

Our January Presbytery Offering will go to: Rebuilding Christ's Church in Joquicingo, Mexico

We begin 2018 thankful for God's many blessings, but painfully aware of the numerous natural disasters that occurred in 2017. On September 19, 2017, there was a 7.1 magnitude earthquake in central Mexico. Though it killed 370 people and injured over 6,000, the earthquake did not get much attention as it occurred in the midst of last year's terrible hurricane season.

The earthquake destroyed the building of the Presbyterian church in Joquicingo in the state of Mexico, close to the quake's epicenter and southwest of Mexico City. The pastor, Pablo Jimenez, is a friend of Pastor Margarita Reyes' brothers—and his father was Margarita's childhood pastor!



The church has many willing workers who have begun rebuilding the church, but they could use financial help for materials.

Please give generously so that our sisters and brothers may worship our Lord in a safe and whole church building. Please bring checks made out to Presbytery of San Gabriel, and Margarita will share a bit about her roots in Mexico.

Thanks in advance! And see you on the 20th!



**PRESBYTERY OF SAN GABRIEL
STATED PRESBYTERY MEETING
January 20, 2017
Presbytery Center – Temple City**

12:30 am *Registration and Lunch*

DOCKET

1:00 pm	Worship <i>The offering taken during worship will go earthquake damage in Mexico</i>	TE Jennifer Ackerman/TE Wendy Tajima
1:45 pm	Call to Order Welcome Stated Clerk's Report	TE Becca Bateman, Moderator TE Diane Frasher
1:50 pm	Administration and Finance	TE Maria Cacarnakis/TE Dave Tomlinson
2:00 pm	Commission on Ministry	TE Cyndie Crowell
2:30 pm	Justice Peacemaking and Mission	TE Matt Colwell
2:45 pm	Executive Commission	RE Fried Wilson
2:55 pm	Representation and Nominations	TE Rob Crowell
3:00 pm	Adjourn	TE Becca Bateman

2018 Presbytery meetings:

April 21

June 2 (Day of Service)

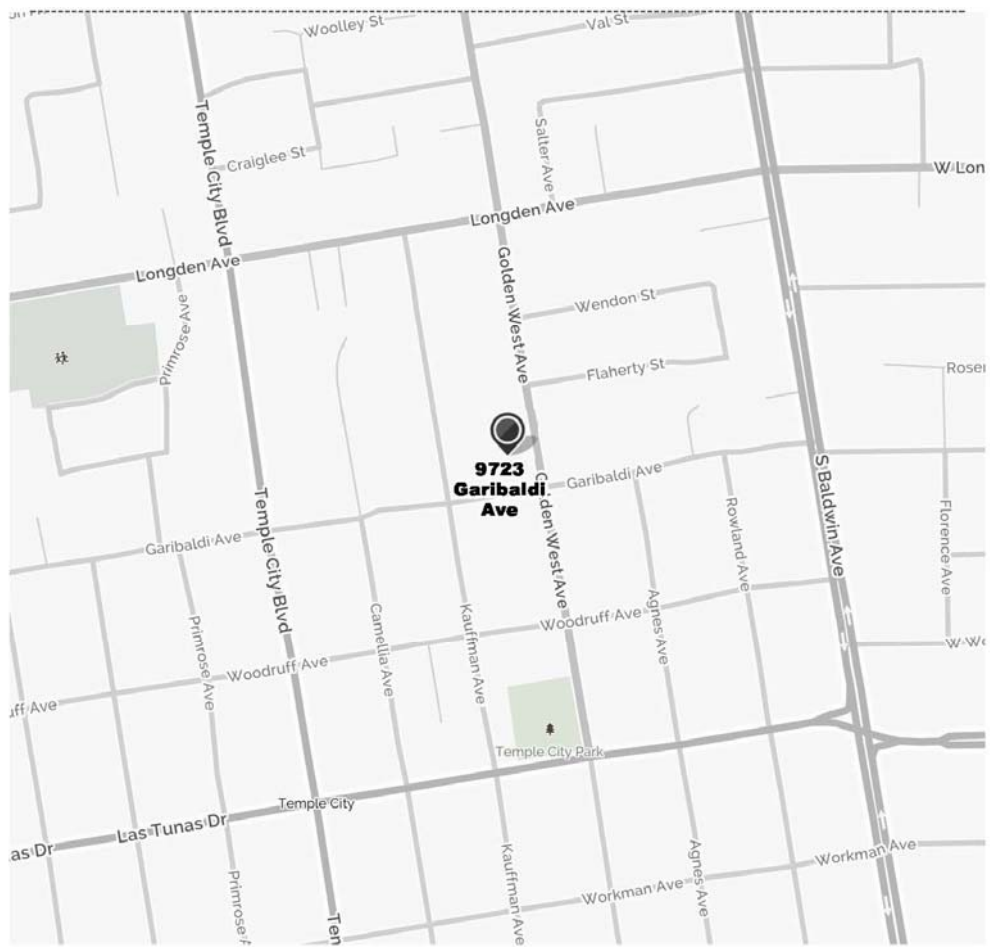
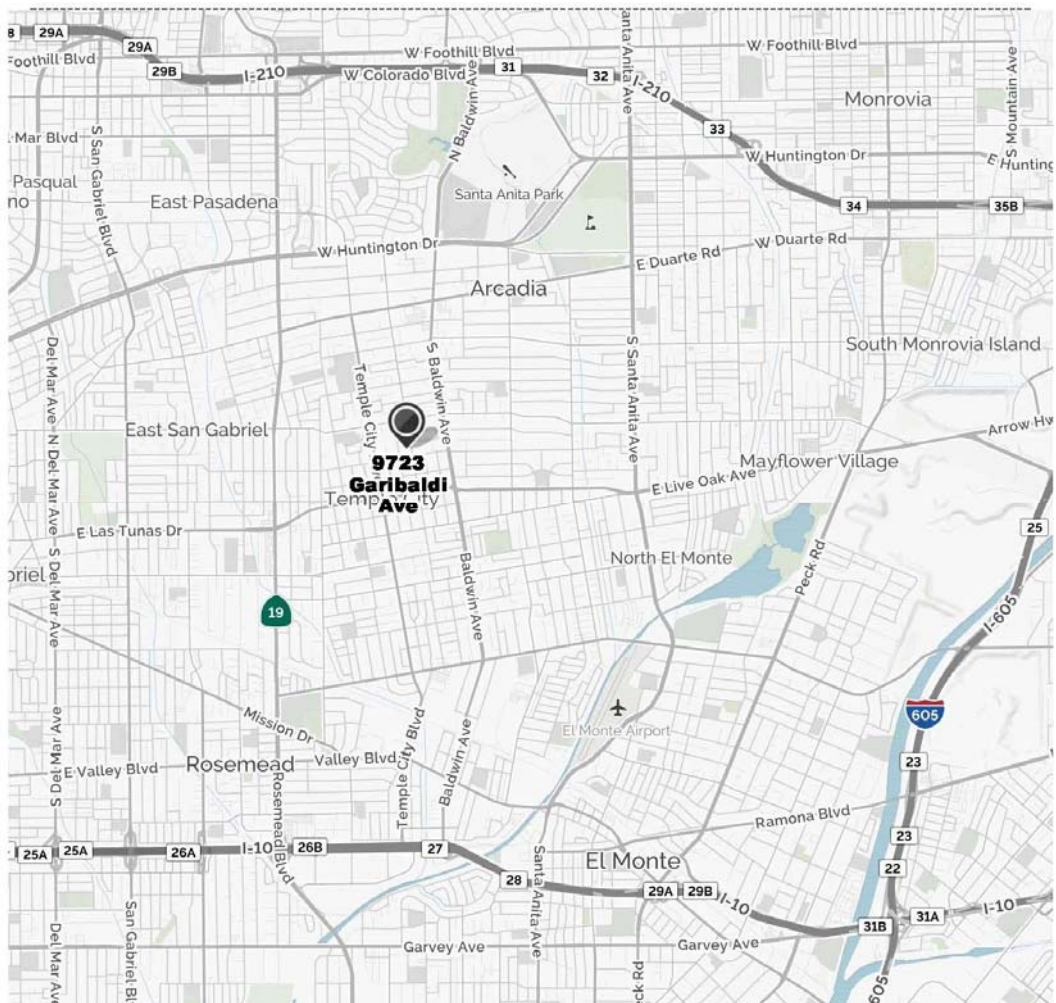
September 15

November 10

Westminster Gardens, Duarte

Calvary Presbyterian, South Pasadena

9723 Garibaldi,
Temple City
Entrance to
parking lot is
located off of
Golden West



Stated Clerk's Report for January 2018:

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

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 November 4, 2017 be approved.
3. That the proposed docket distributed in the packet be approved.
4. To receive the November 2017 Financial Report from the Administration and Finance Committee.
5. To receive the report of the restructuring of Restricted Funds
6. To receive the El Monte Initiative Report for 2017.
7. To receive the report for the Commission on Preparation for Ministry:
8. That all corresponding members voted upon and registered in writing with the stated clerk be seated.
9. Express the presbytery's thanks and appreciation to Grace Taiwanese Presbyterian Church and Mideast Evangelical Presbyterian Church for their warm hospitality and assistance in hosting this meeting of the Presbytery and its Winterfest event.
10. Necrology Report for 2017:
 - a. Rev. Robert C. Linthicum – deceased as of 3/1/2017
 - b. Rev. Dr. Donald Frank Berns – deceased as of 6/5/2017
 - c. Rev. Deane Hendricks – deceased as of 6/30/2017
 - d. Rev. Gayle C. Beanland Jr. – deceased as of 10/15/2017

REPORT FOR THE RECORD:

1. The dates and locations for future Presbytery Meetings in 2018 are:
 - a. April 21, 2018 @ Claremont Presbyterian Church, Claremont
 - b. June 2, 2018 – Including Day of Service @ Westminster Gardens, Duarte
 - c. September 15, 2018 @ Calvary Presbyterian Church, South Pasadena
 - d. November 10, 2018 @ First Thai, Covina
2. The Presbytery of San Gabriel continues to carry Property and Liability Insurance through Church Mutual for the 2018 year.
3. Report of Communion served:
 - a. Communion was served as authorized by Rev. Charles Rassieur at Pilgrim Place, Claremont, CA on Sunday December 3, 2017 at two services. One was for the Assisted Living residents and one was for the Continuing Care Residents.
 - b. Communion was served at Westminster Gardens on December 3, 2017. Rev. Dick Hettish administered the sacrament accompanied by elders Cliff & Betty Barker and Fred Stock. 39 were served.

INFORMATION:

1. The Presbytery Teaching Elder Roll has been prepared but not reviewed by COM yet. It will be reviewed at the next COM meeting.

