



MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

Presbytery of San Gabriel

9723 Garibaldi Avenue, Temple City, CA 91780
Phone: 626.614.5964 Fax: 626.226.5767

Monday, December 23, 2019

IN THIS ISSUE

[A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER, WENDY TAJIMA](#)

[BORDER TRIP](#)

[2020 HOMELESS COUNT](#)

[WINTERFEST REGISTRATION](#)

[WHAT HAPPENS TO WORSHIP MUSIC](#)

[2020 PRESBYTERY MINIMUMS](#)

[EVENTS OF INTEREST](#)

[PRESBYTERIAN PEACEMAKING CONFERENCE](#)

Quick Links

www.sangabpres.org

www.synod.org

www.pcusa.org

www.pensions.org

ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK



The Presbytery Office will be closed for the holidays beginning Monday, December 23rd and will reopen on Thursday, January 2nd.

PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember Claremont Presbyterian Church of Claremont in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, December 29, 2019

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER, WENDY TAJIMA

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. *Luke 2:8-9*

Reflection: Shepherds

Tomorrow is Christmas Eve, when we keep watch for the Bethlehem birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Do you relate to any particular part of the story? How do you think Mary felt when she heard the angel's message? How do you think the shepherds felt when they were called? How do you think the shepherds felt when they found the baby Jesus? How do you think the shepherds felt when they returned to their flock? How do you think the shepherds felt when they returned to their flock? How do you think the shepherds felt when they returned to their flock?

part of the story? Some women connect with Mary, as they remember the wonder and excitement and nervousness that comes with the birth of a baby. Some politically-minded people think about the intrigue in the palace of King Herod, as he receives news that a new king is rising, perhaps threatening his power. Some relate to the wise men, attracted by a star to seek the new king in a foreign land. Recently I asked this question of the partners sharing our Presbytery Center in Temple City, and one of the Mideast Evangelical Church members was humble enough to liken himself to the hay in Jesus' manger, his only hope was that he could provide some comfort to the newborn baby.

This year, I have been thinking the most about the shepherds. I think it's because the shepherds were out in the dark night, possibly cold and lonely-the last folk who you'd think God's angel would approach to announce the birth of the new king of Israel. Shepherds were hardly well-placed and important, but rather poor, unskilled, and illiterate. I like that at first, in the text above, there was just one angel, and the glory of the Lord shone around them-so the glory didn't shine around the angel, but around the shepherds. But rather than revel in that, this terrified the shepherds. How often do we experience God's glory in a way that is so extraordinary, it terrifies us!

During this Advent season, my mind is occupied by two people. The first is Bertrand, the young Cameroonian man Steve Wiebe and I met at Adelanto Detention Center last month. He continues to be hopeful and positive, participating in a prayer group of fellow asylum-seekers awaiting the decision of whether he can stay in this country that he traveled for six months to reach. As our Immigrant Accompaniment Organizer, Kristi Van Nostran, pointed out, many detention centers are intentionally placed in remote locations, away from population centers, just as the shepherds were living out in the fields, likely some distance from towns like Bethlehem.

The other person on my mind is, of course, Jake Kim. Jake completed his interim term with Northminster a year ago, and continued as Associate for Ministry Development for San Gabriel Presbytery, inspiring churches with his passion for ministry and creative energy. It was only two months ago when he left to be installed as senior pastor of Church of the Valley in Apple Valley. It seemed like a wonderful blessing-a good-sized, energetic congregation in a community that was quieter than metropolitan Los Angeles, where he could buy a house. But a little over a week ago he suffered an aortic aneurysm, and has been on life support since then. I haven't heard news for a few days, but we continue to pray for Jake and especially his wife Yuni and two young boys Ari and Avi,

I think many of us know something about sitting in a hospital room, as patient or visitor, during the holidays-or worse, having to say good-bye to a loved one when it seems the whole world is partying. But just as we remember that our Lord came to us in a little baby born of a poor unwed mother-just as the Lord came to us in a barn, temporarily homeless and displaced by imperial edict-just as the Lord came to us as a young child, whose family was forced to seek asylum in Egypt-we are also reminded that the Lord's coming was announced not only to royalty, but to all the world in a shining star, and God sent an angel to announce the good news of Christ's birth personally to poor shepherds living out in the cold, outside the city. And though sometimes we feel outside polite society, far from the holiday festivities, let us always remember that God never forgets us, and will even go to great lengths to reach out to us.



