



# ALONG THE WAY

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## Community Conversations

By Pastor Hardy Kim

With Lent and Easter past, we're back to our ordinary lives—with all the good and the bad they hold. One of the more difficult realities, these days, is the division in our public discourse. Not only do we find that good people have different opinions on everything from gun violence to immigration, it's not uncommon to have a discussion with someone who believes different *facts* than we do.

One way to transform debates about opinions and wrangling over facts is to *make space to hear stories* about people's real experiences. Someone who taught me about the importance of listening to others' stories is **David Barnhart**, my friend from seminary. David

***SVPC is a safe place for thoughtful conversations about important issues.***

*Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence*—Screening and Panel Discussion on Monday evening, April 30 from 6–8:30 PM on the church campus

Check [www.svpc.us/CommunityConversations](http://www.svpc.us/CommunityConversations) for other *Conversations* this spring:

- *Locked in a Box*—Immigration Detention
- *To Breathe Free*—Syrian Refugee Crisis
- *Kepulihun*—Indian Ocean Tsunami & PDA relief efforts

serves as “Associate for Story Ministry” with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). He is an award-winning documentary filmmaker. David's goal is to help others tell their stories—about everything from the devastating effects of gun violence to the beautiful hope that drives individuals to rebuild their communities, even after

unimaginable loss.

This spring we are screening a series of David's PDA documentaries—stories that might transform our perspective on hard issues impacting our society. These screenings will be accompanied by opportunities for more learning and

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conversation. The first of these screenings will take place on Monday evening, April 30. We will watch the film *Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence* and follow up with a panel discussion. The panel will include public officials such as **Congressman Ro Khanna** and community leaders like **Rev. Erik Swanson**, a local Presbyterian pastor who is leading local efforts to address gun violence.



*Congressman Ro Khanna*

This series will also include films about immigrant detention, the Syrian refugee crisis, and about Presbyterian disaster relief efforts following the Indian Ocean Tsunami in 2004. Keep checking [our website](#) for additional dates and times.

This effort is sponsored by our Discipleship and Mission & Service Ministry Teams.

I invite you to join us for these vital conversations. Help us to be a faith family that listens to others' stories, so that we can hear how God is calling us to live in the world.

🖱️ *Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence*  
([triggerdoc.com/about/](http://triggerdoc.com/about/))

Congressman Ro Khanna ([khanna.house.gov](http://khanna.house.gov))

## Newsletter Deadlines

The newsletter deadline is Monday, April 9 for the May edition. Articles may be up to 120 words in length. Send your article to [newsletter@svpc.us](mailto:newsletter@svpc.us), and, if possible, include a photo with your article.



## Go green!

Consider joining the hundreds of individuals and families that now receive their newsletter electronically. The online edition arrives sooner, contains the same articles plus vivid full-color photos and live links, and can be easily shared with family and friends, all while helping reduce our carbon footprint! *Opt-in* by sending an e-mail to [newsletter@svpc.us](mailto:newsletter@svpc.us) with your request. 🌱

# The View From Here

by Rev. Hardy H. Kim

## *Easter Greetings!*

During the season of Lent that just ended, it seemed like there was plenty of evidence of the world's brokenness. Not only was there plenty of news about the political divisions in our country, there was constant news from around the world of renewed threats of nuclear war and ongoing conflict in places such as Syria, Nigeria, and Brazil (to name just a few).

Now that Lent is over, what should we do? Do we go back to our regular rhythms and stop focusing on our individual and collective failings? How do we continue to care for creation in ways that are faithful, without feeling bad all the time?

On Easter Sunday we heard about the unsettling experience of some of the disciples. Just when they were ready for the turmoil of Jesus' ministry to be over, they received startling news



about how the story wasn't really over. It's a story that challenges us all to think about how we can faithful to a Jesus who is still on the loose, still active in the world—even if it's hard or scary to do so.

In the days ahead there are many opportunities to move beyond our fears to meet Jesus' activity in the world. We hope you'll be a part of our adult education classes about vocation that will help us live beyond our

fear in our daily lives. There will even be public conversations about hard issues such as gun violence—a truly scary problem, but one that demands a faithful response. Join us for these, and many other ways, that we're trying to live in the spirit of Easter hope. 🌱

Your partner in this Easter way,

*Hardy*

# April Calendar

A quick look at what's happening at SVPC this month...