2. The next Review of Record dates will be in the year 2018. At that time, we will be reviewing the Session Minutes for the 2017 year and any previous years that have not been reviewed as of yet. We now know that the Fall Review of Minute Books will be held at New Hope Presbyterian Church, Pasadena. We have not set the exact date as of yet. I will keep you updated.
3. Information for your reference:
 - a. **Presbytery Minimums for 2018**
 - i. Full-Time Salary & Housing \$ 53,745
 - ii. Travel/Professional Expenses 2,550
 - iii. Study Leave 950
4. 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
November 4, 2017

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

The Presbytery of San Gabriel convened on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at 9:05 am at Monte Vista Grove Homes of Pasadena. 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. Deborah Herbert, Executive Director of Monte Vista Grove Homes, welcomed the presbytery.

Moderator, Elder Fried Wilson moderated the meeting.

ENGAGE IN GOD'S WORK

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

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

The Stated Clerk brings the Consent Agenda for vote (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. (See appendix A & B)
2. That the minutes of the Stated Meeting of September 16, 2017 be approved.
3. That the proposed docket distributed in the packet be approved with the following amendment: That a report and motion regarding First Presbyterian Church of Baldwin Park be added following the report of the Presbytery Executive Commission.
4. To receive the September 2017 Financial Report from the Administration and Finance Committee. (See appendix C)
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 of Monte Vista Groves for their warm hospitality and assistance in hosting this meeting of the Presbytery and its special presbytery Self-Care event.
7. To approve the Redress of Imbalance for 2018. (See appendix D)
8. To receive the Commission on Preparation for Ministry Report:

Commission on Preparation for Ministry

November 4, 2017

The Commission on Preparation for Ministry met on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at Community, San Marino; a quorum was present.

For Information:

The commission met with Candidate Stephanie Kang. Reports to the individual and sponsoring session have been provided as appropriate. Ms. Kang is a member of New Hope Church, Pasadena.

9. That TE Hee-Kyu Heidi Park be given permission to labor outside the bounds of the presbytery at the Ewha Women's University, Seoul, Korea, and to validate her position as "faculty."

10. To receive the Commission on Ministry Report:

Report of the Commission on Ministry
November 4, 2017

The Commission on Ministry met on October 2, 2017, with a quorum present.

FOR INFORMATION

The COM approved the Ministry Information Forms for Associate Pastor at both Claremont Presbyterian Church and San Marino Community Church.

REPORT FOR THE RECORD:

1. The dates and locations for the Presbytery Meetings in 2018 have been set:
 - a. January 20, 2018 @ Grace Presbyterian Church, Temple City/Winterfest
 - b. April 21, 2018 @ Claremont Presbyterian Church, Claremont
 - c. June 2, 2018 – Including Day of Service @ Westminster Gardens, Duarte
 - d. September 15, 2018 @ Calvary Presbyterian Church, South Pasadena
 - e. November 10, 2018 @ First Thai, Covina
2. Report of Communion served:
 - a. Communion was served at Westminster Gardens on October 1st. Dick Hettish administered the sacrament accompanied by Aleta Matthews and Cliff and Betty Barker. 30 people were served.
3. Report of the Roster of names of members of the Permanent Judicial Commission whose term expired within the last six year (D-5.0206b)
 - i. Class of 2015 – Paul Boles (TE), Audrey Brown (RE)
 - ii. Class of 2014 – Janice Takeda (RE)
 - iii. Class of 2013 – Mariko Yanagihara (TE)
 - iv. Class of 2011 – Osvaldo Garcia (TE), Dee Kelly (RE), Nadine Quick (RE), Marguerite Shuster (TE)
4. The Reverend Gayle C. Beanland, Jr., passed away on October 15, 2017. Services will be held at Westminster Gardens on 11/11/2017 at 10:00 AM.

INFORMATION:

1. The Presbytery Teaching Elder Roll has been prepared but not reviewed by COM yet. It will be reviewed at the next COM meeting.
2. The 2016-2017 Annual Salary Review has been completed and will be reviewed by the COM at their next meeting. It will be presented at the January 2018 Presbytery meeting for Presbytery approval.
3. The **Fall Review of Records for 2017** was held at Northminster Presbyterian Church of Diamond Bar on September 23, 2017 at 10:00 AM. Ten Congregations had their Session Minutes reviewed. Churches present for the review were: Northminster, Diamond Bar; Occidental Presbyterian, Eagle Rock; Iglesia de la Comunidad, Highland Park; New Hope, Pasadena; Emmanuel Hispanic, Claremont; First Thai, Covina; Shepherd of the Valley, Hacienda Heights; Village, Arcadia; Calvary, South Pasadena; and Westminster, Temple City. Thanks to Northminster for hosting this Review. They were a very gracious host. I was very excited to see how well the clerks are doing in keeping such good records of the ministry of their churches. What a wonderful group of people we have that have answered the call to ministry in this administrative manner.

4. The Minutes of the Presbytery of San Gabriel were reviewed by RE Elvira Ortiz, on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at Norwalk Presbyterian Church. There were two exceptions: no Review of Minutes of the Committees of the Presbytery and no Child Safety Policy. The Stated Clerk will attempt to begin work on solving both issues.
5. The **next Review of Record dates will be in the year 2018**. At that time, we will be reviewing the Session Minutes for the 2017 year and any previous years that have not been reviewed as of yet. We now know that the Fall Review of Minute Books will be held at New Hope Presbyterian Church, Pasadena. We have not set the exact date as of yet. I will keep you updated.
6. 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
 - b. **Presbytery Minimums for 2018**

i. Full-Time Salary & Housing	\$	53,745
ii. Travel/Professional Expenses		2,550
iii. Study Leave		950
7. 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.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

TE Diane Frasher, member of Riverside Presbytery; Synod Stated Clerk/Executive, TE Mark Hong, member of Los Ranchos Presbytery; TE Don Smith, member of Pacific Presbytery; TE John Toay, member of San Fernando Presbytery; TE Larry Ballenger, member of San Fernando Presbytery; TE Martin Miller-Hessel, member of Grace Presbytery and YE Yan Lee, member of the Taiwanese Presbyterian Church were seated as corresponding members for this meeting.

WORSHIP – The presbytery entered into a time of worship led by TE Jennifer Ackerman, and included a message from Moderator, RE Fried Wilson.

JUSTICE PEACEMAKING AND MISSION *Part 1*

Wendy Gist reported for the committee. Wendy reported that Living Waters for the World is continuing to bring clean water to communities in Peru. In the spring, there will be an installation at a school in Lima. The presbytery was invited to talk to members of the team about participating in the spring installation. The last installation at a school in Juanta is working well and this ministry is having a positive impact on the health and well-being of many people in Peru.

In January of 2017 there were 55,000 homeless in LA County and 3,500 homeless in the San Gabriel Valley. Approximately 1,200 of those 3,500 were in shelters and 2,300 were not but were living on the street. Most homeless shelters are only open in the winter months which means many of those in shelters will not have a roof over their heads the rest of the year. Wendy reported that school districts keep track of homeless students and this year the Rowland Heights District announced that out of the 13,500 students in that district, 2,200 are homeless.

To learn more about homelessness, the Presbytery was encouraged to contact Angelical Michael who has worked with the homeless for many years. The week of November 19th is Hunger and Homelessness Awareness week. Flyers were made available for those who want to learn more.

TE Young Lee Hertig was invited to report on the Climate Crisis. A video clip entitled Ocean Tide

depicting the devastation of a beach and local waters polluted by plastic was shown to the Presbytery. This video showed how one man inspired his congregation to clean up the beach and the waters nearby. One person actually had an impact on the environment and we can too. Young Lee challenged the Presbytery to reform how we live – without plastic.

Wendy Gist reported that in 2018 the committee will be concentrating on two issues, Immigrant Justice and Environmental Justice. A questionnaire was distributed asking what our churches are already doing in these two areas. The questionnaire was collected during the offering.

Wendy remarked on other possibilities for service in 2018 including the June Day of Service, the Living Waters for the World spring trip, Mexico Boarder Trip, Post-earthquake rebuilding in Mexico, Puerto Rico disaster response trip.

Wendy reported that today's offering will go to the benefit of our Living Waters for the World ministry.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

TE Dave Tomlinson reported for the committee.

TE Tomlinson commented on the September 2017 financials – although the reports show a deficit, year-end giving is usually higher at this time of year than the rest of the year. He also mentioned that the presbytery is holding the line on everyday expenses.

TE Tomlinson reported on three properties:

Azusa – Dalton St. There are three entities that have shown interest in the property, including a Preschool that wants to open a location in Azusa with a lease of 5 years.

South Hills – The \$2.8 million offer we received from a developer has fallen out of escrow, however an institution related to the PCUSA has expressed serious interest in the property.

Temple City – Dave reported on the remarkable remodeling of the Sanctuary with its resulting peaceful presence. Work will begin soon on Solar Panels.

EXECUTIVE COMMISSION

CRE Bong Bringas reported for the commission.

The San Gabriel Presbytery Executive Commission met on October 10, 2017. While a quorum was not present at the meeting, the following report includes actions approved by a majority of the Commission members, by email vote in accordance with the Presbytery Bylaws.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PRESBYTERY APPROVAL

1. To recommend the Presbytery budget for 2018. (See appendix E). TE Dave Tomlinson, moderator of Administration and Finance was invited to speak regarding the 2018 Budget.

INCOME:

- The reduction in the **Shared Mission** income amount reflects “reality” from current gifts and projections for the rest of 2017. While the 2017 income through September is higher than the 2016 income for the same period, it is unlikely to meet the total 2017 budgeted amount.
- New item: **“Shared Facilities revenue”**: This shows funds received from lessees of the several properties currently titled in the name of the Presbytery.

- Income from **specific investments**: shows funds from various sources, including those which have reverted to the Presbytery from churches being dismissed or closing.
- **Restricted funds transfers**: indicates funds from various restricted sources directly directed for the mission/ministry for which they were intended.

EXPENSES:

- **Shared Mission**: Basically “stable” (as negotiated)
- **COM/CPM**: Note separate action to use Presbytery offerings for COM rather than CPM. Budget figures reflect ongoing costs as experienced through September of this year.
- **Mission**: Shows in more detail the expenses of ongoing Presbytery mission programs, primarily underwritten by transfer of funds restricted for those causes.
- **Education**: Adds specific programs to line items.
- **Church Development**: indicates use of restricted funds for development/redevelopment items, including new ministries through VST.
- **Personnel**: Reflects COL increase and some realignment of funds, including increase to the Mission Advocate. There is no increase in salary for the Executive Presbyter at her specific request.
- **Office Operations**: reflects only small “adjustments”
- **Professional Expenses**: Insurance increase will be reduced as properties currently under Presbytery management are sold (South Hills).

