

**PRESBYTERY OF SAN GABRIEL
STATED PRESBYTERY MEETING
June 17, 2017
San Marino Community Church, San Marino**

8:30 am *Registration and Hospitality*

DOCKET

9:00 am	Call to Order Welcome Stated Clerk's Report	Moderator RE Fried Wilson San Mario Community Church TE Diane Frasher
9:05 am	Administration and Finance	TE Dave Tomlinson
9:08 am	Representation and Nominations	TE Rob Crowell & RE Bong Bringas
9:10 am	Commission on Ministry	TE Cyndie Crowell
9:30 am	Vision and Strategy	TE Karen Sapio
9:40	Justice, Peacemaking, Mission	TE Matt Colwell
9:50 am	Worship	TE Jennifer Ackerman
10:15 pm	Adjourn	

Stated Clerk's Report for June 2017:

The Stated Clerk brings the Consent Agenda for vote (Items 1-9)

1. That enrollment of minister and elder commissioners be by enrollment list, excuses properly filed with the stated clerk be honored, and all honorably retired ministers and out of state ministers be excused unless enrolled as present.
2. That the minutes of the Stated Meeting of April 1, 2017 be approved.
3. That the proposed docket distributed in the packet be approved.
4. To receive the March 2017 Financial Report from the Administration and Finance Committee.
5. That all corresponding members voted upon and registered in writing with the stated clerk be seated.
6. Express the presbytery's thanks and appreciation to the staff and volunteers of San Marino Presbyterian Church, for their warm hospitality and assistance in hosting this meeting of the Presbytery and its outreach to ministries of the presbytery today.
7. To receive the report from the Commission on Preparation for Ministry
8. That Edgardo Cenedo be enrolled as an Inquirer. Edgardo is a member of Pasadena Presbyterian Church, Pasadena.
9. That Inquirer Stephen Finkel be transferred to the care of San Fernando Presbytery at their request. Stephen is attending Glendale Presbyterian Church and will transfer his membership to that church.

REPORT FOR THE RECORD:

1. Report of Communion served:
 - a. Communion was served at the Eucharistic Circle at Pilgrim Place on May 30, 2017 at 11:30 AM by the Rev. Charles Rassieur.

NECROLOGY:

1. The Rev. Robert Linthicum died and went home to be with the Lord on March 1, 2017.

INFORMATION:

1. Presbytery Meetings for the 2017 year are scheduled for:
 - a. September 16, 2017 – Saturday @ First Pres., Rosemead, now located in La Puente.
 - b. November 4, 2017 – Saturday @ Monte Vista Groves
2. A Review of Records was held on May 20, 2017 at Knox Presbyterian Church. The Minutes and Registers were reviewed for Knox Presbyterian Church in Pasadena; La Verne Heights Presbyterian Church; Grace Presbyterian Church of Los Angeles; First Taiwanese Presbyterian Church of Pasadena; Grace Presbyterian Church of Temple City; First Taiwanese Presbyterian Church of Covina; Westminster Presbyterian Church of Pasadena; Community Church of El Monte; Community Presbyterian Church of San Marino, and First Presbyterian Church of Altadena. Thank you to the leadership of Knox Presbyterian Church for being such welcoming hosts to this record review.
3. The **next Review of Records** will be held at **Northminster Presbyterian Church of Diamond Bar on September 23, 2017 at 10:00 AM**. If you have attended a review this year, please mark your calendars! This is the last planned Record Review of the year. We

are trying to hold it down to two reviews this year. The third one last year only had two (2) congregations in attendance.

4. Information for your reference:

a. **Presbytery Minimums for 2017:**

i. Full-Time Salary & Housing	\$	52,435
ii. Travel/Professional Expenses		2,485
iii. Study Leave		925

5. Just a reminder – If you make a motion on the floor that changes the printed handouts substantially or is a new motion, please write out your motion and turn it in to the stated clerk. It is always helpful to present action items in writing in advance.

MINUTES

Presbytery of San Gabriel
Stated Meeting April 1, 2017

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

The Presbytery of San Gabriel convened on Saturday, April 1, 2017 at 9:07 pm. at Divine Light Presbyterian Church of El Monte. A quorum was present as reflected in the roll. Moderator, Elder Fried Wilson opened the meeting with prayer; Teaching Elder Diane Frasher served as clerk. Elder Hyein Hahn welcomed the Presbytery.

Moderator, Elder Fried Wilson moderated the meeting.

ENGAGE IN GOD'S WORK

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

The Presbytery moved, seconded, to adopt the Consent Agenda (Items 1- 10).

1. That enrollment of minister and elder commissioners be by enrollment list, excuses properly filed with the stated clerk be honored, and all honorably retired ministers and out of state ministers be excused unless enrolled as present.
2. That the minutes of the Stated Meeting of January 21, 2017 be approved.
3. That the proposed docket distributed in the packet be approved.
4. To receive the January 2017 Financial Report from the Administration and Finance Committee.
5. That all corresponding members voted upon and registered in writing with the stated clerk be seated.
6. To Receive the 2015-2016 Annual Salary Review Report.
7. To Receive the 2016 GA Annual Presbytery Statistics Report.
8. To receive the April 1, 2017 CPM Report
9. That Rebecca Ellenberger be enrolled as an Inquirer. Rebecca is a member of Knox Presbyterian Church of Pasadena
10. Express the presbytery's thanks and appreciation to the staff and volunteers of Divine Light, Presbyterian Church, El Monte, for their warm hospitality and assistance in hosting this meeting of the Presbytery.

