



MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember the West Covina Ministry Center of West Covina in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, November 3, 2019

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER, WENDY TAJIMA

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. - Acts 2:4

Reflection: Pentecost, San Gabriel Style

First, let me share some news of the community:

- We heard that Rev. Tom Duggan passed away last Monday night. The celebration of his life is tentatively scheduled for December 6th at Pilgrim Place in Claremont. Our hearts are saddened, and our prayers for comfort and peace are raised for Gail and Tom's family and many friends. I happened to see Gail at Claremont a few weeks ago, and she shared that Tom was aware that his time on earth was coming to a close, but it's not easy for the family who are left behind.
- Yesterday Pasadena Presbyterian showed their appreciation for the ministry of Rev. Dongwoo Lee, who is leaving his position as pastor of the Korean Language Ministry. In his ministry at PPC, he introduced great new ideas for outreach, welcomed several new young families to KLM, hired some wonderful staff, and demonstrated how PPC's leadership can work together across the language ministries. This was poignantly demonstrated as most of the Korean members left, and several Latino members came to say good-bye, and circled him with prayer. Dongwoo will now be able to return to his PhD studies, which he could not maintain in the midst of a busy pastor's duties.
- Last Wednesday Twila got a shiny new knee, and has been resting at home. If you are reading this, it means that she is back at work. However she will be working from home for the next two weeks, so if you want to reach her, best to do so by email. She plans to be back in the Temple City office November 12th.

The last news item is to report the installation of Rev. KokThai "KT" Lim at Grace Taiwanese Presbyterian Church. It was a joyous time for the church and for KT, and as I've been saying for a few months now, it is nothing short of a miracle that we have faithful, qualified, young pastors in all of our Taiwanese churches. Thanks to God and our churches and Rev. Mei-Hui Lai, who until this year was the national staff person for Asian congregations in the PC(USA). Mei-Hui did a huge amount of work for us, most notably helping to recruit pastors for our churches, introducing us to Pipi Dhali of GKI-LA, and even acting as moderator of session for Grace Taiwanese. Now that Mei-Hui has retired, her successor is our own Rev. Ralph Su. I was saddened to hear that Ralph was asked to work out of the Louisville office, though half of the churches he supports are on the West Coast-but since his family are still here, we still get to see him once in a while.

As you know, ordinations and installations are the responsibility of Presbytery, so the services are led by members elected by Presbytery. For KT's installation, the Presbytery elected Moderator Rev. Roberto Ramirez, Elders Ihab Beblawi and Lilian Chuang, and Revs. Ralph Su and myself. I was asked to give the charge to the pastor, and I started by apologizing for my linguistic shortcoming. I was grateful that KT speaks perfect English, and he was the audience for my words.

I then noted that if our commission spoke their mother tongues, our service would have been in Taiwanese, English, Arabic, and Spanish (perhaps with a little Filipino and Mandarin thrown in). But we worshiped in the dominant language of the Presbytery, and the dominant language of the Congregation, settling on English and Taiwanese.

As always, the service was supported by many of our Taiwanese pastors from San Gabriel and neighboring presbyteries, including Grace's founding pastor, Rev. Shui-Teng Chen. Rev. Chen has had some health issues recently, so I was glad to see him looking well. Knowing that he speaks Japanese, somehow one of the few Japanese words I know came to me, saying "Genki desu" (my garbled way of saying "you look healthy/fine"). He then launched into conversation in Japanese, which led me to another phrase that I use quite often, "Wakarimasen" (I don't understand). He didn't hear me, so one of the Grace members had to tell him in Taiwanese that I don't really speak Japanese. She then explained he was expressing how grateful he was that Grace has been able to find a new pastor. Because Rev. Chen doesn't speak much English, he then simply said to me "Thank you very much."

I am grateful that in our network of churches we have leaders who speak many languages, so we can better relate to and support all of our churches. I have bragged that our COM speaks seven languages. Though we are missing Thai, Cantonese, and Indonesian, this means we can communicate with most of our churches in their main language.