NOTE: IN THE NEAR FUTURE, THE PRESBYTERY IS GOING TO HAVE TO ADDRESS THE LEVEL OF UNRESTRICTED RESERVES IT IS USING, ANNUALLY.

It was M/S/V to approve the 2018 Budget as presented.

2. **It was M/S/V to maintain the per-member apportionment for 2018 at the current amount of \$68.** 25% of this figure supports Congregational Development; 38% supports the Wider Church; 15% Mission and 22% goes to ecclesiastical and administrative support. TE Tomlinson reminded us that several years ago the Presbytery voted to combine per capita and mission giving into one figure called Shared Mission Giving.
3. **After an opportunity for nominations from the floor, it was M/S/V to nominate TE Bob Wendel (HR) and RE Janice Takeda (Shepherd of the Valley) to serve on the Committee on Representation and Nominations for the Class of 2020.**

FOR INFORMATION

1. The Executive Commission voted to direct offerings from ordinations and installations to a dedicated COM fund instead of CPM, effective November 1, 2017. The CPM fund has accumulated a sufficient level that should support CPM needs for several years, while COM has insufficient funds for needs among member churches and pastors.
2. Upon his request, the Executive Commission voted to retract the HR status of TE Michael Dawson (granted due to a miscommunication with Board of Pensions), and to release him from San Gabriel Presbytery for transfer to Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery upon reception by Giddings-Lovejoy.
3. The Administration and Finance Committee committed to review the use of unrestricted and restricted funds to ensure good stewardship of Presbytery funds. The proposed

budget reflects limited use of restricted funds for mission and ministry, and 4.8% of unrestricted funds for Presbytery operations.

4. It was noted that there are two anniversaries coming up: the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation on October 31, 2017, and the 50th Anniversary of the Presbytery of San Gabriel on January 4, 2018. These events will be referenced at the November 4, 2017, and January 20, 2018, Presbytery meetings.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BALDWIN PARK

TE Cyndie Crowell presented the report.

MOTION: That the Presbytery of San Gabriel establish an Administrative Commission for First Presbyterian Church, Baldwin Park, effectively immediately. The members will include Rev. Bear Ride, moderator; *Elder Melinda Forbes (First Baldwin Park)*; and TE Rob Crowell. The AC will have authority for the following:

- assume original jurisdiction of the session, with all powers and responsibilities held by the session
- conduct an administrative review to seek the best and most faithful direction for the church's worship and congregational life as a community of faith, hope, love, and witness, and the management of the property of the congregation for the furtherance of its mission.

BACKGROUND

On February 21, 2017, a COM liaison and the executive presbyter met with the session of First Presbyterian Church, Baldwin Park. At the meeting, it became clear that the session needed help: two of the session members do not speak English which is the language of the session, two others showed difficulty in responding rationally to the items of discussion, only one elder had a current Book of Order (the version in the church office was 7 years old), concerns were expressed about the structural integrity of the building, and the church could not afford to pay the temporary pastor even at half-time (at the time the church had \$400 in the bank and no savings), and yet the session approved a budget with terms of call at $\frac{3}{4}$ -time. This temporary pastor's contract has not been renewed or reviewed by COM for some years.

In spite of these several concerns, there was an agreement to work with the temporary pastor and session to consider the best options for the church. However, time slipped away and in the meantime a tenant church began to cause problems, claiming to own the church property and failing to stay current on the agreed-upon shared cost payments. When the session decided to not renew the facility use agreement, the tenants began to act in an aggressive manner and changed the locks on the doors of the church. First Presbyterian hired an attorney who secured a court order affirming their rightful ownership of the property. As instructed by the attorney, the court order was affixed to the door but the tenants, now trespassers, have broken in and changed the locks against First Presbyterian. This has happened multiple times; the police are called and the leader of the group was even arrested once, but released the next day.

It has fallen to one elder to protect the property, which has caused her to have to go to the church late at night and wait for the police to arrive, but there does not seem to be any sign that this behavior will stop. In fact, a title search was conducted, and we found that the trespassers somehow fraudulently filed a grant deed giving THEM title to the property!

Even before the current crisis, it seemed that the session was not functioning according to the PC(USA) Constitution and the church's financial situation was not sustainable. But the multiple break-ins in the last two weeks have led to concerns for the safety of the people using that facility, especially the elder who has been protecting the property.

Due to the timing of this meeting, there has not been sufficient time to work with the session on this request for original jurisdiction, but the urgency of the situation leads me, in consultation with several other Presbytery leaders, to make this motion today.

It was M/S/V to approve the motion.

REPRESENTATION AND NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

TE Rob Crowell reported for the committee.

After an opportunity for nominations from the floor, it was M/S/V to elect TE Roberto Ramirez, Iglesia de la Comunidad as Presbytery Vice-Moderator for 2018.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Class of 2020

After an opportunity for nominations from the floor, it was M/S/V to elect RE Maria Cacarnakis - Pasadena, Pasadena

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

Class of 2020

After an opportunity for nominations from the floor, it was M/S/V to elect RE Steve Salyards - La Verne, La Verne Heights

COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

Class of 2020

After an opportunity for nominations from the floor, it was M/S/V to elect TE Lauren Evans – La Verne, La Verne Heights

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Class of 2020

After an opportunity for nominations from the floor, it was M/S/V to elect the following:

Sophia Alecci - San Marino, Community

TE Ally Lee – Pasadena, Knox

TE Jennifer Ackerman – Fuller Theological Seminary

EXECUTIVE COMMISSION

Class of 2020 at-large

After an opportunity for nominations from the floor, it was M/S/V to elect TE Dave Tomlinson – HR

JUSTICE, PEACEMAKING AND MISSION

Class of 2020

After an opportunity for nominations from the floor, it was M/S/V to elect the following:

RE Carolyn Harris – Los Angeles, Eagle Rock

TE Rob Crowell – Arcadia, Village

TE Dean Thompson – HR

SYNOD COMMISSIONERS

Class of 2020

After an opportunity for nominations from the floor, it was M/S/V to elect TE Wendy Tajima – Executive Presbyter

GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONERS AND YOUNG ADULT ADVISORY DELEGATE - 2018

After an opportunity for nominations from the floor, it was M/S/V to elect the following:

Teaching Elder: Bear Ride – HR

Alternate: Roberto Ramirez - Los Angeles, Iglesia de la Comunidad

Ruling Elder: Deborah Owens – Pasadena, Westminster

Alternate – Caroline Harris - Los Angeles, Eagle Rock

YAAD : Sophia Alecci -San Marino, Community

FOR INFORMATION

Fried Wilson (RE, Pasadena) moves to Moderator, Executive Commission

Becca Bateman (TE, San Marino) moves to Moderator of the Presbytery

EDUCATION

TE Jennifer Ackerman reported for the committee. TE Ackerman invited Sophia Alecci to speak about the Tapestry Retreat to be held November 10-12: Youth from San Gabriel and Riverside Presbyteries are invited to attend. Anyone still interest should talk to Sophia after the meeting.

Save-the-Date for Winterfest, January 20: This year's theme is *Growing Young – strategies to help your church grow spiritually, emotionally, missionally, and numerically by engaging 15 to 29 yr olds*. Featured speaker is Jake Mulder, co-author of *Growing Young* and Director of Strategic Initiatives at the Fuller Youth Institute. A basic assessment tool will be available for free. Other workshops to include:

- Youth Ministry Engagement – led by Tapestry youth and leadership
- Community Engagement Toolkit – led by the PICO Network
- How to Facilitate Courageous Conversation around Tough Issues – led by Jennifer Ackerman
- Storytelling (for lay people and preachers) – led by Lisa Lamb
- Tips for Handling Administrative/Legal/HR Issues
- Officer and Clerk Training
- En Español: Vitalización de la congregación

VISION AND STRATEGY

TE Karen Sapio reported for the committee. TE Sapio reported that the team continues to work with potential new worshipping communities and with the 1001 New Worshipping Communities national staff to have an event in our presbytery in February of 2018.

REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER

As this is the last Presbytery meeting of the year, Wendy Tajima invited the presbytery to gather at their tables to discuss what has happened in their churches/ministries over the last year. Wendy reflected on the highlights of the Presbytery; she spoke about the “checker board” – the movement of properties and congregations to the benefit of their ministries.

Wendy commented on the intentionality that she has seen develop in our churches. She commented that she is honored that some of our churches have asked that the presbytery walk alongside them as they make decisions about their future direction.

Wendy questioned on how we seek God's guidance in doing things differently in 2018

- There will be a new “checker board” going into the next year and there are communities in the center of the Presbytery that we are not serving.
- Wendy will be going off of the PMA Board in the spring of next year and will have a greater focus on serving our churches.
- Wendy mentioned a comment by TE Mariko Yanagihara that she is pleased to see the

diversity in the leadership of the presbytery.

- A special emphasis on service for 2018
- Wendy spoke about perfectionism – What is perfect to God? She believes that our view of perfection is quite different than God's view. Our view may foster the idea that something is finished or complete, like a crystal vase and lead to paralysis. God's view, although also beautiful, fosters growth and change. For Wendy – our job is to continue to grow.

JUSTICE, PEACEMAKING AND MISSION *Part 2*

Wendy Gist reported for the committee.

An offering was taken which will go to support the Presbytery's Living Waters for the World ministry. The questionnaires that were passed out earlier were collected.

ADJOURN

TE Becca Bateman invited Lauren Evans forward who spoke about a "Thanks – Giving" Luncheon on November 14th at the Presbytery Center for our Honorably Retired members. Flyers were made available with details of the event.

