



# MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

## Presbytery of San Gabriel

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## ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

### Happy New Year!

Monday, January 6 - Commission on Ministry 12:00 at the Presbytery Center

## PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember Emmanuel Hispanic Presbyterian Church of Claremont in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, January 12, 2020

## SERVICES FOR REV. JAKE KIM

We are still in shock over the loss of our friend **Jake Kim**. It looks like the details of his memorial service have been finalized. The service will be January 18, 2 pm, at Church of the Valley, 20700 Standing Rock Ave, Apple Valley, CA 92307.

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER, WENDY TAJIMA

When Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the

Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."  
*Matthew 3:16-17*

## Reflection: Epiphany for All of Us

Happy Epiphany!

Today is the day of Epiphany, when we consider the revealing of God through Jesus Christ. I have always believed that Epiphany commemorated the arrival of the Wise Men to greet the newborn King of the Jews.

I was tooling around the Internet looking for the root words for epiphany (all I could remember was that "-phany" means "appear"). I was surprised by a mention that different traditions relate Epiphany to several different events in Jesus' early life. In the Western church, it usually means the moment when Jesus is visited by the Wise Men. In the Eastern church, it regularly refers to the Baptism of Jesus, which is in our lectionary for this coming Sunday. But early church leaders varied quite a bit, describing Epiphany as the birth of Christ, the visit of the Wise Men, the baptism of Jesus, or even the miracle at the wedding at Cana and the feeding of the crowds.

In considering these varied views on Epiphany, I wonder whether this reflects varied understandings of when the divinity of Jesus was revealed to the world. If we celebrate Jesus as God come to earth to save us, was it enough that the baby was born to Mary? How important was it that even foreign Gentiles were attracted by a special star in the sky to honor this child as King of the Jews? Or was it in Jesus' adulthood, when he presented himself to John for baptism in obedience to Scripture, when the Holy Spirit came down on him and the blessing of heaven was announced? Or did we need to wait for the signs of Jesus' miraculous power to be revealed to the public, by turning water into wine or a few loaves of bread into lunch for thousands?

There are indeed several ways that Jesus' divine nature was demonstrated to the world, and we know that witnesses to these events responded in varied ways-many responded with belief and gratitude, but others (especially those with worldly power) responded with suspicion and fear. According to Matthew, the baby Jesus was targeted by King Herod, who feared the political threat of this newborn King of the Jews-and this led to Joseph and Mary taking the baby Jesus to seek and find asylum in Egypt. Of course, we know that Jesus faced resistance from church and political leaders, all the way up to his execution. And even at that moment, some were led to see, in his sacrifice, that truly this man was God's Son.

Regardless of how and when individuals came to recognize God in Jesus, we as Christians do believe that Jesus' appearance on Earth was God's ultimate method for helping us to know and return to God. We also believe that the world continues to need to find God today-and how do they do that? Jesus no longer walks the earth as an individual, but is manifested in every church, acting as the body of Christ for every time and place where the church lives out God's mission.

That means you!

So your church embodies Jesus, God's will for salvation, for your community in our time. Is it enough that your church was started? Or that others, even strangers, are attracted to God through you? Or that your people are claimed, cleansed, and empowered through baptism to serve God? Or do the faithful actions of your church-like praying for healing and forgiveness, feeding the homeless, standing up for the powerless, and any number of other miracles of faith-get the attention of the world, making people wonder at the power and mercy of God? Does that faithfulness sustain you even in the face of criticism, reaching all the way to your very existence as a church body?

Happy Epiphany, and happy 2020. May we live out this year, remembering that in the life of the church, as we reflect the love of God for the world, every day can be Epiphany Day.

Peace,  
Wendy

**Our first Presbytery meeting of 2020 is next Tuesday, January 14, 7 pm**, at Monte Vista Grove Homes in Pasadena. There will be two pre-Presbytery meetings, starting promptly at 6 pm, for people who have questions about the proposed dismissal of Alhambra True Light Presbyterian Church to ECO, or the recommended amendments to how San Gabriel Presbytery defines minimum pastoral compensation for the pastors of our churches. We will also have the opportunity to examine and bless Candidate Peter Hawisher, who has been called to Radford Presbyterian Church in Virginia.

And remember to register for **WinterFest**, February 8, 9-2:30, at Arcadia Community Church. You can register at <https://knoxpresbyterian.breezechms.com/form/Winterfest2020>

Scroll down for other upcoming events, like the **Homeless Count** (required orientation session January 13), and a workshop on worship music, February 21-23, at Calvary Presbyterian Church in South Pasadena.

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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](mailto:TRACEY.KING-ORTEGA@PCUSA.ORG)



## 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.

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### 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.

San Fernando Valley



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## 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:

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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](http://bblccc.com/march-madness)*

*Email [bigbearlakechristianconference@gmail.com](mailto: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

### **2020 Mileage Reimbursement Rates:**

Business 57.5 cents per mile

Medical 17 cents per mile

Charitable 14 cents per mile

## **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**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](mailto: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](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***

### **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