REPORT FOR THE RECORD:

1. Report of Communion served:
 - a. Communion was served as authorized at Westminster Gardens on February 5, 2017 by the Rev. Dick Hettish. He was assisted by ruling elders: Alita Matthews and Cliff and Betty Barker. Twenty-seven people were served that day.

INFORMATION:

1. Presbytery Meetings for the 2017 year are scheduled for:
 - a. June 17, 2017 – Saturday, a short business meeting, focus on relationships and ministry in the community @ San Marino
 - b. September 16, 2017 – Saturday @ First Pres., Rosemead
 - c. November 4, 2017 – Saturday @ Monte Vista Groves
2. Information for your reference:

a. Pension Dues for 2017: Pension dues will be at 36.5% for all Teaching Elders in 2017.

b. Presbytery Minimums for 2017:

i. Full-Time Salary & Housing	\$	52,435
ii. Travel/Professional Expenses		2,485
iii. Study Leave		925

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CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

TE Diane Frasher, member of Riverside Presbytery; TE Mark Hong, Synod Executive and Stated Clerk, member of Los Ranchos Presbytery; TE Ann Oglesby-Edward, member of Los Ranchos Presbytery; TE Thomas Chen, member of Pacific Presbytery; TE Jen Stickland, member of Homestead Presbytery, TE Elizabeth Gibbs-Zehnder, member of Pacific Presbytery and TE William Van Loan, member of Los Ranchos Presbytery were seated as corresponding members for this meeting.

WORSHIP – The presbytery entered into a time of worship led by TE Jennifer Ackerman

PRESBYTERY EXECUTIVE COMMISSION

CRE Bong Bringas reported for the commission

The San Gabriel Presbytery Executive Commission met on February 28, 2017, with a quorum present, and gives the following report.

DECISIONS MADE ON BEHALF OF THE PRESBYTERY

1. Approved the application to PILP for a mortgage of \$2.4 million, with fixed interest of 4.5% over 20 years, for the purchase of the Temple City Christian Church property. [Note: Purchase was approved by Presbytery in November 2016, to house the Grace Taiwanese and Mideast Evangelical churches, the offices of San Gabriel Presbytery, and an independent non-profit preschool. Income from the four entities using the space will provide for the monthly mortgage payments. \$1,000,000 from upcoming property sales by the Presbytery will reduce the indebtedness by that amount within a year. It is possible that the Presbytery will also apply for a “Restoring Creation” loan at 3.5% interest for repairs and upgrades such as solar panels, accessible bathrooms, etc.]
2. Approved rental of the smaller chapel at Korean Good Shepherd church during defined hours by Gospel Light Bible Church for \$1,800/month. The initial lease will be 1 year, starting March 1, 2017.
3. Approved received the Independent Accountants’ Review Report for 2015.
4. Elected Ben Furuta (RE; Calvary) to the Personnel Committee, Class of 2017, as its Moderator.
5. Received from First Presbyterian Church of Altadena the project report on its Congregational Transformation and Growth Grant, approved the request to extend the grant from 5 years to 6 years, and approved their request to disburse the final installment of funds of \$33,333 (\$16,666 from the Synod, \$16,667 from the Presbytery).

FOR INFORMATION

1. Received report from Administration and Finance Committee of the approval of the sale of two parcels of land by Arcadia Community Church. The A&F Committee was authorized to approve this sale by the Presbytery.

2. Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana de Rosemead's sale of their Rosemead property formally closed February 27, 2017. They are in escrow with the Del Haven Christian Church property in La Puente and are currently transitioning to that location.
3. The team appointed to work with Alhambra True Light as it discerns its relationship with the PC(USA) has begun working with the church. The members are TE Larry Ballenger, RE Pat Martinez-Miller, TE Jeff O'Grady, and TE Mariko Yanagihara.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PRESBYTERY APPROVAL

CRE Bon Bringas invited TE Dave Tomlinson to give the following portion of the report.

1. It was M/S/V to market the property of the former South Hills Presbyterian Church through Berkshire Hathaway (Lynette Sohl) for the highest offer possible, with an asking price of \$3,100,000. Further, that 1/3 of the sale proceeds be set aside for creative multi-cultural ministry utilizing the cultural gifts of the Black church that would honor the vision and ministry of the former South Hills congregation.
2. It was M/S/V to market the property at 5116 Irwindale, Irwindale, through Berkshire Hathaway (Lynette Sohl), with an asking price of \$988,000. [NOTE: while Mideast Evangelical Church has been using this property for parts of its ministry; the sale proceeds will be used towards the purchase price of the new Presbytery Center in Temple City, which will house MEC and all its programs.] TE reported that this property housed the first Hispanic Presbyterian Church in the Presbytery of San Gabriel.
3. It was M/S/V to approve the sale of cell tower wireless-leases by Village Presbyterian Church, Arcadia, to AT&T for \$400,000 to be paid in equal installments (\$40,000) over ten years. [NOTE: any increases in the wireless leases in that period would be shared equally by AT&T and the Village church. The church now receives \$27,750 per year from the current lease.]

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

TE Dave Tomlinson reported for the committee.

TE Dave Tomlinson reported that First Presbyterian Church, Rosemead will be searching for a new name as they move into their new facility in La Puente; they will be hosting the September Presbytery meeting in their new location.

TE Tomlinson showed pictures of the property on Garibaldi Avenue in Temple City which will house Grace Taiwanese Presbyterian Church, Mideast Evangelical Presbyterian Church and the Presbytery Offices. This property is also home to a thriving pre-school, Play Factory.

