



PRESBYTERY OF SAN GABRIEL

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ON THE CALENDAR

Presbytery Planning Meeting on Tuesday, February 25 at 1:00 pm Presbytery Center, Temple City

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Please remember St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in La Puente in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, March 1, 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.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER, WENDY TAJIMA

"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me." Mark 9:3

July 21: Listen to the Children

It is helpful to stop and reflect once in a while—as individuals, as congregations, and as the Presbytery of San Gabriel. This week is Ash Wednesday, the start of the Lenten season. Lent is traditionally the season of preparation for people who seek to join the Christian church, with Easter as the time for receiving them. If nothing else, this is what I suggest for a Lenten practice: to be more intentional in reflecting on who we are as humans, as Christians, as individuals in need of grace. Sometimes people abstain from something that is appealing or regular in their lives, which might be seen as some kind of cleansing ritual, but it can also simply be a way of noticing how we fall into patterns of dependency on things that distract us from God.

As a presbytery, we might reflect on who we are and what God is calling us to do. Five years ago, ten churches and the presbytery used the "New Beginnings" process to look at who we are, who is in our community, and what God is saying to us now. This culminated in several serious decisions made by some of the participating churches, and a very large and active feedback session on the part of the Presbytery in January 2016.

The feedback we received was a little different than what I expected. There was gratitude for Living Waters for the World as an opportunity for churches to join together in mission. But the priority named by the members was relationship-building relationship between local church and presbytery and building relationships between churches. There were also comments common to just about every mainline church in America: a desire for revitalization and help in building youth ministries. Last year we surveyed the commissioners at one presbytery meeting, and the response affirmed the desire for revitalization and building relationships between churches.

This feedback has guided presbytery leadership over the years, to varying degrees of success. But we do what we can!

A few years ago we focused on youth ministry at the 2018 Winterfest, with the leadership of the Fuller Seminary Youth Institute. Their "[Growing Young](#)" approach suggests that all kinds of churches can be a welcoming spiritual home for young people, and they offer six

core commitments to adopt:

- **Unlock keychain leadership** by empowering all, especially young people
- **Empathize with today's young people** instead of judging or criticizing them
- **Take Jesus' message seriously**, welcoming young people into a Jesus-centered way of life
- **Fuel a warm community** of peer and intergenerational friendships instead of focusing on "cool" worship or programs
- **Prioritize young people (and families) everywhere**, not just with lip service but by supporting, resourcing, and involving young people in all facets of the congregation
- **Be the best neighbors** by enabling (and I would say joining with) young people to connect and be good neighbors locally and globally.

In San Gabriel Presbytery, we established our annual Day of Service as a way to foster relationships between churches, as individuals work together for a few hours. We coordinate this day with our Tapestry Youth Collective's summer mission week, and it has been a joy to see presbytery folk of all generations working together each summer.

This year we have the privilege to welcome General Assembly Co-Moderator Rev. Cindy Kohlmann to our presbytery for Pentecost weekend, so be sure to mark your calendars for Saturday morning, May 30, at Iglesia de la Comunidad. Cindy is a dynamic speaker, and a good friend, and it will be great for her to see that you are all that I brag about, and more. However, this impacts the Day of Service (too much on the agenda, and too early for the youth to come), so leaders from Tapestry and Justice Peacemaking and Mission (the committee that organizes the Day of Service) recommended, and the Executive Commission approved, that we hold the following:

Evening of Advocacy, Education, and Service
an intergenerational event
Tuesday, July 21st, 2020
6-9 pm, including dinner, place TBD.

So mark your calendars! The details have not been worked out yet, but this will be a great opportunity to connect with our younger members and listen to their perspective and wisdom. At last year's Day of Service, we had a brief but sweet time of sharing across generations. This year it is my hope that we have deeper mutual learning as we dialog together on issues important to us as followers of Christ in this world.

I just heard that public health workers are teaching children as young as 6 years of age how to administer Narcan, which reverses the lethal impact of opioid overdose, as too often they are present when parents or others overdose. We have heard young people speak out on gun violence and creation care. Certainly their experience of and perspective on the world is radically different than mine, and I need to understand this better if I, for one, can relate to them better, and see more fully what is happening in this world.

Churches are the one institution outside the family where we are able to walk with each other over the course of years and generations. We are blessed by this kind of long view of life, and my hope is that we can learn more from each other as we celebrate the ways God lives through us in all stages of life. In this respect, I give thanks for the Presbyterian Church, where we see God working through all people, in all circumstances.

Along these lines, we give thanks for the life of Katherine Johnson, who went home to the Lord after 101 years on this earth-including 33 years helping astronauts fly beyond the earth. You may know something of Ms. Johnson through the book and film "Hidden Figures," about several African-American women mathematicians who did complex mathematical computations for NASA. I confess to great Presbyterian pride when I saw one scene in the film, with Katherine Johnson speaking with astronaut John Glenn, because I knew that these two history-making, intellectually brilliant, honorable and diligent leaders had one other thing in common-they were both Presbyterian elders!

Please mark your calendars for July 21st, and consider utilizing this Lenten season for reflection on who we are as children of God, and as fallen humans yet saved and called forward by Christ's life-giving love.

Peace of Christ be with you this Lent,
Wendy



Eco-Palms:

Make social and environmental justice part of your congregation's worship

Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem, accented by the jubilant waving of palm branches, is re-enacted each Palm Sunday in Presbyterian and other Christian congregations worldwide as Holy Week observances begin. Unfortunately for the communities where these palms are harvested, palm fronds do not always represent the same jubilation they do for us.

