



MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember Glendale Korean Presbyterian Church of Los Angeles in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, July 7, 2019

ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday, July 1 - Commission on Ministry, 12:00 at the Presbytery Center

Mission Advocate, Wendy Gist will be out of the office **June 26 - July 5**

The Presbytery Office will be closed on Thursday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.



"I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." *Matthew 25:36*

Reflection: In Prison

We all have little bytes of data that make up our particular identity in this world. I remember when I was in seminary, and we held an exercise in diversity during orientation. We were to step forward if we identified with various experiences. One experience that stuck with me was "I or someone in my family have been incarcerated."

Of course I let it go by. I come from a family of ministers and schoolteachers; hardly the jailbird types! But then it occurred to me that my mother and many family members were incarcerated in World War II internment camps; in fact one cousin was born in the camp. I was paralyzed by the dilemma-I can't step forward as if my family were imprisoned, as if one of my relatives had run aground of the law. They hadn't done anything wrong! But that's what has happened to so many people of color; they are accused of wrongdoing and imprisoned, often without any proof but for the color of their skin.

Like most people, I refer to the camps that imprisoned 120,000 Japanese-Americans, most of whom were citizens (like my mother, who had never even stepped foot out of the US), as "internment camps." But some people call them concentration camps, a term defined in the *Merriam-Webster Dictionary* as "a place where large numbers of people (such as prisoners of war, political prisoners, refugees, or the members of an ethnic or religious minority) are detained or confined under armed guard"-though they point out that the term has often been used to refer to Nazi death camps, which has caused much sensitivity about the use of the term. You probably have heard that this term has been used most recently to describe the detention centers holding asylum seekers from Central America.

As it turns out, there are some similarities. Last Thursday night, I attended an event in Little Tokyo, protesting the use of Fort Sill, Oklahoma, as a detention center for migrant children from Central America. Fort Sill is still an active Army post, first staked out in 1869. But it has also been used for detention. In 1894, Geronimo and 341 other Apache were kept at Fort Sill as prisoners of war; in fact, Geronimo died there in 1909. During World War II, 700 Japanese-American immigrants (we call them *issei*, or first generation) were held there. Three of the *issei* died at Fort Sill, including Kaneshaburo Oshima. He was taken to Fort Sill from Hawai'i. His wife and eleven children were left at home, and he suffered a mental breakdown. Unarmed, he attempted to climb the barbed wire fence, and was shot dead by a guard.

And now, there is a plan to detain as many as 5,000 children at Fort Sill.

Japanese-Americans have always sworn "never again" to this kind of mass incarceration-not only for Japanese-Americans, but any people detained without trial. (Of course, even if there was a trial, we ordinarily do not hold children accountable for the actions of adults caring for them.) So we feel called to speak up whenever we see others being persecuted for being a member of an ethnic or religious group deemed undesirable.

I have been impressed with the strong positive response to Kristi Van Nostran's ministry as Immigrant Accompaniment Organizer. My guess is that many of us have been wondering how to help with this crisis. Kristi has many different ways you or your church can help, so I encourage you to contact her. You can scroll down for a flyer on her work. And Presbyterian News Service wrote an article on our ministry, which is on-line [here](#).

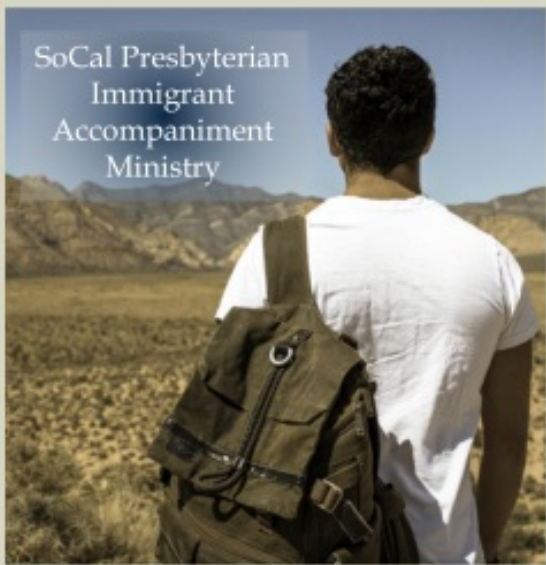
There is also a global movement to show our concern about immigrants being detained. It is called Lights for Liberty, and the event will be held on Friday, July 12, at 7:30 pm in many locations. Click [here](#) for a current list (note that CA for California comes after Canada). Originally the vigils were planned for detention

centers, so a major site will be at the detention center in downtown Los Angeles, at 535 Alameda. But now there will be vigils wherever a group chooses to organize one.

Many of us have experienced personally, or in our families, trauma that in God's grace leads to compassion for others who suffer. If nothing else, if we want to show love for Jesus, he tells us how to show that love in Matthew 25. As we hear renewed threats of deportation raids, as we hear horror stories of children dying in custody of the US government, as we learn that in desperation, ICE has at times released detainees by simply dumping them without anything in a strange city, there is much need for us to pray-with our hearts, with our faith, and with our hands and feet.

So I ask for your prayers, and your compassion that leads to action, that includes visiting and welcoming the stranger, in prison or in our community. I also ask your prayers for Al Lorenz and the people of Grace Presbyterian Church in Highland Park, who held their final worship service yesterday. Even in these times of uncertainty, may our siblings in San Gabriel Presbytery-as well as God's children fleeing violence and suffering-be filled and comforted by the Holy Spirit. May all people feel the loving presence of Jesus Christ, that their souls be free, even if they are imprisoned by immigration, criminal action, or any other way that we are too often bound by the brokenness of ourselves, or of this world.

In prayer,
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

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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.

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

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

2019 Presbytery Meetings

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 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/>