The building at 630 N. Dalton Avenue, Azusa, the former home of the Presbytery of San Gabriel, will be offered for lease at rate of \$5,000 per month.

GA AMENDMENTS – Presented by the Education Committee

TE Jennifer Ackerman reported for the committee.

TE Jennifer Ackerman walked the presbytery through proposed amendments, 16-A, 16-B, 16-E, and 16-F. After an opportunity for questions and discussion, it was M/S/V to approve amendments 16-A, 16-B, E-16 and 16-F.

TE Ackerman explained proposed amendment 16-C. After an opportunity for questions and discussion, it was M/S/V to approve amendment 16C.

TE Ackerman explained proposed amendment 16-D. The Presbytery addressed amendments 16-D.1 and 16-D.2 separately. After an opportunity for questions and discussion, it was M/S/V to approve amendment 16-D.1. After an opportunity for questions and discussion, it was M/S/V to approve amendment 16-D.2.

TE Ackerman explained proposed amendments 16-G and 16-H and that if amendment 16-H is passed, the language in 16-G is automatically included. The presbytery addressed amendments 16-G and 16-H separately. After an opportunity for questions and discussion, it was M/S/V to approve amendments 16-G. After an opportunity for questions and discussion, it was M/S/V to approve amendment 16-H

PRESBYTERY OFFERING

The offering at today's meeting will go to the benefit of the upcoming Youth Trip to Peru. Mission Advocate, Wendy Gist spoke about the upcoming Youth Trip to Peru; the last trip was in 2012. The group going to Peru is made up of 9 youth, 2 young adults 3 adults. This will be a Cross-Presbytery trip including youth from Riverside Presbytery. There is a group fund raising effort with a goal of each participant raising \$1,100. Two of the participants of the trip, Mario Balonos and his daughter Lily spoke about their excitement and hopes for the trip. Part of the efforts of the youth will include Vacation Bible School and work at an orphanage.

Mr. Sang Lee and Ms. Yoon, members of Divine Light Presbyterian Church, provided special music during the offering.

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

TE Cyndie Crowell reported for the commission. The Commission on Ministry met on Monday, February 6 and Monday, March 5 and brings the following recommendations to the Presbytery --

It was Moved, Seconded and Voted to approve the omnibus motion as follows:

OMNIBUS MOTION:

1. To dismiss TE Mark Smutny to the Seattle Presbytery upon his receipt by that Presbytery. Rev. Smutny will be serving as the Interim Pastor of the Redmond Presbyterian Church, Redmond, WA.
- 2a. To dismiss TE James Baird to the Presbytery of Santa Barbara upon receipt by that Presbytery and
b. to concur with the congregation of San Marino Community Church to dissolve the Associate Pastor relationship with TE Baird effective January 31, 2017.
3. To dismiss TE Rocky Supinger to the Presbytery of Chicago where he has already been received.
4. To renew TE Erick Dailey's contract with the Occidental Presbyterian Church, Eagle Rock at the current terms of call and responsibilities.

The Commission on Ministry recommends that the Presbytery:

- 1a. It was M/S/V to receive TE Ann Oglesby-Edwards into membership effective upon her dismissal from the Los Ranchos Presbytery and
- 1b. To approve her terms as Interim Pastor beginning March 1, 2017 as follows:

Salary	\$40,000
Housing	\$40,000
Board of Pensions	\$29,200
Travel/Expense Reimbursement	\$5,000 (at least \$925 for study leave)
Four weeks vacation annually	
Two weeks study leave annually	
- 2a. It was M/S/V to receive TE Thomas Chen into membership from Pacific Presbytery and
- 2b. To approve his terms as Part-Time (approx. 25 hours per week) Temporary Supply Pastor at Grace Taiwanese Presbyterian Church, Temple City for a term of 12 months effective April 1 as follows:

Salary and housing	\$26,000
Travel/expense Reimbursement	\$1,225
Study Leave	\$460
Board of Pensions (traditional plan for pastor and family)	
Four weeks vacation annually	
Two weeks study leave annually	
3. It was M/S/V to receive TE Jen Strickland into membership from the Homestead Presbytery. Jen is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary and is serving a co-pastorate with her husband at the Claremont United Church of Christ.
4. It was M/S/V to receive Honorably Retired TE William Van Loan into membership upon his dismissal from the Los Ranchos Presbytery.

All those new members were invited forward for prayer with and by the Rev. Cynthia Crowell.

INFORMATION ONLY:

1. TE Lauren Evans has been hired to be the Presbytery's Chaplain for Retired Church Workers. Lauren is a member of the San Gabriel Presbytery and works part time at the LaVerne Hts. Presbyterian Church. She began her service as Chaplain for Retired Church Workers on March 1.
2. COM approved the Ministry Information form for Korean Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, Rowland Hts.
3. COM granted permission for Pasadena Presbyterian Church to begin the search for an installed pastor for the Korean ministry.

Presbytery took a 10 minute break and returned with Becca Bateman, Vice Moderator, moderating for the rest of the meeting.

CHAPLAIN FOR RETIRED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WORKERS

TE Lauren Evans started with a reading from scripture and spoke about her position as Chaplain for Retired Presbyterian Church Workers and her hopes and goals for her new ministry as friend and companion on the journey for the presbytery's retired members as they investigate their calls and interests at this time in their lives.

VISION AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE

TE Jonathan Hughes Reported for the committee.

Rev. Hughes asked the presbytery to keep our New Worshipping Communities in prayer.