## April

- 1 Easter Sunday, services at 6:30 AM, 9 AM\*, 11 AM\*, and 5 PM\*  
\*Family Worship at 9 AM, 11 AM, and 5 PM; child care available for 3's, 4's and K
- 4 Parent Support Group Coffee, 9:30–11 AM, Room 750  
Just Among Moms (JAM), 9:30–11:30 AM, Room 702  
Parenting Class #1, 6–7:45 PM, Fellowship Hall
- 8 Chili Cookoff CARAVAN Fundraiser, 11:30 AM–1:30 PM, Trinity Court & Fellowship Hall  
Food drive for those in our community served by Sunnyvale Community Services
- 9 Deadline for May newsletter articles  
Make Meaning Before Money Lecture & Discussion, 7–9 PM, Fellowship Hall
- 11 Parenting Class #2, 6–7:45 PM, Fellowship Hall
- 12 Race, Racism and Privilege: Are You Living in a *Woke* World?, 10:30 AM–noon, Fellowship Hall  
Spice Dinner, 6 PM, Black Bear Diner in Sunnyvale
- 15 Vocation Discipleship Class, week #1, 11:30 AM, Soulé Hall
- 17 Session meets
- 17–18 Palestine Unlimited Preview, 6 PM, Fellowship Hall
- 18 Just Among Moms (JAM), 9:30–11:30 AM, Room 702
- 19 Palestine Unlimited Preview (6 PM) & Welcome Reception (7 PM), Fellowship Hall
- 22 Vocation Discipleship Class, week #2, 11:30 AM, Soulé Hall
- 25 Parenting Class #3, 6–7:45 PM, Fellowship Hall
- 26 Holy Land Pilgrimage Information Meeting, 7 PM, Fellowship Hall
- 29 One Service Sunday, 10 AM, sanctuary  
Vocation Discipleship Class, week #3, 11:30 AM, Soulé Hall  
Spring Choir Concert, 7 PM, Sanctuary
- 30 *Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence*—Screening and Panel Discussion, 6–8:30 PM, church campus

### *Where is that?*

Coleman Room

(Bldg 700)

Fellowship Hall

(Bldg 300)

Fireside Room

(Bldg 200)

Gym, Phoenix Center

(Bldg 700)

Sanctuary (Bldg 100)

Soulé Hall (Room 501,

Bldg 500)

Youth Room, Phoenix

Center (Bldg 700)



## May

- 2 Parenting Class #4, 6–7:45 PM, Fellowship Hall
- 6 SAGE Luncheon, 11:20 AM, Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall  
Vocation Discipleship Class, week #4, 11:30 AM, Soulé Hall
- 9 Parenting Class #5, 6–7:45 PM, Fellowship Hall
- 13 Vocation Discipleship Class, week #5, 11:30 AM, Soulé Hall

## June

18–22 Vacation Bible School

E-mail—[info@svpc.us](mailto:info@svpc.us)

Like us on Facebook—[facebook.com/SunnyvalePres](https://facebook.com/SunnyvalePres)

### **Online: What's at [svpc.us](http://svpc.us)**

Serve tab—look for our Mission & Service updated web pages

Resources—look for Resources at the bottom of each web page 🌿



# Rooted in Christ...

Sunnyvale Presbyterian offers everyone an opportunity to connect with the church community.

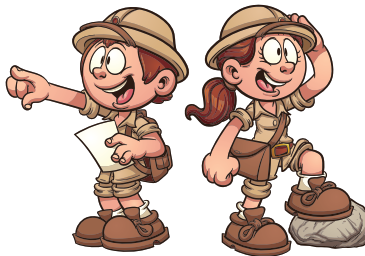
## Dig Down Deep, Discovering Jesus!— Vacation Bible School Summer Program

June 18–22, 9:30 AM to noon,  
For 4 years old (by 9/1/18) through  
entering 4th grade.

We invite older students *who attend our church* to be youth counselors.

