



MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Saturday, October 5 - Record Review at Calvary, South Pasadena at 10:00 am

PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember Calvary Presbyterian Church of South Pasadena in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, October 6, 2019

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER, WENDY TAJIMA

Then we your people, the flock of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever; from generation to generation we will recount your praise. *Psalm 79:13*

Reflection: Telling Our Stories

Last Saturday, the Presbytery of San Gabriel installed Rev. Ming Yuan Hsu as pastor of Good Shepherd Taiwanese Presbyterian Church. It was a joyous occasion, as Taiwanese Presbyterians gathered from all around, to worship and sing in Taiwanese and English-and in one song, in Spanish! And we heard the Word proclaimed by Rev. Hong Tiong Lyim, General Secretary of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan. His role is equivalent to J. Herbert Nelson's role as Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

I love events like this, because I see a glimpse of the strength of the Taiwanese church. When I was growing up, people from the Japanese Presbyterian Conference (JPC) churches would gather like this, but that network has fizzled out. The Taiwanese Presbyterian Church (TPC) is still very active, and as the second-largest Asian church in the PC(USA), their congregations are planted all around the USA. You may recall that our own Presbytery has four Taiwanese congregations, and there is a possibility that we may welcome more.

The Presbyterian Church has played a special role in Taiwanese history, standing in solidarity with the Taiwanese as they have striven for sovereignty, first against Japanese colonialism and now dealing with the rule of mainland China. This is why, I believe, that Taiwanese Presbyterians are especially opposed to worship in Mandarin, even though Mandarin has become mandated in Taiwanese government and schools since the dominance of the "One China" policy that attempts to absorb Taiwan into the jurisdiction of mainland China.

The Taiwanese Presbyterian church reflects this commitment to human rights in a few ways that I have witnessed even through my very slight knowledge of the church. The church has a strong commitment to the indigenous peoples in Taiwan, such that one of the three Associate General Secretaries is always an indigenous person. The church members are called "co-workers," reflecting the generally egalitarian ethos of the church, even in relationship to the pastor. But the strongest characteristic is the commitment to upholding Taiwanese language and tradition, over and against the worldly dominance of mainland China.

I have discussed this with others at times, because I have been troubled that too often the Christian faith has resulted in the subjugation of majority world (non-Western) people. So I am thankful that in Taiwan, the Presbyterian mission helped the Taiwanese people to retain a stronger sense of their identity and their rights. When I mentioned how the Taiwanese church is one of a very few churches that have aligned with sovereignty and human rights movements, a friend once responded, "oh, like the Church of Scotland."

In his sermon last Saturday, Rev. Lim reflected on the church name and Ming's new role as Good Shepherd. But he also gave a little background on the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan (PCT), and thanks to the very able translation by Elder Henry Liao, I learned that the PCT was founded by Presbyterian missionaries from Canada and Scotland. In my US-centered myopia, I assumed that the church was started by missionaries from the United States!

So it clicked in my mind that from the same root, the Taiwanese inherited the fire for God's justice for all peoples that we have claimed here in the PC(USA). What an affirmation of the gospel's work in many nations, and the common roots we have with people all around the world.

One of the greatest blessings of my ministry is the ability to hear the stories of our churches. We have in our midst such wonderful stories of faith, and struggle, and wisdom, and justice, and mercy. Our churches can tell the stories of surviving poverty and war, of raising their children under the specter of ever-changing and increasingly inhumane immigration policies, of showing the love of Christ to their dominant Muslim neighbors, of learning from their own experience of unjust detention and racism to reach out to others facing unjust detention and racism, of reconciling with descendants of a brutal colonial power by sharing the gospel, of tending the faith even in light of abusive churches and finding healing in the justice and mutual respect in Presbyterian polity, of finding connections and shared experience even with people who look nothing like ourselves...and these are stories that I just hear in passing doing Presbytery work.

This Sunday is World Communion Sunday, when we traditionally receive the Peace & Global Witness Offering. This special offering is shared three ways:

- 25% can be used by individual congregations to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace
- 25% is retained by mid councils for joint ministries of peace and reconciliation.
- The remaining 50% is used by Presbyterian World Mission to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

You can find more information on this offering at <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offerings/peace-global-witness/>

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As we celebrate Christ's church around the world, my hope is that we will find ways to hear each other's stories more, because we all bear stories of the grace of Jesus Christ in our lives. All of us have stories to share, and all of us have more to learn about the saving hand of God in every nation in the world, and our prayer that God blesses every family in the world. May we have ears to hear, and voices to speak.

Remembering Christ's blessings in my life,
Wendy

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

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

Click [HERE](#) to purchase tickets.

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OCTOBER 26, 2019

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ENCINO

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: RICK UFFORD-CHASE



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below!

tickets & info: presbypeacefellowship.org/BD2019

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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.

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.

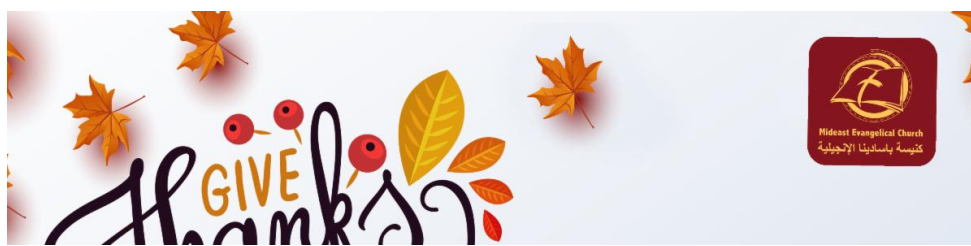
Oct. 13 Linda Mollno, from the College of Natural & Social Sciences, History Department at Cal State Los Angeles, will cover the further lead up to and beginning of WWII: specifically discussing the growth of nationalism and the rise of Aryan Supremacy in Germany.

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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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:

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Business .58 cents per mile

Charitable 14 cents per mile

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

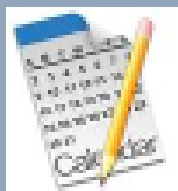
La Verne Heights Presbyterian Church has an opening for a Bookkeeper. This is a part-time position. Click [HERE](#) to download a complete job description. Materials requested in the job description should be mailed to:

La Verne Heights Presbyterian Church
1040 Baseline Road
La Verne, CA 91750

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

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