

# SAN GABRIEL PRESBYTERY

## MONDAY MORNING UPDATE

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### PRESBYTERY NEWS

[An introduction](#) by Acting Stated Clerk for Administration, Carrie Kohler.

### NEW STATED CLERK FOR ADMINISTRATION

Please welcome Elder Carrie Kohler, who has just begun her work as Acting Stated Clerk for Administration. The Presbytery Executive Commission enthusiastically approved her appointment, which will be approximately quarter-time for now. The Personnel Committee hopes to review the overall staff structure for the Presbytery and nominate Carrie for a three-year term at the Presbytery meeting on April 16, 2024, in line with our bylaws.


Carrie Kohler has an impressive background in ministry, including academic studies, mission work, and currently she is a well-respected chaplain at Cedars-Sinai Hospital. She is also the daughter, sister, and sister-in-law of Presbyterian pastors--namely, daughter to Geoffrey Kohler and sister to our own Kate Wiebe and sister-in-law to Erik Wiebe. Carrie has great gifts working with people as team members as well as with those in crisis, as well as appreciating the PCUSA's diligence in polity and records. From her work at Cedars, her colleagues there--including another Presbyterian chaplain--have no doubt that she will bring to us her commitment, excellent work, her willingness to do what needs to be done, and exceptional people skills.

### WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**Pasadena Presbyterian Church** in our Prayers of the People this week.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

## BECOMING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY: A LENTEN SERIES OF SELF-REFLECTION & COMMUNITY GROWTH



**San Gabriel Presbytery invites everyone to attend**

### BECOMING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY


A LENTEN SERIES OF SELF-REFLECTION & COMMUNITY GROWTH

*A six week series designed to create space to continue the journey towards racial justice and healing. Each week will include whole-group learning and facilitated small-group reflection time.*

**OPENING & CLOSING GATHERINGS**  
PRESBYTERY CENTER IN TEMPLE CITY  
9723 GARIBALDI AVENUE, TEMPLE CITY 91780  
SATURDAYS: FEB. 10 & APRIL 6  
TIME: 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM

**WEEKLY SESSIONS**  
ZOOM MEETING  
TUESDAYS: FEB. 13, 20, 27; MAR. 5, 12, 19  
TIME: 7:00 PM-8:30 PM

Sign Up Now  
For questions email: [info@tracyshenell.com](mailto:info@tracyshenell.com)



Led by Dr. Tracey Shenell  
Pastor, Speaker, Coach,  
& Consultant

View the [series invitation video here](#)

Carrie will be at our February 3rd Presbytery meeting, and has written this week's reflection as she introduces herself to San Gabriel Presbytery. Make sure to register for the meeting and for WinterFest, and meet her there!

## WINTERFEST 2024 AND PRESBYTERY MEETING

Presbytery of San Gabriel Invites You To

# Winterfest 2024

**Becoming the Beloved Community: An Introduction**  
Plenary by Dr. Tracey Shenell  
at Northminster Presbyterian Church,  
Diamond Bar

**January 31 to February 3**  
Weeknight Zoom Sessions - 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
Saturday Plenary Session - 10:00am to 12:00pm  
(lunch to follow)

a \$100 gift certificate to Homeboy Industries will be given to the top five church teams that have the most intergenerational representation at Winterfest

## Winterfest 2024 Schedule

Wednesday, January 31 from 7-9 pm on Zoom  
**New Voices Panel: pastors for the next generation**  
Veronica Ota  
Candidate, Member of First Presbyterian Church, Altadena  
Rev. Beth Putney  
Pastoral Resident of San Marino Community Church  
Rev. Harlan Redmond  
Pastor of Interwoven New Worshiping Community  
Dr. Tracey Shenell  
Church Change Consultant

Thursday, February 1 from 7-9 pm on Zoom (choose 1 of 2)  
**We Are Here: Listening to the First Peoples of this Land**  
Elder Mona Morales Recalde  
Ruling Elder at La Verne Heights Presbyterian Church  
Member of the Gabrieleno-Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians  
**Nuts and Bolts Legal Training for Church Leaders**  
Rev. Kevin Haah, Attorney at law

Friday, February 2 from 7-9 pm on Zoom (choose 1 of 2)  
**Panel on Responding to Our Unhoused Neighbors**  
Luis Melliz, Union Station  
William Shelby, Friends in Deed  
Reggie Clark, Volunteers of America, Pomona  
**Nuts and Bolts Financial Training for Church Leaders**  
Renato Hallili, CPA

Saturday, February 3 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm  
Northminster Presbyterian Church, Diamond Bar  
**Becoming the Beloved Community: An Introduction**  
Dr. Tracey Shenell  
Church Change Consultant

[Register here](#)  
for Winterfest Sessions  
and the Presbytery Meeting

[Sign up here](#) for  
Becoming the Beloved Community

[Download the flyer here](#) to share with  
your church communities

## JANUARY HOMELESS COUNT

### Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count

The Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count is **January 23, 24, and 25**, and covers all LA County except the cities of Glendale, Pasadena, and Long Beach, which conduct their own counts. Volunteers will join a local team and **conduct the count for a 4-hour period one night**. For more info and to sign up for an area near you, [register here](#).

