



MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Tuesday, September 2 - Commission on Preparation for Ministry 5:30 at Community, San Marino

PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember Westminster Presbyterian Church of Pasadena in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, September 6, 2019

A MESSAGE FROM OUR MISSION ADVOCATE, WENDY GIST

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. John 13:34

God calls us to love one another, and while sometimes this commandment leads us to do good things **for** others, at other times it leads us to do good things in partnership **with** others. This is a constant issue we struggle with in the broad area of mission - doing for or doing with. While I believe that there is a place and actually a need for both, I tend to gravitate toward opportunities that would fall under the "doing with" heading as that can lead to empowerment and self-sufficiency of the individuals or groups we are working alongside.

The Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People (SDOP) is a perfect example of an empowerment model. SDOP makes it possible for us to financially support the programs or projects of disadvantaged communities through grants. This may sound very familiar - grants for programs or projects in disadvantaged communities. But, SDOP grants come with criteria unlike most other grant programs we may be familiar with. First, the project must be presented, owned, and controlled by the group of disadvantaged people who will benefit from it. This first criteria makes it impossible for the project to be one where some group is "doing for" others. Second, the project needs to address a long-term correction of conditions that keep people bound by poverty and oppression. This second criteria leads directly toward empowerment and self-sufficiency of oppressed people. There are other criteria that include being sensitive to the environment; not advocating violence; and describing, in detail, goals, objectives, the roles of direct beneficiaries, and the methods used to achieve goals and objectives. However, the first two criteria are what set SDOP apart and make it harder to find grant recipients sometimes.

The churches in our Presbytery have lots of good programs and connections to organizations with good programs that help poor, oppressed, and marginalized people in our communities in a myriad of ways. We are very good at "doing for" others and know of lots of organizations that run on that model. However, **are you aware of groups in your community that are working to lift themselves out of poverty and oppression and make their own lives better?** I would encourage all of us to open our eyes and ears and search out the groups of disadvantaged people in our area that are working to empower themselves. They are both exciting and inspiring!

As a reminder, our Presbytery is part of a joint SDOP Committee with the Presbytery of San Fernando. This committee has grant money available every year to support the work of groups that meet the SDOP criteria. If you know of a community group that meets the SDOP criteria and has a project or program that could use some financial assistance, please contact Wendy Gist at gist.wendy@gmail.com and visit <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/sdop/> for more information.

San Gabriel Presbytery will be electing commissioners to the 224th General Assembly in Baltimore at our November Presbytery Meeting. If you are interested in serving as a commissioner, please download the nomination form, complete it and return it by email as indicated.

Click [HERE](#) to download the Nomination Form



PRESBYTERY OF SAN GABRIEL
NOMINATION FORM FOR PRESBYTERY REPRESENTATIVES
224th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

RULING ELDER TEACHING ELDER YAAD (ages 17-23)

Ruling Elder nominees will be considered initially on the basis of the number of years since their congregation has sent a representative to the General Assembly. **Young Adult Advisory Delegates** must be between the ages of 17 to 23 on the first day of the GA, June 20, 2020. Consideration for all nominees include maintaining a balance of diversity, ability to participate fully in preparation before and through the entire GA, and active service to the denomination. If you are interested in being a **Theological Student Advisory Delegate**, please let Wendy Tajima know at wendytajima@sangabpres.org. All commissioners and delegates must be active members of the Presbytery or a member church, and their travel, hotel, and meal expenses are paid by the GA. Advisory delegates are voting members of committees, and have voice but not vote when the full Assembly meets.

NAME _____ E-MAIL _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____

CELL PHONE _____ ALTERNATE PHONE _____

CHURCH/CURRENT MINISTRY _____

DATE OF BIRTH (YAADs only) _____ YEAR OF PRIOR GA REPRESENTATION, IF ANY _____

PLEASE RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

Please list areas of recent active ministry in your local church, the Presbytery, Synod, or General Assembly.

You may add other leadership roles and activities in other venues (community, school, etc.).

Why would you like to serve as a commissioner/YAAD to the 224th General Assembly? What gifts would you bring to the larger church conversation?*By submitting this form, you are affirming that you are willing and able to serve if elected*Please e-mail completed form to Janice Takeda at janice.takeda@gmail.com**NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 11, 2019**

Employment Opportunity

Our Associate Stated Clerk/Administrator, Twila French is going 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 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.

