in-laws, and my father-in-law who is also a pastor. They served in the church more than 30 years and mentored 30 pastors and ministers including my wife and myself. I am grateful for their example in serving the Lord faithfully. I am more than grateful for Mei Ling and my two girls, Serene and Jocelyn, for being willing to walk this journey of serving the Lord with me. Serene was graduated from Purdue University in 2015. Jocelyn was graduated from University of Minnesota in 2018. I want to thank my family for loving me and supporting me and for being the greatest source of joy in my life.

When Jonah was in the stomach of the big fish, the only thing he could do was to pray. The last part of his prayer is also my prayer. "But I, with shouts of grateful praise, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. I will say," "Salvation comes from the LORD." (Jonah 2:9). Finally, the LORD commanded the fish to spit Jonah out, which was a miracle of redemption and grace. This miracle came to me, too. Today, I stand before the altar and offer my life for the Lord's use. May God bless you all, Amen.

I believe in one true God, creator of all things, who has revealed Himself in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. These three are one in eternity, deity, and purpose; everlasting, of infinite power, wisdom, and goodness.

I believe that Jesus Christ, God's only Son, is the incarnate Word of God, fully God and fully man. In His humiliation, He gave up the prerogatives of heaven, came to earth through virgin birth, and lived a sinless life, though tempted as any man. Jesus suffered and died on the cross, in perfect obedience to His Father's will. In His exaltation, Jesus rose from the dead, ascended into Heaven, and will come again in power and glory to judge and rule over all.

I believe that the Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Triune God. The Holy Spirit is the Comforter, Reminder and Counselor. The Holy Spirit grants to us various gifts, empowers us to live the new life in Christ, ministers with and through the people of God, and draws us together as God's family.

I believe that the church is the Body of Christ, instituted by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit to do God's work on earth. Its calling is to worship and witness to Jesus Christ, proclaim the Gospel to the whole world in word and in deed. God gives the Church a purpose and role to equip all believers to develop a mature faith.

I believe that the scripture in the Bible is the inspired Word of God, given to us as revelation and truth, authoritative and sufficient as our guide to faith and life, through the witness of the Holy Spirit working within our hearts.

I believe and recognize two sacraments: Baptism and the Lord's Supper, which are one of the identifying marks of the church. As baptism is the sign and the visible word of God that we are cleansed in Christ's blood, buried with him unto death, that we might rise with him and walk in newness of life. In the Lord's Supper we remember the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ and is means by which Christ continually nourishes, strengthens and comforts us.

I believe that Jesus gave us "The Great Commission" before His ascent to heaven. He who has been given all authority in heaven and on earth has tasked his people with making disciples of all nations, teaching them to obey all that he has commanded, with the hope and reassurance that he will be with them through all of it. It's not just the church's mission. It's God's mission. And he promises us his presence every step of the way.