

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY
Report to the San Gabriel Presbytery
Saturday, June 17, 2017

The Commission on Ministry met on Monday, May 1, 2017 and Monday, June 5, 2017 and brings the following recommendations to the Presbytery:

OMNIBUS MOTION:

1. To renew the Part Time Temporary Supply contract between TE Ken Tracy and St. Andrews, La Puente effective April 3, 2017 through April 2, 2018 at the following terms with a clause that says that early termination of the contract requires prior approval of COM:
 - 20 hours per week - ½ time
 - Housing \$26,217.50
 - Vacation: 1 month (2 weeks 2017 and 2 weeks 2016)
 - Study Leave: \$462.50

2. To renew the Temporary Supply contract between TE Jake Kim and Northminster, Diamond Bar effective May 1, 2017 - April 31, 2018 at the following terms of call:
 - Salary \$44,890
 - Housing 19,510
 - Medical 600
 - Bd of Pensions 24,149
 - Dental 1,162
 - Travel/Expense Reim. 2,485
 - Vacation - 4 weeks
 - Study Leave - 2 weeks
 - Moving Allowance (reimbursable) - \$1500 to move closer to Diamond Bar

3. To renew the Commission between CRE Bong Bringas and the San Marino Community Church for one year beginning February 1, 2017, 3/4 time at the following terms of call:
 - Salary \$ 51,404
 - Travel/Expense Reim. 2,434
 - Study 905
 - Long Term Disability 1,542
 - 403(b) 5,654 (increased to 11%)
 - Medical 9,045

- 4a.) To approve the call of TE John Moon to the Korean Good Shepherd Church, Rowland Hts. beginning July 1, 2017 with the following terms of call:
 - Salary \$30,000 Study Leave 925
 - Housing 33,000 Study Leave - 2 weeks
 - Bd of Pensions 22,995 Vacation - 4 weeks
 - Expense Reimb. 4,800

- 4b. That Presbytery approve the installation service for TE John Moon and the KGSPC to be held on Sunday, August 6, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. and to approve the following installation commission:
- RE Fried Wilson, Moderator
 - RE JangSe Lee (KGSPC)
 - TE Ann Oglesby-Edwards (PPC)
 - TE Wendy Tajima
 - TBD
 - Several Corresponding Members and Guest Participants
5. That Presbytery approve the extension of RE Francis Pijano's term on the Eagle Rock Session for a period of one year. This is a waiver of the 6-year service limit. (It is expected that during this year, the Presbytery will help the church to provide training to prepare new leaders to serve on the Session.)
6. That Presbytery approve the extension of RE Teresa Algarin term on the Rosemead (soon to be Puente de Esperanza) Session for a period of one year. This is a waiver of the 6-year term limit. (It is expected that during this year, the Presbytery will help the church to provide training to prepare new leaders to serve on the Session.)
7. To dismiss TE Erick Hoey to the Presbytery of Western Kentucky where he has been called to serve as the Pastor of the Presbyterian church of Henderson, KY.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

- 1a. That Presbytery approve the call of Pasadena Presbyterian Church to TE Walter Contreras to serve as Designated Associate Pastor for Spanish Language Ministries and to approve his terms of call as follows: [*This requires a 3/4 vote of Presbytery to install him without a PNC/full search process.*]
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| Salary/Housing | \$39,326.25 |
| Board of Pensions | 17,160 (or higher) |
| Travel/Expense Reimb | 2,425 |
| Study Leave | 915 |
| 4 weeks vacation | |
| 2 weeks study leave | |
- 1b. That TE Contreras be received into membership from the Evangelical Covenant Church with which the PC(U.S.A.) is in correspondence.
- 1c. That Presbytery approve the installation service for TE Walter Contreras and PPC to be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 23, 2017 and to approve the following installation commission:
- RE Fried Wilson, Moderator (PPC)
 - TE Roberto Colon, HR
 - TE Margarita Reyes, Rosemead/LaPuente
 - RE Janice Takeda, Hacienda Hts.

RE Zoila Garcia, Emmanuel, Claremont

RE Francis Pijano, Eagle Rock

Corresponding Members:

TE Jim Milley, San Fernando

TE Mark Hong, Los Ranchos

RE Vicky Lanier, San Fernando

Others:

RE Ann Oglesby-Edwards, PPC

RE Miguel Endara, PPC

RE Al Juarez, PPC

RE Gabriel Ochoa, PPC

RE Ruby Benitz, PPC

For Information:

1. All Temporary Supply contracts between churches and pastors shall include the clause: "early termination of the contract requires prior approval of the COM."
2. The COM approved the opening of a position for Associate Pastor for Ministry/Director of Ministries at Claremont Presbyterian Church.

Statement of Faith

by Walter Contreras

I believe that God is our Creator, Healer, Guide, and Parent. I believe that God works with me to make together this world a better place.

I believe that Jesus is the Son of *God*, the Word that became flesh, the Redeemer, Immanuel-God with us, our Savior, and our Teacher. Through Jesus we know *God*, because if we know *Jesus*, we know God the Father. I believe in *Jesus'* sacrifice for the world that brings redemption and reconciliation with God. I believe in the resurrected Jesus that allows us to see the power of transformation in our lives.

