

SAN GABRIEL PRESBYTERY MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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NEW THIS WEEK

Reflection from Executive Presbyter, Wendy Tajima: **Rest**

Last week, LA County held a telebriefing to clarify that churches are still to hold online services only. The County is following State health orders, which holds in-person worship services under “Stage 3.” There is no time frame for when Stage 3 begins. When the State does allow in-person worship, specific requirements will be announced, probably including:

- occupancy kept to 25-50%
- easy access to hand sanitizer or hand-washing stations
- masks available if anyone arrives without one
- proper physical distancing
- regular cleaning of common areas
- proper signage instructing people of the requirements
- registration of all attendees, to aid in contact tracing if needed.

Strict limitations on funerals and weddings—and all private and public gatherings, inside or outside—are still in force until Stage 3.

Great Plates Delivered is a free service for LA County residents, providing up to three meals a day. The program is running now through June 10, 2020, though the state hopes to extend it. County

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Clergy and Church Leaders Zoom Meeting tomorrow, Tuesday (5/19) at 10 am.

We welcome all members of the Presbytery to join this call.

- Join URL:
<https://zoom.us/j/906806900?pwd=Q1F5OEJHRGIQby9BK1VPQ0VwbEITUT09>
- Call in: (669) 900 9128
- Meeting ID: 906 806 900
- Password: 788935

PLEASE REMEMBER

Pasadena Presbyterian Church in your Prayers of the People this week.

COMMUNITY CARE

Check out the **San Gabriel Presbytery Website** for information about ways to help in the community.

Mobile testing sites have been established for anyone who wants to get a COVID-19 test. There are sites at the Rose Bowl, El Monte Airport, and Pomona Fairplex. While they are prioritizing people with symptoms or exposure, essential workers, people who are over 65 or with chronic

residents 65 or older, or 60-64 and at high risk as defined by the CDC, are eligible, regardless of immigration/citizenship status. There are additional details on the [website](#), or click [HERE](#) for a summary.

Paycheck Protection Program loans are still available. Pastor Cory Marquez of TELACU has been very helpful in providing loans, so far for over 40 churches with over \$5 million in loans. If your church has decided to seek a loan, or your lender has not been helpful, contact him at cmarquez@TELACU.com.

This year, everyone can experience the rich resources in the annual Festival of Homiletics online--for free! It's happening THIS WEEK. Go to <https://www.festivalofhomiletics.com/schedule/> for a schedule of presentations, and a link for registration.

MAY 30 PRESBYTERY MEETING DETAILS

The Presbytery Executive Commission has decided that the May 30 Presbytery meeting will be Zoom-based.

[Click here to Register](#)--You must register in advance of the meeting to receive the link to the meeting. We are excited to welcome Co-Moderator Rev. Cindy Kohlmann to our virtual gathering. Following the meeting there will be a time for Q&A with Rev. Kohlmann. A Zoom tutorial will be available for those who are interested.

We would like to invite you all to participate in leading worship:

We are putting together a virtual choir for the song *Spirit of the Living God*. If you would like to participate, you can find instructions [here](#).

Contact [Rev. Jennifer Ackerman](#) if

underlying health conditions, or people in congregate living communities, anyone can make an appointment. For information or to make an appointment, go to <https://covid19.lacounty.gov/testing/>

Read an update from the SoCal Presbyterian Immigrant Accompaniment Ministry [here](#).

SAN GABRIEL DIGITAL DIRECTORY

We have updated our directory of the digital worship services in our presbytery and you can download it [here](#).

Zoom Tips for Meetings

[ZOOM Council Meetings for Leaders](#)
- Synod of Mid America

[ZOOM Council Meetings for Commissioners](#) - Synod of Mid America

[Tips for the Casual Zoom User](#) - Synod of Mid America

INFORMATION LINKS

[2020 Presbytery Minimums](#)

[Employment Opportunities](#)

[Donate Online to Presbytery or to Churches in the Presbytery](#)

you have questions.

All submissions are due **May 22**.

OTHER RESOURCES

What should we prepare for? If you want to begin thinking ahead about possible reopening, a good resource comes from the Wisconsin Council of Churches. While not conclusive for our area, it gives excellent guidance to consider. Go to <https://www.wichurches.org/2020/04/23/returning-to-church/> or [download the resource](#).

Looking for the latest stats on Coronavirus?

- LA County: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/>
- LA Times California Tracker: <https://www.latimes.com/projects/california-coronavirus-cases-tracking-outbreak/>
(gives county-by-county data)
- NPR United States Tracker: <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2020/03/16/816707182/map-tracking-the-spread-of-the-coronavirus-in-the-u-s#states>
(gives state-by-state data)

Short on cash? Remember that the Presbytery has grant and loan funds available to churches who are experiencing a cash crunch—and Board of Pensions is offering help with dues. Information is on the [sangabpres.org website](http://sangabpres.org) or contact Wendy Tajima.

Thanks to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, we have been able to share much-needed assistance with over 200 immigrant members and friends of Presbytery churches, and for many asylum-seekers who are being released from Adelanto Detention Center without resources. Please support [PDA's](#)

many-faceted ministry helping
churches and individuals in crisis.

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