In this year's program, children will “dig” learning about events in Jesus' life through stories, songs, crafts, music and worship. Children will learn how the lessons Jesus taught still apply to their lives today. In addition, your child will have an opportunity to be part of a fellowship of loving and caring people committed to the Christian education of our children.

Register online at [www.svpc.us/vbs](http://www.svpc.us/vbs). The cost for the week is \$80 per child. This fee is waived for full-time teachers/leaders.



## Seeking Vacation Bible School Teachers

Sign up early to get your preferred teaching or full-time volunteer spot by contacting **Carol Heath** at [carol@svpc.us](mailto:carol@svpc.us).

Have you considered teaching Vacation Bible School, but are worried

about the prep time or feel unequipped? Fear not! Children's Ministry works very hard to make teaching Vacation Bible School a breeze. All materials are provided and prepped, teacher training is thorough and extensive and you will be supported all the way through your week by the Children's Ministry team. We would love to have some new faces on our teaching team.



## “Sticky Faith” Parenting Class for Parents of 4th–12th Graders

Wednesdays, April 4, 11, 18, May 2, 9,  
6–7:45 PM, Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$25/family

Dinner provided for class participants. *Child care provided, however, please feed children before coming or bring their dinner.*


Most parents would give anything to anchor their children with a vibrant faith that “sticks” and continues to mature into adulthood. Yet, despite this deep desire, research indicates that approximately 40–50% of high school seniors drift from their faith after graduation. The Sticky Faith Parent Curriculum is a video-based study that came from **Kara Powell’s** desire to see her own kids emerge from adolescence with their faith intact. Through personal, real-world experiences of research and sharing, the Sticky Faith Parent Curriculum enables parents to instill a deep and lasting faith in their adolescents.



 [www.svpc.us/familyministry](http://www.svpc.us/familyministry)

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## Worship Focus

Catch some calm in the middle of your week with the weekly Worship Focus email. This email includes a greeting from the preaching pastor, the sermon scripture and some questions for reflection. Begin to prepare your heart and mind for Sunday’s worship. Opt-in by sending an e-mail to [info@svpc.us](mailto:info@svpc.us) with your request. 

# Discipleship Focuses on Christian Life and the Workplace

**On April 9 Bay Area business consultant Lanny Vincent will deliver a brief lecture, “Make Meaning Before Money.”**

After the lecture, Discipleship elder **Barry Vickrey** will interview Vincent and invite audience members to engage in discussion. A light supper of salads and sandwiches will be provided before the lecture at 7 PM.

Vincent’s lecture is based on a chapter from his book, *A Primer on Innovation Theology: Responding to Change in the Company of God* (2017), which is available in the church library and from Book Sales on Sundays. Vincent, a former Presbyterian pastor, will discuss where and why we create value for others (innovate) and how we imagine God to be involved in our meaning-making (theology) and value-making (economics).

**Beginning April 15, Discipleship will offer a five-week class on “Vocation.”**

Barry Vickrey will lead the class, in which those attending will be encouraged to discuss their experiences in the workplace. Specific class topics will include what the Bible says about vocation, how to maintain a balance of work, personal and family life, and service, and how to apply Christian values in Silicon Valley’s diverse, secular workplaces. The class will also explore the application of Christian values to two current topics: sexual harassment and business exploitation of addictive technologies.

➡ Additional information, including class registration and child care arrangements, is available at [www.svpc.us/groups/cl-vocation](http://www.svpc.us/groups/cl-vocation).



Lanny Vincent

## **Make Meaning Before Money**

Monday, April 9,  
7:30–9 PM, Fellowship  
Hall (Come at 7 PM for a  
light dinner)

