



MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Tuesday, September 24 - Committee on Representation and Nominations 12:30 at Shepherd of the Valley, Hacienda Heights

Thursday, September 26 - Justice, Peacemaking and Mission 12:00 at Knox, Pasadena

PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember San Marino Community Church of San Marino in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, September 29, 2019

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER, WENDY TAJIMA

Jesus said, "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves

Reflection: What Would Jesus Do?

When I was younger, the cool Christians wore bracelets with the letters WWJD, for "What Would Jesus Do?" The simple directness of the question has always been a helpful challenge to me, and to this day the question comes to my head on a regular basis. I confess that I don't always follow the answer, and for a time I used to snap back with "I'm not Jesus!" But of course, the apostle Paul wrote several times that we followers of Jesus are the body of Christ on earth.

I have made some admittedly cynical suggestions about why this question doesn't get asked anymore. I believe the best guide for what Jesus would do in our context is the biblical text, which reports on Jesus' pattern of behavior, much of which flies in the face of Christian politics of today.

So what did Jesus do? Reflecting on the biblical account, Jesus . . .

- was born in a cow's stall, because a government edict made his parents temporarily displaced and homeless.
- was a refugee child, taken by his parents to the nearby superpower Egypt, where he was given asylum until it was safe for his family to return to Israel.
- challenged the norms of the time regarding family life by never marrying or having children.
- defied the social conventions and laws of his community, challenging church law and questioning church leaders.
- related to women, foreigners, and social outcasts, showing them respect and attention that offended even his closest followers.
- spoke to people with privilege about responsibility and sacrifice, and condemned those in privilege who abused the poor.
- obeyed God's will even to the point of suffering violence, yet resisted doing violence himself.
- told his disciples to follow his example, and taught that whatever we do (or fail to do) for the least of us, we do (or fail to do) for him.

I considered this as I prepared to speak on a panel at my family church. Like many Japanese-American churches, First Presbyterian Altadena has an annual festival (our version of matsuri). For decades it was simply called the Annual Bazaar, and had food, games, and shopping. In more recent years, the church leadership questioned the event because there was no overt Christian evangelistic content. The leaders of that time also decided that "Fall Festival" was a better name than "Bazaar." When Mark Buchanan became pastor, he showed appreciation for the Japanese roots of the church, even as the membership became multiracial, so most years there is an additional event in the sanctuary that highlights life in the Japanese-American community.

And so I was thrilled to see a young *yonsei* (fourth-generation) woman, Veronica Ota, who has become a committed, creative leader at the church. She is already known for her music and art and now running the annual "Peace Camp" for neighborhood youth. But this weekend she stepped forward in faith to speak of her family's experience and her call for justice, not only for Japanese and Japanese-Americans but for those who are being marginalized and endangered in today's world: asylum seekers, people of color, LGBTQ (Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer/Questioning) people, and those who live in the looming shadow of nuclear weapons proliferation and increasing dependence on nuclear power in some nations such as Japan. From her family's legacy of persecution, Veronica stands in solidarity with those whose struggles have parallels with our own, and is forming an ecumenical group to act in defense of all life. I have heard other Asian-American young adults in our churches who speak quietly about the need to stretch our boundaries and show respect for the marginalized, but they fear offending the older generations or standing out from the community. So it's impressive when even a few young Asian-American Christians are speaking outside the lines of comfortable conformity.

So often our churches worry about aging membership, and we wonder how to reach out to the young people. If this weekend gave any hints, I see great potential if we old folks are willing to say yes, to be so obedient to God's will that we challenge the norms of our time, to speak and care for and listen to those who make us uncomfortable, and to defend the rights of children and the powerless. This is the legacy of my family church at its best. And among other things, this is what Jesus would do.

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
JUNE 20-27, 2020

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 30th, 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.
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.

