

SAN GABRIEL PRESBYTERY

MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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Great and loving God, I am not good at patiently waiting. I need to know you are here with me. I need to know that all will be well. And, I need strength — strength to fight the good fight. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

From *Presbyterians Today Advent and Christmas Devotional 2020*
[Click here to view week 2.](#)

PRESBYTERY NEWS

[Reflection from Executive Presbyter, Wendy Tajima-Priesthood](#)

The California **Regional Stay Home Order (PDF)** went into effect at midnight last night. Over the last six days, the County of Los Angeles is averaging 8,295 newly diagnosed COVID-19 cases. Between November 13- December 6, 2020, hospitalizations of confirmed COVID-19 patients have increased by 140% to 2,855. In addition, the adult Intensive Care Unit (ICU) bed capacity for the Region is now below 15%, at just 10.6%, which triggered the initiation of the State's Regional Stay At Home Order.

The order will remain in effect for at least 3 weeks. After that period, it will be lifted when a region's projected ICU capacity meets or exceeds 15%. This will be assessed on a weekly basis after the initial

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS

- 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 not meet tomorrow**, but will meet again at 10:00 am on Tuesday, December 15.

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

Meeting ID: 906 806 900
Passcode: 788935

RESOURCES

Heritage Preservation Grants
To assist congregations with the

3- week period.

Everyone in Los Angeles County should remain at their homes and with members of their household as much as possible. Even if you don't feel sick, being around people outside your household is extremely risky. Avoid doing any activities that are not essential. Always wear a face covering whenever outside your home, keep your distance from others not in your household, wash your hands frequently, and avoid crowds. Individuals with underlying health conditions and those that are older should remain in their home and not be around others unless seeking routine or essential health care. Please contact your health care provider to schedule essential care, as these services remain open and can be utilized safely. If you are having difficulty breathing, go to an emergency room or call 911.

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)

PLEASE REMEMBER

Eagle Rock Presbyterian Church, Los

Angeles in your Prayers of the People this week.

Westminster PC, Pasadena is postponing the **Artisan Craft Market** previously set for December 12.

Due to new COVID-19 regulations the work of our 2020 Self-Development of People grant recipient, **the Cooperative of Refugee People (COOPERE)** will **NOT** be having an in-person sale of their products on Saturday, December 12.

It is our understanding that they will be posting and selling their work online later this month. We will get you that information once we have it.

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 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

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.

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.

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.**

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