



# MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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### ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

#### Monday, October 15 -

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

Presbytery Executive Commission 6:00 at Community, San Marino

Executive Presbyter, Wendy Tajima and Stated Clerk Diane Frasher will be out of the office beginning Thursday, October 17th through Tuesday, October 22.

### PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember Mideast Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Temple City in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, October 20, 2019

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER, WENDY TAJIMA**

Rehoboam answered the people harshly. He disregarded the advice that the older men had given him and spoke to them according to the advice of the young men.

1 Kings 11:13-14a

## Reflection: Learning from Our Ancestors

Some of you know that the Presbyterian Planning Calendar prints readings each Sunday from the **Revised Common Lectionary**, which is the three-year cycle of Bible readings that unite churches in worship all over the world, as we read and hear proclaimed the same Scripture lessons on the same days of our Lord. The Revised Common Lectionary, or RCL, has its roots in the Roman Catholic Lectionary, but was adapted for Protestant churches such as Lutheran, Episcopal, Congregationalist, and of course Presbyterian. If you want to follow the lectionary, Vanderbilt Divinity School has the best website on it at <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>

Recently I came across an amusing article on the shortcomings of the RCL, and about the same time I fell upon a website for The **African-American Lectionary** (though it seems to have stopped after developing six years of readings). This lectionary, which has been developed by a distinguished group of African-American Christian leaders and scholars, connects Scripture readings with events that are significant to African-American Christians. It can be found at <http://www.theafricanamericanlectionary.org/readings.asp>

One church now follows the Narrative Lectionary, which was developed at Luther Seminary, which not surprisingly is the largest Lutheran seminary in the United States. It attempts to address some concerns with the RCL, for instance being a four-year cycle so that each of the four Gospels can have its own year. It also provides much more emphasis on the Old Testament, partially to reflect the fact that the bulk of the biblical text is in the Old Testament. As it is, the RCL also expanded the Old Testament coverage from the Catholic lectionary.

For those who are bored with or concerned about shortcomings in the RCL, the **Narrative Lectionary** is quite a change of pace. In fact, I don't like it! Change is so hard. But if you're curious, the Narrative Lectionary can be found at [workingpreacher.org](http://workingpreacher.org), which also has the RCL.

Why all this preacher geekiness? For some reason I'm being asked to preach a lot this fall, including at the church that asked that I use the Narrative Lectionary. I found that the fall readings focus on telling the Old Testament story, and the reading about Rehoboam comes up later this month. I have also been thinking a lot about All Saints Day, and how much I love that day, and the Communion of the Saints (as I always say, we Japanese love our dead people). And it occurred to me recently how much-virtually all-of what I do is my simple application of what my family taught me growing up.

Maybe that makes me a "good girl," and some will say that I have been blessed with an extraordinary family, but the unfortunate story of Solomon's son and successor Rehoboam tells the hard and universal lesson that there is wisdom in experience, and there is wisdom in heeding the advice of our elders and the stories of our ancestors-and we dismiss that wisdom at our own peril.

This last week, we have heard of tragic events that can happen if we fail to learn from history. The world is now hearing of the casualties and terror arising from the abrupt withdrawal of US military personnel from Syria, leaving the Kurdish people to attempt to defend themselves against the Turkish military, which is larger and more powerful than the Kurds. This seems to be a repeat of the prior administration's action, or inaction, that left the Kurds to lose thousands of their lives in the fight against ISIS.

Closer to home, the mounting number of fatal shootings of innocent African-Americans by white police officers continues to become even more bewildering. I feel for the neighbor of Atatiana Jefferson, who phoned the police to ask for a welfare check on the home where Ms. Jefferson was staying to take care of her ailing mother. That welfare check resulted in a police officer shooting into the window of the house, killing Ms. Jefferson in front of her 8-year-old nephew.

This happened in Forth Worth, Texas, two weeks after the conviction of Amber Guyger, the Dallas police officer who shot Botham Jean as he watched television in his own apartment.

Even non-believers have appreciated the Bible as the story of a people, and these stories of God's relationship with our spiritual ancestors are an immeasurable gift for us as we learn about God's love for us, our failures to be faithful, and God's mercy shown to us in the life-giving grace of Jesus Christ. As with the young ruler Rehoboam, our failure in heeding the grace and wisdom of those who come before us can lead to tragedy, whether it be the division of the ancient kingdom of Israel, continued violence in the Middle East and wherever ISIS might strike, or more innocents sacrificed in a society steeped in racial fear and weaponry.