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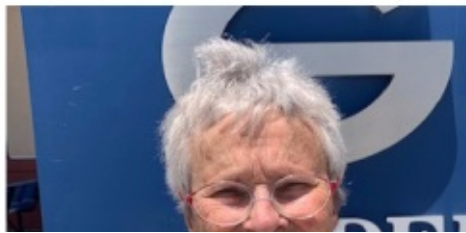
Click [HERE](#) to download a copy of the flyer

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



Presbyterian
Peace
Fellowship

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

tickets & info: presbypeacefellowship.org/BD2019

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



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.


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

SMCC Adult Spiritual Formation
SUNDAYS, OCTOBER 6 – NOVEMBER 3
4:00 – 6:00 PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL

*"Silence in the face of evil is itself evil: God will not hold us guiltless.
Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act."* Dietrich Bonhoeffer

LEST WE FORGET!
WWII & the Christian Response To Evil





What does God expect from us when evil becomes the authority? How do we, as Christians, reconcile necessary actions against aggressive violence and our call to follow the Prince of Peace? Where is God in the face of unimaginable crimes against humanity? These were just a few of the bone-deep questions the entire world was forced to ask with the rise of Hitler and his “final solution.” San Marino Community Church invites you to a five-week series that will address this dark period of world history through guest speakers, and film. **Join us for five Sundays, 4:00 - 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall:**

Oct. 6 Jeff O’Grady and Carol Spanier-Ladwig explore the interwar period beginning with the Treaty of Versailles and ending with WWI. This historical foundation provides insight into how the ground was made fertile for the eventual rise of the Third Reich.

Oct. 13 Linda Mollno, from the College of Natural & Social Sciences, History Department at Cal State Los Angeles, will cover the further lead up to and beginning of WWII: specifically discussing the growth of nationalism and the rise of Aryan Supremacy in Germany.

Oct. 20 Stephen Ford, U.S. History teacher at San Marino High School, will discuss the United States’ involvement in WWII. Steven Antosy, San Marino resident and WW II veteran, will share his experiences as a soldier in the D-Day invasions of Normandy and the Battle of the Bulge, and who later covered the Nuremberg War Trials for the Allied Radio Network.

Oct. 27 Ron White, distinguished historian, teacher, speaker, and best-selling author, is known for his passion for the lessons history presents for contemporary conversations. Dr. White will discuss the seminal document of the Christian response to the Nazi regime as he discusses The Barmen Declaration (1934).

Nov. 3 Film, Dinner and Discussion. This extended afternoon event will feature a screening of the film *Schindler’s List*. Steven Spielberg’s masterful drama won seven Oscars, including Best Picture, Best Director and Best Writing.

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But thanks be to God, who always leads us
as captives in Christ’s triumphal procession
and uses us to spread the aroma
of the knowledge of him everywhere.

2 Corinthians 2:14

MEC family cordially invites you to be part of
our 25th Anniversary Celebration.

We want to unite in prayer
and thanksgiving to honor our Lord

Sunday November 24th, 2019 at 1:30 PM.
Fundraising dinner to follow the service.



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

Presbytery Meeting dates for 2020

Tuesday, January 14 - 7:00 pm
Saturday, March 28 - 9:00 am
Saturday, May 30 - 9:00 am - GA Co-Moderator Rev. Cindy Kohlmann
Saturday, September 26 - 9:00 am
Tuesday, November 17 - 7:00 pm

2020 Presbytery Minimums

Pastor's Minimum Salary: \$57,685
Travel/Professional Expense Reimbursement: \$2,735
Study Leave: \$1,020

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 OPPORTUNITY

Calvary Presbyterian Church of South Pasadena is seeking a thoughtful, energetic, and creative candidate for our Children & Youth Ministries position. This is a full time, salaried position. Hours negotiable. Click [HERE](#) to download detail/job description.

For more information about our church please visit www.cpcsouthpas.org.

Please send a cover letter and resume to The Rev. Millason Dailey, millason@cpcsouthpas.org.



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

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

Monte Vista Grove Homes Annual Pancake Breakfast

October 5 8:00 - 12:00

Boutique Store Sale, Silent Auction, Live Entertainment

\$7.00 per plate - Kids under 5 eat free

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