TE Bateman explained the Self Care Fair that will immediately follow the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 am with prayer by Vice Moderator TE Becca Bateman.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Frasher, Stated Clerk

TEACHING ELDER PRESBYTERY ROLL
DATE NOVEMBER 4, 2017

APPENDIX A

E ABHARI, MEHDI
✓ ACKERMAN, JENNIFER
E ANDERSON, BARBARA
E ANDERSON, BARBARA P
✓ AZADA, MARY ELLEN
✓ BATEMAN, BECCA
E BENZEL, CLIFF
✓ BERNIS, 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
E CARLSON, CATHARINE GRIER
E CARLSON, MARK
E CASTELLANO, PAT
✓ CASTLES, CHARLES
@ CHAI, DAVID
E CHATFIELD, DONALD F.
E CHEN, SHUI-TENG
@ CHEN, THOMAS
✓ COATES, JESSIE
E COLLINS, STERRETT
E COLON, ROBERTO
@ COLWELL, MATTHEW
✓ CONNER, JIM
✓ CONTRERAS, WALTER
✓ COOK, JANICE
@ CORMODE, SCOTT
E CORTES FUENTES, D.
✓ CROWELL, CYNTHIA
✓ CROWELL, ROBERT
@ DAILEY, ERIK
@ DAILEY, MILLASON
@ D'ELIA, JOHN
@ DAVIDSON, JACK
@ DAVIS, STEVE
E DE MELO, JAIRTON
E DEMAREST, GARY
@ DONNER, ADAM
E DUGGAN THOMAS
✓ DUONG, JOHN
@ DYRNESS, BILL
@ EDWARDS, DOUG
@ ELGAWLY, RAAFAT
✓ ERICKSON, TOM
E EURICH-RASCOE, SOPHIE
✓ EVANS, LAUREN
E FOWLER, MARSHA
✓ GARCIA, OSVALDO

@ GIRGIS, MAGDY
@ GITHUMBI, STEVEN
E GLENN, CASPER
E GOODERICH, CHARLES
E GRANT, KEN
E HAGNER, DON
E HAMBURGER, RALPH
E HAWTHORNE, DON
✓ HERTIG, YOUNG LEE
E HETTISH, RICHARD
E HILL, TOM
@ 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 KIEWER, MARK
✓ KWON, PAUL
E LAI, PETER
@ LAI, PING TUNG
✓ LAMB, LISA
✓ LEE, ALLY
E LEE, DAVID
✓ LEE, DONGWOO
✓ LEE, JAMES SEUNG
E LIM, JUNG
@ LIN, DAVY
✓ LITTLE, BRYCE
@ LORENZ, AL
@ LUTZ, DAVID
E LUTZ, STEPHEN
E LY, KEN
E MACK, BURTON
✓ MADDOX, DON
E MADRIGAL, LUIS
@ MAKAR, MAHER
✓ MANNING, MARILYN
E MCCURRY, DON
E MCDANIEL, REX
@ MCHUGH, ADAM
@ MESSINGER, THOMAS

@ METCALF, STEVE
E MEZA, JOSEPH
E MILLS, ANN
@ MOLDEN, RICHARD
E MOLLER, GARTH
E MOON, CYRIS
@ MOON, JOHN
✓ MOORE, NANCY
@ MORA, HUGO
E MORGAN, DALE
E MUSCH, RON
E NAJARIAN, JOHN
@ NELSON, TARRY
E NEWSTEAD, JANE
✓ OGLESBY-EDWARDS, ANN
✓ O'GRADY, JEFF
E OLIVER, JIM
E OSIRIPAIBUL, THANIT
E OVERHOLSER, DENISE
@ PAK, DAVID
E PARK, HEIDI
E PARKER, GREG
@ PEACE, DWIGHT
@ PENG, JAMES
E POPE, GEORGE
E POTTER, RALPH
E RAMOS, SANTOS
@ RAMIREZ, ROBERTO
@ RANDALL, VIKKI
@ RASMUSSEN, SARAH
✓ REYES, MARGARITA
✓ RIDE, BEARE
E ROBINSON, JEAMES
E RODRIGUEZ, TEONY
E RUPPART, RANDEALL
E RYU, JUN
@ SANDERS, JAMES
E SANTANA-GRACE E.
✓ SAPIO, KAREN
E SHANNON, FOSTER
@ 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
@ STRICKLAND, JEN
@ SU, SEN YUAN
E SYMONS, JAMES
✓ TAJIMA, WENDY
@ TAN-GATUE, PETER

E TAYLOR, TOM
✓ THOMPSON, DEAN
✓ TOMLINSON, DAVE
✓ TRACY, KEN
✓ VAN LOAN, WILLIAM
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
E YANAGIHARA, MARIKO
@ YEE, ED
@ YEH, KAO FANG

@ DE ROSAS, ANGEL

✓ =PRESENT

E =EXCUSED

@ =ABSENT

31 RULING ELDERS

40 TEACHING ELDERS

APPENDIX B
ELDER COMMISSIONERS
November 4 2017

(#)= COMMISSIONERS ALLOWED

ALHAMBRA TRUE LIGHT(3)

DENNIS HEMANS

ABSENT: 2

ALTADENA FIRST (3)

ABSENT: 3

ARCADIA, ARABIC (3)

ABSENT: 3

ARCADIA PRESBYTERIAN (3)

ABSENT: 3

ARCADIA CAPSTONE (3)

HAU ZHOU

ABSENT: 2

ARCADIA VILLAGE (3)

KATHIE BARROWS

MANAURE COMPTON

ABSENT: 1

AZUSA FILIPINO (3)

ABSENT: 3

BALDWIN PARK (3)

SONNIE SWENSTON

ABSENT: 2

CLAREMONT, CLRMT. (5)

ABSENT: 5

CLAREMONT EM HISP. (3)

ZOILA GARCIA

ABSENT: 2

COVINA, FAITH GRACE (3)

ABSENT: 3

COVINA FIRST THAI (3)

PRATOUM PRADIT

NONN RACHKEEREE

ABSENT: 1

DIAMOND BAR NORTHM. (3)

PHIL WILLIAMS

ABSENT: 2

EL MONTE COMMUNITY (3)

BENNETT LEE

STEPHENE MOSELEY

ABSENT: 1

EL MONTE, DIVINE LT. (3)

ABSENT: 3

HAC. HGTS. SOTV (3)

FREYA SCHMUS

SUE LI

ABSENT: 1

LA PUENTE, ST ANDREWS (3)

ABSENT: 3

**LA PUENTE, PUENTE DE
ESPERANZA (3)**

ABSENT: 3

LA VERNE HTS (3)

ABSENT: 3

L.A. EAGLE ROCK (3)

CAROLYN HARRIS

ABSENT: 2

L.A. GLENDALE KOREN (3)

ABSENT: 3

L.A. GRACE (3)

ABSENT: 3

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

ABSENT: 3

L.A. OCCIDENTAL (3)

ABSENT: 3

MONT. PK. TAIWANESE (3)

ABSENT: 3

PAS. FIRST TAIWANESE (3)

ABSENT: 3

PASADENA KNOX (3)

CHRIS ROMINE

ABSENT: 2

PASADENA NEW HOPE (3)

ABSENT: 3

PASADENA. PRES. (7)

MARIA CARCARNAKS

DOUG DAILEY

ISRAEL HERNANDEZ

LAURA MONTEROS

MARSHA ROOD

ABSENT: 2

PASADENA TRINITY (3)

ABSENT: 3

PAS. WESTMINSTER (3)

ABSENT: 3

POMONA FIRST (3)

ABSENT: 3

ROWLAND HTS. KOREAN (3)

ABSENT: 2

SAN MARINO COM. (7)

SUSAN SABO

SOPHIA ALECCI

ABSENT: 5

SO. PAS. CALVARY (3)

MARGARET VON BIBRA

DANIELLE HARD

ABSENT: 1

TEMPLE CITY, GRACE (3)

EXCUSED: 1

ABSENT: 2

TEMP. CTY. MIDEAST EVAN (3)

ABSENT: 3

TEMPLE CITY WESTMIN (3)

PAT COLLINS

ABSENT: 2

APPENDIX B
ELDER COMMISSIONERS
November 4 2017
(#)= COMMISSIONERS ALLOWED

WEST COVINA COM. (3)

CORLISS ROENICKE

ABSENT: 2

COUNCIL ELDERS (4)

ARNOLFO BRINGAS

FRIED WILSON

MELINDA FORBES

ABSENT: 1

COMMISSIONED RULING

ELDER (1)

ROLANDO BAYBAY

CERTIFIED CHRISTIAN

EDUCATOR

ABSENT: 1

Presbytery of San Gabriel

Preliminary Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison-Summary

	Nov 30, 17	Dec 31, 16	\$ Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
1000 · Petty Cash	300.00	300.00	0.00
1024 · American West Checking	18,641.92	85,158.62	-66,516.70
1026 · American West Savings Account	1,000.85	1,000.43	0.42
1027 · American West Money Market	753.30	4,991.06	-4,237.76
1030 · Banner Bank - Azusa Ckg.	14,116.83	16,874.55	-2,757.72
1100 · New Covenant Funds	178,227.19	398,227.19	-220,000.00
1140 · PILP Investment	200,000.00	0.00	200,000.00
1180 · AIG Financial Advis.#7J4-030864	1,117,264.98	1,635,222.80	-517,957.82
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	1,487,803.84	2,099,273.42	-611,469.58
Other Current Assets			
1210 · Accounts Receivable	3,991.93	3,991.93	0.00
1300 · Prepaid Expenses	31,063.15	24,260.40	6,802.75
1350 · Prepaid Mission	4,871.37	4,871.37	0.00
1880 · LA Grace Note Receivable	277,571.72	289,875.00	-12,303.28
Total Other Current Assets	317,498.17	322,998.70	-5,500.53
Total Current Assets	1,805,302.01	2,422,272.12	-616,970.11
Fixed Assets			
1500 · Long Term Assets	1,324,295.25	488,941.35	835,353.90
Total Fixed Assets	1,324,295.25	488,941.35	835,353.90
TOTAL ASSETS	3,129,597.26	2,911,213.47	218,383.79
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
2030 · 403B Withholding Payable	100.00	0.00	100.00
2050 · In/Out Account	-657.79	0.00	-657.79
Total Other Current Liabilities	-557.79	0.00	-557.79
Total Current Liabilities	-557.79	0.00	-557.79
Long Term Liabilities			
2200 · Loan Payable PILP	-46,519.97	0.00	-46,519.97
Total Long Term Liabilities	-46,519.97	0.00	-46,519.97
Total Liabilities	-47,077.76	0.00	-47,077.76
Equity			
3200 · Restricted Reserves	342,818.28	381,550.26	-38,731.98
3300 · Mission Development Funds	497,813.35	566,013.35	-68,200.00
3400 · Designated Reserves	30,108.10	30,107.39	0.71

Presbytery of San Gabriel

Preliminary Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison-Summary

	Nov 30, 17	Dec 31, 16	\$ Change
3450 · Congregation Vitalization Funds	114,022.38	114,022.38	0.00
3458 · Congregation Transf & Revital	239,362.30	253,504.94	-14,142.64
3500 · Unrestricted Fund Balances	-107,417.57	-107,417.57	0.00
3605 · Held for Grace Presbyterian Chu	352,834.99	446,084.36	-93,249.37
3900 · Retained Earnings	1,227,348.36	1,333,763.48	-106,415.12
Net Income	479,784.83	-106,415.12	586,199.95
Total Equity	3,176,675.02	2,911,213.47	265,461.55
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	3,129,597.26	2,911,213.47	218,383.79

