

SAN GABRIEL PRESBYTERY MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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PRESBYTERY NEWS

[Alleluia, Anyway](#), a reflection from Executive Presbyter Wendy Tajima.

Email scam alert: Please be very careful to check the actual email address of any email pretending to be Wendy Tajima, especially those asking for gift cards or "discreet" contacts by email only. The address should end in our website address, sangabpres.org. If there's any doubt, please check with Wendy before answering.



Winterfest 2021 Registration is open.

- [Click here to register.](#)
- [Download an updated flyer with all the workshop descriptions.](#)

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS

[Meeting Calendar for 2021](#)

- Executive Commission will meet on **Tuesday, January 12 at 4 pm.**
- Clergy and Church Leadership Zoom Call on **Tuesday, January 12 at 10 am.**
 - Join call:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84121980077?pwd=UEFoNGNnS0pvK3dHb0JmU05MNG1yZz09>
 - Meeting ID: 841 2198 0077
 - Passcode: 187891

Register for the January Presbytery Meeting

[Visit our website for more information about our January 26 meeting on Zoom.](#)

RESOURCES

Job Opportunities:

[Job posting for Stated Clerk for Judicial Processes, Presbytery of San Gabriel.](#) Please contact Rev. Wendy Tajima by January 18, 2021.

[Job posting for Director of Community Life and Discipleship](#) for La Verne Heights Presbyterian Church. Please contact Samantha Johnson: sjohnson@lvhpc.org.

[Anticipating Lent-Ideas for Ash Wednesday and Lenten Activities](#) from APCE

[2021 Presbytery Minimums](#)

"MONTE VISTA GROVE HOMES
PROUDLY PRESENTS:
"LIVING INTO HOPE"
VIRTUAL CONVOCATIONS
January, February and March, 2021
(Visit mvgh.org/convocations to tune in to these programs.)

"LIVING INTO HOPE"

We begin 2021 with a new season of Convocations at Monte Vista Grove, continuing with our theme from 2020, "LIVING INTO HOPE," exploring the challenge that arises out of the crises of COVID-19, economic dislocation, and racial inequities. We will continue in this series to explore the meaning of hope at this moment in our history, including the unique opportunity we have in this time of upheaval to make changes that will move us toward compassion and justice.

Thursday, January 7 **FRANKLIN WOO** 4 pm
"THE RISE OF CHINA: A GROWING THREAT; A POTENTIAL PARTNER"



In 1960 ("World Refugee Year"), Jean and Frank were fraternal workers in Hong Kong. Frank headed a job-corp program which provided scholarships to 400 refugee college students, who in turn worked in projects (mostly roof-top schools) run by churches which served thousands of refugee children. In 1965 Frank was asked to be chaplain and lecturer in philosophy and religion at one of the three foundational colleges which formed the then newly created Chinese University of Hong Kong in 1963. He was also associate minister to an urban and two rural churches. Jean engaged in social work at our Presbyterian-related agency and also assisted in student work at the college. From 1976-1993 Frank was the director of the China Program of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, where he and Jean were bridge-builders in US-China relations by taking groups of US Christians to China and its leaders to America. For a decade they also prepared hundreds of US teachers of English to China. (The Woos became part of our MVGH community in 1996.)

Thursday, January 14 **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. OBSERVANCE** 4 pm
PRESENTED BY THE MVGH DIVERSITY COMMITTEE
"SYSTEMIC RACISM, WHO, US?"

On this MLK Jr. weekend, our MVGH Diversity Task Force will update us on their efforts to date in making real the vision of becoming a more diverse and inclusive community. Now that we better understand our nation's, our church's, even our MVGH's historic participation in systemic racism, how will we respond? What is God asking us to be and do, as a community committed to doing justice and loving kindness? Diversity Task Force members (Jane Atkins Vásquez, Lynn Cheyney, Deborah Hebert, Sandra Master, Barbara Mathieu, Don Smith, Jim Symons, Norm Thomas, Dean Thompson, and Dave Winters) will facilitate a Zoom conversation about the future of race at MVGH.



[2021 Presbytery Meeting Schedule](#)

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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-u-s/#states](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)

Have you seen the Convocation Listing for the Winter at Monte Vista Grove Homes?

They have organized so many wonderful speakers on Thursdays at 4:00 pm. Click the flyer above for the calendar and Zoom details for these meetings.

Can't Hide Behind Not Being Controversial: Lamenting Racism

Join us on the day we honor MLK, Jr. - Monday, January 18 at 6:30 p.m.
Led by Rob Muthiah, Professor of Practical Theology - Bio found [HERE](#).

Lament is a practice neglected in many of our churches, but this practice of raw crying out to God about something that is not right has deep roots in scripture. What might happen if the church picked up this powerful, ancient practice and focused it on racism? In this session, we'll learn about the characteristics of biblical lament, and we'll explore how it can serve an important role in our ongoing anti-racism work.

Join us! All are invited!

To register send an email with your name to carolewheeler@pacbell.net by Saturday, Jan. 16. You will receive the Zoom meeting link.

PLEASE REMEMBER

Good Shepherd Taiwanese Presbyterian Church, Monterey Park in your Prayers of the People this week.
