



MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember St. Andrews Presbyterian Church of La Puente in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, June 16, 2019

ON THE CALENDAR

Tuesday, June 11 - Education Committee 3:30 at Fuller Seminary

Executive Presbyter Wendy Tajima will be out of the office Monday and Tuesday of this week.

A REFLECTION FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER, WENDY TAJIMA



Then afterwards

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions. *Joel 2:28*

Reflection: A Waking Dream

On June 2nd, I played substitute moderator for the congregational meeting of Good Shepherd Taiwanese Presbyterian Church as they called their new pastor, Ming Hsu. It was such a joyous day, to be with this vibrant church of committed Christians of all ages, so intently and gratefully anticipating what God is doing in their church.

What's best is the realization, as I was driving away from the meeting, that most of my visits with churches these days have been filled with joy. This is counter to my traditional joke, that when people see me at their church, it usually means something is wrong. (I actually had an elder say that to me one Sunday: "Oh, Pastor Wendy! Why are you here? Is something wrong?")

Now there are still concerns, and that's a big part of the job, but our presbytery is right now in a season of renewal and reconciliation. Even when-or perhaps, especially when-church leaders make some difficult decisions, God has responded with abundant blessings beyond our own imaginings.

Take what is happening at West Covina, for instance. Our Presbytery meeting/Day of Service was held this last Saturday at the campus that was built by the faithful servants of Community Presbyterian Church of West

Covina, now the Community Presbyterian Fellowship. The leaders of the Fellowship welcomed the Presbytery meeting usuals, as well as several leaders and students of International Theological Seminary, who are getting ready to move onto the West Covina campus later this month, and a good number of youth, especially from San Marino Community Church but also young people from Arcadia, Claremont, and two youth from Westminster Pasadena, who represented the now seven young people going to Triennium this July. This photo is the group who worked through the day-is that a glimpse of the Kin-dom or what?!

This meeting also honored the 107-year history of Grace Presbyterian Church in Highland Park, as they prepare to close their doors this June 30th. I encourage all of you who can, to join in the celebration of their ministry, at 11 am at the church at 1500 N. Avenue 53, Los Angeles, CA 90042. The church has been a place of welcome, creativity, and faithful service to God and to God's people in the community for all these decades, and the members of the church have come to this point with grace and gratitude, a reflection of their own faith and the loving leadership of Rev. Dr. Al Lorenz, who will be retiring as well. Grace also honored the wisdom of their youth, as Judie Evers mentioned her role in the Pastor Nominating Committee that called Al when she was 17 years old.

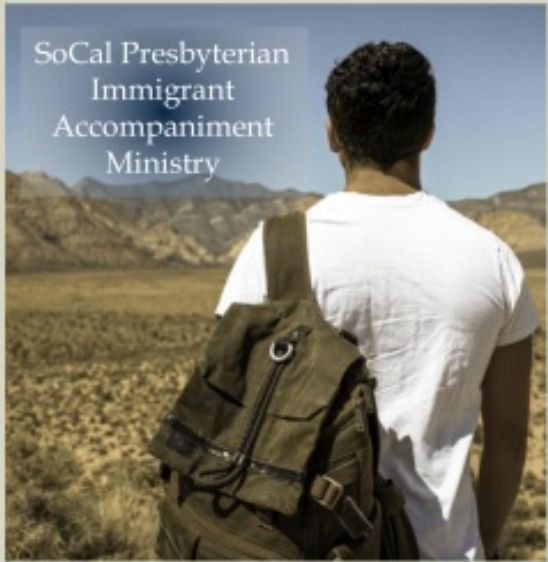
I am grateful for being able to walk with our churches in their various places in their life cycle. One thing I am a big believer in, is the importance of inviting everyone God sends to us to participate fully in the ministry of the church. It was clear that the young people at Good Shepherd are fully engaged in the leadership of that church. And I loved watching the work crews all around the West Covina campus, as they included people spanning many generations (and coming from many different continents), working in a committed, professional manner. I also want to give a huge shout out to Jim Conner, who organized many of the work teams on Saturday. Jim is Board Chair of ITS, and lends his immense energy, vision, and gifts of community and property development to ITS, the ITS alums who are back in their home communities, and now the West Covina Ministry Center.

Finally, we were able to welcome Ming Hsu to San Gabriel as he begins his work at Good Shepherd on July 1st, and to pray for Vikki Randall as she begins her work on July 1st as temporary pastor at Westminster Presbyterian in Temple City.

