



## PRESBYTERY OF SAN GABRIEL

Monday, February 10, 2020

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### ON THE CALENDAR

PEC meets on Tuesday, February 11 at 6:00 pm at the Presbytery Center, TC

### PLEASE REMEMBER

Please remember Divine Light Presbyterian Church in El Monte in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, February 9, 2020.

### AID FOR PUERTO RICO

Recently we mentioned the opportunity to help our family in Puerto Rico. Roberto Ramirez, who just completed his term as Moderator of the Presbytery, comes from the region most directly impacted, and was under care of the Presbiterio del Suroeste (Southwest Presbytery) before ordination.

If you would like to contribute, please make checks payable to "Presbiterio del Suroeste" and send to:

Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana  
ATTN: Maribel Cardona  
P. O. Box 229  
Hormigueros, PR 00660.

Elder Cardona is treasurer of the presbytery and will handle the donation most efficiently.

Please keep PR in your prayers, and give generously.

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER, WENDY TAJIMA

*See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand!*  
Galatians 6:11

### Reflection: Spreading the Word

I am writing this column after watching the Oscars. Even though I have not seen the film "Parasite," I got emotional seeing the joy of the filmmaker Bong Joon Ho and his colleagues, reflecting Korea's great national pride in the film's historic wins. Reportedly, no Korean film has even been nominated for an Oscar before this year, and no Best Picture Oscar has been awarded to a non-English-language film.

I guess I am proving some of what Charlene Jin Lee shared with us at this weekend's Winterfest. In her insightful, gentle way, she gave the participants many new understandings about the challenges and benefits in engaging more directly with people from other backgrounds, or as she suggested, "loving one another deeply." I am grateful for Charlene and all the presenters on a variety of topics, and for the hospitality of Arcadia Community Church; many people commented on how beautiful the sanctuary is and the welcome of the staff and volunteers. I am especially grateful for the Education (now EEE-Education, Equipping, and Empowerment) Committee, especially Winterfest co-chairs Deidra Goulding and Pat Martinez-Miller, and EEE chair Jennifer Ackerman.

There were moments at Winterfest when people gave us a glimpse into their worlds, and it was touching and enlightening when they did. It gave just a taste of how much more deeply we can experience God's way as we hear the stories and insights of others. And as we learn more about and from each other, we care more for them and what is important to them. So even though the Republic of Korea has achieved economic success and I have joked how culturally cool all things Korean are, I was thrilled to see the country experience such unprecedented praise for their art.

Coincidentally, I was in an interview with a pastoral candidate, and when asked how he might help the congregation heal from past wounds, he simply said he would listen to them. In a similar way, Charlene and others have encouraged especially dominant-culture people to be more intentional in **listening** to others in order to gain their perspective. But it is also an awesome way of showing respect

and offering healing love to the other to just listen. One Winterfest session had the group hearing and responding to a poem from an accomplished poet who has been granted asylum. The poet was deeply touched to be heard and acknowledged by the group members.

Often we think we must have the right thing to say, or do something when we know someone has a need. But sometimes the greatest gift is to listen. I have mentioned meeting a young man named Bertrand who is at Adelanto, and I keep wondering if I should be doing more, or if he expects something from me. He telephones me once in a while, and once sounded concerned about the way court cases are being handled. I asked him what I can do, and he said nothing, he just wanted me to know. I think it just feels better that there's someone out there he can call once in a while.

Recently Bertrand sent me a letter, and in the letter he gave the names of people in his prayer group at Adelanto. I took copies of the letter to a gathering of the Refugee Ministry team at Claremont Presbyterian Church so they could hear the voice from someone at Adelanto, and I asked them to pray for the people in the prayer group.

Bertrand called me later, because he was surprised and moved that someone from Claremont took the time to write to him.

Someone else took the letter and gave it to Kristi Van Nostran, who took the names of the detainees in the prayer group and put them into the database for possible future visitors.

And I gave a copy of the letter to Steve Wiebe, with whom I had gone to Adelanto (through one of Kristi's monthly group trips), when together we first met Bertrand. Steve and I are going to Adelanto early this Monday morning, because Bertrand has a court date. I ask your prayers for Bertrand and all the people facing the judge on their own.

I mentioned this to a woman at church yesterday, and she offered \$100 to help this person she's never met.

As the message of this young man's hand-written letter was spreading, I started to feel like we are reliving the distribution of the apostle Paul's letters. I love Galatians 6:11 because it's so real-Paul commenting on how bad his handwriting is. It's a reminder that several if not all of the epistles, or letters, are just that-actual letters from Paul (sometimes from prison himself). I can imagine people taking it on themselves to share his letters with others, and for the word to spread enough to become part of the canon of the New Testament.

We now have many channels for communication-so many that we may feel overwhelmed. But whether you are approached in a meeting or phone call, a letter or email, even a tweet or a text, may you take the time to listen deeply to those who are sharing authentically. And may we share a word if it expands our appreciation for life in God's world. As we listen, and appreciate, we will grow in our love for each other, and grow closer to more of God's children.

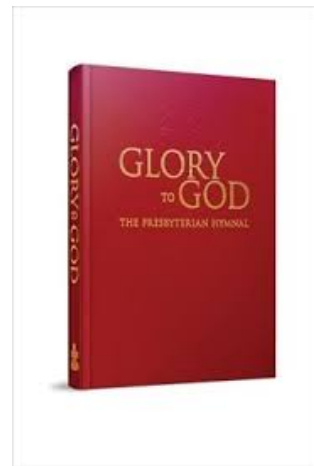
Blessings,  
Wendy

## Tuesday Afternoon Hymn Sing at Monte Vista Grove

Join the residents of Monte Vista Grove for a Hymn Sing at 4 pm every Tuesday in February and March in Marwick Place at 2889 San Pasqual St. Pasadena.

