# SAN GABRIEL PRESBYTERY MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. — Romans 12:18

Click here to see the Presbyterian Mission Agency Lenten Devotional for 2021.

#### PRESBYTERY NEWS

# **Getting Unstuck**

Reflection by Executive Presbyter Wendy Tajima.

From the Mid-Council Relations Newsletter:

With other Americans, Presbyterians are experiencing grief and outrage at the anti-Asian hate that is by no means new but has been shockingly manifested in the murders of eight precious human beings in the Atlanta area by a young white Christian man. Those of us who are white can feel some of the grief and outrage, but cannot really know the heavy burden of fear that our Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) siblings have been carrying, exacerbated by this egregious act of violence.

The National Caucus of Korean Presbyterian Churches (NCKPC) has called its own congregations to prayer in an urgent message that all of us need to hear. NCKPC is also inviting donations to support the

# PRESBYTERY MEETINGS

#### Meeting Calendar for 2021

 The next Clergy and Church Leadership Zoom Call will be on Tuesday, April 13 at 10:00 am.

Click here to join Zoom meeting. Meeting ID: 841 2198 0077 Passcode: 187891

The next Presbytery meeting will be on Saturday, June 19.

The Commission on Ministry and the Commission on Preparation for Ministry will not meet on 4/5 or 4/6.

# PLEASE REMEMBER

Mideast Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Temple City in your Prayers of the People this week. families of the victims.

See this growing compilation of Presbyterians expressing their concern and solidarity against white supremacy; may our actions speak along with our words. A message from the Stated Clerk is available in Korean, Spanish and English.

# Camino de San Diego -Journeying toward Justice

Join Presbyterian friends for a virtual pilgrimage along and across the US- Mexico border! Via International and The Border Church/ La Iglesia Fronteriza will be our guides for five virtual encounters. From the comfort of your own

home, you will experience the work for justice at the grassroots by traveling to Chicano Park in San Diego, La Plaza El Chaparral in Tijuana, and Friendship Park at the US-Mexico border. Two trips have been planned for 2021: the first trip is in May, the second trip is planned

for September. Each virtual pilgrimage can accommodate 18 participants, and the cost is \$100 per person. <u>Click here</u> for more information. <u>Click here</u> to register for the May Camino.

# Structural Racism and Representation Survey

The Presbytery Executive Commission wants to help our Presbytery confront and work towards dismantling structural racism. We have created a survey to reflect some ideas and opportunities we want to offer. Please take a few minutes and respond for yourself and/or your church. Thank you. <u>Click here</u> to access the survey.



# Presbytery Worship Service Elements for Sunday, April 11

The Presbytery leadership has created video worship elements to support our churches

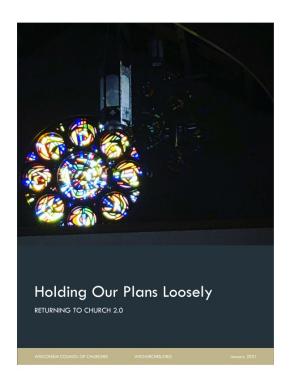
#### **RESOURCES**

# Winterfest 2021 resources available.

Thanks to the work of the EEE committee and our webmaster, Mike, the Winterfest recordings and slide shows are available on the <u>Presbytery website here</u>.

## One Great Hour of Sharing

Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities. The Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36 percent of undesignated gifts, while Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance each receives 32 percent. Click here to give online.



Wisconsin Council of Churches--Holding Our Plans Loosely: Returning to Church 2.0 for the Sunday after Easter to give your leaders a break. The service is available in video segments, so your church can decide which elements to use. The order of service and about half of the service elements are available here. The rest of the videos will be available by the end of this week. If your church has music you would like to share, please contact me at ally@sangabpres.org.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**



Registration is now open for CPJ Training Days, a virtual advocacy and organizing event April 7-9.CPJ Training Day, presented by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Office of Public Witness and its fellow Compassion, Peace & Justice ministries, traditionally takes place in person at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C., on the day before Ecumenical Advocacy Days, a weekend-long event in Northern Virginia. For the second consecutive year, both events will be virtual due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year, CPJ Day expanded to three days to provide a breadth of content around this year's theme, environmental justice, without the potential Zoom fatigue of a day-long online event. Each day will start at 11 a.m. Eastern Time and go to 12:30 p.m. On April 7 and 8, there will be small group gatherings at 1:30 p.m. ET. Registration is free.

Featured speakers this year will be:

- The <u>Rev. Dr. Cláudio Carvalhaes</u>, a theologian, liturgist, artist and activist who is the Associate Professor of Worship at <u>Union Theological</u> <u>Seminary</u> in New York City.
- <u>Harry Pickens</u>, an award-winning performing artist, educator, composer, author, workshop facilitator and life transformation coach in Louisville, Kentucky.

Plans for additional panelists and speakers



## Gathered In My Name

The Presbyterian Associate of Musicians has opened registration for the 2021 Worship and Music Conferences at Montreat. They are planning both in-person and online options. This intergenerational conference is for children, youth, adults, pastors, directors, organists, pianists, guitarists, percussionists, ringers, worship leaders, choir members, and anyone who loves and takes part in the worship and music of the church. Click the image above to register.

#### **2021 Presbytery Minimums**

#### 2021 Presbytery Meeting Schedule

<u>Donate Online to Presbytery or to Churches</u> <u>in the Presbytery</u>

Follow the <u>Presbytery of San Gabriel</u> 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: <a href="http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/me">http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/me</a> dia/Coronavirus/

LA Times California

Tracker: <a href="https://www.latimes.com/projects/c">https://www.latimes.com/projects/c</a> alifornia-coronavirus-cases-trackingoutbreak/

(gives county-by-county data)

· NPR United States Tracker: https://www.npr.org/sections/healthshots/2020/03/16/816707182/map-trackingthe-spread-of-the-coronavirus-in-the-us#states

(gives state-by-state data)

are being finalized and will be announced shortly. Like every year, CPJ Days will also feature music and worship.

Ecumenical Advocacy Days are set to take place just over a week later, April 18-21, and will have a similar theme of environmental justice this year. Registration is now open, and is \$25 until April 1.



The Education, Equipping, and Empowerment Committee of the Presbytery is hosting a panel discussion featuring church leaders from our Presbytery sharing ideas and resources about reopening. Similar to this year's Winterfest we will gather at 7:00 pm for a introductory session, then spend some time in breakout rooms related to particular topics and their return for group discussion and Q&A. Please click here to register.

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