The committee has been working to set benchmarks for those worshipping communities who have received the initial seed grant to move to the next step in the grant process. He invited the presbytery to let the committee know if they have any ideas or desire to form a new worshipping community.

REPRESENTATION AND NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

TE Rob Crowell reported for the committee.

After an opportunity for nominations from the floor, it was moved, seconded and voted to elect the following:

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

Class of 2019

Bong Bringas (CRE), Community, San Marino

Delores Kelley (RE), Claremont, Claremont

PERSONNEL

Class of 2017

Ben Furuta (RE), Calvary, South Pasadena – Moderator

EDUCATION

Jennifer Ackerman, Chair

JUSTICE, PEACEMAKING AND MISSION

Class of 2019

Jennifer Strickland (TE) at large

SELF DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE

Class of 2019

Angelica Michail (RE), Shepherd of the Valley, Hacienda Heights. Angelica joins three other members from San Gabriel Presbytery, Wendy Gist, TE Young Lee Hertig and CRE Walter Contreras as well as three members from San Fernando Presbytery.

JUSTICE, PEACEMAKING AND MISSION

Wendy Gist introduced TE Elizabeth Gibbs Zehnder, chaplain at LA County USC Hospital. Rev. Gibbs Zehnder said that, as a trauma center, a very broad spectrum of the community uses the

services at the hospital. She said that when push comes to shove, even those people who profess no faith, are open to seeking the Divine. She spoke about the ways that the presbytery can serve.

RE Carolyn Harris spoke on a Synod event to take place on April 22nd, 8:30AM – 1:00PM, at Grace Presbyterian Church, Long Beach – *No Way to Treat a Child: Where's the Hope for the Palestinian Family?* Topics will include incarceration and health and nutrition as well as other topics

Wendy Gist introduce the new Director of La Casa de San Gabriel, Lisa Gutierrez-Correa. Lisa has been the new director for only a month and said that most of the families who visit La Casa are living at or below the poverty level. She invited members of the presbytery to visit La Casa to see the facility and what they are doing to serve the community.

Wendy Tajima offered prayer for La Casa and Lisa, for TE Lauren Evans, for TE Elizabeth Gibbs Zehnder, and for our Presbytery.

Wendy Gist thanked those churches who take part in the One Great Hour of Sharing offering and encouraged others to participate as well. She explained that portions of the offering go to Self-Development of People, to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and to the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

Wendy Gist explained that the June 17th Presbytery meeting will be a service-oriented Presbytery meeting. The business portion of the meeting will be very short and then those attending will be sent out to sites to do service. Presbytery members were invited to let committee member know about possible service site especially those churches in our presbytery who are in need of service. Those churches with needs were invited to sign up with Young Lee Hertig, Carolyn Harris or Wendy Gist during lunch. The presbytery's middle school mission will take place at the same time and they will be working alongside us.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am with prayer by TE Becca Bateman.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Frasher, Stated Clerk

**TEACHING ELDER PRESBYTERY ROLL
DATE APRIL 1, 2017**

APPENDIX A

E ABHARI, MEHDI
 ✓ ACKERMAN, JENNIFER
 E ANDERSON, BARBARA
 E ANDERSON, BARBARA P
 ✓ AZADA, MARY ELLEN
 ✓ BATEMAN, BECCA
 E BEANLAND, GAYLE
 E BENZEL, CLIFF
 E BERNS, DONALD
 ✓ BERNS, KAREN
 E BIBAWI-SOLIMAN, VEN.
 E BOLES, LARRY
 @ BOLES, PAUL
 @ BRIGHT, ZACHARY
 E BROWN, RAYMOND K.
 @ BUCHANAN, MARK
 @ BURNETT, JOHEE
 E CALHOUN, BRAD
 ✓ CAMPBELL, MARTHA
 ✓ CAMPBELL, TWINING
 ✓ CARLSON, CATHARINE GRIER
 ✓ CARLSON, MARK
 E CASTELLANO, PAT
 ✓ CASTLES, CHARLES
 @ CHAI, DAVID
 E CHATFIELD, DONALD F.
 E CHEN, SHUI-TENG
 E COATES, JESSIE
 E COLLINS, STERRETT
 @ COLON, ROBERTO
 @ COLWELL, MATTHEW
 @ CONNER, JIM
 ✓ COOK, JANICE
 @ CORMODE, SCOTT
 E CORTES FUENTES, D.
 ✓ CROWELL, CYNTHIA
 ✓ CROWELL, ROBERT
 @ DAILEY, ERIK
 @ DAILEY, MILLASON
 @ D'ELIA, JOHN
 ✓ DAVIDSON, JACK
 @ DAVIS, STEVE
 E DAWSON, MICHAEL
 E DE MELO, JAIRTON
 E DEMAREST, GARY
 @ DONNER, ADAM
 E DUGGAN THOMAS
 ✓ DUONG, JOHN
 @ DYRNESS, BILL
 @ EDWARDS, DOUG
 @ ELGAWLY, RAAFAT
 E ERICKSON, TOM
 E EURICH-RASCOE, SOPHIE
 ✓ EVANS, LAUREN
 @ FOWLER, MARSHA

