



MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember First Taiwanese Presbyterian Church of Pasadena in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, August 4, 2019

ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

August 1-3 - Big Tent Event - Baltimore, Maryland

Executive Presbyter Wendy Tajima will be out of the office July 24 - August 6.

**REFLECTION FROM OUR ASYLUM HOSPITALITY ORGANIZER,
KRISTI VAN NOSTRAN**

"*Buenas noches*," said the voice on the other end of the phone. It took me a minute to recognize the polite and timid tone. It was Jose*, a young man whose family I have become close to at church. "Sorry to bother you this late," he continued, "but I wanted to talk to you about something important - I'm considering going north." My heart sank.

"You know what it's like in my neighborhood," he said. "*Gracias a Dios* I don't have problems with anyone right now, but they know I don't have work and it's just a matter of time before They start asking me to "do favors". That's a business that I don't want to get into." Jose paused; "Once you're in, there's no way out."

I did know what it was like in Jose's neighborhood, a marginal community built on the side of a ravine at the San Salvador city limits, and he was right. They - the local clique or cell group of one of the major street gangs - control the area. Despite a large and well-staffed police post in the center of the neighborhood, it is known that drugs, weapons and cash move in and out of the community with relative ease. Surrounded by this pervasive culture of illicit activity, it's nothing short of a miracle that Jose and his family have remained reasonably untouched as long as they have.

I wept silently and listened as he shared his fears and frustrations. He told me of the conversation with a *coyote* who could help him cross the border in a semi-truck for the fee of \$6,000. Jose would have to pay half up front and the other half upon arrival, payment of which had been promised by a cousin living in Houston. I felt so helpless to respond. He had clearly given this a lot of thought; what could I possibly say that might discourage him from this decision? When your reality includes 16-year-old boys going missing, never to be seen or heard from again, and 13-year-old girls impregnated as a means to claim them as gang "property", somehow the dangers, expense, and lack of guarantee associated with making the journey north seem like the better of bad options.

As heart-wrenching as it is, stories like Jose's are not uncommon. And although we are becoming accustomed to a daily dose of dehumanizing rhetoric and heated political debate around policies and tactics meant to "combat the problem" of migration, the reality of the tens of thousands of children and families in desperate need of refuge is so much more than the terms "border emergency" or "humanitarian crisis" can express. These are our kin. While politicians on all sides are posturing, the ones whom Jesus calls the least of these his siblings - our siblings - continue to suffer without food and water in the desert, sick and without visitors in detention centers, and denied welcome as deportees.

Father Greg Boyle, founder of Homeboy Industries, writes: "The measure of our compassion lies not in our service to those on the margins, but only in our willingness to see ourselves in kinship with them." As people of faith, we are called to respond compassionately to our siblings forced to choose between risking it all by leaving and risking it all by staying, and who have opted for the former. Jesus charges us to see immigrants and refugees as he does, as family, and to choose welcome. May it be so.

Paz y bien,
Kristi Van Nostran

It is with heartfelt gratitude and appreciation that I acknowledge the many individuals and congregations that are opening their hearts and their doors to offer hospitality and hope asylum seekers in our communities. And, if you are interested in learning more about the ways you and your congregation can get involved with the SoCal Presbyterian Immigrant Accompaniment Ministry, please reach out to me at PresbyWelcome@gmail.com.

Boundary Training Offered in Multiple Languages

The Synod of Southern California and Hawaii has arranged with Dr. Kibbie Ruth to hold several trainings to prevent sexual harassment and misconduct. The Commission on Ministry of San Gabriel Presbytery is

requiring that any new pastor, or any pastor who for whatever reason has not been to a recent training, attend one of these trainings. In addition, the morning session of each day is designed to satisfy the new sexual harassment prevention training requirement of the State of California for all employers with five or more employees (this includes churches with staff of five or more).

The training is \$10 for the morning or \$15 for the whole day (including lunch), and you have the choice of three days and locations. Each training will begin at 9 am and end by 3 pm.