And we had another hugely successful gift card drive, this time for asylum-seeking families fleeing the violence that has overtaken Central America. This was a great welcome for Kristi Van Nostran, who is working with us and with Pacific Presbytery through grants from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, to help with basic life needs for these families as they await their immigration court appearances. You all brought \$520 in gift cards that will be given to asylum seekers, as well as \$782 with which Kristi will purchase additional gift cards and direct assistance for the families. This included several significant gifts, including 50 cards worth \$250 from Alhambra True Light church. What a welcome! And if you would like to meet Kristi or have her speak at your church, please contact her at PresbyWelcome@gmail.com or (360) 521-4096. Click [HERE](#) for an introductory flyer on her ministry.

We are blessed with a diverse Presbytery: churches and individuals of all ages, races, gifts, and resources. But we are all empowered by the one Holy Spirit, brought upon Christ's church on Pentecost, and because everything we have and do comes from the one God, we are called to join together in using whatever we have to serve our Lord. So let us continue to be a people of hope and service as we join in many ways to be Christ's hands and heart for this world. I'm thrilled to be part of it with you.

Blessings,
Wendy



I was a stranger and you welcomed me...

SoCal Presbyterian Immigrant Accompaniment Ministry is a growing network of Presbyterians around Southern California, in ecumenical collaboration with the Matthew 25/ Mateo 25 SoCal Movement, striving to follow Christ's call to **welcome the stranger** by opening our churches, homes, and hearts to sisters and brothers seeking asylum.

Our mission is to strengthen and expand a faith-rooted, compassionate response to immigrants and refugees in our communities by equipping, empowering, and supporting congregations and individuals to joyfully and faithfully engage in accompaniment and advocacy.

How can you and your congregation get involved?

Join a Circle of Support

- Be a part of a team of people who commit to coming alongside a family or individual in the asylum process. This may include things like visiting, providing transportation, assisting with translation, gathering necessary clothing/home goods, or purchasing grocery gift cards.

Consider Becoming a Host

- Extend hospitality by welcoming an asylum seeker -family or individual- into your home or church. The SoCal Presbyterian Immigrant Accompaniment Ministry and our ecumenical partners will support you, your family, and your church family as you live into the blessings and challenges of sharing life together.

Detention Center Visitation

- Join us for one of the monthly opportunities to be a part of this powerful ministry of presence. Showing up and being willing to listen are profound ways to foster hope and offer welcome.

Speak Out for Change

- Join people of faith in education and action for just public policies that promote welcome and flourishing within our communities, our region, and across our nation.

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We Choose Welcome

Kristi is in her final year at Fuller Theological Seminary where she is pursuing a Master of Divinity in preparation for ordination in the Presbyterian Church (USA). She served for seven years in El Salvador as a PC(USA) Mission Co-Worker, and since returning to the U.S. in 2017 has served as Parish Intern for Pastoral Care at Claremont Presbyterian Church. Kristi has a passion for bringing people together and fostering relationships of mutual accompaniment. She is thrilled to be a part of this ministry and the new ways that God's Spirit is moving in and through our Presbyteries to offer hospitality and hope to some of our most vulnerable siblings.

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

More Images from our Day of Service





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Grateful Stewardship:

Strategies to help your church fund its mission

Maggie A.F. Harmon, esq.
Presbyterian Foundation
Ministry Relations Officer, Southwest

Thursday, September 19th
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Includes lunch

El Sueno, Westminster Gardens
1420 Santo Domingo Avenue
Duarte, 91010

All church leaders and pastors welcome!

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Presbyterian Planning Calendar 2019-2020

Please note that the 2019-2020 calendar will not be available to ship until August 2019.

This 16-month calendar- **starting with September, 2019, and ending with December, 2020**-contains many planning aids for pastors and other church leaders. Includes lectionary for Sundays and special days, liturgical days, liturgical colors, resource information for PC(USA) programmatic emphases, updated synod, presbytery and Presbyterian Mission Agency staff directories, color foldout synod/presbytery and world maps.

Available August 2019.



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 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](#).

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

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

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

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 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.

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

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



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

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

Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network

National Conference

October 15-18

Laws Lodge, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

for more information contact Pat Baker at pat@sapctucker.org or 678-438-3673

Or visit <https://www.poamn.org/>