So we in San Gabriel are a glimpse of today's Pentecost church, because the ability to speak many languages has already been demonstrated. But even with language ability, we know that there is more to becoming one body of Christ than linguistics-as one colleague put it, "it's more than a vocabulary exam." Because of my work in the Presbytery, I have been blessed with hearing many inspiring stories of faith from countries around the world, and seeing many ways Presbyterians "do church." My hope is that we will find ways for our church members to connect with each other, so that our faith lives are enriched by learning more about God's work in the lives of people of many different cultures.

Happy All Saints Day this Friday. May we all take a moment to give thanks for our ancestors who helped bring us here-our ancestors of family and culture, and our ancestors in the faith.

Blessings,
Wendy



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*I was in prison, and you visited me...
Matthew 25:37*



Adelanto ICE Processing Center
10250 Rancho Road
Adelanto, CA 92301

Detention Center Visitation

Visitation is about providing a welcoming spirit and a non-anxious presence, listening and offering hope through accompaniment. It simply requires showing up and listening with the “ear of the heart.”

Are you being called to this compassionate act of hospitality?
Join us!

Upcoming Dates

~October~

Wednesday, 10/30

~November~

Friday, 11/15

Contact Kristi Van Nostran, Immigrant Accompaniment Organizer
at PresbyWelcome@gmail.com or (360) 521-4096 for more information.



SoCal Presbyterian Immigrant Accompaniment Ministry is a growing network of Presbyterians around Southern California, in ecumenical collaboration with the Matthew 25/Mateo 25 SoCal Movement, striving to follow Christ's call to welcome the stranger by opening our churches, homes, and hearts to refugee siblings seeking asylum.

**Meet your new Regional Consultant
with the Board of Pensions!
Kristin Leucht**



Kristin Leucht, will be taking over as Regional Consultant for the Synods of Southern California and Hawaii, the Southwest; and for Colorado and Utah in Rocky Mountains. Kristin is a graduate of Fuller Seminary and for over 20 years has served as one of the Associate Pastors with the La Canada Presbyterian Church for Children and Family - and more recently as Executive Pastor.

She brings a love for the church, a very keen sense of church administration and benefit expertise, and a gracious listening spirit. She lives in La Crescenta (Southern California) with her husband and two children.

Kristin's email is kleucht@pensions.org, her work cell is 267-815-1329. She will serve you all well! On a personal note, it has been an honor to have been your Regional Board staff for these past eight years. I have cherished my relationships with all our Middle Governing Body leaders, our pastors, our COMs, our administrators and personnel leaders - and all the Presbytery meetings I've been able to attend! Thank you all for your partnership in ministry.

Just as the church continues to change, so does the Board of Pensions, continually seeking new ways to support congregations, church staffs, and plan members. As I will be retiring on October 31st, I look forward to being a happy retiree and all the adventures God has in store for me and my family.

Peace to you all, Clayton Cobb

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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN
THE PRESBYTERY OF LOS RANCHOS

FALL GATHERING: ASYLUM DEFINED



SATURDAY, NOV. 16, 2019

REGISTRATION 9:30AM; PROGRAM 10AM-12PM

SUGGESTED \$10 DONATION

Grace First Presbyterian Church
3955 Studebaker Rd, Long Beach, CA 90808

What does Asylum mean?

Who can seek asylum?

What does the law say?

We will define asylum with a legal services specialist, hear the testimony of an asylum seeker, and learn more about the growing SoCal Presbyterian Immigrant Accompaniment Ministry.

What is the process?

What is really happening?

How are we, as individuals and congregations, called to respond.

Featured speaker:
Kristi Van Nostran, Immigrant Accompaniment Organizer with Pacific & San Gabriel Presbyteries

Free will donations of \$10 Target Gift Cards will be received to help asylum seekers meet their basic needs.

Register online at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pwplr-fall-gathering-asylum-defined-tickets-72252309603>

Register/pay by mail to: Janet Triplett 5132 Casa Oro Drive, Yorba Linda, CA 92886

Contact: Diane Roper 714-309-1282

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



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

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\$50 general admission
\$25 students

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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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GIVE Thanks

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

Midwest Evangelical Church
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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

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 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. 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.

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



EVENTS OF INTEREST

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