This word cloud is made up of the word "peace" in the languages of San Gabriel Presbytery-or at least the languages that influence us. On any given Sunday, San Gabriel Presbytery speaks peace to a frightened world in English, Korean, Taiwanese, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, Cantonese, Indonesian, Thai, occasionally Filipino and Japanese, and we might reference the biblical text in Hebrew or Greek. We are the living example of God's reach to all the world, and our commitment to let our neighbors know, in a

Hebrew or Greek. We are the living example of God's reach to all the world, and our commitment to let our neighbors know, in a language they can understand, that Jesus Christ is born, and lives, in and for all of us. So whether you are busy and happy and warm, or lonely and grieving and cold, God's love comes to all of us. May we take a moment to hear the angel say "I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people." And together, let us all sing:

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom God favors!"

Peace to you all, and see you in 2020,
Wendy

*Pacific & San Gabriel Presbyteries, Peacemaking Program, and Presbyterian World Mission are partnering to coordinate a **study seminartrip to the Southern Border (Tijuana) February 29-March 1, 2020.** [Click here for more information on the border trip.](#) Please share the flyer with anyone in your congregation who might be interested in this opportunity.*

**SAVE
THE
DATE!**



**THE U.S. SOUTHERN
BORDER: WHAT IS
HAPPENING AND
HOW PRESBYTERIANS
CAN RESPOND**

Sat., Feb. 29 - Mon., Mar. 2, 2020

We'll travel from Los Angeles to Tijuana, Mexico to visit a migrant shelter and have interactions with important actors offering humanitarian and legal services to asylum seekers being forced to wait in Mexico. We will stay overnight in Tijuana, Mexico and on Sunday will attend a binational worship experience right on the border. Monday will be a full day, hosted by Pacific Presbytery, in meetings and conversations to further understand the context and gain tools and insight to discern ways we can get involved, offer support, accompaniment and much needed advocacy. This seminar is sponsored jointly by the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program, World Mission and Pacific and San Gabriel Presbyteries.

For more information:
TRACEY.KING-ORTEGA@PCUSA.ORG



THANK YOU!

A big thank you to everyone who participated in signing Christmas cards and donating gift cards to asylum-seeking children, youth, and their families whose cases are being managed by the San Fernando Valley Refugee Children Center! Eighty six Christmas cards with gift cards were delivered to SFVRCC and they were very appreciative! On December 15, 2019, SFVRCC's group of therapists and volunteers are planning a Christmas party for the children and their families. The cards will be given out at the Christmas party.



COME ONE, COME ALL!

Holiday Drive Drop Off

Bring A Toy. Share Some Joy.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2019
MON-FRI 9AM-5PM
15435 RAYEN ST. NORTH HILLS, CA
91343 USA



Share the love this holiday season with the children at SFVRCC. Take part in our event and donate food, toys, clothes, and so much more. All contributions are welcomed.

Volunteer For Your Local 2020 Homeless Count

Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count:

Please sign up so that when registration opens, you are the first to know and can select your counting area.

The 2020 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count will occur on these dates:

January 21, 2020 - San Gabriel & San Fernando Valleys

January 22, 2020 - West Los Angeles, Southeast Los Angeles, & the South Bay

January 23, 2020 - Antelope Valley, Metro Los Angeles, & South Los Angeles

Click [HERE](#) to sign up for the Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count.

City of Pasadena Homeless Count:

Volunteers will be sent in teams of 2-3 to an assigned zone on the night of January 21 (8:30-10:30 p.m.) and the morning of January 22 (6:00-8:00 a.m.).

Volunteers must attend one orientation session. Orientation sessions are Jan. 13 or 14 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Visit <https://pasadenapartnership.org/volunteer-homeless-count/> for more information and to sign up.



Register Now for Our Annual Winterfest Event!

We are excited to welcome Charlene Jin Lee as our plenary speaker, as well as many gifted leaders from San Gabriel Presbytery who will offer workshops on a variety of ways our churches can engage the

world. The cost is \$10/person.

All churches who register five or more participants by January 31 will receive the sixth registration for free and a complimentary resource bundle.

Register at: <https://knoxpresbyterian.breezechms.com/form/Winterfest2020>

What happens to worship music when Adam Tice and Sally Ann Morris meet?

Two brilliant writers of contemporary, thought-provoking texts and tunes inspire!

Save the dates:
February 21-23, 2020

Calvary Presbyterian Church, South Pasadena

Specific Program information-free and open to all, will follow

Explore the fine art of hymn writing: you'll be singing, writing, listening, crying and laughing and making new friends. Listen to and learn from the remarkable contributions Adam and Sally have already given us in *Glory to God*, and that's just the beginning!

Sally and Adam were featured presenters at the 2019 Montreat Worship and Music Conference in Montreat, North Carolina. Plan to join us at Calvary as we bring a taste of Montreat to Southern California.