In 2007 the PC(USA) teamed up with [Lutheran World Relief](#), [Catholic Relief Services](#), and the [University of Minnesota](#) to offer congregations the option of purchasing responsibly harvested Eco-Palm branches for Palm Sunday. The palms come from communities in Mexico and Guatemala where workers are paid fairly and engage in sustainable harvesting in order to protect the local ecosystem.

Why order Eco-Palms?

- Over 300 million palm fronds are used in the United States annually.
- Eco-palms are purchased directly from harvesters at 5 to 6 times the normal payment per frond.
- Your purchase of eco-palms helps improve standards of living and protects forests.

For more information, click here

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/compassion-peace-justice/hunger/enough/eco-palms-2/>

To order, click here

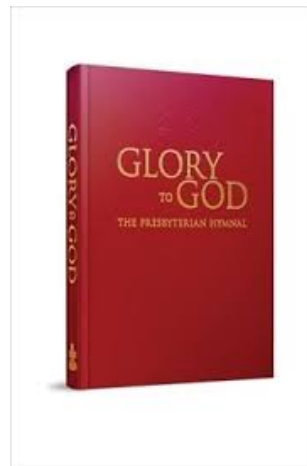
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Tuesday Afternoon Hymn Sing at Monte Vista Grove

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 or (850) 209-6931.



LA Voice Partners with Churches to Encourage Participation in 2020 Census

LA Voice is providing stipend funding and reimbursements for Census events, up to \$1,000 per, and as many as possible, between mid-March - June. Our hope is that clergy will develop Census sermons or pulpit announcements to go along with informational and customizable one pagers and pledge cards. For more information contact Chapman Clark at chap@lavoice.org. [Click here to download an information flyer.](#)



LA VOICE: FAITH COUNTS 2020 Census 100% Count Planning

Friends,

The Census is almost here and we must support the effort to count all of our community members. As you may know, Census data determines the allocation of more than \$600 billion annually to vital local programs such as Title 1, Section 8, SNAP and for roads and emergency services.

Los Angeles County is considered the "hardest to count" in the entire country and people of faith have been welcomed and entrusted into an opportunity to ensure that our communities are represented in the 2020 Census. We have a responsibility to ensure our community feels informed, equipped, supported and safe to fill out and to engage together now with the Census and with our county and our cities tomorrow.

LA Voice and its team of organizers will provide direct support to volunteers, assisting with staffing, event planning, technology, printed materials and funding for related costs (stipends, hospitality, etc.).

Key Census Dates:

- 3/12 Counting begins
- 4/1 National Census Day
- 3/23 - 4/9 LA County: "Census Awareness Week"

100% Count Opportunities For All Faith Communities:

- 1. Sermons and pulpit announcements with pledge cards**
 - a. Toolkit includes sacred text, liturgy, sample sermons, and bulletins
- 2. Get Out The Count events - Parties, posadas, festivals**
 - a. LA Voice and its team of organizers will provide direct support to event volunteers, assisting with staffing, event planning, technology, printed materials and funding for related costs (reimbursements, stipends, hospitality, etc.)
- 3. 100% Congregational Count support**
 - a. Resources and training to support your organizing plan for achieving 100% Count
- 4. Community outreach and education**
 - a. Training, resources and support to engage neighbors through canvassing or phones
- 5. Local non-profit partnerships and resources**
 - a. LA Voice and partners will deliver customized, targeted resources for your community events

Please contact your LA Voice organizer for support,
Census 2020 Organizer - chap@lavoices.org, cell: 818-383-3557

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.

ADELANTO VISITATION

Visit [Adelanto Visitation Registration \(Google Form\)](#) to register to join one of the upcoming Adelanto visitations. You can also download this flyer here: [Adelanto Visitation Flyer](#)



Adelanto ICE Processing Center
10250 Rancho Road | Adelanto, CA 92301

UPCOMING DATES

(meet at Adelanto at 11:30am, typically depart around 4:30pm)

- Friday, February 21st
- Friday, March 20th - Kristi unavailable; need volunteer to facilitate
- Friday, April 17th
- Friday, May 15th

For more information:
contact Kristi Van Nostran, Immigrant Accompaniment Organizer
at PresbyWelcome@gmail.com or (360)521-4096.

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!





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



Choir Robes And Stoles Available - Free

San Marino Community Church has 16 choir robes (dusty blue) in various sizes and many two-sided choir stoles. First come, first served - must be gone by March 15. Free for the taking. Please contact Deborah Kwan at (626) 282-4181 x15 or DKwan@smccpby.com. Stole quantities: Red/Pink - 54, Red/Purple - 16,

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
- Tuesday, July 21 - 6:00 pm- Evening of Advocacy, Education and Service
- 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

****New Job Opportunity****

From Susan Krehbiel, Associate for Refugees and Asylum,

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, PC(USA)

I am excited to share that my team is expanding! We have posted a new position for a **Mission Specialist for Domestic Refugee and Asylum Response** to increase support to regional church bodies, their congregations and local coalitions, in their ministries with refugees, asylum seekers, and other vulnerable immigrant populations. The position will work under the supervision of the Associate for Refugees and Asylum, working closely with other PC(USA) offices to increase networking and peer learning opportunities. Applicants must have at least 2 years of relevant experience.

The job announcement can be found [HERE](#).

Please share this announcement with your networks. The position is open to someone located outside of Louisville and since I am based on the East Coast, we are interested in the possibility of having someone based on the West/Southwest, but not limiting it.

Qualified persons interested in this position can apply directly on the PC(USA) website. Should you any have questions, feel free to contact me.

In gratitude,
Susan Krehbiel

Susan.Krehbiel@pcusa.org

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 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. 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

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