

SAN GABRIEL PRESBYTERY MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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NEW THIS WEEK

Reflection from Executive Presbyter, Wendy Tajima: [Worship](#)

Did you register for this Saturday's historic Presbytery meeting? Our Presbytery leaders are busy preparing for our first Zoom-based Presbytery meeting—including a visit and worship leadership from GA Co-Moderator Rev. Cindy Kohlmann. But you have to [register](#) ahead of time to participate.

Also be sure to have elements nearby for our celebration of Communion together.

Immediately after the meeting, at 11 am on Saturday, we will have a Q&A session with Cindy Kohlmann. Those who are not Presbytery commissioners may join us via Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SanGabPresbytery/>.

[Download a flyer](#) to share with your community.

Evolving and conflicting information has given us input on how and when to consider in-person worship services. The session of each church has the authority to discern the best way the church will worship God together, guided by the Holy Spirit and knowledge of the needs of their congregation. The Presbytery is developing [guidelines](#) for consideration—please take a look and give us your feedback.

And for those who care for pastors—or wonder what it's been like for many pastors in this time of Coronavirus—a quick synopsis of a couple of helpful articles is in this ["Coronavirus Survival Guide for Pastors."](#)

The CDC has issued several different

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

NO Clergy and Church Leaders Zoom Meeting tomorrow, Tuesday (5/26) at 10 am.

Practice Presbytery Meeting on Friday, May 29 at 11:00 am on Zoom. Contact Ally Lee ally@sangabpres.org for details.

Presbytery Meeting on Saturday, May 30 at 9:30 am on Zoom.

PLEASE REMEMBER

Trinity, Pasadena 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.

[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 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.

SMCC is collecting clothing for local shelters through May 31. [Download a flyer for more details.](#)

SMCC is hosting a blood drive on June 16 & 17. [Download a flyer for more details here.](#)

guidelines that may provide useful information for churches:

- [CDC Interim Guidelines for Communities of Faith](#)
- [CDC Guidelines for Child Care Programs](#)
- [CDC Definition of People Who Are at Higher Risk for Severe Illness from COVID-19.](#)

The PC(USA) continues to offer resources—a collection is regularly updated at <https://www.pcusa.org/covid19/> and two documents are especially helpful for worship planning:

- ["Returning to Public Worship: Theological and Practical Considerations"](#)
- ["Church Music and Covid-19"](#)—a response from the Presbyterian Association of Musicians.

And the Wisconsin Council of Churches gave a slight update on May 8th to their excellent guide on [returning to church](#) (and we were referenced for having referenced them!).

OTHER RESOURCES

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.

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](#)