E GARCIA, OSVALDO
 @ GIRGIS, MAGDY
 @ GITHUMBI, STEVEN
 E GLENN, CASPER
 E GOODERICH, CHARLES
 E GRANT, KEN
 E GRIFFICE, JASON
 E HAGNER, DON
 E HAMBURGER, RALPH
 E HAWTHORNE, DON
 E HENDRICKS, DEAN
 ✓ HERTIG, YOUNG LEE
 E HETTISH, RICHARD
 E HILL, TOM
 E HOEY, ERIC
 @ HSIEH, FRANK
 @ HUANG, BOB
 E HUANG, DAVID
 ✓ HUGHES, JONATHAN
 E JACOBY, ROBERT
 E JARVIS, ANDREW
 E JOHNSON, HARRIET
 E JOHNSON, ROBERT
 @ KAMEL, HISHAM
 E KANG, JOSEPH
 @ KIM, CHARLES
 ✓ KIM, JAKE
 ✓ KIM, SAMUEL
 E KIM, SANGWHA
 E KIM, SUENG-NAM
 @ KIM, YOHAN
 E KING, PAMELA
 @ KINSLER, ROSS
 ✓ KISER, KAREN
 E KLIEWER, MARK
 ✓ KWON, PAUL
 E LAI, PETER
 @ LAI, PING TUNG
 ✓ LAMB, LISA
 E LEE, DAVID
 ✓ LEE, DONGWOO
 @ LEE, JAMES SEUNG
 E LIM, JUNG
 @ LIN, DAVY
 E LITTLE, BRYCE
 @ LORENZ, AL
 @ LUTZ, DAVID
 E LUTZ, STEPHEN
 E LY, KEN
 E MACK, BURTON
 E MADDOX, DON
 E MADRIGAL, LUIS
 @ MAKAR, MAHER
 E MANNING, MARILYN
 E MCCURRY, DON

E MCDANIEL, REX
 @ MCHUGH, ADAM
 E MESSINGER, THOMAS
 E METCALF, STEVE
 E MEZA, JOSEPH
 E MILLS, ANN
 @ MOLDEN, RICHARD
 E MOLLER, GARTH
 E MOON, CYRIS
 @ MOON, JOHN
 E MOORE, NANCY
 @ MORA, HUGO
 E MORGAN, DALE
 E MUSCH, RON
 E NAJARIAN, JOHN
 @ NELSON, TARRY
 E NEWSTEAD, JANE
 @ O'GRADY, JEFF
 E OLIVER, JIM
 E OSIRIPAIBUL, THANIT
 E OVERHOLSER, DENISE
 @ PAK, DAVID
 E PARK, HEIDI
 @ PARKER, GREG
 @ PEACE, DWIGHT
 ✓ PENG, JAMES
 E POPE, GEORGE
 E POTTER, RALPH
 E RAMOS, SANTOS
 ✓ RAMIREZ, ROBERTO
 @ RANDALL, VIKKI
 @ RASMUSSEN, SARAH
 @ REYES, MARGARITA
 E RIDE, BEAR
 E ROBINSON, JAMES
 E RODRIGUEZ, TONY
 E RUPPART, RANDALL
 ✓ RYU, JUN
 @ SANDERS, JAMES
 E SANTANA-GRACE E.
 @ SAPIO, KAREN
 E SHANNON, FOSTER
 E SHERVINGTON, ROGER
 E SHUSTER, MARG
 E SIEMON, JEFFREY
 E SIMMEN, LOUIS
 E SOGA, KEIJI
 E SPAHN, DAVE
 E STACKHOUSE, WIL.
 E STOCK, JOAN
 E STOECKLY, EUGENE
 E STOUT, BARBARA
 @ SU, SEN YUAN
 E SYMONS, JAMES
 ✓ TAJIMA, WENDY

✓ TAN-GATUE, PETER
 E TAYLOR, TOM
 ✓ TOMLINSON, DAVE
 E TRACY, KEN
 E VAN NESS, WILLIAM
 @ WANG, CHUNG-HSIN
 @ WASHBURN, BRAD
 @ WATTS-AFYRIE, N.
 E WENDEL, ROBERT
 E WENTZ, TOM
 E WILLIAMS, HEATHER
 ✓ WILLIAMS, PATRICIA
 E WONG, HOOVER
 E WOO, DAVID
 E WOO, FRANKLIN
 E WOODBERRY, DUDLEY
 @ WUERTZ, KRISTA
 @ YAMAGUCHI, STEVE
 ✓ YANAGIHARA, MARIKO
 E YEE, ED
 @ YEY, KAOFANG
 ✓ DE ROSAS, ANGEL

✓ =PRESENT
 E =EXCUSED
 @ =ABSENT
 35 RULING ELDERS
 32 TEACHING ELDERS

APPENDIX B
ELDER COMMISSIONERS
April 1, 2017

(#)= COMMISSIONERS ALLOWED

ALHAMBRA TRUE LIGHT(3)

JOHN PETTEYS
DENNIS HEMANS
KATHERINE KITTY CHIM

ALTADENA FIRST (3)

ABSENT: 3

ARCADIA, ARABIC (3)

ABSENT: 3

ARCADIA PRESBYTERIAN (3)

ABSENT: 3

ARCADIA CAPSTONE (3)

ABSENT: 3

ARCADIA VILLAGE (3)

TONY CASTRO
KATHARAN BARROWS
ELIZABETH SHEPARD

AZUSA FILIPINO (3)

ABSENT: 3

BALDWIN PARK (3)

ABSENT: 3

CLAREMONT, CLRMT. (5)

ABSENT: 5

CLAREMONT EM HISP. (3)

ABSENT: 3

COVINA, FAITH GRACE (3)

ABSENT: 3

COVINA FIRST THAI (3)