## **Discipleship Focuses on Christian Life and the Workplace**

Sundays, beginning  
April 15, 11:30 AM,  
Soulé Hall





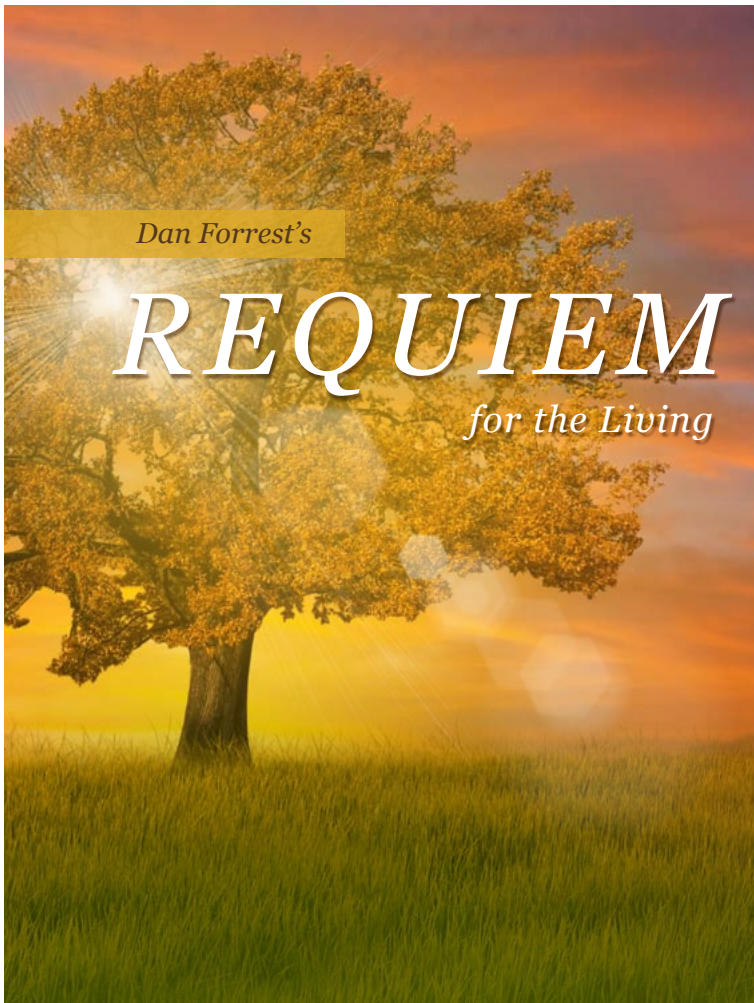
# Spring Choir Concert

Sunday, April 29, 7 PM, sanctuary

Invite your friends and family to the Spring Concert presented by our Chancel Choir, with soloists, orchestra, and organ. The concert centers on Dan Forrest's powerful *Requiem for the Living* (2013), a five-movement prayer for rest based on Biblical texts (Ecclesiastes and Job) and traditional Requiem texts. The texts and music move from pouring out grief, and wrestling with the problem of pain and sorrow,

to finding hope in Christ's redemption, seeing God's glory in His creation, and arriving at rest and peace in Christ, even while living in our broken world. Music by Ralph Vaughan Williams rounds out the program: *Five Mystical Songs* featuring a baritone soloist; an organ setting of "For All the Saints;" and a majestic setting of Psalm 100 for choir, orchestra, and audience.

Child care for ages 6 months to 6 years will be provided and everyone is invited to a reception immediately following the concert. A free-will offering will be collected to help offset the concert costs. 🌿



# Reaching Out In Love.

Christ commands us to love one another as He loves us. Here's how.

## Financial Update through February

We have one month left in our fiscal year and here's how we are doing.

\$1,693K	Income
-\$1,641K	Expenses
\$ 52K	Surplus

Income continues to be more than expenses resulting in a \$52K surplus. It is expected that we will end this current year on March 31 with an estimated surplus around \$5K. Keeping your giving current and making additional gifts enable our church to remain financially strong. We continue to be grateful for your stewardship to this church community. Thank you! 🌱

**GOD'S MISSION**  
**OUR GIFTS**



## Financial Highlights from the Annual Meeting on March 18

### Giving remains steady.

The number of 2018 pledges is up 1% from 2017 and pledged dollars are down less than 1%. This is not the usual experience for churches that have a change in leadership. It is typical to see giving drop when there is new staff.

### The April 2018–March 2019 budget reflects a \$128K deficit.

To help us fulfill the vision of ministry articulated in the 2015 Mission Study Report (MSR), we are investing in our employees, marketing, and facilities. The MSR affirmed our commitment to maintain our strengths in worship and community, but also challenged us to grow in mission and outreach. Our need is for additional giving in 2018 to reduce our budgeted deficit. We are grateful for your generosity and faithfulness to this ministry.

