

SAN GABRIEL PRESBYTERY MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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PRESBYTERY NEWS

Body Building,

Reflection by Executive Presbyter Wendy Tajima.



Winterfest 2021 begins tonight. Registration is still open.

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

We are excited to welcome Rev. Bruce Reyes Chow as our Plenary Speaker on Saturday, February 6. He will be speaking on: [An Unexpected, Generous, and Hybrid Table \(click here to read more\)](#)

Environmental Education Series

The Synod JPIC (Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation) will provide this educational workshop on the environment, led by Dr. Tom English. Dr. English earned degrees in environmental engineering, electrical engineering and physics. After attending the first Earth Day celebration in 1970, he felt compelled to confront major

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS

[Meeting Calendar for 2021](#)

- The Commission on Ministry will meet Monday, 2/1 at noon.
- The Commission on Preparation for Ministry will **not** meet on 2/2.
- Clergy and Church Leadership Zoom Call on **February 2 at 10 am.**
- [Click here to join Zoom meeting.](#)
- Meeting ID: 841 2198 0077
- Passcode: 187891
- Personnel Committee will meet on Monday, 2/8 at 1:00 pm.

PLEASE REMEMBER

New Hope Presbyterian Church, Pasadena in your Prayers of the People this week.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Seeking a Bilingual Volunteer

The San Fernando Valley Refugee Children Center (SFVRCC) is in need of an **English/Spanish bilingual volunteer** to support COOPERE (Cooperativa de Personas Refugiadas), the Refugee's Cooperative. COOPERE is an initiative that seeks to inspire and equip refugees and immigrants, in particular women, to become financially independent and self-sufficient. COOPERE is a project sponsored by the SFVRCC, an organization that supports refugees and asylum seekers from Central America in North Hills, CA.

To read a full description of the volunteer position, click [HERE](#).

COOPERE was a recipient of a grant from our SDOP Committee in 2020.

environmental challenges and concentrated his efforts on making a difference. Dr. English is a former Vice Moderator of the national Steering Committee of Presbyterians for Earth Care. The series will be presented once a week on Zoom February 11 to April 1. [Click here to download the flyer and sign up to join this series.](#)

Can't Hide Behind Not Being Controversial: Starting a Conversation: "What Does the Bible Say About Justice?"

Join us on Thursday, February 11 at 7:00 pm

Led by Pastor John C. Illian - Bio found [HERE](#).

Justice is a topic that is on our mind, especially recently. Yet it has been a topic that has been difficult for many people to talk about at church, with friends and with family. So, this is a story of one way in which people in the church of sharply different perspectives might begin a conversation about justice. In a very introductory way, we'll explore the biblical theme of justice, discover how it is deeply rooted in the storyline of the Bible, and consider what it might mean for us today. We will use the words from Micah 6:8 as a compass for our study.

To register, send an email with your name to carolewheeler@pacbell.net by Tuesday, Feb. 9. You will receive the Zoom meeting link.

LACDPH Telebriefing

Last week, LA County held a telebriefing for faith communities. There was not much new information that pertains to places of worship, but one church reported being contacted by their local police because they went inside their sanctuary to worship. When the church members told the police that the County allowed churches to worship inside, the police stated that the State of California does not. Dr. Davis, the LA County Health Officer, said that if there is disagreement between the two policies, the stricter order holds.

North Valley Caring Services Seeking Volunteers - working remotely

North Valley Caring Services (NVCS) seeks skilled volunteers who can devote a few hours a week in support of NVCS Administrators. All of this work would be done remotely. This work is vital to us being able to serve our community with basic human needs.

Needed:

Volunteer Grant Writer

Volunteer Admin Support positions

Volunteer Fundraiser

For descriptions of the positions listed above and for contact information, click [HERE](#).

To view the NVCS website, click [HERE](#).

RESOURCES

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

[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.

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)