BETSY MUENYONG
SIRI OSIRIPAIBUL
ABSENT: 1

DIAMOND BAR NORTHM. (3)

PHIL WILLIAMS
DON SAMUELS
ABSENT: 1

EL MONTE COMMUNITY (3)

STEPHENE MOSELEY
BENNETT LEE
ABSENT: 1

EL MONTE, DIVINE LT. (3)

KUANG KIM
BO SUH
BYUNG YOON

HAC. HGTS. SOTV (3)

FREYA SCHMUS
JANICE TEKEDA
SUE LI

LA PUENTE, ST ANDREWS (3)

ABSENT: 3

LA VERNE HTS (3)

PARICIA GUILD
ABSENT: 2

L.A. EAGLE ROCK (3)

CAROLYN HARRIS
ABSENT: 2

L.A. GLENDALE KOREN (3)

YONGSHIN KIM
ABSENT: 2

L.A. GRACE (3)

ABSENT: 3

**L.A. IGLESIA DE LA
COMUNIDAD (3)**

ADRIANA RECART
ABSENT: 2

L.A. OCCIDENTAL (3)

ABSENT: 3

MONT. PK. TAIWANESE (3)

ABSENT: 3

PAS. FIRST TAIWANESE (3)

ABSENT: 3

PASADENA KNOX (3)

ABSENT: 3

PASADENA NEW HOPE (3)

ABSENT: 3

PASADENA. PRES. (7)

LAURA MONTEROS
AL JUAREZ
ABSENT: 5

PASADENA TRINITY (3)

ABSENT: 3

PAS. WESTMINSTER (3)

DEBORAH OWENS
ABSENT: 1

POMONA FIRST (3)

ABSENT: 3

ROSEMEAD FIRST (3)

ABSENT: 3

ROWLAND HTS. KOREAN (5)

ABSENT: 5

SAN MARINO COM. (7)

JOHN MORRIS
TOM MILLAR
SCOTT HODGKINS
BILL WELLS
ABSENT: 3

SO. PAS. CALVARY (3)

ABSENT: 3

SO. PAS. MIDEAST EVANG. (3)

ABSENT: 3

TEMPLE CITY, GRACE (3)

JUDY CHANG
ANNIE LIM
ABSENT: 1

APPENDIX B
ELDER COMMISSIONERS
April 1, 2017
(#)= COMMISSIONERS ALLOWED

TEMPLE CITY WESTMIN (3)

LAURA JEAN SLYKHUIS

EXCUSED: 1

ABSENT: 1

WEST COVINA COM. (3)

ABSENT: 3

COUNCIL ELDERS (4)

ARNOLFO BRINGAS

FRIED WILSON

ABSENT: 2

COMMISSIONED RULING

ELDER (2)

ABSENT: 2

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EDUCATOR

HAZEL HARKEN

Presbytery of San Gabriel
Preliminary Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison-Summary

	Mar 31, 17	Dec 31, 16	\$ Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
1000 · Petty Cash	300.00	300.00	0.00
1024 · American West Checking	33,558.37	85,158.62	-51,600.25
1026 · American West Savings Account	1,000.56	1,000.43	0.13
1027 · American West Money Market	4,992.29	4,991.06	1.23
1030 · Banner Bank - Azusa Ckg.	19,488.15	16,874.55	2,613.60
1100 · New Covenant Funds	398,227.19	398,227.19	0.00
1180 · AIG Financial Advis.#7J4-030864	1,513,066.16	1,635,222.80	-122,156.64
1183 · TD Amer - Cash/MM - El Monte	11,509.05	11,509.05	0.00
1184 · TD Amer - Cash/MM - LA Grace	30,829.00	30,829.00	0.00
1196 · Unreal Appr/Depr - El Monte	-35,172.36	-35,172.36	0.00
1197 · Unreal Appr/Depr - LA Grace	-49,666.92	-49,666.92	0.00
Total Checking/Savings	1,928,131.49	2,099,273.42	-171,141.93
Other Current Assets			
1210 · Accounts Receivable	3,991.93	3,991.93	0.00
1300 · Prepaid Expenses	24,260.40	24,260.40	0.00
1350 · Prepaid Mission	4,871.37	4,871.37	0.00
1880 · LA Grace Note Receivable	287,625.00	289,875.00	-2,250.00
Total Other Current Assets	320,748.70	322,998.70	-2,250.00
Total Current Assets	2,248,880.19	2,422,272.12	-173,391.93
Fixed Assets			
1500 · Long Term Assets	491,036.35	488,941.35	2,095.00
Total Fixed Assets	491,036.35	488,941.35	2,095.00
TOTAL ASSETS	2,739,916.54	2,911,213.47	-171,296.93
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Other Current Liabilities			
2020 · Federal Withholding Payable	578.62	0.00	578.62
2022 · State Withholding Payable	-578.62	0.00	-578.62
2050 · In/Out Account	3,400.00	0.00	3,400.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	3,400.00	0.00	3,400.00
Total Current Liabilities	3,400.00	0.00	3,400.00
Total Liabilities	3,400.00	0.00	3,400.00
Equity			
3200 · Restricted Reserves	379,365.26	381,550.26	-2,185.00
3300 · Mission Development Funds	497,813.35	566,013.35	-68,200.00
3400 · Designated Reserves	29,320.85	30,107.39	-786.54
3450 · Congregation Vitalization Funds	114,022.38	114,022.38	0.00
3458 · Congregation Transf & Revital	249,484.22	253,504.94	-4,020.72
3500 · Unrestricted Fund Balances	-107,417.57	-107,417.57	0.00
3605 · Held for Grace Presbyterian Chu	424,195.14	446,084.36	-21,889.22
3900 · Retained Earnings	1,227,348.36	1,333,763.48	-106,415.12