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

	Jan - Nov 17	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
4000 · General Mission	210,167.07	408,404.26	-198,237.19
4333 · Living Waters Income	36,704.04		
4350 · Shared Grants	1,560.00	5,958.37	-4,398.37
4400 · Extra Commitment Giving	37,706.45		
4501 · Azusa Income	20,863.47		
4502 · South Hills Pomona Income	8,686.11		
4600 · Investment Income	953.72	5,958.37	-5,004.65
4610 · Interest	22.66		
4700 · Transfers from Restricted Funds	107,170.62	97,517.64	9,652.98
4800 · Special Offerings	25,316.11		
4900 · Other Income	796,066.67	12,191.74	783,874.93
4975 · Rental Income-Temple City	55,920.00		
Total Income	1,301,136.92	530,030.38	771,106.54
Gross Profit	1,301,136.92	530,030.38	771,106.54
Expense			
5000 · Synod & GA Mission Remittance	49,291.60	46,291.74	2,999.86
5040 · Special Offerings Remittance	24,642.91		
5200 · Per Capita Expense	60,958.26	60,958.37	-0.11
5400 · Extra Commitment Giving	39,375.93		
5800 · Education	520.25	1,375.00	-854.75
6000 · Committee on Ministry	1,377.42	8,708.48	-7,331.06
6100 · Mission	164,766.89	47,025.00	117,741.89
6200 · Personnel	279,382.48	297,971.63	-18,589.15
6300 · Preparation for Ministry	1,275.00	3,850.11	-2,575.11
6400 · Church Development	13,519.36	2,750.00	10,769.36
6500 · Administration & Finance	166,120.65	56,196.36	109,924.29
6600 · Worship	0.00	137.50	-137.50
6700 · Other Expenses	1,490.83	4,766.74	-3,275.91
7000 · Closed Church Expenses	18,630.51		
Total Expense	821,352.09	530,030.93	291,321.16
Net Ordinary Income	479,784.83	-0.55	479,785.38
Net Income	479,784.83	-0.55	479,785.38

**Presbytery of San Gabriel
Restricted Funds Consolidation
2017-2018 Comparison
as of 9/30/17**

FUNDS	<u>2017 accounts</u>	<u>2018 proposal</u>
Presbytery-Restricted Funds		
Ministry Development (Assoc for Min Dev)		
Congregation Transf & Revital	242,042.78	
Strategic Planning	(6,230.48)	
(transfer to Leadership Development)	(80,000.00)	
(transfer to Tapestry)	(5,000.00)	
Total Ministry Development	150,812.30	150,812.30
Congregational Development/Redevelopment		
Congregational Vitalization Funds	114,022.38	
NELA Hispanic Ministry	7,693.72	
Faith Grace Chinese	(3,450.73)	
Synod Stimulus Package	145,012.39	
Church Development Committee	27,386.19	
Total Congregational Development/Redevelopment	290,663.95	290,663.95
New Worshiping Communities	54,666.00	54,666.00
Leadership Development		
Leadership Development	4,899.20	
Middle Eastern Ministry	1,500.00	
Triennial Conf-Racial Ethnic	400.00	
Wee Kirk Scholarships	4,000.00	
moved from Ministry Development	80,000.00	
Total Leadership Development	90,799.20	90,799.20
Tapestry		
Tapestry	(3,453.02)	
moved from Ministry Development	5,000.00	
Total Tapestry	1,546.98	1,546.98
Total Presbytery-Restricted Funds	588,488.43	588,488.43
Donor-Restricted Funds		
El Monte Initiative	478,608.37	478,608.37
Grace Presbyterian Church	376,999.52	376,999.52
Chaplain for HRs	23,174.90	23,174.90
Living Waters/Peru	16,992.59	16,992.59
Youth Triennium	2,964.23	2,964.23
CPM Offering	38,126.57	38,126.57
COM Offering	4,030.17	4,030.17
Ministers' Salary Sharing	16,754.65	16,754.65
House of Rest--Shared Grants	54,963.49	54,963.49
Peacemaking - Presbytery	4,674.85	4,674.85
SDOP	1.98	1.98
Other (Russia Project--Living Waters training)	3,617.29	3,617.29
Total Donor-Restricted Funds	1,020,908.61	1,020,908.61
Unrestricted Funds		
Ecclesiastical	31,327.36	
Unrestricted Fund Balances--Other	(1,215,333.85)	
Retained Earnings	1,227,348.36	
Net Income	522,092.65	
Equity--Long-Term	1,076,588.92	
Total Unrestricted Funds	1,642,023.44	1,642,023.44

El Monte Initiative, San Gabriel Presbytery

Report for 2017 and Outline for Proposals 2018

- 1. Name of Church and site program: CaliCenter at Puente de Esperanza Church**
- 2. Work that has been done in the community through El Monte Initiative (EMI) funds**
 - a. Accomplishments/events in 2017**

This first year has been very intense and challenging. As you know, as a church we have been in a time of transition and changes as we moved from our long-term home in Rosemead to La Puente, so that we can be closer to the community that can benefit from services we offer.

The first year, as CaliCenter has been about exploration, searching for resources and added leadership, connecting with the community and adapting to the neighborhood.

Some of the things we have done to continue advancing in the vision that God has given us are the following:

- I have attended the NWC Potential Church Planters Assessment on February. The result of the assessment is helping me to identify my strengths and the areas I have to work to improve my abilities.
- I have attended some Community services conferences with the purpose of learning how to make community outreach and make networking with several services providers.
- I have met with CICLICA to be part of the program. I have completed the first year.
- We have met new leaders with a Sunday morning youth leader and seminary intern, who enhance our church's ministries, giving us more to offer for families who may consider our church for spiritual life.
- We have developed a good, mutually beneficial relationship with the church that meets in our sanctuary on Sunday afternoons.
- We are exploring a partnership with a preschool, which will expand what we can offer to the community.
- I have coordinated and supervised the CaliCenter program. Works and activities as follows:

Activity A: Parenting Support

1. Parenting Classes—October and November—Thursdays and Fridays from 10:00 am-noon.
2. Average of 11 people per class.
3. Survey conducted with parents; learned of added needs (spiritual, emotional, financial) of parents with children that have disabilities.



Activity B: Outreach and Leadership Development

1. Volunteer Outreach—Training Retreat on December 17th, in Duarte, meet with 10 people
2. Saturday and Sunday ongoing training and outreach
3. “Vision-Intencion-Medios/Vision-Intention-Means” (VIM) survey was given with the volunteers.
4. Outreach Core group development with 12 people taking place at people’s home and restaurant.
5. Wednesday from 10:00-1:00 pm ongoing training to Core Group.
6. Bridges Outreach training—4 Saturday classes. Translation of material and training.
7. Outreach in the local schools and the local community.
8. Special events—Children’s festival, Mother’s Day, Music Summer Camp and concert.



Activity C: Children and Youth Services

1. Music Summer Camp with Barrio Music which developed into an after-school program
2. Support for Parenting classes and counseling for parents and students
3. Averaging 12-20 kids
4. Christmas Festival
5. Music Presentation to Presbytery meeting in September
6. Support with special events.



3. Community needs identified by church that can be addressed through EMI funds

We still are working in our original Vision that we shared with you last year to continue the legacy of El Calvario. We are working to provide service to the residents and to raise the visibility of the Presbyterian Church in a context of the Hispanic/Latino and immigrant community. We want to work and see healthy families, most importantly in the physical and financial, emotional and spiritual areas.

As relationships develop between the families and the people who are connecting them to resources, our hope is that these relationships develop into mentoring relationships for more areas of life, including the spiritual.

We are still working on one of our major targets, which is to reach the youth in the community. We need to provide them with programs to help keep them out of the streets.

The end results will be stronger families, healthier children and youth with purpose in their life.

4. Summary of next year's ministries to be funded by EMI

a. Activity A:

We will continue to offer the Parenting classes program, with child care assistance, twice a week. One class will be for prevention and the second class for Court mandated parents. We are going to take time with each parent to make a survey and learn more about the areas in which we can offer help.

Something new that we have experienced is the presence of mothers with children with special needs, such as autism and some other disabilities. They have expressed their gratitude to find a place (here at CaliCenter) where they can open their hearts and express their feelings without criticism. Now we are looking for some programs and persons that can help them in their needs.

b. Activity B:

We will continue with a community outreach person to help us make the surveys and connect with the community resources. Training volunteers.

Offer community events, such as: health and job fairs, immigration workshops, tertulias, children festivals, family nights activities with special disabilities kids, etc.

c. Activity C:

We will continue with the Coordinator of children and youth community program. Provide support for the Barrio Music program. Create a support group for the parents of the after school program, once a month.

5. Expected outcomes, with expected participation, by milestone dates

a. Activity A:

Four series of classes of 10 sections (10 weeks per series) over the coming year. Each class will be led for two hours. We expect to have at least 10 parents in each class. We are going to present the program to the School District. The Parent Project program has its own webpage and they offer us to promote the classes that are working with their program.

b. Activity B:

We will continue working with the Community outreach program.

Our expectation is to connect with the community leaders to outreach the families in the area. Identify the resources that exist for the community and provide support with referral system such as food banks, legal issues, health, educational, etc.

Provide support for the Pastor and leaders of the church to connect with the community.

c. Activity C:

We will continue working on this area and our expectation is to establish a tutoring and mentoring program. We are working in our networking relationships to contact the right people to work on that and outreach 20 to 30 children and youth to provide tutoring with homework help and support system to strength the families. Counseling for parents and youth. Provide support for the Parenting classes.

6. Financial Report for 2017 and the Budget for the next year 2018

a. Staff positions (hours/week), related costs

b. Program expenses

Ministry Area	Total Annual Costs	Expenses 2017	Balance From 2017	Budget 2018
Activity A: Parenting Support Staff (6 hours/week) 20 x \$29 Books for Parent Project (Court mandated class) = 580.00; Tutoring book	\$7,200.00 \$ 700.00	\$1,200.00 \$ 365.00	\$ 6,000.00 \$ 335.00	\$ 7,200.00 \$600.00
Activity B: Outreach Staff (10 hours/week) Program expenses	\$ 9,600.00 \$ 800.00	\$9,000.00 \$ 500.00	\$ 600.00 \$ 300.00	\$ 9,600.00 \$ 800.00
Activity C: Children & Youth Staff (10 hours/week) Program expenses	\$ 9,600.00 \$ 600.00	\$9,600.00 \$ 400.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 9,600.00 \$ 600.00
Project Coordination Staff (Administrator at 7 hrs/wk, Custodian at 10 hrs/wk) Utilities (light, water, internet)	\$ 8,800.00 \$ 7,600.00	\$8,800.00 \$7,600.00		\$ 19,200.00 \$ 7,600.00
TOTAL	\$44,900.00	\$37,465.00	\$ 7,435.00	\$55,200.00

TOTAL 2018 REQUEST: \$47,765

**Presbytery of San Gabriel
Commission on Preparation for Ministry
January 20, 2018**

The Commission on Preparation for Ministry met on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at Community, San Marino; a quorum was present.