Rebecca Thompson will lead this Hymn Sing based on the hymns in the *Glory to God* hymnal.

If you have any questions please contact Huw Christopher at [huwchristopher@gmail.com](mailto:huwchristopher@gmail.com) or (850) 209-6931.



## Immigration & Refugee Task Force Gathering

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Wednesday February 12, at 7pm

Covenant Chapel - Resource Center

Covenant Presbyterian Church  
6323 W 80th St, Los Angeles, CA 90045

An intimate gathering of praying, hoping, lamenting and learning together about the current state of migrants in detention and at the border, led by our Immigrant Accompaniment Organizer, Kristi Van Nostran. Also lots of options for immigration ministry for your church in 2020.

### CONTACT

**KRISTI VAN NOSTRAN**

Immigrant Accompaniment Organizer  
at [PresbyWelcome@gmail.com](mailto:PresbyWelcome@gmail.com) or  
(360) 521-4096 for more information

## Border Trip

*Pacific & San Gabriel Presbyteries, Peacemaking Program, and Presbyterian World Mission are partnering to coordinate a **study seminar trip 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.

# SoCal Choral Workshop

Featuring Clinicians:



Adam  
Tice



Sally Ann  
Morris

Saturday, February 22nd

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Calvary Presbyterian Church

1050 Fremont Ave  
South Pasadena, California

Sponsored by:

The Presbyterian Association of Musicians

&

Calvary Presbyterian Church

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

**February 22, 2020**

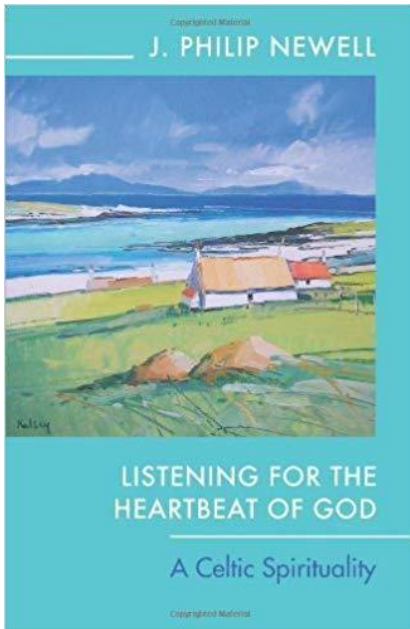
**Calvary Presbyterian Church, South Pasadena**

**Register here: [PresbyMusic Event](#)**

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.

## Listening for the Heartbeat of God: Celtic Spirituality with J. Phillip Newell



Monday, February 24, 2020

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

The Church of Our Savior in San Gabriel

Listening for the Heartbeat of God - a spirituality for today, modeled on the vital characteristics of Celtic spirituality throughout the centuries. The emphasis is on the goodness of creation and of humanity made in the image of God. John Philip Newell, formerly Warden of Iona Abbey in the Western Isles of Scotland, writes, teaches and leads international pilgrimage weeks on Iona. He is the co-founder of Heartbeat: A Journey Towards Earth's Wellbeing, established to expand sacred vision, deepen spiritual practice, nurture reflective

community, and enable action for change.

Register: <https://stillpointca.org/retreats>

### Accompaniment Training coming to Los Angeles in March

The road to peace looks different in different parts of the world - but no matter where you are, it helps to walk the road together. Presbyterian Peace Fellowship has been invited to walk with community leaders in the [Iglesia Presbiteriana de Colombia](#) and the [Centro de Atencion al Migrante "Exodus,"](#) sending accompaniers to the U.S. Mexico border and to northern Colombia. Accompaniers listen, learn, and return home to share stories of peacebuilding. Are you interested? Click [HERE](#) for more info about accompaniment.

Accompaniment begins with a long weekend of training and discernment in the U.S. At this three-day gathering, people who are interested in accompaniment gather to train in non-violence and anti-racism, engage with accompaniment principles, learn about the contexts in which we have been invited to practice accompaniment, and spend time in discernment and reflection. You organize your own travel to the Learn & Discern event; all costs are covered while you're there (lodging and food).

Anyone who is interested in accompaniment is welcome to learn and discern in community with PPF! Are you called to accompaniment service? [Click here](#) to find out more about the next Learn & Discern training weekend on March 20-23 in Los Angeles, how to apply, and requirements to serve.



### **Presbytery Meeting dates for 2020**

- Saturday, March 28 - 9:00 am at Korean Good Shepherd in Rowland Heights
- Saturday, May 30 - 9:00 am - GA Co-Moderator Rev. Cindy Kohlmann at Iglesia de la Comunidad in Los Angeles
- Saturday, September 26 - 9:00 am at San Marino Community Church
- Tuesday, November 17 - 7:00 pm at Westminster PC in Pasadena

### **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** has an opening for an Office Administrator. This is a Full-Time position. 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.

## NATIONAL EVENTS

### **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



## **Quick Links**

[www.sangabpres.org](http://www.sangabpres.org)

[www.synod.org](http://www.synod.org)

[www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org)

[www.pensions.org](http://www.pensions.org)

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