

# SAN GABRIEL PRESBYTERY

## MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

November 29, 2020

[www.sangabpres.org](http://www.sangabpres.org)

[www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org)

[www.synod.org](http://www.synod.org)

[www.pensions.org](http://www.pensions.org)



*God of great guidance, quiet my heart today so that I can be fully present to you and tap into an "inner authority" which will renew my strength to better serve and glorify you. In Jesus' name I pray.  
Amen*

From *Presbyterians Today Advent and Christmas Devotional 2020*  
[Click here to view week 1.](#)

### PRESBYTERY NEWS

[Annual Report from Executive Presbyter, Wendy Tajima.](#)

**Stay at Home Order:** LA County reinstated a "Stay at Home" order for Nov. 30-Dec. 20, but exempts places of worship and protests. However, the protocols for safe worship have not changed. So please continue to worship online whenever possible, and if you feel the need to worship in person, worship can only happen outdoors, with masks, with minimal singing. It is likely that any other activity (prayer meetings or Bible studies) will not be allowed. Given the high incidence of COVID, and the amount of travel this last weekend, we ask that all churches do their best to care for their members and friends without meeting in person. The County issued a press release on this on Friday at <http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/phco>

### PRESBYTERY MEETINGS

- On Tuesday Dec. 1 at 11:30 am, Justice, Peacemaking and Mission will meet.
- On Tuesday Dec. 1 at 5 pm, Commission on Preparation for Ministry will meet.
- On Wednesday Dec. 2 at 5 pm, Personnel Committee will meet.
- On Thursday Dec. 3 at 2:30 pm Administration and Finance will meet.
- Monday, Dec. 7 at noon Commission on Ministry will meet.
- Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 4:00 pm Presbytery Executive Commission will meet.

The **Clergy and Church Leaders Call** will open at 10:00 am on Tuesday, December 1.

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/906806900?pwd=Q1FSOEJHRGIQby9BK1VPQ0VwbEITU09>

Pasadena's health department is set to issue guidance sometime today.

### 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)

On **#GivingTuesday**, December 1, at 6:00 pm Eastern Time, current GA Co-Moderators Elona Street-Stewart and Gregory Bentley will have a chance to join with eight former GA moderators and co-moderators when they will play a game called "PresbySquares" as part of the PC(USA)'s [12-hour live stream](#) to encourage Presbyterian generosity.

- We encourage you to support the work of the Presbytery on #GivingTuesday at [www.sangabpres.org/donate](http://www.sangabpres.org/donate).

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## PLEASE REMEMBER

La Verne Heights Presbyterian Church, La Verne in your Prayers of the People this week.

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Westminster PC, Pasadena is hosting an **Artisan Craft Market** in their parking lot on December 12. Click the flyer above for more

## RESOURCES

### Heritage Preservation Grants

To assist congregations with the preservation of church history, the Presbyterian Historical Society awards annual Heritage Preservation Grants to PC(USA) congregations, covering up to \$500 of the cost to **digitize** official church records. Qualifying congregations must be at least 50 years old.

- For 2020, applications are due on December 15. Grants must be used within a two-year time period. You might want to share this with your congregations, especially older and smaller churches. [Learn how to apply.](#)

### APCE 2021

Registration is open for the [virtual event hosted by the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators](#), to be held February 4–6. Explore "Anything But Ordinary Time" with APCE, from the comfort of your own home.

### Climate Action

The 2018 General Assembly passed a GA policy supporting carbon pricing. In response, a group called Presbyterians 4 Carbon Dividends is launching a call to action for Presbyterian ministers and other leaders to sign on to a letter that will be sent to Presbyterian members of Congress. They are hoping that mid council leaders, congregational pastors, and members alike will be interested in adding their names to [this letter](#). Please consider spreading the word using a message such as this, and of course signing on yourself.

### Presbyterians for Disability Concerns – How You Can Help

The chair of PDC, the Rev. Sarah VanderZee McKenney, writes:

"Presbyterians for Disability Concerns (PDC) affirms, supports, and advocates for the gifts, rights, and responsibilities of persons with disabilities in the church through the creation and promotion of tools, resources, and education. This past year has been a reminder of the variety of different types of crises that can emerge, whether it's a pandemic or natural disaster. People with disabilities are often quickly left behind and forgotten during these times. Therefore, our

details.



Support the work of our SDOP grant recipient, the **Cooperative of Refugee People (COOPERE)**, by buying their products at a sale on Saturday, December 12. Click the flyer above for details.

**Ten Thousand Villages Pasadena**  
<https://www.villagespasadena.com/>

**Threads of Hope**  
<https://threadsofhopetextiles.org>  
Has a few items left in stock.

**Presbyterian Giving Catalog**  
<https://presbyteriangifts.pcusa.org/>

**Christmas Joy Offering Nov. 29 to Dec. 25**  
This offering supports Church leaders-past, present, and future. Fifty percent of the gifts go to students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The other fifty percent of the gift provides assistance for current and retired church workers and their families with critical financial needs. For more information call 800-728-7228, ext.5047 or email [specialofferings@pcusa.org](mailto:specialofferings@pcusa.org).

**2021 Presbytery Minimums**

**2021 Presbytery Meeting Schedule**

**Donate Online to Presbytery or to Churches in the Presbytery**

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.

hope is to create resources that can be helpful guides and tools during these stressful times while aiming to include. We need your help!

**Here is a survey** that we ask you to pass along to congregants and clergy. More than one entry per congregation is acceptable, as people have different insights as to what may be helpful/needed. This survey will help us discover where congregations are and how best to shape these tools to be of the most benefit. These tools will then be available around June or July 2021. Feel free to contact us for any questions regarding this survey or any other accessibility questions or needs.

More resources are available on [our website](#) and on [Facebook](#).

## **Anti-Racism**

The Christian Century is offering an **“Acting Against Racism” conversation guide**.