For Information:

- The commission accepted a written report from Certified Ready Candidate Peter Hawisher as his Annual Consultation for this year. Reports to the individual and sponsoring session have been provided as appropriate. Mr. Hawisher is currently working at Mt. Washing Presbyterian Church in Norwood Ohio.
- The commission is working on Internship Guidelines to clarify San Gabriel Presbytery's requirements for internships.

Report of the Administration and Finance Committee

Presbytery of San Gabriel

For the January 2018 Presbytery meeting.

(Information, only, no action items)

PRESBYTERY FINANCIAL REPORTS:

- The last financial report reviewed and received by the A and F committee (given the regular meeting schedules).....and in the Presbytery meeting packet, is for November 2017. This report was received as a part of the Consent Agenda (hopefully). The 2017 year-end financial statements will be presented at the April Presbytery meeting.
- The definition and ongoing use of Restricted funds has been updated and revised. This revision was approved by PEC and is in today's packet for information. Several funds, basically reserved for the same purposes have been combined. Other individual funds, have been more clearly defined and listed.

CONTINUING PROPERTY MATTERS:

- The former South Hills church property in Pomona continues to be actively marketed by our Realtor. There are currently three active entities who have submitted offers or Letters of Intent to submit an offer. All are still in the price range of \$2,000,000+. And one of these entities has close ties with the Presbytery. There are some "complexities" with each, but an actual sale (once again) is looking possible for the first quarter of 2018
- The Dalton street property (former Presbytery Office) in Azusa continues to be marketed for lease. A pre-school program with a long-term facility in Monrovia is currently in serious negotiation for a long-term lease with the Presbytery for this property as their second site. (Keep your fingers crossed!).

OTHER FINANCIAL AND PROPERTY RELATED MATTERS

- Baldwin Park: A loan from unrestricted reserves was authorized by PEC to assist Baldwin Park with the payment of the pastor's compensation package and legal costs; as the Presbytery's Administrative Commission deals with the current legal matters (which are being effectively handled by the attorney representing

the congregation and presbytery). This loan is secured by the Baldwin Park Property.

- Additional low-interest PILP loan; The Presbytery secured a loan of \$200,000 (up to \$300,000 had been previously approved by Presbytery). These funds are for improvements to the Temple City property – including new solar panels to greatly lower energy costs.
- Church Mortgage Grants: “old” church mortgage grants on the properties of St. Andrew and Baldwin Park congregations in the amount of approximately \$27,500 have been paid off through the use of Presbytery unrestricted reserves. PEC approved these actions with the funds being secured by the properties. By paying these grant-mortgages off in a timely manner the actual principle of the amounts owed was reduced by PILP (that now administers this program) by 35%.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Respectfully submitted: D. T. Tomlinson; Outgoing chair A and F

**Commission on Ministry
Report to the Presbytery
January 20, 2018**

The Commission on Ministry met on December 4, 2017 and January 8, 2018 without a quorum present. Motions to come to the Presbytery have been ratified electronically.
The COM recommends that:

- 1a. TE Martin Miller-Hessel, Honorably Retired, be received into membership upon his dismissal from Grace Presbytery, Texas.
- 1b. TE Huw Christopher, Honorably Retired, be received into membership upon his dismissal from Los Ranchos Presbytery.
- 2a. TE Yan Chih Le be received into membership from the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan to serve as Temporary Supply Co-Pastor for the Taiwanese service at Shepherd of the Valley, Hacienda Hts. effective April 1, 2018 at 2/3 time.
- 2b. Terms of Call for Yan Chih Lee and Shepherd of the Valley, Hacienda Hts. are as follows:

Salary/Housing	\$36,000
Board of Pensions	\$15,320
Travel/Prof. Exp.	\$2,550
R1 Visa appl.	\$4,120
Study Leave - 2 weeks	and \$950
Four weeks vacation	
- 2c. TE Yan Chih Lee will be eligible for the installed position.
- 2d. TE Yan Chih Lee is required to take a course in PC(U.S.A.) polity.
- 3a. TE Diane Frasher be received into membership upon her dismissal from the Riverside Presbytery. Diane has been serving as our part time Stated Clerk.
- 3b. TE Diane Frasher has been asked to serve as part time Transitional Pastor for Westminster Presbyterian Church, Temple City and moderator of session beginning November 26, 2017 with terms of call as follows:

Salary	\$24,000
Housing	\$3,000
403B	\$12,240
Med/Dental reimbursement	\$2,000
1 month (30 days) vacation	
2 weeks study leave (cumulative to 4 weeks)	
Travel/prof expenses	\$2,550
Continuing education	\$950
Auto reimbursement at annual IRS rate	

4. Approve the renewal of the Temporary Associate contract between TE Mariko Yanagihara and New Hope Presbyterian Church, Pasadena effective January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018.
5. Approve the renewal of the Temporary Pastor contract between TE Ohgueon Paul Kwon and the Glendale Korean Presbyterian Church, Los Angeles effective January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018.
6. Grant TE William Dyrness the status of Honorably Retired.
7. Approve the request of Grace Taiwanese Presbyterian Church, Temple City for a waiver to extend the term of a Session elder for one year due to a shortage of potential session members.

For Information Only:

1. Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Claremont was given permission to search for a half-time temporary supply pastor with the position to be eligible for the installed position.
2. Northminster Presbyterian Church, Diamond Bar was given permission to form a Pastor Nominating Committee to begin a search for a full time, installed pastor.
3. TE Lauren Evans was appointed to be our Presbytery's liaison to the Board of Pensions.
4. Authorized RE Fisher Peng to serve communion at Shepherd of the Valley, Hacienda Hts. for the Mandarin service.

A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

Martin P. Miller-Hessel

My faith began among enslaved people
and continues as a journey of liberation and obedience.

When the ineffable Presence whispered to Moses
Our People and our journey was called into being.

The first word of this story was and will ever be “It is good, yes very good”
it lives forward with us and beckons all humankind into the kin-dom of God.
In it we always live forward into God’s persistently creative and creating love.

The poets and teachers of Israel told us that God calls forth light and life.
God’s breath-wind-spirit stirs human hearts with awe and wonder

God eludes all human concepts, categories and descriptions
God is before, within and beyond all we can know.
God is our birthing love, our nurturing mother-father.
God revealed what truest Love looks like when
God’s Word-Light took human form and moves among us in Jesus our Christ.
God enables us to receive and live Redeeming love through the indwelling Spirit.

I receive this Good News gladly and with trembling humility.

Trinitarian theology stretches our imaginations in order to describe God
as our essential and fundamental Relationship.
It directs us toward participation in the community of at-one-ment in all relationships.

We have the freedom to refuse and turn away;
when we do we shadow the image of God in our selves, in others, in all creation
and we become alienated from the Root Who nourishes and sustains us.
We plunge into suffering, injustice, violence, idolatry and death-in-life.
The weak and innocent are too often the first to suffer from this sin of forgetting who
we are and to Whom we belong.

Jesus is the head of generations of stumbling disciples;
he continually reconciles us with our source and destiny.
His crucifixion is the sign that God never gives up on us;
His self-emptying and cross-formed self-giving is the sure path we can trust.

I welcome the older and newer testaments of our historical faith family
as authoritative and dependable witnesses to God-among-us.
This story reveals God's uncanny grace even toward the inadequate and feeble.

Baptism reminds all of us that we are loved and called before we are aware,
God is for and among us out of sheer grace, not because of our worthiness.
The Lord's Supper celebrates how far God goes for us,
even as far as the cross... and then beyond to the life of resurrection trust.

The Canon of scripture is closed, but the Word is open and continues to speak;
God is with us and thus the church as understood in the Reformed traditions
is strengthened to be ever reformed and reforming.

There is so much darkness in our time.
This continues to be an occasion for God to create newness and hope
and for us to respond with obedience, creativity, hospitality and joy

I believe that we are offered the privilege and challenge
To be partners with Christ. God's creative work is still in process.

THEREFORE (A CODA):

With Calvin we can sing "I greet Thee who my true Redeemer art."

With the Heidelberg confession we can acknowledge that

"I belong – body and soul, in life and in death
Not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ."

With my mentor, friend and late colleague, Rabbi Michael Robinson
I can affirm that

"I am a prisoner of hope."

With our reformed partners, the United Church of Canada
I can rejoice that

"We are not alone, we live in God's world....
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us. We are not alone."

THANKS BE TO GOD!

A Professional Biographical Sketch – Martin P. Hessel (aka: Miller-Hessel)

I was born in Los Angeles, CA on May 1, 1942, youngest of three boys. My parents were serving US churches while waiting for war to end and an overseas assignment as Presbyterian Missionaries. In 1946 they were sent to the Philippines where they served 23 years. As far as I know my brother and I (middle boy died on trip out) were the only missionary children sent to Filipino schooling at that time.

I stayed back in the US in 1959 after second furlough in US. I graduated from small town Arcata (Humboldt County) High School followed by two years at Humboldt State. A scholarship allowed me to attend UC Berkeley where I earned a degree in Diplomatic History, and (a sign of God's grace) met Pam Miller. We were married in June 1963 and had a son and two daughters. Our youngest, Beth is now director of the Presbyterian Historical Society. Pam had a marvelous career as an elementary school teacher, working in lower income, multicultural neighborhood in our west Santa Rosa district.

The level of paternalism and racism that I encountered among so many Americans in the Philippines was quite obvious and disturbing to me when I settled in this country. A summer internship with the Quakers in the SF Bay Area confirmed that change was possible. I knew I wanted to do something about that and the church seemed to be open to renewal and change.

San Francisco Theological Seminary deepened my roots in the issues church and society; a job with a janitorial service kept me close to the ground and Pam helped put hubby through! Early in the summer of 1965 I spent a month of exposure to civil rights in Wilcox County, Alabama, sponsored by our denomination and supervised by a brave Black Presbyterian congregation. That was followed by a 14 month internship with a newer congregation in Salem, OR, guided by the Rev. John Najarian, a wise, adventurous and gracious guide. The experience was God's call to return to seminary and to seek a calling as a pastor. Our first child, a son, was born in Oregon.

I learned much from my first call as an assistant Pastor in Sacramento. It lasted only 2 ½ years; spending my time-off in race, interfaith and anti-war related activities worried both my "boss" and some key elders. I did learn how to lead week-long high-sierra back-pack trips for youth, engage in campus ministry, and fell in love with Christian Education (all ages). Pam and I engaged in early RC/Protestant "Living Room Dialogues". When my call was not renewed I was desperate for a call (three young ones by now).