Presbytery of San Gabriel, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Associate Stated Clerk and Administrator

(67% or 80% time, exempt position)

Purpose: To further the mission of Jesus Christ through the Presbytery of San Gabriel by managing the office operations of the Presbytery, and maintaining records and processes in support of the Office of the Stated Clerk.

Responsibilities:

1. Along with Presbytery staff, strive to promote harmony and effective ministry of member churches and Presbytery leaders by responding to inquiries in a prompt and friendly manner.

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2. Manage an efficient and helpful office (including maintaining office hours, managing equipment and records, ordering supplies, managing paper workflow), utilizing technology and volunteers as appropriate to ensure timely and helpful responsiveness to Presbytery members and churches.
 3. Primary coordinator of communications for the Presbytery, including phone, mail, meeting calendar and reminders, and supervision of website.
 4. Provide property management support for Presbytery Center and other Presbytery properties, including management of vendors, documentation, and Facility Use Calendar.
 5. Act as recording clerk for meetings of the Presbytery, Presbytery Executive Commission, and Commissions of Ministry and Preparation for Ministry by taking minutes, managing documentation and scheduling of visitors, and supporting development of the dockets.
 6. Provide support to the Presbytery Stated Clerk by processing reports to individuals and other councils and agencies of the church regarding ecclesiastical status, and support for collection of annual ministry reports, annual statistical reports, and review of session minutes and records.
 7. Maintain the records of the Presbytery, including database, rolls and minutes, and physical files, including historical records of former congregations.
 8. Provide administrative help to Executive Presbyter, Bookkeeper, and Presbytery leaders as time allows.

Accountability: Works with both the Stated Clerk and Executive Presbyter as a colleague and support for their respective responsibilities. Annual reviews will be conducted by the Executive Presbyter with input from the Stated Clerk, and reviewed by the Personnel Committee.

Qualifications:

1. Demonstrated excellence in office management and detailed recordkeeping.
2. Excellent skills in written and interpersonal communications.
3. Ability to show respect and friendliness even in times of stress.
4. High level of integrity, self-initiative, and work organization and follow-through.
5. Comfort level with diverse cultural groups and tasks.
6. Flexibility in hours and locations, as the work requires.
7. Valid California driver's license, current automobile insurance, consistent and reliable transportation.
8. Experience in and appreciation for the Presbyterian Church is preferred.
9. Ability to communicate in other languages used in Presbytery of San Gabriel is preferred.

Compensation:

1. Salary of \$33,500 for 67% time, or \$40,000 for 80% time.
2. Benefits of up to \$10,000 for the year for medical or other benefits as negotiated with candidate.
3. Two weeks/year paid vacation, paid holidays, and telecommuting options.

7/23/19

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Click [HERE](#) to purchase tickets.

THE PRESBYTERIAN PEACE FELLOWSHIP
PRESENTS

**MERILIE
ROBERTSON**

WITH THE 2019 ANNE BARSTOW & TOM DRIVER AWARD FOR
EXCELLENCE IN NONVIOLENT DIRECT ACTION IN
RETIREMENT





COME CELEBRATE MERILIE AND SUPPORT PPF

OCTOBER 26, 2019

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ENCINO

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: RICK UFFORD-CHASE



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Can't be
there? Make a
donation in
Merilie's honor
at the link
below!

tickets & info: presbypeacefellowship.org/BD2019

Thank you!

During our Presbytery Service Day in June 40 school kits were assembled thanks to all your donations. Kristi Van Nostran, our Immigrant Accompaniment Organizer, retained 10 school kits for the students she is connected with that are being hosted in our area. The other 30 kits and the remainder of the school supplies were donated to the San Fernando Valley Refugee Children Center (SFVRCC) which is currently serving over 200 unaccompanied minors. Our Presbytery has been connecting with and supporting the SFVRCC since 2016 when we collected food and donated it to them for Thanksgiving baskets at our November 2016 Presbytery meeting.

Wendy Gist, our Mission Advocate, took the school kits and supplies to the SFVRCC just before they held their annual Back to School event for the children they work with. The SFVRCC staff was very appreciative and send their thanks to everyone in San Gabriel Presbytery for the ongoing support of their ministry serving unaccompanied minors.

If you would like to connect with the SFVRCC, please contact Amanda Escobar Romero at aeromero.sfvrc@gmail.com or 818-400-2891.

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.



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

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.



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

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,**

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](#).

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
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 Church-wide Gathering of Presbyterian Women!

August 5-8, 2021 - St Louis, MO