🖱️ View the 2017 Annual Report and 2015 Mission Study Report ([www.svpc.us/reports](http://www.svpc.us/reports))

## Mentoring With Amigos

Following the visit from Jim Wallis to Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church in early 2017, Mission & Service and Discipleship ministry teams sponsored presentations by several local non-profit



**Amigos de Guadalupe**

Center for Justice & Empowerment

"Connecting resources to people"


agencies. One of those agencies was Amigos de Guadalupe Center for Justice and Empowerment, which was born out of a vision to break the cycle of poverty in the Mayfair neighborhood in East San Jose. Supporting first generation college students with scholarships is a major focus of Amigos.

Inspired by their presentation, several members of our church volunteered to mentor students, who are first in their families to attend college. The Executive Director of Amigos, **Maritza Maldonado** and Board Member, **Nancy Pang**, have partnered with us in carrying out a pilot program. In addition to six members from our church, several members of the Amigos Board have mentored students during this year.

At a recent "all mentor" meeting, participants shared what has been learned from the pilot program and how it can be strengthened for the 2018–19 school year. One goal is to increase the number of mentors, as Amigos anticipates being able to provide as many as 25 scholarships this spring.

To learn how to be a part of this opportunity to serve please contact Mission & Service lead elder **Elsa Amboy** at [amboyelsa@gmail.com](mailto:amboyelsa@gmail.com), or **Judi Pogue** at [judipogue@comcast.net](mailto:judipogue@comcast.net).

### Interested in connecting...

with other young adults at SVPC? For news and events, contact **Sarah Hawthorne** at [YoungAdultsSVPC@gmail.com](mailto:YoungAdultsSVPC@gmail.com). 





## SAGE Luncheon

Sunday, May 6, 11:20 AM,  
Fellowship Hall

Please join the  
Seniors Actively  
Growing and  
Engaged for a  
special musical  
performance by our own  
**Dr. Valerie Sterk** and  
a wonderful lunch. The  
program will begin in the  
sanctuary and then move to  
Fellowship Hall for lunch.  
The suggested donation for  
lunch is \$7. Invite a friend!



## Spice Dinner

Thursday, April 12,  
6 PM, Black Bear Diner,  
Sunnyvale

SVPC's 50s+  
Singles Group,  
Spice, will  
enjoy a no-host  
dinner. Join us  
for a pleasant meal with the  
group. This is a wonderful  
way to make new friends  
and enjoy an evening out.  
For more information  
please contact **Melanie**  
**Prolo** at 408-394-9311 or  
[melanieprolo@gmail.com](mailto:melanieprolo@gmail.com).



## Holy Land Pilgrimage

March 2019, led by Rev. Dr. Libby Boatwright

Sojourn to the Holy Land to follow in the footsteps of Jesus  
as we explore the Sea of Galilee area, the Hill Country of  
Samaria, the desert places near the Jordan River, and the  
holy city of Jerusalem.

There will be an information meeting on Thursday, April  
26, at 7 PM in Fellowship Hall. **Libby** will share her thoughts  
about leading and preparing for the trip. Additionally several  
pilgrims from the March 2016 Holy Land trip will speak  
about their experience, share photos, and be on hand to  
answer questions.

Come early to view the Palestine Unlimited photo  
exhibit. For more information, contact Libby at  
[etboat2b@aol.com](mailto:etboat2b@aol.com), or **Susan Brooksbank** (trip administra-  
tor) at [susan.brooksbank@icloud.com](mailto:susan.brooksbank@icloud.com) or 408-245-4113.



# Palestine Unlimited Photo Exhibit and Reception

Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church will be hosting Palestine Unlimited, a photo exhibit of 10 finalists from the Karimeh Abboud Award Competition. Sponsored by Dar Al Kalima University College of Arts and Culture in Bethlehem, the exhibit highlights the best young photographers of Palestine who share interpretations of their country and its people. Karimeh Abboud was a pioneering 20th century Palestinian female photographer.