San Francisco Presbytery had a congregation on it's last gasps and planned to sell the property. A Mission Grant opened up a position for a foolish pastor willing to serve the remaining 40 worshipping members. It opened a whole new trajectory for me and 31 year of experience in constant renewal and redevelopment. And drew me into GA level research and activation. At the end of 8 years Ygnacio Valley PC had 160 average worshippers and I accepted the challenge of another last-breath congregation, Knox (20 average worshippers) on a 3-year Mission Grant in Santa Rosa, CA. Instead of closing it helped me further learn the power of looking-outward, pursuing mission, staying flexible, building joy and stewardship, welcoming in God's love. Knox continues to live and serve on the "non-Presbyterian" side of Santa Rosa 40 years later.

My final congregation was in the retirement Oakmont Community...non-denominational.

We followed our grandchildren to Virginia and then Texas over 9 years before moving to Monte Vista Grove Homes. We now attend All Saints Episcopal Church...another story.

Life has been a marvelous and adventurously learning, loving and risky adventure so far. Thank God!

Huw Christopher
(information for Presbytery of San Gabriel Membership Application)

Education: (Schools, years attended, degrees earned)

University of Wales and the South Wales Baptist College in Cardiff, with Bachelor of Arts Degree (1967) and Bachelor of Divinity Degree (1970).

World Council of Churches Ecumenical Scholarship to study at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia for Master of Theology degree in Biblical Studies (1971).

Doctor of Ministry degree from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, (1991) in Certificate in Spiritual Formation from Columbia Theological Seminary (2008)

Positions Since Ordination: (Position, location, years served—most recent listed first)

Transferred membership from the Presbytery of Florida to the Presbytery of Los Ranchos in February 2013.

Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Marianna, Florida September 1, 2004 – July 31, 2012
Honorably Retired by the Presbytery of Florida on July 31, 2012

Pastor of the Little Chapel on the Boardwalk (Presbyterian Church) Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina, 1986-2004

Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Kinston, North Carolina, 1977-1986

Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Washington, North Carolina 1972-1977

Ordained on July 16, 1972 by Albemarle Presbytery in North Carolina in the Presbyterian Church in the United States

Service to Governing Bodies: (Committees, Commissioner to General Assembly) Include year and/or other special accomplishments:

Commissioner to two General Assemblies – one of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (1981) and one of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (2001)

Committee on Ministry and other committees and Moderator of Albemarle Presbytery
Permanent Judicial Commission and Administrative Commission for Coastal Carolina Presbytery.

Coordinator of the Mission for Spiritual Development, member of Presbytery Council, Fiscal Health Task Force, Transition Planning Team and Moderator of the Presbytery of Florida (2011).
Led workshops for Presbyteries on Church Officer Development, Spiritual Development and Personality Studies.

Member of the Staff Relations Committee in Los Ranchos Presbytery.

Continuing Education:

Initial 30 hours of Residency Training of the Presbyterian Interim Ministry Consortium. (2006)

Initial training of the Healthy Congregations program (2009)

Leaders' Training Course for Stephen Leaders in the Stephen Ministry program (2013)

September 20, 2014 Sexual Misconduct Prevention Training with the Presbytery of Los Ranchos.

October 15, 2016 Appropriate Pastoral Boundaries Training through Kyros Ministry as required by the Presbytery of San Gabriel.

The Rev. Dr. Huw Christopher

I was born and raised in Mountain Ash, in the valleys of South Wales, United Kingdom. My parents were active members of Nazareth English Baptist Church where my father was a Deacon, volunteer Church Secretary and a lay preacher, and I participated in the life of the congregation from my earliest days. After profession of faith and baptism and feeling a sense of call to Christian ministry I began leading worship in local churches. Following completion of local schooling I attended the University College of Cardiff and the South Wales Baptist College where I obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Semitic Languages and a Bachelor of Divinity Degree.

In September 1970 I received a World Council of Churches Ecumenical Scholarship to study at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia where I obtained a Master of Theology degree in Biblical Studies. There I met Rachel Micol from Valdese, North Carolina who was a student at the Presbyterian School of Christian Education. After deciding to stay in this country I served as a student minister at the First Presbyterian Church of Asheboro, North Carolina and the First Presbyterian Church of Hickory. While in Hickory I moved my membership to the church and became a Candidate under Concord Presbytery. Following her graduation from the Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Rachel and I were married on June 11, 1972 in the Waldensian Presbyterian Church in Valdese, North Carolina. I began my first pastorate at the First Presbyterian Church in Washington, North Carolina on July 1, 1972 and was ordained by Albemarle Presbytery on July 16, 1972. On August 1, 1977 I moved to the First Presbyterian Church in Kinston, North Carolina where I served until I re-located to the Little Chapel on the Boardwalk at Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina on July 1, 1986. While there I completed a Doctor of Ministry degree from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, and began a Certificate in Spiritual Formation through Columbia Theological Seminary. I completed this certificate while in my last pastorate at the First Presbyterian Church in Marianna, Florida. I served there from August 1, 2004 to July 31, 2012, when I was honorably retired by the Presbytery of Florida.

Rachel and I moved to Tustin, California on August 1, 2012 to be closer to our son, Micol, and daughter-in-law, Chin, who were living there. Rachel became a member of the Tustin Presbyterian Church and both of us were involved in various programs of the congregation. I transferred my membership to Los Ranchos Presbytery in February 2013 and became active on the Staff Relations Committee.

In December 2014 Rachel and I moved to Monte Vista Grove Homes in Pasadena where I have served as secretary and now serve as treasurer of the Residents' Association and assist with the book program of the Monte Vista Grove Auxiliary. We have been attending Calvary Presbyterian Church in South Pasadena as well as the Taizé Service and other programs at All Saints Episcopal Church in Pasadena. In retirement I have participated regularly in the annual North American Festival of Wales and currently serve on the Board of Trustees.

Rachel has taught High School Mathematics, and has served as a High School General Electric Grant Coordinator. She has been a faithful helpmate in ministry both in the local church and on the Presbytery level. Together we served as the President Couple of the North Carolina Association of Couples in Marriage Enrichment. We have led Marriage Enrichment Groups and workshops on Marriage, Personality, Relationships, and Spiritual Formation for Presbyteries and local churches. Since 2014 we have served together as volunteer Conference Team Members for the Stephen Ministries program and both sing with the Welsh Choir of Southern California.

As a member of San Gabriel Presbytery I would appreciate the opportunity to participate in the programs and committees of the Presbytery, to lead worship occasionally, to provide pastoral support for vacationing pastors, and to share in clergy support groups. Rachel and I would like to participate in any marriage enrichment groups especially for clergy and spouses as well as any spiritual formation groups.

Statement of Faith by Huw Christopher

As my faith has been nurtured over the years by the love of God and the love of God's people I have come to appreciate more of what it means to be a child of God, loved by my Creator with a love which I do not deserve, and which I cannot earn. This Creator God gave to me and all people the gift of life in this beautiful and bountiful, and yet awesome and mysterious, universe. The love that God has for me and for the whole world has been shown most clearly in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who was the Eternal Word who became flesh and dwelt among us in human form. Through his life of love we see the life which God intends for all of God's children. Through his suffering and his death we see the depth of human sinfulness in the rejection of the perfect love of God Jesus proclaimed by word and deed but we also are assured that God's love will stop at nothing. Through his resurrection we have confidence that God's way of love is God's desire for the whole universe, and that God's power is strong enough ultimately to be victorious. By raising Jesus Christ from the dead God assures us that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love which God has shown for us in him. Through God's gift of the Holy Spirit I have been given the gift of faith to enable me to claim who I am as a child of God, and to have that relationship affirmed through the Sacrament of Baptism and sustained through the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. That same Spirit empowers me to seek to live as God's child out of gratitude for all that God in love has done for me, and so to seek to fulfill the very purpose for which God created me.

I have come to appreciate God's love for me in creation and in Jesus Christ through the unique witness to that love as it comes through the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. This written Word of God by the power of the Holy Spirit still becomes the Living Word of God which both inspires and challenges my life while offering guidance to me as a child of God today. I have been helped to understand the message of the Bible through the creeds, catechisms, confessions and other writings in which men and women have sought to express their faith, and to encourage others to come to know what it means to be children of God.

God has given to me and to all of God's children the gift of the Church, whereby through worship, prayer and the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper people of all ages might be drawn closer to the ground of their being, as they come to know what it is to be loved and to love, to be accepted and to accept, and to be forgiven and to forgive. Within the fellowship of the Church, God invites all people to use the varied gifts of the Spirit to do God's work and will in the world today.

As I look back on my life I can see how God has blessed, guided and used me in more ways than I could ever have imagined or anticipated. As I look to the future I continue to pray in the words of a fellow Welshman, William Williams, as in his hymn he writes, "Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak but though art mighty, hold me with thy powerful hand, bread of Heaven, bread of Heaven, feed Me 'til I want no more."

Autobiography

Rev. Yank Lee

Born: 12/14/1977 in Taipei, Taiwan.

Age: 40

○ Family

Wife : Tiffany. Born 9/18/1979. Age 38.

Daughter : Abby. Born 6/20/2006. Age 11. 6th grade.

Son : Jeremy. Born 7/2/2008. Age 9. 4th grade.

Daughter : Amber. Born 4/22/2013. Age 4

○ Education

B.S. in Religion, Aletheia University. Sep. 1996 - Jun. 2000

M.Div., Taiwan Theological College and Seminary Sep. 2002 - Jun. 2005.

Logos Evangelical Seminary D.Min program 2015/1- °

○ Ministries

Sent as minister

- Worker to college students, PCT Taipei College Student Center. Aug. 2005 - Aug. 2008.
- Youth minister, PCT Chi-nan Church. Aug. 2005 - Aug. 2009

Pastoring

- Pastor, PCT Lung-gang Church, Nov. 2009 - Sep. 2014

Credentials and trainings

- Third Party Neutral conflict resolution certificated.
- PTC Life Education Speaker certificated.
- Journey to Intimacy marriage counseling level 1 、FOCCUS marriage counseling certificated.
- Champions youth problem solving 、Guard of True Love 、emotion management certificated.

○ Called to serve

1. My faith was enlightened in my high school years. With the help of the fellowship groups of my home church Suanglien, and the nurturing and opportunities given by my pastor, my faith became solid and I passionately involved in church.
2. In my senior year of college I had attended a series of camps held by Taiwan Frontier Association. In the camp meeting a professor of seminary encouraged us to become a young person of faith in God and of love for people and land. At that moment my passion to serve the Lord was awoken, I was even more assured of the blessing of being used by God, and I decided to devote my life to Him.