- September 5 (Thursday), Union Church of Los Angeles, 401 E 3rd St., Los Angeles, CA 90013. Phone (213) 629-3876. Translation will be provided for Spanish, Korean, Taiwanese, Mandarin, and Arabic speakers.
- September 6 (Friday), Shepherd's Grove Presbyterian Church, 4445 Alton Pkwy, Irvine, CA 92604. Phone (949) 786-9627. Translation provided for Vietnamese, Korean, Taiwanese, and Indonesian speakers.
- September 7 (Saturday), Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, 588 Camino Manzanitas, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360. Phone (805) 498-4502. Translation provided for Spanish and Korean speakers.

Anyone is welcome to attend the training, but it is mandatory for San Gabriel Presbytery minister members doing public ministry who have not attended a recent training, and for the employees of any church with staff of five or more who have not arranged for such training themselves.

Click [here](#) for more information and links to on-line registration for the trainings.

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



Offered by the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii

God intends for the church and its ministries to be a safe place for all to encounter God and grow into lives of service and fulfillment. We are called to be a holy community.

PresbyterianMission.org

Learn to establish and maintain safe relationships and faith communities including prevention of child abuse, domestic violence, elder abuse, sexual harassment, professional misconduct and other abuses of power.

Teaching Elders are required to attend both morning and afternoon sessions. All others are required to attend the morning session and **strongly encouraged** to attend the afternoon session.

Event Facilitator . . .

Rev. Dr. Kibbie Ruth

Senior Consultant
Kyros Ministry,
San Mateo, CA.



For over two decades **Kibbie Ruth**, MA, DMin, has taught abuse prevention and intervention strategies, and consulted on cases throughout the country. Dr. Ruth concentrates on religious issues of abuse as the Founder and Senior Consultant of Kyros Ministry. She works with judicatories and congregations to establish safe relationships and faith communities, including prevention of child abuse, domestic violence, elder abuse, sexual harassment, professional misconduct and other abuses of power.

Registration is handled through [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com).

Three Locations

Please select the **ONE** event location that best fits your needs. Each event is 9 am to 3 pm; lunch provided.

The registration fee for Teaching Elders/Ministers is **\$15.00** and **\$10.00** for all others. Payment may be submitted upon registration OR paid at the door. Payment details will be found on the registration page for each of the locations (links below, in the "REGISTER" boxes).

September 5 (Thursday)

**REGISTER: Sept. 5
Los Angeles**

Union Church of Los Angeles

401 E 3rd St., Los Angeles, CA 90013
(213) 629-3876

Translation provided for **Spanish, Korean, Taiwanese, Mandarin, Arabic** speakers

September 6 (Friday)

**REGISTER: Sept. 6
Irvine**

Shepherd's Grove Presbyterian Church

4445 Alton Pkwy
Irvine, CA 92604
Phone: (949) 786-9627

Translation provided for **Vietnamese, Korean, Taiwanese, Indonesian** speakers

September 7 (Saturday)

**REGISTER: Sept. 7
Thousand Oaks**

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

588 Camino Manzanitas,
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360
Phone: (805) 498-4502

Translation provided for **Spanish, Korean** speakers

Questions? E-mail [Fried Wilson](mailto:Fried.Wilson@synod.org) at the Synod office.

Offering hope, comfort, and love to children seeking refuge from life-threatening violence.

The mission of the San Fernando Valley Refugee Children Center in North Hills is to be a healing embrace to the hundreds of unaccompanied children who have made the perilous journey from Central America to seek refuge in the San Fernando Valley. Our overarching goal is to reach out to these children and their families and offer our Center as a place of welcome and healing through partnerships with community organizations to provide for basic needs, services and resources including:

- Legal assistance
- Fun gatherings, field trips, potlucks, etc.
- Clothes, blankets
- Personal hygiene items
- School supplies
- Toys
- Emotional and spiritual support
- Financial assistance for basic care and/or referrals for medical, dental, vision needs

For more information about the SFVRCC click [HERE](#).

Support their work by attending their
"CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN" 3rd ANNUAL FUNDRAISER
Friday, August 9th, 2019 - 7:00 pm

Odyssey Restaurant - 15600 Odyssey Dr., Granada Hills, CA 91344

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The PDF of the 2019-2021 Book of Order is now available. Click [HERE](#) to download a copy



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



Presbyterian Women
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.



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

It's Official! We're Gathering!

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. E. Harman, esq.

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!

Sponsors



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OF
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a human good community

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.

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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



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/>

Save the Date

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