## Preview Nights

*April 17–18, 6 PM, Fellowship Hall*

## Welcome Reception

*Thursday, April 19, Viewing from 6–7 PM, Program begins 7 PM, Fellowship Hall*

- Speaker: **Jeanette Cool**, Board Member of nonprofit supporting Dar Al Kalima
- Speaker: **Miriam Kishi**, SVPC member, on her Holy Land trip sponsored by Dar Al Kalima
- Film: *The Wanted 18*, an animated documentary about the efforts of Palestinians in Beit Sahour to start a small local dairy industry

## Photo Exhibit

The photo exhibit will remain in place in Fellowship Hall through Sunday, April 29. 🌿





# Announcing CARAVAN 2018 to Tucson, AZ

Trip participants will be working with [BorderLinks](#) to learn about the lives of immigrants and to gain a better understanding of immigration. This trip is open to 8th graders through high school seniors. Sign up by texting CLUE CARAVAN to 51400, or sign up online at [www.svpc.us/caravan](http://www.svpc.us/caravan).



## Youth Ministry

See the **latest** middle and high school calendars at [www.svpc.us/youth](http://www.svpc.us/youth)

### CLUE—High School Events

#### Small Groups

Mondays, 7–8:45 PM

Contact [youth@svpc.us](mailto:youth@svpc.us) for locations

#### CLUE High School

Wednesdays, 7–8:45 PM,  
Phoenix Center

#### Want the latest information about CLUE?

Text: CLUE to 51400

Follow Instagram:

@cluesvpc #cluesvpc

#### Parents—Stay current on CLUE events/trips

Monthly email: Send an email to [youth@svpc.us](mailto:youth@svpc.us)

Text: CLUE HSPARENT to 51400

### FLASH—Middle School Events

#### Small Groups

Mondays, 7–8:45 PM

Contact [youth@svpc.us](mailto:youth@svpc.us) for locations

#### FLASH Middle School

Wednesdays, 6–7:45 PM,  
Phoenix Center

#### Want the latest information about FLASH?

Text: FLASH to 51400

Follow Instagram:

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#### Parents—Stay current on FLASH events/trips

Monthly email: Send an email to [youth@svpc.us](mailto:youth@svpc.us)

Text: FLASH JHPARENT to 51400

# Help Us Get to CARAVAN

Sunday, April 8,  
11:30 AM–1:30 PM, Trinity  
Court & Fellowship Hall



To help defray the cost of CARAVAN 2018 the youth will be holding a Chili Cook Off fundraiser on April 8. This will be a fun time as the community comes together to celebrate youth, support youth ministry, and eat some great chili. Tickets are \$10, if purchased from a student ahead of time; \$15 at the door. Your ticket includes three voting tickets, a sample of each chili, lunch, cornbread and a drink. You will have the opportunity to buy more voting tickets at the event. Voting closes at 1 PM and at 1:30 PM the winners will be announced. Thank you for helping our students!

 [www.svpc.us/chilicookoff](http://www.svpc.us/chilicookoff)

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers...

*For recovery:* **Marge Connell; Jackie Fletcher; Fran Lusk;**

**Linda Marsh; Maurice Sharp; Don Strandburg**

*Continuing Prayers:* **Nancy Norris; Mildred Prasad; George**

**Royer; Dan Sharpley**

*For Cancer Treatment:* **Michael Yocum**

*For the loss of loved ones:* The family and friends of

**Jim Traina** 





# SUNNYVALE

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## **Race, Racism and Privilege: Are You Living in a *Woke* World?**

**Thursday, April 12, 10:30 AM–noon, Fellowship Hall**

Consider these questions: What is race? Who is a racist? What is white privilege? Guest speaker **Rev. Irene Pak Lee**, Associate Pastor of Stone Presbyterian Church in San Jose, will speak as a Korean-American and a pastor, sharing ideas from the “DisGrace” conference she attended at Montreat Conference Center.

**Judi Pogue** will begin with a thought-provoking introduction from SVPC’s year-long study of the book *Is Everyone Really Equal?* Participants discussed the book and its relevance, which raised their awareness of issues previously unrecognized.

This program is sponsored by SVPC’s Presbyterian Women (PW)—all are welcome to attend. Come and consider this timely issue. 🌱