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

Legacy of Caring... Fall 2019

Support Presbyterian Chaplaincy at LAC+USC Medical Center

Pray Lift up this ministry in prayer

- Your prayers for patients, families, staff and chaplains support and sustain this important work of caring
- Add Presbyterian Chaplaincy to your prayer list

Give Continue the legacy

- Your donations and financial partnership make this ministry possible
- Contact Amy at the Presbytery of the Pacific (310) 670-5076 to find out more about one time and sustaining contributions

Remember Interfaith Memorial Service for Unclaimed Dead

- Wednesday, December 4, 2019 10:00 a.m.
- Los Angeles County Cemetery (3301 East First Street, Los Angeles, 90033)

Acts of Kindness Share handmade blankets with patients

- December 17, 2018 volunteers from many faith communities share handmade blankets with hospital patients.
- You can create blankets - Blankets can be knit, crochet, sewn or quilted, 36" x 36"/48"
- You can help distribute the blankets on Tuesday, December 17 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- Contact Elizabeth at the Dept. of Spiritual Care at (323) 409-4715 or egibbszehnder@dhs.lacounty.gov

Gather Hygiene Kits for homeless patients

- These are shared with homeless patients from the chaplain's office, Angel Interfaith and the LAC+USC Emergency Department
- A gallon zip lock bag filled with a washcloth, bar of soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, comb, tissue, body lotion, hand sanitizer & socks.
- Contact Raquel at Angel Interfaith Network at (323) 409-6923 or office@angelinterfaith.net

To find out more about how you can be a part of this important ministry, please contact Rev. Elizabeth Gibbs Zehnder, Chaplain at Elizabeth.GibbsZehnder@gmail.com

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

San Fernando Valley



REFUGEE CHILDREN
CENTER, INC.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY REFUGEE CHILDREN CENTER, INC.
15435 RAYEN STREET
NORTH HILLS, CA 91343
TEL: (747) 529 – 4783

E-MAIL: SFVRCC@GMAIL.COM

Looking for Donations!

At the moment, the SFVRCC currently assists about 200 minors and their families (80 families) who have immigration active cases. These families would really appreciate the following donations:

- Donate electronic gift cards that will buy groceries, i.e., Ralphs, Superior, any amount is welcome.
- Donate electronic gift cards that will buy clothing i.e., Target, Walmart, any amount is welcome.
- Donate school and art supplies from our SFVRCC Amazon Wish List at <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3HDK9KDWB8NYG>
- Donate Tap Cards, purchase them at <https://www.taptogo.net/TAPPurchase>

- Donate hygiene/toiletry kits
- Financially donate to our organization where you can also find a breakdown of your dollar work <https://www.noestassolonorthhills.org/donate-now.html>

For further questions you may contact:

Amanda Escobar Romero, Social Service Department Coordinator
aeromero.sfvrc@gmail.com

Mairym Medina-Sanchez, Immigration Legal Service Department
mmedina.sfvrc@gmail.com

Frida Ramirez Aldapa, Operations Coordinator
fraldapa.sfvrc@gmail.com

Mayra Medina-Nunez, Associate Executive Director
mayramn.sfvrc@gmail.com

Fred Morris, Executive Director
fced@aol.com

Thank you!



RISE

WINTER CAMP

BIG BEAR LAKE CHRISTIAN CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER

Junior High and High School Students

March 20 - 22

Register at bblccc.com/march-madness

Email bigbearlakechristianconference@gmail.com



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

Westminster Presbyterian Church in Pasadena, CA has an immediate for a full-time Custodian.

Daily duties include (but not limited to):

Minor building maintenance and repairs, attention to yardwork and landscaping duties, maintain general exterior and interior appearance of the Church and property, creating and following a general maintenance routine, the ability to lift up to 100 lbs, ensuring the general safety and cleanliness of the building and property. Assisting with Church services and special events. Click [HERE](#) for a complete job description.

Please send resumes Westminster Church via email to admin@wpcpas.org, attn.: Trina

SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM (Undergraduate) | POMONA HOPE

Pomona Hope's 10-week summer internship is an opportunity for undergraduate students to participate in urban ministry and gain professional experience while working with K-12 youth in the city of Pomona. Summer Interns live together on-site to develop relationships with each other and their immediate neighborhood. Interns facilitate Summer Enrichment with Pomona Hope, a 5-week program for K-12 students, by teaching daily workshops, planning field trips and mentoring High School volunteers. Interns also partner closely with First Presbyterian Church of Pomona's weekly youth ministry and annual Vacation Bible School.

Learn more about Pomona Hope and find a full internship description and application [HERE](#). Applications due April 13, 2020, with preference given to applications arriving by January 31, 2020!

La Verne Heights Presbyterian Church as 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

Copyright © 2016. All Rights Reserved.