I believe in the Holy Spirit that brings guidance and vision to the church and that empowers us to do *God's* mission in this world. I also believe that the Holy Spirit brings healing to people and shows signs of *God's* presence among us.

I believe that the Bible contains the Word of God. The Holy Scriptures help us to understand *God's* redemptive story through the lives of diverse men and women presented in the Bible. I also believe that God continues to speak to our lives through all *God's* creation and through the testimonies of many witnesses living the reality of God in their lives.

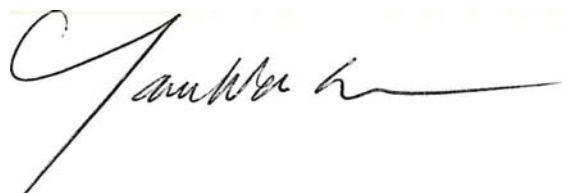
I believe that the worship experience connects us with God through prayer and reflection, through music and singing, through the spoken preaching of the Scripture, and through the fellowship of believers.

I believe Baptism and the Lord's Supper are sacraments that were given by Jesus to his people. They are means of grace given by God. Baptism brings a person into the church family, and reminds us of what Jesus did through his death and resurrection. We follow Holy Communion as a reminder that Jesus welcomes all at his table, to remember the blood and the broken body given for each one of *us*, and we know the presence of Jesus in our lives when we participate.

I believe the church is the visible and incarnated presence of the Body of Christ in the world. This church gathers as a family and worships *God*, but also gathers to serve and to become the hands, the feet, and the voice of God in the world.

I believe that sin has destroyed the true relationship between God and humans; and because of sin, evil entered into the world; through Christ and his redemptive action, God helps us to understand that through love we can overcome evil in all its forms. Love is *God's* way to fight evil.

I believe that God is calling us to connect with the Divine and grow in our journey through spiritual disciplines (fasting, praying, meditation, contemplation, silence, *mercy*,

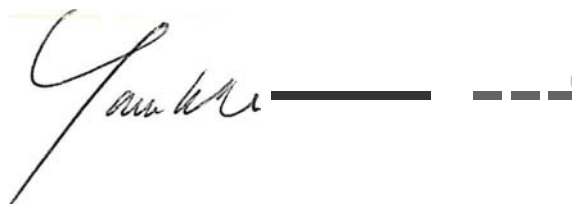
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Bio of Rev. Walter Contreras: Rev Contreras is a Pastor of the PPC Pasadena Presbyterian Church, Walter serves as a member of the Justice, Peacemaking and Mission Committee, and is a certify member of Presbyterian committee on the Self- Development of People (SDOP) of the Presbytery of San Gabriel.

Walter was the charter member and co-founder of the Hispanic congregation of The Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, California of the Reformed Church of America (RCA). He also served in the Methodist church as pastor and Director church planting and Justice ministries, He has served as an Associate Superintendent and Coordinator of Hispanic Ministries for the Evangelical Covenant Church, Director of Outreach and Hispanic Church Planting for the Pacific South West Conference a region of the Evangelical Covenant Church. He has planted churches for the ECC outside the PSWC conference: Salina Kansas, Indianapolis, Chicago and Minnesota. He also held the position of Director of Mobilization and Connection for the Department of World Mission of the ECC. He also has served as a consultant for Esperanza USA in California, Tucson and Tacoma. He is in an advocate, activist and organizer for CLUE-LA (Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice).. He has served as vice-president of NALEC (National Latino Evangelical Coalition) NALEC has a membership of more than 3.000 congregations and Institutions. Walter is the son of missionary parents that founded the 'Missionary Christian Movement' and indigenous church planting movement in Latin America and Europe. He grew up in the urban City of Buenos Aires among many orphan children that his parents adopted as part of one of the many ministries his father and mother started during the "Dirty War", a time when the military government in Argentina was accused for the disappearance of over 30.000 people. During the time of much turmoil in the late 70' Walter Contreras came to the USA to finish his education and became part of the Brooklyn Gospel Tabernacle in New York city; This church sent Walter Contreras as a Missionary to Paraguay in 1981 were he worked as a High School teacher in 'Asuncion Christian Academy', and also served an Indigenous church of Guarani Indians in the city of Asuncion Paraguay. After three years of serving as a missionary he returned to his home church in New York City. He served the Fred Jordan Mission as the Executive Director he became a strong advocate and activist for the homeless and the Hispanic population. During this time, he completed his graduate studies earning a Master of Divinity in Multicultural Studies 1997 from Fuller Theological Seminary.

During these 15 years he also worked with other organizations that served the Hispanic population of Southern California: TV co-host for HCCN (Hispanic Communication Network) a two-hour live TV program aired in Telemundo. His passion for community development and community transformation in ministries of compassion, mercy and Justice has always driven his heart.

Walter is also a member of the LACRL (Los Angeles Council of Religious Leaders)

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