### Pasadena's Homeless Count

Volunteers will be sent out in teams on the **evening of January 23 (8 – 10 pm)** and the **morning of January 24 (6 – 8 am)** to help count and administer a survey to our neighbors experiencing homelessness. Volunteers should be 18+ and are asked to attend a virtual orientation on Jan. 16 to prepare for the count. Get more info and sign up at: [Pasadena Homeless Count – Pasadena Partnership](#).

## ONLINE WORKSHOP INSPIRED: COURAGEOUS FAITH

As we begin the new year, we often take stock. Perhaps this is the year you resolve ask the brave questions, the hard questions. Haven Fellowship invites you to a courageous space to explore questions about the Bible, spirituality, Christianity, queer theology or gender identity. We welcome people of shaky faith, solid faith, or no faith to our free, online workshop based on Rachel Held Evans' beautifully written book, **Inspired**. Please join us and invite a friend. **We will meet by zoom Monday nights 7:00 pm PST • January 22–March 18, 2024.** For more info or to register go to: [havensgv.org](https://havensgv.org)



[Download the flyers here](#) to share with your church communities

## National Black Presbyterian Caucus of Southern California Presents

# EMPOWERING THE AFRICAN AMERICAN CHURCH SERIES

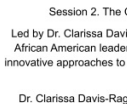
During Black History Month  
February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024  
6:00 pm PT | 7:00 pm MT

Virtual Sessions via [Zoom](#)  
Meeting ID: 861 7607 9363  
Passcode: 298050



Session 1 - The Church and Community Involvement (Feb 7)  
Join Rev. Dr. Terry Marks as we explore effective ways to engage with our community amidst transitions. Discover outreach strategies and collaborative initiatives to contribute to the broader well-being of our community.

Rev. Dr. Terry Marks, Teaching Elder - Crosswinds Presbyterian Church



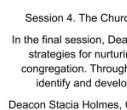
Session 2. The Church and Innovative Leadership (Feb 14) -  
Led by Dr. Clarissa Davis-Ragland, this session celebrates the rich legacy of African American leaders within the Presbyterian Church. Gain insights into innovative approaches to leadership, inspiring and equipping current and future leaders.

Dr. Clarissa Davis-Ragland - Deacon, Southminster Presbyterian Church



Session 3. The Church and Congregational Vitality Post COVID (Feb 21)  
Rev. Chineta Goodjojin leads a discussion on revitalizing congregational life post-COVID-19. Explore strategies and insights, share best practices, and foster unity as we collectively navigate challenges and opportunities.

Rev. Chineta Goodjojin-Teaching Elder, New Hope Presbyterian Church



Session 4. The Church and Intergenerational Leadership (Feb 28) -  
In the final session, Deacon Stacia Holmes will help participants discover strategies for nurturing and equipping emerging leaders within our congregation. Through mentorship and intentional support, we aim to identify and develop a new generation of leaders for the future.

Deacon Stacia Holmes, City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department



## FUNERAL INFORMATION FOR MRS. ERMA WALKS

Mrs. Erma Walks was the widow of Rev. Ivan Walks, long-time pastor of South Hills Presbyterian Church in Pomona.

### VIEWING-

Monday Evening, January 29, 2024  
from: 4:30pm-7:30pm

Viewing at Claremont Presbyterian Church  
1111 N. Mountain Avenue  
Claremont, CA 91711

### FUNERAL SERVICE-

Tuesday Morning, January 30, 2024  
from: 11:00am

Service at Claremont Presbyterian Church  
1111 N. Mountain Avenue  
Claremont, CA 91711

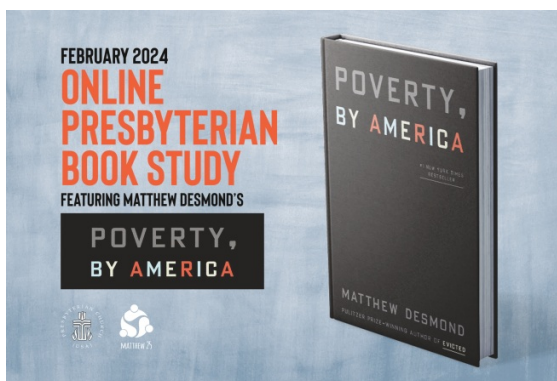
### BURIAL-

Burial will follow at Forest Lawn, Covina Hills.

Ask at the entrance (Kiosk) for the interment location.