As the old adage goes, those who do not learn history are doomed to repeat it. We are gifted with the stories of our spiritual and cultural ancestors, and the sure knowledge of the love of our Lord Jesus Christ. Even in times of change, may we learn from our past, and with deep roots of faith grow to face the future with confidence and agility.

And let us pray for mercy for those who are caught in the crosshairs of violence when the wisdom of our elders is ignored.

Peace,  
Wendy

## **Pilgrim Place - New Chief Executive Officer**

Congratulations to Mr. Ronald Bolding as Pilgrim Place's new Chief Executive Officer. Ron has just completed eight months as the Interim President and CEO of Pilgrim Place and begins his new role immediately. Mr. Bolding is only the second CEO who does not come from the ranks of the Congregational Church/United Church of Christ or its clergy and is the first African American in executive leadership at Pilgrim Place.

Ron has extensive experience in providing health to elders; most recently he completed 12 years as President and Chief Executive Officer of Inter Valley Health Plan, a senior health plan headquartered in Pomona, California. Ron is a member of the Los Angeles County Fair Association, a Board member of the Claremont Senior Foundation, Inland Valley Hope Partners, and Pomona Habitat for Humanity. He has also served on the boards for the local Red Cross and Community Senior Services. Through his church, he has also served as organizing support for an orphanage in Nairobi, Kenya.

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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.

Support the LWW Water for the World ministry work of San Gabriel Presbytery.

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](mailto: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.

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Please click [HERE](#) to RSVP



Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)  
**Presbyterian Mission**

**Communications Strategies**  
to connect with your community



**When: November 9th 9am - 3pm**

## Communications Workshop

This daylong workshop, conducted by communications professionals on the Presbyterian Mission Agency staff, will give you tips and techniques to better reach your audience. We'll offer insights and guidelines on creating a communications plan for your congregation, discuss the "do's and don'ts" of media relations and "pitching" stories to your local media. You'll learn proven techniques for using social media tools like Facebook and Twitter and leave with tips that will make your communications more effective and help increase your reach.

**Where:** Knox Presbyterian Church  
225 S Hill Ave  
Pasadena, CA 91106

**For more information:**  
Lunch will be provided.

*What do you want your community to know about your church?*

*Are you looking for ways to share God's love through social media? Does your church have a well-thought-out communications plan — for both internal and external audiences?*

*Create excitement and energy in your congregation by using simple, but powerful communications tools.*

*You don't have to have a huge budget or a large staff to effectively tell the story of your work inside and outside the church walls.*

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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 WWII. 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.

Want to be added to the email list? Contact [pflynn@smccpby.com](mailto:pflynn@smccpby.com)

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# THE ENNEAGRAM

*a journey of self-discovery*

November 1, 7:00 PM - November 2, 4:30 PM  
Claremont Presbyterian Church  
1111 N. Mountain Ave, Claremont, CA 91711

Tickets:  
\$50 general admission  
\$25 students

[enneagramclaremont.eventbrite.com](http://enneagramclaremont.eventbrite.com)

**Join us** on November 1 & 2 for an exploration of the Enneagram, where we will discover a profound, elegant and compassionate map of the human psyche including both psychological and spiritual components. Put all this together and this will be our guide toward self-understanding and self-development.

**Our presenter,** Kathryn Grant, is a Certified Enneagram Instructor, Accredited Professional with the International Enneagram Association and an Associate of Jerry Wagner's at Enneagram Spectrum. Having studied and taught since 1994, Kathryn brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to her teaching and consulting. She enjoys incorporating story and myth to help illuminate Enneagram wisdom. She holds degrees from University of Illinois, Urbana and Roosevelt University, Chicago.



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## 2019 Presbytery Meetings

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



### **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 OPPORTUNITIES**

La Verne Heights Presbyterian Church has an opening for a position titled Communications and Office Administrative Associate. This is a Full-Time position - 36 hours per week. Benefits according to the Personnel Policy. Resumes should be sent to Shelly Ulrich at [shellyulrich55@gmail.com](mailto:shellyulrich55@gmail.com). Click [HERE](#) to download a complete job description.

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](http://www.cpcsouthpas.org).

Please send a cover letter and resume to The Rev. Millason  
Dailey, [millason@cpcsouthpas.org](mailto:millason@cpcsouthpas.org).



## ***EVENTS OF INTEREST***

### **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](mailto: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