



MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember Iglesia de la Comunidad Presbyterian Church of Los Angeles in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, July 14, 2019

ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Tuesday, July 9 - Education Committee 3:30 at Fuller Seminary

A REFLECTION FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER, WENDY TAJIMA

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." *Luke 21:5-6*

Reflection: Priorities

Amid all the uncertainties of life, we like to think that at the very least we are assured that we stand on solid ground. This weekend forced us to confront the fact that even the earth on which we stand is subject to shifting

ground. This weekend forced us to confront the fact that even the earth on which we stand is subject to shifting, sometimes quite violently.

As a native Californian, I was almost relieved when the 6.4 magnitude earthquake came, because my understanding is that earthquakes happen when pressure is built up, so any release of pressure helps to prevent another, more catastrophic, quake. It seemed odd that there were so many aftershocks, but it was the second quake, magnitude 7.1, that rolled for so long that it scared me. While the earth shifted like a boat in choppy waters, I wondered whether I should dive under my desk, and prayed for the people close to the epicenter.

There have been thousands of aftershocks over the weekend, at times averaging one every minute. While many were too small to be felt, I wondered how the residents around Trona and Ridgecrest felt as the earth continued to shake, split, and rumble so relentlessly. There are few things we take as a given in our lives, and one is that the earth is solid beneath us-so how does it impact our sense of security when the earth is far from solid?

Throughout the Bible, we are reminded not to put our trust in temporary things-riches, buildings, human rulers. At this time when buildings can tumble and expensive things are crushed, we are experiencing this teaching. When even the earth seems transient, what is lasting?

As people of faith, we are blessed to know that God, and the grace of Jesus Christ, and the healing and empowering presence of the Holy Spirit, is ever with us. As people of God, may we see past surface decoration and appreciate the dignity, the gifts, the searching and insight of every person we meet. And as followers of Jesus Christ, may we prioritize the mission of our Lord, which is eternal and universal in scope, trusting that our Lord's grace is sufficient.

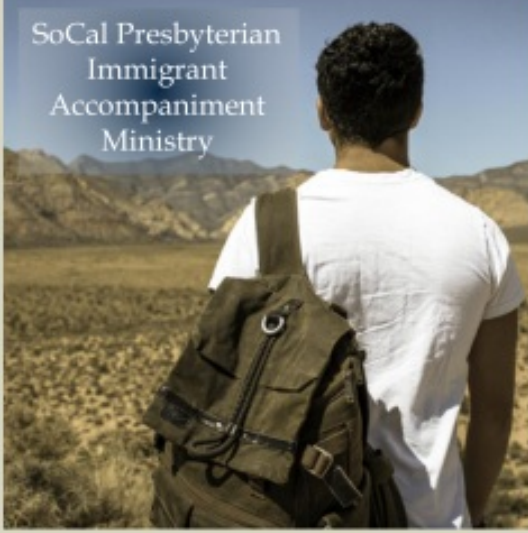
And in so doing, may we be generous in offering aid to those whose lives have been shaken-by earthquakes, by violence, by governmental detention. May this aid be a sign that no one is alone; that God has chosen to work through us to spread love and concern for those who most need it.

Last week I mentioned what is now hundreds of vigils being planned for this Friday, July 12. You can go to <https://www.lightsforliberty.org/localevents> for a list; as of today there are vigils scheduled at Altadena Community Church at 7 pm, La Cañada Congregational Church at 7:30 pm, Montebello City Hall at 7 pm, and 391 S State College Blvd, Brea, at 8 pm.

Years from now, we will look back at this time when children are left to the care of other children, when pregnant women are made to sleep on concrete, when men were packed into pens too crowded even to lie down, and people will ask what did the people of faith do? May we make decisions today that reflect our priorities as Christians, for the world to see, for our own conscience, and mostly in obedience to the call of Christ. Even if you aren't the demonstrating kind, find a way to respond to God's call on your heart.

In prayer,
Wendy

SoCal Presbyterian
Immigrant
Accompaniment
Ministry



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.

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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The Refugee Concerns Team of

CLAREMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
invites you to a

JULY 13TH, 5-6:30 P.M.

SUMMER SUPPER



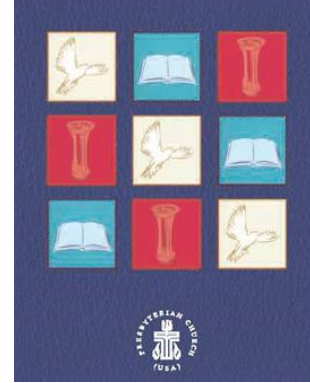
Come hear the stories of Refugees and Asylum-
Seekers and allies who support them

Speakers include: Marisol Pereira, Marwa &
Nazifa Parwani, Jed Leano, Kristi Van Nostran

DONATIONS GLADLY ACCEPTED
TO SUPPORT THIS IMPORTANT WORK

The PDF of the 2019-2021 Book of Order has been added to the PCUSA Store website and is available for free download now.

<https://www.pcusastore.com/Products/OGA19010/book-of-order-20192021-download.aspx>



2020 Presbyterian Women Peace Trip to Korea

A group of 15 Presbyterian women will travel to Seoul and Jeju Island, South Korea April 19 -May 1, 2020, for PW's Peace Trip to Korea.

The purpose of the trip is:

1. To meet and worship with our partners in the Presbyterian Church of Korea and the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea, strengthen our relationships, and establish our solidarity with our sisters for peace in the Korean Peninsula.
2. To learn the untold history of Korea and the impact of the United States upon the lives of Koreans before and after the Korean War by visiting historical sites and engaging in conversations with our Korean partners.
3. To gain a better understanding of the context of the Korean conflict and prepare to be better equipped advocates and participants in a peaceful solution.

Lodging: Atrium Hotel (106 Changgyeonggung-ro, Inui-dong, Jongno-gu, Seoul)

Cost: \$2,500 plus airfare to Korea

The deadline to apply for the trip is September 19, 2019.

The application form is attached.

To ask a question or to learn more about the PW Peace Trip to Korea, contact [Cheri Harper](#).

Information and Application



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in the PC(USA), Inc.

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Trip cost: \$2,500*

Application deadline: September 19, 2019.

*The cost of air travel is not included in the stated cost of the peace trip. To learn more about Presbyterian Women's Peace Trip to Korea, email Cheri Harper, PW's associate for mission, at cheri.harper@pcusa.org.

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Click [HERE](#) to download a participation application

It's Official! We're Gathering!

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The Board of Directors of Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Inc. just cast a unanimous vote for the 2021 Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women!

When: August 5-8, 2021

Where: St. Louis, Missouri

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

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/>

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