



## **PRESBYTERY OF SAN GABRIEL**

**Monday, March 2, 2020**

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### **ON THE CALENDAR**

Commission on Preparation for Ministry Tuesday, March 3 at 5:30 pm at San Marino Community Church

### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Please remember La Verne Heights Presbyterian Church in La Verne in the Prayers of the People in your worship service on Sunday, March 8, 2020.

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER,  
WENDY TAJIMA**

*"Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."*

Mark 14:9

### **May 30: Pentecost Presbytery**

Last week I asked that you mark your calendars for July 2<sup>nd</sup>, when we will spend the evening in conversation and service with our younger generation. As much as we church types talk about the importance of youth, it's always ironic to me how little time we spend actually talking with, and listening to, the youth around us. So this will be a great opportunity to learn and connect.

Today I ask that you mark your calendars again. Not only do we have a Presbytery meeting coming up on March 28, but we will have a special Pentecost Presbytery meeting on May 30. General Assembly Co-Moderator Rev. Cindy Kohlmann will be in Southern California that week, and she will be with us for that meeting. The Presbytery meeting will be at Iglesia de la Comunidad in Highland Park, and the Presbytery planning team just talked about some fun ways to celebrate Pentecost together in worship and fellowship. Two ways have to do with food, so of course I'm excited!

For that day's communion service, we are hoping to put together a holy feast reflecting the cultures of our presbytery, so at some point I will be asking folks to suggest various "breads" from your cultural tradition. We have done this before, but I need your help to make sure I'm being more inclusive—for instance, the last time I wanted to include puto, but the Filipino market I went to didn't have it!

And we are talking about having a grand potluck, and to make it even a little more special, there might be a little competition involved. We are hoping to have a gathering of everyone in San Gabriel Presbytery, not just the commissioners to the meeting. So think about some great food you can bring, and we'll share details later.

Now when you read Mark 14:9 above, what did you think of? Though I mention Rev. Kohlmann, and she is certainly memorable, I wasn't remembering her. Of course it's important to remember, especially during this season of Lent, the woman who came and showed love for Jesus as he was looking ahead to the cross. But the woman who inspired me to remember this text was named Hazel Scott.

Who is Hazel Scott?

The name does not get mentioned much. The only time her name has been uttered in public in my memory was by Alicia Keys at the 2019 Grammys--and in that celebration of all things music, by the music industry itself, no one clapped in recognition. It's only due to the magic of the Internet that I happened upon an [article](#) on this person, and found an incredible [video](#) of Ms. Scott at two pianos. Sadly, she is NOT remembered widely.

Born in Trinidad in 1920 but raised in New York City, Scott was a child prodigy in piano, and was trained at the Juilliard School from age 8. She began performing in

her teens and was known for classical expertise, but also doing jazz improvisations of the classics. She also sang and did some acting, and she was the first person of African descent to have their own television show in America, "The Hazel Scott Show," which debuted on July 3, 1950.

In the 1940s she appeared in several movies, some patriotic. Throughout her life she stood up for civil rights. She refused to perform for segregated audiences. She wrote into her film contracts control of her image, and went on strike when a film was about to dress the black woman extras along negative stereotyped lines. She sued a restaurant in Pasco, Washington, for refusing to serve her due to her race.

In 1950, a pamphlet was published that listed Hazel Scott, along with 150 other artists and performers such as Orson Welles, Lillian Hellman, and Leonard Bernstein, as involved in pro-Communist causes. These individuals were denied employment and many were called to testify before Congress during the anti-Soviet scare of the McCarthy era. "The Hazel Scott Show" was cancelled. And when she was called to testify before the House Un-American Activities Committee, she spoke eloquently that "the entertainment profession has done its part for America, in war and peace, and it must not be dragged through the mud of hysterical name-calling at a moment when we need to enrich and project the American way of life to the world. There is no better, more effective, more easily understood medium for telling and selling the American way of life than our entertainers, creative artists, and performers, for they are the real voice of America." Soon after this, Hazel Scott relocated to Paris, and then returned to New York in 1967, but never regained her fame and died in 1981.

I believe that the season of Lent is a time to reflect on our state as humans, mortal and imperfect yet loved so much that Jesus would come to be one of us, and to die for our sake. As we give thanks for Jesus and for our many gifts, may we also confess to the brokenness that leads us to discount the gifts of others. Just as the people of Jerusalem failed to see Jesus for his divinity, we fail to see Jesus in each other, and in the stranger, especially those the world would count as "the least." When we give thanks that Jesus died for us, let us remember that Jesus died for ALL of us, all whom Jesus loved.

Peace,  
Wendy

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**IMMIGRANT ACCOMPANIMENT EVENT TONIGHT**

SOUTHERN BORDER TRAVEL STUDY SEMINAR  
Presbyterian Peacemaking Program & Presbyterian World Mission  
hosted in partnership with PACIFIC & SAN GABRIEL PRESBYTERIES

# WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO CHOOSE WELCOME?



MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2020

7:00-8:30PM

Immanuel Presbyterian Church  
3300 Wilshire Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90010  
LOT PARKING AVAILABLE

*What is the current reality for refugees seeking asylum?*

*How are we, as individuals and congregations, called to respond?*

*What might it look like for my family and/or my congregation to Choose Welcome?*

For more information email:  
[PresbyWelcome@gmail.com](mailto:PresbyWelcome@gmail.com)

Join us for a panel discussion with representatives from local congregations who will share their experiences with extending welcome and providing accompaniment.

Panelists include:

Irma Martinez and members of the Knox Presbyterian Church (Pasadena) Immigration Team

Rev. Dr. Alexia Salvatierra, Ecumenical Collaboration for Asylum Seekers and Matthew 25 SoCal

Free will donations will go to the Presbyteries' Immigrant Support Fund

## 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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### **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

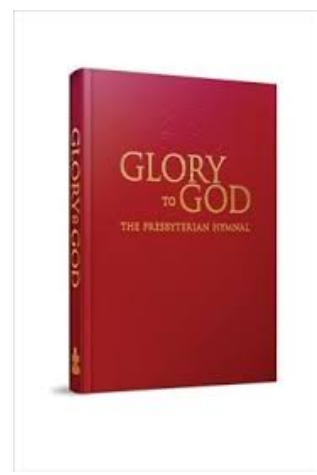
<https://ecopalms.org/store/featured.php>

## **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.



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

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