

SAN GABRIEL PRESBYTERY MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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NEW THIS WEEK

Reflection from Executive Presbyter Rev. Wendy Tajima: [Blessed to Be a Blessing](#)

The Presbytery Executive Commission approved a renewed grant program for churches struggling due to the coronavirus. Loans from the first round of the Relief Fund are now grants so they do not need to be paid back. All churches and fellowships will receive a "Stimulus Grant" which can be used to the greatest benefit to God's mission, either within the congregation or in the community. Additional grants can be requested as needed. See today's reflection for details.

LA County Department of Health held a telebriefing last Friday. You can hear a recording of it by calling 1-866-207-1041, access code 2372235#, until August 7. The briefing did not introduce any significant new requirement but reflected a little flexibility in situations such as in-person baptism (done with masks, outdoors, with limited attendance) and singing outdoors. A few key elements to remember:

- Wear masks at all times
- Maintain at least 6 feet between household groups; the more the better
- Avoid direct interactions or passing items between members of different household groups
- Have hand sanitizer everywhere
- Worship outdoors is possible but not indoors (except for livestreaming, with less than 10 people total and still with no live singing in the presence of people from other households)
- Keep records on anyone coming on church campus
- Gatherings for worship or any other kind of meeting should be conducted online or by

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Zoom call for Clergy and Church leaders on **Tuesday, August 4 10:00 am.**

Join Zoom call:

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/906806900?pwd=Q1FSOEJHRGIQby9BK1VPQ0VwYbEITUT09>
- Meeting ID: 906 806 900 PSSWRD: 788935
- Dial in (669) 900 9128

PLEASE REMEMBER

First Presbyterian Church, Altadena 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.

SAN GABRIEL DIGITAL DIRECTORY

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

INFORMATION LINKS

phone whenever possible.

The PMA Office of Theology and Worship shared some **thoughts on baptism and ordination in times of pandemic**, which can be found [here](#).

[2020 Presbytery Minimums](#)

[Employment Opportunities](#)

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

OTHER RESOURCES

Follow the [Presbytery of San Gabriel on Facebook](#) and join one of our groups to hear more about what is happening in the life of our Presbytery.

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-us/#states>

(gives state-by-state data)

Lombard Mennonite Peace Center is offering their sessions online. For a full listing [click here](#). Two that might be of particular interest in this season are:

Grief in the time of COVID-19:

A Family Systems Approach to Pastoral Care

The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly impacted our experience of grief, from the ability for families to grieve the loss of a loved one, to the more ambiguous grief of the loss of our pre-pandemic ways of life. COVID-19 presents a unique challenge to faith leaders, and while we don't yet know the long-term impact of COVID-19 on grief, we must find a way to provide adequate pastoral care, even in an era of social distancing.

This 90-minute webinar will be offered on August 13 and August 27.