Presbytery of San Gabriel
Preliminary Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison-Summary

	Mar 31, 17	Dec 31, 16	\$ Change
Net Income	-77,615.45	-106,415.12	28,799.67
Total Equity	2,736,516.54	2,911,213.47	-174,696.93
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	2,739,916.54	2,911,213.47	-171,296.93

Presbytery of San Gabriel
Preliminary Rev & Exp Budget vs Actual - Summary
 January through March 2017

	Jan - Mar 17	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
4000 · General Mission	34,316.16	111,382.98	-77,066.82
4333 · Living Waters Income	1,370.00		
4350 · Shared Grants	1,112.00	1,625.01	-513.01
4400 · Extra Commitment Giving	973.34		
4501 · Azusa Income	4,125.92		
4502 · South Hills Pomona Income	8,686.11		
4600 · Investment Income	0.00	1,625.01	-1,625.01
4610 · Interest	1.36		
4700 · Transfers from Restricted Funds	74,405.72	26,595.72	47,810.00
4800 · Special Offerings	7,541.45		
4900 · Other Income	2,882.32	3,325.02	-442.70
Total Income	135,414.38	144,553.74	-9,139.36
Gross Profit	135,414.38	144,553.74	-9,139.36
Expense			
5000 · Synod & GA Mission Remittance	12,624.96	12,625.02	-0.06
5040 · Special Offerings Remittance	7,403.04		
5200 · Per Capita Expense	16,624.98	16,625.01	-0.03
5400 · Extra Commitment Giving	973.34		
5800 · Education	420.25	375.00	45.25
6000 · Committee on Ministry	29.72	2,375.04	-2,345.32
6100 · Mission	72,374.08	12,825.00	59,549.08
6200 · Personnel	69,597.27	81,264.99	-11,667.72
6300 · Preparation for Ministry	325.00	1,050.03	-725.03
6400 · Church Development	9,486.39	750.00	8,736.39
6500 · Administration & Finance	19,263.48	15,326.28	3,937.20
6600 · Worship	0.00	37.50	-37.50
6700 · Other Expenses	215.91	1,300.02	-1,084.11
7000 · Closed Church Expenses	3,691.41		
Total Expense	213,029.83	144,553.89	68,475.94
Net Ordinary Income	-77,615.45	-0.15	-77,615.30
Net Income	-77,615.45	-0.15	-77,615.30

**Presbytery of San Gabriel
2017 Shared Mission Giving Pledges/Payments Received**

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	Total Paid	TOTAL PLEDGE	Paid 2016	Pledged 2016
Alhambra 11618							0.00		15,000.00	
Altadena 00537*				3,414.48	1,890.00		5,304.48	13,940.00	13,657.92	
Arcadia 00488							0.00		0.00	
Arcadia Arabic 11544							0.00		0.00	
Arcadia Capstone 12251							0.00	2,516.00	5,542.32	
Arcadia Village 00564							0.00		2,441.26	2,441.26
Azusa Filipino 10700							0.00		7,435.00	
Baldwin Park 01105		210.00			150.00		360.00		216.00	
Claremont Emmanuel 10772					1,565.00		1,565.00		3,129.64	
Claremont Presbyterian 00553		6,896.00		6,896.00	3,589.26		17,381.26		42,861.60	42,861.60
Covina Faith Grace 11834							0.00		1,000.00	
Covina First Thai 10643		612.00	612.00	612.00	612.00		2,448.00	6,732.00	6,202.12	6,202.12
Diamond Bar Northminster 06535							0.00		12,566.72	18,850.00
El Monte Community 00507							0.00		1,187.64	
El Monte Divine 10901							0.00		2,000.00	
Hacienda Heights 09747		1,083.33	1,083.33	1,083.33	1,083.33		4,333.32		12,999.96	13,000.00
LA Eagle Rock 00544							0.00		0.00	
LA Glendale Korean	1,428.00						1,428.00		0.00	
LA Grace 00550		2,108.00					2,108.00	2,108.00	2,362.00	
LA Iglesia de la Comunidad 11942							0.00		8,351.00	
LA Occidental 09615							0.00		0.00	
La Puente St Andrews 06648							0.00	1,224.00	7,008.00	1,715.48
La Verne Heights 05842		2,000.00		2,000.00	2,000.00		6,000.00		13,724.07	13,723.84
Monterey Park 10743*							0.00		2,000.00	
Pasadena First Taiw 10764		3,600.00					3,600.00		0.00	
Pasadena Knox 06708							0.00		9,039.26	9,039.26
Pasadena New Hope 12152*							0.00		5,000.00	
Pasadena Presbyterian 00583		3,917.08	3,917.08	3,917.08	3,138.75	3,138.75	18,028.74		47,004.96	
Pasadena Trinity 06710		500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	2,500.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Pasadena Westminster 00586			1,500.00				1,500.00		1,500.00	
Pomona First 00588							0.00		1,000.00	1,000.00
Pomona South Hills 06728							0.00		1,847.44	