### REPAST-

After the burial, the repast will be at Claremont Presbyterian Church, 1111 N. Mountain Avenue Claremont, CA 91711



## DENOMINATION-WIDE ONLINE BOOK STUDY: POVERTY, BY AMERICA

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN SAN GABRIEL PRESBYTERY

### Announcement of New Chaplain for the LA General Medical Center

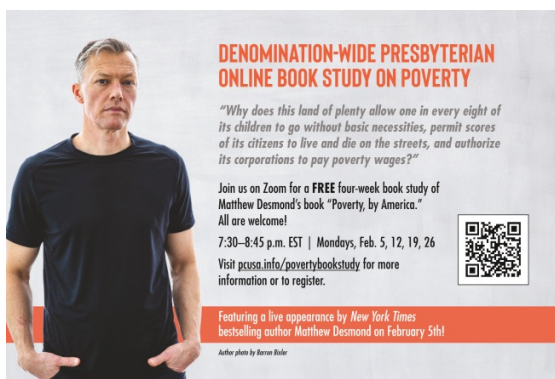
The Consortium for the chaplaincy at the Los Angeles General Medical Center is delighted to announce that our new chaplain will begin work at the hospital on January 16. The Rev. Charity Ngaruiya is a member of Pacific Presbytery, having been ordained there specifically for chaplaincy service. She has been serving in several hospitals in the San Fernando Valley and

Join with other PC(USA) members across the country to discuss Matthew Desmond's book "Poverty, by America" over 4 sessions (2-3 chapters will be discussed each session).

**Mondays in February - Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26, 4:30-5:45 p.m. PST**

"Why does this land of plenty allow one in every eight of its children to go without basic necessities, permit scores of its citizens to live and die on the streets, and authorize its corporations to pay poverty wages?"

Go to [THIS link](#) to register for your personal Zoom link.



**DENOMINATION-WIDE PRESBYTERIAN ONLINE BOOK STUDY ON POVERTY**

"Why does this land of plenty allow one in every eight of its children to go without basic necessities, permit scores of its citizens to live and die on the streets, and authorize its corporations to pay poverty wages?"

Join us on Zoom for a **FREE** four-week book study of Matthew Desmond's book "Poverty, by America." All are welcome!

7:30-8:45 p.m. EST | Mondays, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26

Visit [pcusa.info/povertybookstudy](https://pcusa.info/povertybookstudy) for more information or to register.

Featuring a live appearance by *New York Times* bestselling author Matthew Desmond on February 5th!

Author photo by Barrett Baker

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## ISRAEL - PALESTINE: JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN VOICES FOR PEACE

Last month, offices of the Presbyterian Mission Agency presented a webinar on peace in Israel and Palestine. A recording of the webinar can be found [HERE](#).

For other resources on Israel and Palestine, including a link to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's humanitarian aid, click [HERE](#).

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## UPDATED INFORMATION FOR 2024

**The 2024 Apportionment is \$70 per member.**

[2024 Presbytery Minimums](#)

**The 2024 mileage reimbursement rate is 67 cents per mile.**

doing a lot of preaching as well. her work in ethics means she had already met several of the existing chaplaincy group at LA General. They welcomed her enthusiastically. The Consortium is very pleased, on behalf of all our Presbyteries, in partnership with the Synod, to be able to continue the strong legacy of Presbytery chaplains at the Medical Center. We look forward to your continued support.

Your Consortium representatives,  
Los Ranchos Presbytery:

*Rev. Sara McCurdy*

Pacific Presbytery: *Elder Shari Stump and*

*Rev. Travis Overbeck*

San Fernando Presbytery: *Rev. Rebecca*

*Prichard and Elder Merilie Robertson*

San Gabriel Presbytery: *Rev. Nancy Moore*

*and Elder Areta Crowell*

**\*from the Presbytery of the Pacific\***  
**St. Paul's Presbyterian Church** in Los Angeles seeks a minister to step into a transitional lead co-pastor position in a 50+ member, vibrant, and faith-filled congregation. [Find Job Description here.](#)

**Calvary Presbyterian Church** in South Pasadena seeks a Director for Children's and Youth Ministries. [Find Job Description here.](#)

**International Theological Seminary**, housed on the campus of Community Presbyterian Church of West Covina, seeks:

- 1/2 time [Chief Financial Officer \(CFO\)](#) to oversee fiscal operations, including possible move to outsource functions
- 1/2 time [Chief Operating Officer \(COO\)](#) to oversee day-to-day operations on the campus and dormitories

See job descriptions linked above and if interested, contact [Dave Tomlinson](#).

**Westminster Presbyterian Church** in Pasadena seeks a Facilities Manager. [Find Job Description here.](#)

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**2024 Presbytery Meeting Calendar**

**[Donate Online to Presbytery or to Churches in the Presbytery](#)**

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