○ Focus and pastoring style

1. Attention on life of church: pass down the faith and spread the Gospel.
2. Attention on action of church: give God the glory.
3. Attention on resistance to pressure in church: nurture the spiritual health of believers.

I believe in one Triune God.

I believe in God, the only true God of history and world, who is the creator and ruler of all people and all things. God is above all, through all, in all and everlasting. God's love and mercy is forever. God created all things perfect, and in God's image all people are created equal to glorify God. God gave us the freedom of choice. But we misused the freedom to go against God and fall into sin. We marred the image of God and violated our relationship with God. Due the sin, we were completely powerless in redeeming ourselves until God sent Jesus Christ to redeem the world.

I believe in Jesus Christ, was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born a man of the Virgin Mary. He is the only one Savior of the world. He is fully God and fully human. He came to redeem, to love, to reconcile. Through His suffering, crucifixion, death and resurrection, we are reconciled to God. He brought justice to this unjust world. He brought light to this world of darkness. Now, He is sitting at the right hand of God interceding for His followers and for the world. He will come again to gather His faithful, and to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit who is the everlasting life-giver, sustainer, and restorer. The Holy Spirit works in illuminating, guiding, and speaking all people. The Holy Spirit enables the chosen to respond to God's invitation of grace through faith. The Holy Spirit dwells among believers and grant us power to a sanctified life. It is to do justly, love mercy and walk with the Lord humbly, in order to witness God's love and grace. The Holy Spirit prays unceasingly for the believers.

I believe that the Bible is inspired by God, record of His redemption, and the norm of our faith and life. The Scripture reveals God's attributes, eternal plan for creation, teaches us God's purpose in this world. I believe the Bible is beneficial for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.

I believe the Church is the body of Christ, to proclaim the salvation and to be ambassador of reconciliation and through love and suffering becomes the sign of hope.

The Sacraments is the sign which the Church undertakes between God and the Israelites. By faith alone in the salvation of Jesus Christ, the Church receives blessing through the Sacraments. Without faith in the redemption of Christ Jesus, the Sacraments are merely an outward ceremony, unable to be a means of salvation. Therefore, I believe through the Sacraments Christ Jesus is present, which will bring nurture and growth for both the Church and individual believers.

God is a missional God. God calls and sends the Church to be a servant of mission. God will bestow gifts to all servants who participate in the ministry throughout the world. The purpose of mission is to declare the salvation of God through Christ Jesus. Therefore, by showing love and caring in all corners of the world, the Church realizes the kingdom of God.

Faith Journey of Rev. Diane M. Frasher

In order to summarize a faith journey in one page requires a good deal of condensation. As a child I was drawn to God and found myself growing spiritually as my parents exposed me first to Roman Catholicism, including parochial school, and then to the Church of Christ as a young teen. I continued to feel a love of God over the next years as I taught Sunday school and participated in the Church of Christ, but tried to keep that in the background of my life until I had married and moved from New York to California. After all, at the time that I grew up, it was rare for a woman to consider church leadership.

I was introduced to the Presbyterian denomination when I moved into the little peach house beside the former Glenkirk Presbyterian Church site on E. Leadora in Glendora when my first daughter was 6 months old. Although never becoming a member at that time, I held Bible Studies in my home and found myself attracted to the denomination. I had never been associated with a church that democratically governed.

A great deal happened over the next years, including the birth of two more daughters, the move to Rancho Cucamonga and then finally a divorce. I felt God's presence throughout those years, upholding me during a difficult pregnancy, fear of the death of my second child shortly after birth, joy at her survival and increasing good health, a divorce 3,000 miles from the nearest relative, church friends who supported me throughout. God's presence was real and palpable. My faith grew as I learned to trust and depend upon God for God was always present. I found myself sharing my story often.

At the time of my divorce, the pastor of Northkirk Presbyterian Church in Rancho Cucamonga, where I was now a member, asked if I would like the secretarial position. This was an incredible blessing as it began a complete change in the direction of my life. I also began attending a local junior college to get my AA and then transfer to a 4 year college to accomplish a BA. I felt God leading me to accomplish them and God provided the funds to do just that. I did not know where God was leading, just that I would need the degree. My ability to understand people at the church office revealed itself to be a proficiency in psychology, which became my major. After having left Northkirk, I was asked to step in as secretary at Colton Presbyterian Church for a while. Although I was really too busy at the time to accept this position, I felt it was a call and I accepted it.

Colton had a female pastor. This was a revelation for me and I had my first experience being literally pushed out of the support role into a position in front of a congregation as I lead the Worship Team. This was a revelation and I stepped back from the MSW I had planned and attended SFTS/SC towards an MDIV. As soon as I took my first class, I was hooked. I now understood where God was leading. After graduation, a first call was more difficult to find than I had thought. I was not willing to leave SO. CA. as I still had three daughters in various levels of school here. I moved into Substitute teaching which allowed me flexibility to work within the presbytery while earning money. The Substitute teaching led to a position as Resource Director for the Presbytery of Riverside where I received my first call. God has a marvelous way of working. Each step of our lives leads to new adventures with God. At the end of my first call, I began working with the presbytery for 2 years to help in the discernment process for the future of two different congregations. I found that my gifts, skills, experiences that God directed has honed me into the kind of pastor God has wanted me to become, and I rejoice in that.

Statement of Faith 12/2017
Diane M. Frasher

I believe in one God who was from the beginning, is with us today and will be with us forever. God, our creator, is all-powerful, ever present and all knowing. God loves and chooses to reach out with grace continually to humankind. I believe in the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – God, one in essence and yet three in person. These words are only an attempt at a description of God who is beyond all human language and comprehension.

I believe that Jesus Christ was at the beginning of creation as God. Jesus Christ is God's son given to the world by God out of love in order to bring salvation and redemption from sin to the world. Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior. Jesus was born both human and divine over 2000 years ago. Jesus was conceived by the Spirit of God and is God's only Son. Through his life, death on the cross, and resurrection from the dead he has reconciled all those who believe and has adopted them into the family of God making them precious in God's sight.

I believe the Spirit of God was also present at the beginning of creation "brooding" over creation with God. When Jesus ascended to heaven and sat at the right hand of God the Spirit of God was sent to continue the work that was begun by Jesus Christ. The Spirit is our Comforter and our guide, as well as our source of power. The Spirit transforms us. The Spirit is at work in the world today just as the Spirit was at work during the time of the early church. The Spirit gifts us in order that we can be the "body" of Christ in this world until Jesus Christ comes again.

I believe the Bible to be the inspired word of God given to us in order to reflect God's highest authority, Jesus Christ, the Word of God. It is through Jesus Christ that we know God. I believe the words of the bible to be written through human beings at particular times in history within particular contexts but always under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of Christ speaks to us through Old and New Testament.

I believe in Christ's church which is the witness of God's love made known through Jesus Christ to the world. God creates a covenant with us and then we who believe in Christ's saving grace covenant with each other, gather in fellowship, and worship God. The church has been called to spread the good news of the gospel and to follow the example of Jesus Christ in word and deed. I believe that the church has not been a perfect example of God's people in loving action over its 2000+ year history because the church is made up of imperfect, fallible human beings. But, still the Holy Spirit dwells within the church whose one foundation is Jesus Christ. We, as a part of the church, should continue to be open to the call of Christ and allow him to work through us.

I believe in two sacraments: Baptism and the Lord's Supper. They are visible signs and seals of God's invisible grace in Jesus Christ that touch us in very real and palpable ways. Through baptism we are marked as belonging to God, dying to sin and then being raised into life in Christ through the tangible and ordinary element of water. In the Lord's Supper we remember and celebrate the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ and then his glorious resurrection through the tangible ordinary elements of bread and wine. We are nourished in spirit as we participate in this sacrament and experience the real spiritual presence of Christ with us in today's world.

Presbytery of San Gabriel
Report of the Presbytery Executive Commission
January 20, 2018

The San Gabriel Presbytery Executive Commission met on December 12, 2017 with a quorum present, and makes the following report.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PRESBYTERY APPROVAL

1. To authorize the Administration and Finance Committee, acting as the Presbytery Board of Trustees, to approve the lease of the property at 630 N. Dalton Street in Azusa. There is serious negotiation for a long-term lease with a preschool to occupy that building.
2. To nominate CRE Bong Bringas (San Marino) to serve on the Committee on Representation and Nominations for the Class of 2020.

FOR INFORMATION

1. The Session of Claremont Presbyterian Church voted to present an overture for consideration by San Gabriel Presbytery for the 223rd General Assembly. The overture, "On Responding to the Current Syrian Crisis," will be presented as part of the Justice Peacemaking and Mission Committee's report.
2. The Administration and Finance Committee recommended a request from the Administrative Commission of First Presbyterian Church of Baldwin Park to set aside funds for the church's use and to pay the legal bills carried by the church in response to the on-going harassment and fraud being perpetrated against the church. The amount approved is up to \$35,000 and will be recorded as a note receivable from the church. The Presbytery will pay legal bills from this fund, and the AC will withdraw funds to cover expenses (including past-due expenses) as they see fit.
3. The Presbytery Executive Commission voted to pay down two Church Mortgage grants with Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP) on behalf of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in La Puente and First Presbyterian Church of Baldwin Park. The payout amounts are:
 - St. Andrew's: \$21,928.68
 - Baldwin Park: \$5,525.00.

These represent a 35% discount of the original principal of the loans, per an agreement with PILP, and will be recorded as a note receivable from each church's assets.

4. The Executive Commission approved a review and restructuring of restricted funds as proposed by the Administration and Finance Committee. A chart showing the transition from the old system to the new set of funds is included in the financial report as part of the Presbytery Consent Agenda. This review allows the Presbytery to understand and manage the restricted funds more closely.
5. The Presbytery applied for a "Restoring Creation and Accessibility" loan from PILP for the Presbytery Center. The Presbytery approved this application in June 2017 for up to \$350,000, but the actual loan is for \$200,000, at 4.5% interest. PILP approved the loan on December 21, 2017.
6. The Executive Commission approved the addition of two check signers for the Presbytery, TE Mariko Yanagihara and TE Lisa Lamb.
7. The Executive Commission approved the following housing allowances for 2018:
 - Diane Frasher: \$17,000.00
 - Wendy Tajima: \$50,000.00.
8. The Justice, Peacemaking and Mission Committee approved a grant of \$47,765 to Puente de Esperanza in La Puente, as part of the El Monte Initiative. Pastor Margarita Reyes reported the excellent progress of the church in community outreach, including parenting skills training and an after-school program. One ministry opportunity arose out of the parenting skills class, when some mothers shared the challenges of raising children with special needs. See report as part of the Consent Agenda for the Presbytery.