Presbytery of San Gabriel
2017 Shared Mission Giving Pledges/Payments Received

							TOTAL PLEDGE	Paid 2016	Pledged 2016	
Rosemead First 00600	2,516.00					2,516.00	2,516.00	0.00		
Rowland Hts Korean 10682						0.00		0.00		
S Pasadena Calvary 00611*	916.67	916.67	916.67	916.67	916.67	4,583.35		11,000.04		
S. Pasadena Mideast Evan 11535						0.00		2,500.00		
San Marino 00603				8,000.00		8,000.00	35,000.00	43,000.00	35,000.00	
Temple City Grace 11502						0.00		4,080.00		
Temple City Westminster 06834				1,413.02		1,413.02	5,572.00	10,387.73	10,000.00	
W Covina Community 00619			478.00			478.00		2,669.50		
At Large Members						0.00				
Transfer from Cong. Vitalization Grants						0.00				
T	1,428.00	24,359.08	8,529.08	19,817.56	24,858.03	4,555.42	83,547.17	75,608.00	304,714.18	159,833.56

**Presbytery of San Gabriel
Commission on Preparation for Ministry**

June 17, 2017

The Commission on Preparation for Ministry met on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at Community, San Marino; a quorum was present.

For Information:

- Candidate **Steve Wiebe**, a member of Knox Presbyterian Church, Pasadena, was certified ready to receive a call and circulate his PIF.

- The commission received a written Annual Consultation report from Certified Ready Candidate, **Katherine Archibald-Woodward** and recommends continuation in the process. Reports to the individual and sponsoring session have been provided as appropriate. Katherine is currently living in Atlanta, Georgia and is a member of La Verne Heights Presbyterian Church.

- Inquirer Elizabeth Leu was transferred to Pacific Presbytery at their request

Presbytery of San Gabriel
Report of the Presbytery Executive Commission
June 17, 2017

The San Gabriel Presbytery Executive Commission met on May 9, 2017, with a quorum present, and gives the following report.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PRESBYTERY APPROVAL

1. Upon recommendation of the Vision and Strategy Team, the Executive Commission voted to recommend that Presbytery provide a grant of \$7,908 to be distributed for June-August 2017 to Church Glorious through the Vision and Strategy Team. The grant would allow financial support for organizing pastor Rev. Kerry Allison for three months, as well as financial support for Sound/Music and Events, Social Media and an assistant. Funds will come from an account designated for Church Growth and Renewal. This item will be presented as part of the Vision and Strategy report to the Presbytery on June 17, 2017.
2. The Executive Commission voted to nominate Rev. Angel de Rosas to the Committee on Representation and Nominations, Class of 2019. This item will be presented as part of the Committee on Representation and Nominations report to the Presbytery on June 17, 2017.

DECISIONS MADE ON BEHALF OF THE PRESBYTERY

3. Glendale Korean Presbyterian Church currently has a three-person Administrative Commission, but one person, Rev. David Chai, resigned as he has moved back to Colorado. On behalf of the Presbytery, the Executive Commission voted to add Rev. Dongwoo Lee to the AC. In addition, the Executive Commission voted to authorize COM Moderator Cyndie Crowell to appoint two more members for the Administrative Commission and to report those names to the June Presbytery Meeting. The two ruling elders of the church, and the pastor, were added to the commission:

TE Ohgueon "Paul" Kwon - Co-Moderator *

TE Dongwoo Lee - Co-Moderator *

TE Bryce Little

RE YoonHwan Chung (Glendale Korean) *

RE John Kim (PPC)

RE YoungShin Kim (Glendale Korean) *

New members who were appointed by the Executive Commission are marked with *.

FOR INFORMATION

4. Contribution Statements – For individuals contributing funds to the Presbytery through offerings or other monetary donations, a contribution statement has been prepared and will be made available on an honor system at the clerk's table at presbytery meetings, or through the Presbytery office for donations between meetings.
5. The property on Dalton Street in Azusa has been prepared for lease. There was a question from a potential lessee that the second floor be subleased. It was approved that subleasing of the second floor be allowed as long as the primary lessee remain responsible for the full amount of the lease.
6. The property in Pomona for the former South Hills church is on the market, but has been subject to vandalism. A former member of the church, Don Sevesind, has been visiting and making repairs to the property as needed. The Trustees of the Presbytery has compensated him for this. When the property is sold, one third of the proceeds will go to a new church development that continues the legacy of South Hills, and \$1,000,000 will be used to pay down the loan on the Temple City property.

7. First Presbyterian Church Rosemead has moved to their new building in La Puente. They are vetting a new name, Puente de Esperanza (Bridge of Hope).
8. The Irwindale property is in escrow and should close some time in June. A gift of at least \$50,000 will be given to Mideast Evangelical Church to offset some of the funds they invested in the Irwindale property. \$600,000 will go back into the Presbytery's reserves, to replenish what was used for the down payment on Temple City.
9. The Temple City property at 9723 Garibaldi Avenue has closed escrow and is now owned by the Presbytery, thanks to PILP staff in approving and funding the loan in a very short period of time. The presbytery office has moved into the property, thanks to the heroic efforts of Twila French and the rest of the staff.
10. The Executive Commission discussed plans for the June 17th Work Day. The offering that day will go to the Tapestry Youth Collective, who will join the Presbytery for the Work Day.

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.

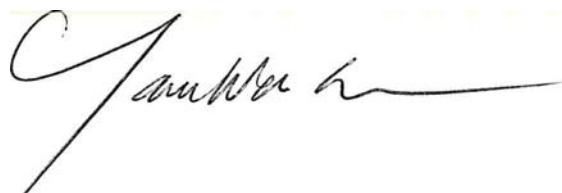
I believe that the worship experience connects us with God through prayer and reflection, through music and singing, through the spoken preaching of the Scripture, and through the fellowship of believers.

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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