



MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember Pasadena Presbyterian Church of Pasadena in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, August 25, 2019

ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Thursday, August 22 - Vision and Strategy 12:00 at B-Man's, Duarte

REFLECTION FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER, WENDY TAJIMA

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into this harvest." *Matthew 9:37-38*

Reflection: Staffing Update

Last week we included a couple of small staff-related announcements, and I wanted to expand on them today.

The first is the next step in Twila's decision to move to part-time in 2020, and to focus on the bookkeeping function that has grown so large with the increase in property-related income for the Presbytery. Twila had initially thought she would go part-time in June of this year, but is staying full-time through December, as she can get better benefits on an upcoming knee surgery through the Board of Pensions (another example of how our Board of Pensions provides superior care for their members, and a reward to us for keeping Twila in Board of Pensions even after their new structure made it more costly to do so).

But Twila is determined to go part-time starting January 1, 2020, and she is already getting her paperwork current in anticipation for training her successor. The hope would be for us to find a new Administrator/Associate Stated Clerk in time for that person to go through the preparation and work for the November presbytery meeting, so we hope to review applications and interview folks soon. If you know of someone who is interested (or if you are), please read the position description (Click [HERE](#) to download a copy of the position description) and send a resume to me at wendytajima@sangabpres.org by September 14th, which happens to be our next Presbytery meeting.

When we developed the position description, the Personnel Committee and I discussed the critical attributes of the job. The contribution to the work of the Presbytery that I am most grateful for is Twila's combination of efficiency/detail orientation with her supportive attitude towards everyone she works with. We are all aware that this person is the initial and regular contact for the Presbytery, so how they act and respond is a direct reflection on the Presbytery as a whole—so responsiveness, clear communication, grace, and knowledge are important. I am also aware that with the staff working in multiple places, this position is the anchor that everyone can rely on, so dependability is key as well.

It sounds like an impossible job, and surely we do not expect to find someone with all of Twila's gifts and knowledge easily. The Personnel Committee reminds us that it is unlikely to find someone coming in with all of Twila's knowledge coming into the job, but over time the person will learn. So don't be intimidated! We will look for someone who has the inherent qualities needed, and we will commit to providing support and training for someone motivated to learn and grow. For instance, the person does not have to even be Presbyterian—in which case we would likely drop the "Associate Stated Clerk" from the title unless the person becomes a ruling elder (though the compensation and duties would stay the same).

Last week I also briefly announced the resignation of Rev. Jake Kim from his position as quarter-time Associate for Ministry Development. Jake has been pursuing a pastoral call since he left Northminster at the end of last year. He has accepted a call as Senior Pastor for Church of the Valley in Apple Valley. This is a large church that had been a member of Riverside Presbytery, but has since moved to ECO, so COM will be recommending to the September presbytery meeting that Jake be released from his ministry responsibilities with the PC(USA). This may not be a "forever" thing; there have already been pastors who have moved back and forth between PC(USA) and ECO; in fact the interim at Church of the Valley was Jan Armstrong, the former executive presbyter for Santa Barbara Presbytery. And Jake is not rejecting the PC(USA) on principle but because the call happens to be in ECO. While some people may have hard feelings about ECO, this is where the call is for Jake, and I believe that God works through all people and churches in good faith. So I pray for blessings on Jake's work with them, and I am sure that people will be inspired by Jake's infectious love for Jesus Christ.

Of course, given the distance to Apple Valley, he will be moving over that way, and cannot maintain this quarter-time position with the presbytery. As it happens, the presbytery leadership has already begun to evaluate our current structure, and I am meeting with members of the two committees Jake staffed (Vision and Strategy, and Education), so this is also an opportunity to look at the most effective committee and staffing for the presbytery's needs today. More on that as things develop.

As for our newest staff member, Kristi Van Nostran, you have been very welcoming to her as she works to support our autism cooking neighbors. She has already met with several of our churches, and one family will be

support our asylum-seeking neighbors. She has already met with several of our churches, and one family will be hosting two people temporarily as they are released from detention and prepare to move out-of-state to await their court dates. Just yesterday I preached at First Presbyterian Altadena, and some leaders expressed interest in helping with Kristi's work. They, and I, see a direct correlation between the detention of Japanese-Americans in World War II and the detention of those lawfully seeking asylum now. Veronica Ota, a young adult leader at the church, has done ethical reflection on her family's incarceration during World War II and has researched literature of the *hibakusha*, the survivors of the atomic bombs that destroyed Hiroshima and Nagasaki. You are invited to celebrate with the church's annual Fall Festival on September 21, 3-8 pm, with a presentation at 4:30 pm that Veronica will be leading.

