



MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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Monday, November 4, 2019

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ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Monday, November 4 - Commission on Ministry 11:00 am at the Presbytery Center

PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember Alhambra True Light Presbyterian Church of Alhambra in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, November 10, 2019

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER, WENDY TAJIMA

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody. - Psalm 98:4-5

Reflection: Sing to the Lord

It feels like we are experiencing the change in seasons (yes, we do have seasons in Southern California), and we are making the turn towards the holidays. A week before Thanksgiving, we will have the last Presbytery meeting of 2019, when we consider plans for next year, including the budget and elections of Presbytery leaders for 2020, as well as remembering our loved ones who have passed on to the Lord this last year. We will also elect our commissioners and Young Adult Advisory Delegate for next summer's General Assembly in Baltimore. We have only one ruling elder with a submitted nomination, so if anyone wants to be an alternate, that would be nice to have just in case. And we have heard that a young person is interested in being a YAAD, but we haven't seen the paperwork yet, so there might be a possibility of going to Baltimore if you're 17-23 years of age on the first day of GA, June 20, 2020.

This fall I have been preaching more than usual. I often preach during the summer (a few churches take me up on the offer to preach for free pulpit supply, or just to hear the latest from the presbytery), but I am finding myself preaching more weeks than not, at least through November. I've had the opportunity to try some different ways to proclaim the word. I believe that we should use whatever approach helps get the word across most effectively to a particular community of faith. At one church, I was asked to preach on 1 Kings 12, the events that led to the division of the northern and southern kingdoms of Israel, which is a major challenge if the church isn't well-versed in the Bible. I ended up doing a history/geography lesson, with the help of maps and artwork to attempt to draw the narrative thread from Jacob and the 12 Tribes of Israel, to David, to Rehoboam and Jeroboam, to Jesus and the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. Thank God for technology!

Yesterday I preached at the Korean-language worship service at PPC. I was happy to do this because I had always wanted to express in worship my shame and regret that the people of Korea suffered so greatly from Japanese imperialism. After worship, I was able to hear from some of the elders how the current state of politics in Korea and Japan have revived some of these old conflicts, but we are thankful that political rhetoric does not impact personal relationships, especially among Christians, and in the United States we share a similar minority status that softens any remaining differences in our heritage. (I also shared how some Japanese have taken DNA tests that reveal how many of us have some Korean blood, so we're not so different after all!)

I am grateful for the music ministry of PPC's Korean Language Ministry. They have a great praise combo (with keyboard, guitars, trumpet, and a nifty electronic drum set that is very versatile and not as overpowering as some traditional drum sets). We also got to hear from the children, which is always a joy. And their Trinity Choir is excellent, having made a splash recently at the Korean Presbyterian Conference music festival. One of the growing connections between the English and Korean ministries at PPC is when the two chancel choirs join voices.

I appreciated the Trinity Choir especially as they sang after the prayer of confession. The melody and their voices expressed the gracious mercy of God in a lovely way. But I was especially happy to hear an offertory solo by the choir director, Kayla Kim, who has a transcendent voice. I confess that there have been times when I am thankful for beautiful music to follow the sermon, so that if the gospel isn't heard through my faulty preaching, at least the folks will experience the awe of the glory of the Lord through the music!

The days of the "worship wars" seems to have passed away some, for which I am very glad. I do believe that the best explanation for the conflicts over worship music is the great power of music to touch our souls in ways that words cannot. In our rather word-heavy Reformed worship style, music is often the only times our worship reaches beyond the intellect. For myself, I would hate to limit our worship life to any single approach to music. Instead, as with different approaches to preaching, the music we sing must serve to support and communicate the gospel for each particular context. Just as language helps or hinders the understanding of the gospel message, so can music take us more deeply into worship, or confound or distract us from our focus on the Lord.

As we look ahead to the holidays, I expect that many of our churches will express our thanksgiving, Advent expectations, and Christmas joy through music. Thank God for the blessed opportunity to join our voices with all the earth, the lyre and the horn, the sea and the hills, as we sing praises to our God!

And please continue to pray for Twila French, who is working from home during her recovery from knee replacement surgery that is more painful than was anticipated. (Karen Berns is also having this surgery, so I pray that her recovery is not too painful.) And prayers for Mark Carlson, who lost his mother this last week. Mark and Catharine have been visiting her in New York state, and I am thankful that he has been able to see her several times in her last years.

Blessings,
Wendy

Yesterday, Today, and A Hope for Forever

Sunday, November 10, 1 pm, Veronica Ota will give her presentation on "Yesterday, Today, and A Hope for Forever! A Yonsei Response to America's Concentration Camps & the Issue of Nuclear Proliferation" at the Social Hall of First Presbyterian Church, Altadena. At 2:30 pm the first meeting of SOS (Spirit of Solidarity) will be held. SOS is a new diverse, global community of individuals who are drawn together by a shared spiritual belief that all life is sacred. The SOS community is built upon three pillars: Education, Activism, and Reflection.

Shepherd of the Valley Presbyterian Church
1723 Park Lawn Road, Hacienda Heights, California 91745

2019 Thanksgiving Concert

November 16 @ 7-9 PM

More Info: 626.965.7056

Choral Groups – Handbells – Hymns - Free



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

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



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

Click [HERE](#) to download the flyer

Click [HERE](#) to download a mail-in registration form.

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

2255 Granddunes Rd, Laguna Beach, CA 92653

What does Asylum mean?

Who can seek asylum?

What does the law say?

What is the process?

What is really happening?

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

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.

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

Thanks GIVE

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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

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.

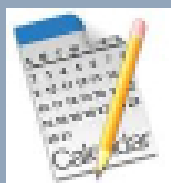
La Verne Heights Presbyterian Church has an opening for a Bookkeeper. This is a part-time position. Click [HERE](#) to download a complete job description. Materials requested in the job description should be mailed to:
La Verne Heights Presbyterian Church

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.



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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