# SAN GABRIEL PRESBYTERY MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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#### PRESBYTERY NEWS

**Power and Weakness**, a reflection by Executive Presbyter, Rev. Wendy Tajima.

# INTERNATIONAL PEACEMAKER TO SPEAK AT SEPTEMBER 19TH PRESBYTERY MEETING



María del Milagro Mejía de Flores, an ordained deaconess, is a Salvadoran Theologian and lawyer, and a founding member and organizer of the Calvinist Reformed Church of El Salvador (IRCES). She will be in Southern California as one of this year's International Peacemakers, and she will be with us on Tuesday, September 19th. See her

#### WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**Claremont Indonesian Worshipping Community** in our Prayers of the People this week.

At least three of our minister members with COVID, and the increased number of people entering the hospital due to a resurgence of the disease. Please strongly consider wearing masks again, as warranted.

#### LOS ANGELES GENERAL MEDICAL CENTER CHAPLAINCY

There has been a Presbyterian chaplaincy presence at this major community hospital of Los Angeles County for many decades, most recently with Rev. Elizabeth Gibbs Zehnder. The Consortium which has been created by four Presbyteries and the Synod is again seeking someone called to that significant service.

Attached is the **job description** and further information is available on the **Chaplaincy page** for the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii.

Anyone interested is encouraged to contact Areta Crowell, our San Gabriel Presbytery representative on the Consortium, at acrowell13@sbcglobal.net

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

biography **HERE**.

In order to meet with her personally, the Executive Commission has made the September meeting a hybrid meeting, with a dinner preceding the meeting. You are invited to attend the dinner and meeting at Claremont Presbyterian Church. We will begin to gather at 5 pm, and Ms. Mejia will speak and take questions starting around 5:45. The Presbytery meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.

You can also participate in the meeting (but not the dinner) via Zoom. Ms. Mejia will speak briefly in the meeting. Please **REGISTER** so we know who will be at the dinner, who will meet in person, and who will join by Zoom.

### PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE IN MAUI



We continue to pray for the people of Maui, as they mourn and work together to recover from the devastating fires.

**HERE** is an article describing the response from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the Presbytery of the Pacific, our neighboring presbytery that includes the small number of PC(USA) churches in Hawai'i.

Click **HERE** to make a donation; to be specific, type "Maui" in the comment section on the second screen.

#### **CALL TO ACTION - SB 4**

As many of you know, affordable housing advocates and organizations in California have been working to get church land rezoned for affordable housing for several



#### Monte Vista Grove Store

2889 San Pasqual Street, Pasadena, CA 91107

Two Sales A Month Return in September

Saturday, September 2 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon Wednesday, September 20 from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.



Our Bookstore at A36 and our Furniture Gallery will be open both times.

If you would like to see the bookstore or the furniture in the furniture gallery on other occasions or have questions about our store, please contact Bev Grant at (626) 577-2959.

All proceeds from our sales go to fund approved projects in the Hearth, the Ranch House and Stewart Cottage, each of which assisted living facility is open to the Pasadena area community as space permits.



On **Thursday, September 21,** 10 am-2 pm, there will be a regional gathering of the **Post-Evangelical Collective** in downtown Los Angeles.

What does it mean to be post-Evangelical? Find out how this new group of pastors, artists, and church leaders are forming the movement <u>HERE</u>.

Register for the LA event **HERE**.

years. There has been modest success at the local level in Pasadena, and now we are on the verge of getting a bill passed at the state level that will rezone religious and college land across California.

Senate Bill 4 (SB 4) has already passed the CA Senate. It is now in the CA Assembly and moving through its final committee (Appropriations) before it will move to the Assembly floor for a final vote. So, this is the time to act!

Please call or write your CA Assembly Member and urge him/her to vote in favor of SB 4. This is the time to do it!

Many of us are represented by Assembly Member Chris Holden or Blanca Rubio, but to find your CA Assembly Member using your address, go to <u>Find Your Rep</u>. Then you can go directly to the Assembly Member's website, where you will find the office phone number and address or can write a letter online.

For more information on SB 4, go to the CA YIMBY website and/or download this fact sheet.

Need more information? Contact Wendy Gist at **gist.wendy@gmail.com**.



## GA226 IN SALT LAKE CITY: CALL FOR COMMISSIONERS AND YAADS

Interested in being a commissioner or advisory delegate for next year's GA in Salt Lake City? Review the **attached fact sheet** for information, and submit the completed **nomination form** (see attached) by October 15. Questions? Ask Wendy Tajima.

See the for more information.

#### **RESOURCES**

The 2023 Apportionment is \$70 per

#### Trans- forming: Holding Faith in a Nonbinary God

for Christians who want to understand gender identity and the Bible

7:00 PM PST • Monday nights via zoom October 2–November 13, 2023 Led by PCUSA pastor Vikki Randall, DMin, Brittany Burian, MFT and Lina Myrvold, MFT

For more info or to register, go to havenSGV.org or contact pastorvikkirandall@gmail.com

Haven Fellowship invites you to join us for

#### Trans-forming: Holding Faith in a Nonbinary God

Zoom workshop • Monday nights • 7pm PST **Monday nights, Oct. 2 thru Nov. 13** 

This is a course for allies and wannabe allies—for friends and church members who want to understand more about gender identity, and how to be an ally and support in a time when the trans community is under attack. We'll be using a great book by Austen Hartke called *Transforming*, and another book by an Episcopal priest, Tara Soughers, called Beyond a Binary God. We will reflect on how cis-gender allies might find their understanding of God opened up and expanded by understanding transgender and non-binary experience.

Register at havensgv.org



There are still some programs at **Zephyr Point Lake Tahoe** in late September and
October, including the **Ethnic Concerns Consultation, October 6-8**.

Many conferences offer a significant discount for Presbyterians. For a calendar of events, go **HERE**.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN SAN GABRIEL PRESBYTERY

**Calvary Presbyterian Church** seeks an Assistant Director for Children's and Youth Ministries. **Find Job Description here.** 

San Gabriel Presbytery is seeking a

member.

2023 Presbytery Minimums

The 2023 mileage reimbursement rate is 65.5 cents per mile.

2023 Presbytery Meeting Calendar

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part-time Stated Clerk for Administration. **Find Job Description here.** 

#### PRESBYTERY CALENDAR

\*\*Download Updated 2023 Meeting Calendar Here\*\*

Presbytery Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday 10 am to 2 pm by appointment

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