



MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Wednesday, November 13 - Education Committee 3:30 at Fuller Seminary

Last Presbytery meeting of 2019 next week
Tuesday, Nov. 19, 7 pm, Trinity Presbyterian in Pasadena
Look for the packet on sangabpres.org or in a separate email

PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember First Presbyterian Church of Altadena in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, November 17, 2019

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER, WENDY TAJIMA

As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion
for those who fear him.
For he knows how we were made;
he remembers that we are dust. - *Psalms 103:13-14*

Reflection: United in Life and Death

One hundred years ago today, President Woodrow Wilson issued a message on the one-year anniversary of the end of World War I. At that time the day was called Armistice Day, and he said:

The war showed us the strength of great nations acting together for high purposes, and the victory of arms foretells the enduring conquests which can be made in peace when nations act justly and in furtherance of the common interests of men.

We now call it Veterans Day, and I hope that each of us takes a moment to give thanks for those who have served our country and the highest goals of international compassion and cooperation and service, and to pray for God's protection on all those who are in places of danger and instability, including those in active duty and those struggling to find safe, hopeful and productive lives when they return stateside.

At times I think about calls for a return to mandatory national service. I feel guilty about considering it since I am far from the age group that would be impacted by this. But I have grown to appreciate the benefits of this that go beyond swelling the ranks of military forces.

That said, I do have great respect for the military in the United States. When I served in Hawai'i, I met several people in the services who attended community churches while they were stationed there. They told me about the well-developed programs for leadership and skills training, the great diversity of the troops (including a high number of immigrants), the humor and camaraderie, the discipline that some of them confessed they needed to grow, and the integrity that they demonstrated in their work and in their church. Veterans also speak about the impact of war in a way that none of the rest of us can imagine. One current concern is now that active military are "voluntary" and have fallen to 0.4% of the population, it is easier for politicians to send our armed forces into dangerous places, as so few now have direct connection to the people being sent. (In World War II, 9% served, and over half the economy was involved in the war effort, so most if not all Americans had some direct connection to the impacts of war.)

There are stories from every generation of people who learned to be more open to diversity while in the military. The first time I attended a church conversation on sexuality over 25 years ago, I was struck that several of the people who expressed sympathy for gays and lesbians (back then we didn't say LGBTQ+) were seniors. They shared that they had gay buddies when they served in World War II or the Korean War, and when you live together, eat together, and face death together, you learn that we have more in common than one's sexual orientation. More recently, a friend who is an Army chaplain in Korea shared how he changed his views on sexuality when the Army repealed "don't ask, don't tell." As the soldiers he counseled were able to reveal the gender of their loved ones back home, he learned that they spoke the same about love, and loneliness, and hope, whether they were gay or straight.

Several of our national leaders have shared how their military service gave them their first connections with people from different cultural or socioeconomic backgrounds. Wealthy kids learned to respect their working-class commanders. The young first-term representative George H. W. Bush took the politically unpopular political stance in favor of the Fair Housing Act back in 1968, which opened housing to people regardless of color, reportedly saying "I served with these men in the Pacific and they should be able to live wherever they want to."

The military is one of the few institutions besides the church where people from diverse backgrounds are to be welcomed into very close community, bound by a shared code of conduct and ideals that are bigger than any individual. I've considered how the military's approach to creating a cohesive group from disparate individuals may have something to teach the church. While I would not adopt the hierarchy of the military, I do believe that we church types do need to be more alert to expressing and teaching shared values and practices (and not assume that we all "just know" because we are Christian) and how to demonstrate that there are things more important than getting your way in any particular argument, or any social construct that divides us.

The restatement of mandatory military service is mandatory national service, which might include work for the public good within the US in contexts outside the armed forces. In my narrow frame of reference, the corollary would be our required internships as part of our preparation for ministry process. Two goals that guide the internship requirement are the importance of practical applied learning, and exposure to churches that are different from those of any individual's background. Our CPM takes seriously that when they help to form and certify someone ready for ordination, they do so once for the entire denomination, so it's important that the candidates learn that there is no one standard Presbyterian church.

Yesterday I had the great joy of preaching for the 38th anniversary of Filipino Community United Presbyterian Church. One of the things I noted is the number of traditions they have to encourage everyone to participate in the ministry of the church, from an early age. One is the special anniversary offering, when they call people up by the month of their own birth to bring their gifts for the church. As each month is called, I saw every member and little child of the church coming forward with joy, showing their love for this family of faith. This is just one of the many ways FCUPC encourages members of all generations to practice their faith as a group, which deepens their church commitment to unity. As FCUPC looks ahead to expanding their ministry to welcome people of all backgrounds in the Azusa community, I am excited to see how their creativity and infectious energy will grow and diversify their already vibrant church life.

As we look ahead to the holidays, and as we take this holiday to pray for and honor those who gave years of their lives to the service of this country, may we seek to serve our Lord through our churches, without guns but with passion and integrity for the cause of Christ.

Peace and blessings,
Wendy

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





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.

VIVALDI'S
Gloria!

CHOIR & ORCHESTRA CONCERT



Sunday, December 8
4:00pm - 5:15pm, Sanctuary

Stay for TREELIGHTING following the concert!



Choir Concert

Sunday, December 8, 4:00 - 5:15 pm, San Marino Community Church, 1750 Virginia Road, San Marino, Sanctuary

Plan to attend a Christmas concert featuring a 70-member choir and orchestra, performing the exciting Vivaldi *Gloria*, as well as some beautiful carols with orchestra. The concert ends with a carol singalong. Admission is free. A freewill offering will be received. All are welcome. Plan to stay afterward for the annual courtyard tree lighting. Contact PGreen@smccpby.com.

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

3955 Studebaker Rd, Long Beach, CA 90808

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

to respond.

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

The invitation features a light blue background decorated with scattered orange and yellow autumn leaves. At the top left, the word "Thank" is written in a large, elegant black cursive font, with "GIVE" in a smaller, bold, orange sans-serif font above it. To the right of the text is a small red square logo for the Mission Evangelical Church (MEC), which contains a gold emblem and the church's name in English and Arabic. Below the main title, a quote from 2 Corinthians 2:14 is presented in a simple black font. The central text of the invitation is centered and reads: "MEC family cordially invites you to be part of our 25th Anniversary Celebration." Below this, another centered line of text says: "We want to unite in prayer and thanksgiving to honor our Lord". The date and time of the event are listed as "Sunday November 24th, 2019 at 1:30 PM." followed by "Fundraising dinner to follow the service." At the bottom of the invitation, there is a decorative border featuring several pumpkins in various colors (orange, green, yellow) and more autumn leaves.

Thank GIVE

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

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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



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.

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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