So there are many opportunities to consider in the coming weeks:

- September 14: Get ready for Presbytery at Puente de Esperanza in La Puente. And if you are interested in the Presbytery Administrator/Associate Stated Clerk position, please apply by then
- September 19: Come to Westminster Gardens to learn about "Grateful Stewardship" as you build financial resources for your church's ministry, 10 am-2 pm; lunch provided. Please RSVP by September 9 to presby@sangabpres.org
- September 21: Come to First Altadena's Fall Festival 3-8 pm, especially the 4:30 presentation on Japanese-American incarceration during World War II and those affected by the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki
- Anytime, maybe now: Contact Kristi Van Nostran at presbywelcome@gmail.com to invite her to meet with your church and consider ways you can care for our neighbors seeking a safe place to live for themselves and their families.

Lately I've shared with everyone I meet the great work of our presbytery. As we look ahead to the fall, with a new school year and new church initiatives starting, I am so grateful to be able to work with you all, and in this time of great potential and opportunity for new ways to serve God's realm, I am excited to see how we all can join together in God's great harvest. Thanks for being such faithful leaders in the ministry to your communities, and to this Presbytery.

Your fellow laborer,
Wendy

OPENINGS FOR ORDINATION EXAM READERS

We are looking for two Teaching Elders and one Ruling Elder to read ordination exams during the week of October 7-11, 2019. The process is now fully electronic so you can read the exams from the convenience of your own personal computer and pace. Most people who have experienced this process find it to be interesting and rewarding. Last year we were unable to fill these spots so I would love to see us fulfill our roster this year! Please send an email to presby@sangabpres.org if you're interested.

Peace,
Rev. Jan Cook
Moderator, Commission on Preparation for Ministry

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Join us for a Special Evening



Turning Wine into Water

October 19, 2019, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

In South Pasadena

Support the Living Waters for the World ministry work of San Gabriel Presbytery. Wine & water tasting, appetizers, & more. Updates on past & future systems in Peru.

Tickets: \$50.00 per person (suggested minimum donation).

This event has a maximum capacity of 60 people.

RSVP (and/or questions) to Wendy Gist at gist.wendy@gmail.com

Please make your tax-deductible donation payable to San Gabriel Presbytery and write "LWW Oct. 19 fundraiser" on the memo line.

Our goal for the night is to raise \$2500 for our next water system installation.



RECORD

Church Record Review

The next Minute Review for clerks/pastors is scheduled for October 5th at 10:00 AM at Calvary Presbyterian Church, South Pasadena

VBS Starter Kit Available

Community Church of El Monte has available a Group VBS Starter Kit with the theme of ROAR and would like to give it to any of our churches. We used it over a five week period as a Sunday school program rather than an actual VBS program and it worked quite well. All of the music and CDs are included. We did not invest in decorations which kept the cost down. If interested, please contact Stephene Moseley at (626)579-3315.

Matthew 25 So Cal is offering training sessions on August 23 and 24 for people interested in accompanying asylum seekers. Potential sponsors and/or support circle participants are welcome to attend either date as they are the same training with a weekday (8/23) and weekend (8/24) option. Please register in advance in order to ensure they have enough training materials and lunch count for all who are attending.

For more information and/or to register go to: <https://www.matthew25socal.org/accompany>



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SEEKING ASYLUM (CURRENT SPONSORS / SUPPORTERS
ALSO WELCOME).**

**\$25 DONATION TO COVER TRAINING
MATERIALS AND LUNCH
CLICK [HERE](#) TO REGISTER**

Training Dates and Locations:

Friday, August 23, 2019
9:00am - 3:00pm
Central Lutheran Church
6425 Tyrone Avenue
Van Nuys, CA 91401

Saturday, August 24, 2019
9:00am - 3:00pm
East Whittier Christian
Church
9951 Mills Avenue
Whittier, CA 90604

Questions? Contact Priscilla Merlo at 909-524-1636
or email: info@matthew25socal.org

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.

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God intends for the church and its ministries to be a safe place for all to encounter God and grow

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](#).

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](#) at the Synod office.

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



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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

Thursday, September 13
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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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



EVENTS OF INTEREST

Fall Festival 2019, First Presbyterian Church

2775 Lincoln Avenue, Altadena.

September 21, 3-8 pm

Food, fun, fellowship, taiko drumming, music, raffle, arts and crafts. 4:30 pm presentation on "A Yonsei Response to America's Concentration Camps and the Issue of Nuclear Proliferation"

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

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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

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

August 5-8, 2021 - St Louis, MO