

The Day After

Presbytery of the Pacific

7/12/2011

Bethesda Presbyterian Church

WELCOME, DOSKA AND DAVID

The Presbytery of the Pacific welcomed Elder Doska Ross, the new Executive and Stated Clerk of the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii.

We also received greetings from Rev. David Clark, a Church of Scotland pastor who exchanged parishes this summer with Reinhard and Laura Krauss of St. Luke's Presbyterian Church.

PATRICE INSPIRES HIS NEW PRESBYTERY

The Presbytery welcomed Rev. Patrice Mbo, who was received by Pacific, transferring from San Francisco Presbytery. Rev. Mbo is a certified ACPE Supervisory Candidate, working at UCLA Medical Center in Santa Monica. He is a Board Certified Chaplain with the Association of Professional Chaplains (APC). A native of Cameroon, Patrice was raised in France, lived in Spain for two years, and has lived in the U.S. since 2004. Rev. Mbo was the organizing pastor for a pan-African French-speaking church in the Bay Area, and brings great gifts of faith, perseverance, and sensitivity to his ministry. He and his family are active with Westwood Presbyterian Church.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Several important dates were shared with the Presbytery:

- July 17, 3 p.m.: Installation of Rev. Tim Yee, Designated Pastor of Union Church of Los Angeles.
- July 31, 9 a.m.: Installation of Bill Crawford, Designated Associate Pastor for Water's Edge; service to be held at Bel Air Presbyterian Church.
- September 25, 4-6 p.m.: New Form of Government "Teach-In" at St. Luke's Presbyterian Church.
- October 1, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.: New Form of Government Training from Lydia McDonald Academy, open to all, at Knox Presbyterian Church.
- November 19, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.: Boundary Training, mandatory for all minister members and recommended for all church leaders and staff, at Covenant Presbyterian Church.

THANKS TO BETHESDA

Many thanks to the members and staff of Bethesda Presbyterian Church, who provided a warm welcome, a fulfilling worship experience, and a wonderful festive lunch as our hosts for this meeting.

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Summarizes some of what went on at our Presbytery meetings. The minutes continue to be the official record of the meetings, but The Day After will provide a tool for sharing and reporting what happened. The Presbytery's website (www.pacificpresbytery.org) is another source of information about Presbytery meetings and other Presbytery events and activities.

TAJIMA AFFIRMED AS STATED CLERK/ASSOCIATE GENERAL PRESBYTER

The Presbytery heard the recommendation of the Stated Clerk/Associate General Presbyter Search Committee. After reviewing 45 profiles, they decided to recommend Rev. Wendy S. Tajima. The Presbytery approved the recommendation and installed Rev. Tajima, and celebrated with cake!

INTO THE NEW FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Come July 10, 2011, the amendments from the 219th General Assembly (2010) take effect. However, it is expected that the changes will take as long as a year to implement. The Presbytery adopted what is suggested for all congregations to do, to affirm the 2009-2011 *Book of Order* as the guide for the administration of mission in the Presbytery of the Pacific, except when:

- it conflicts with the 2011-2013 Form of Government or any subsequent versions of the Constitution of the PC(USA)
- it conflicts with the Presbytery's own current Bylaws, Standing Rules, or Manual of Administrative Operations, or relevant policies of the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii
- it conflicts with relevant civil laws
- it is amended in accordance with the Standing Rules of the Presbytery.

Eventually each church will need to adopt its own administration manual and sexual misconduct policy. To facilitate this, the Presbytery will hold a group training session on September 25, 4 p.m., at St. Luke's, and Lydia McDonald Academy will offer a training event on October 1, 9 a.m. at Knox. The Presbytery will hold additional sessions on the Westside and Mid-City. Finally, the Presbytery affirmed the following consultants who will be available to work with churches and the Presbytery itself, as we transition to the updated Constitution:

Ruling Elders

Elizabeth Hicks (Westminster)
Barbara Jensen (St. Mark's)
Sandra Mader (Hollywood First)

Teaching Elders (Ministers)

Leon Fanniel
Paula Mann
Amanda Riley
Wendy Tajima.

Any churches wanting help can contact Wendy at statedclerk@pacificpresbytery.org

CONGRATULATIONS TO UCRF GRANT RECIPIENTS

The Presbytery voted to present Urban Church Redevelopment Fund grants to:

- St. John's Presbyterian Church: \$9,400 for the third and final year of funding for their International Student Ministry program, and
- Bethesda Presbyterian Church: a new grant of \$13,000 for their Hispanic Radio Ministry.

Congratulations and may God continue to do wonders through these outreach ministries!

PULPIT EXCHANGES SET

Twenty-two churches signed up for the September 18th Pulpit Exchange. Look for the listing of match-ups on the pacificpresbytery.org website soon!

MISSION THAT UNITES US: HEARING ABOUT THE HOMELESS

The Presbytery heard words of challenge and hope, as Dramastage Qumran spoke of the 80,000-100,000 men, women and children without adequate housing in the Los Angeles metropolitan area. Habitat for Humanity gave an update, celebrating the efforts of more than 15 Pacific Presbytery churches who have contributed to building three homes in Los Angeles. More advocacy is needed!

CPM UPDATE

CPM Moderator Michael Mudgett reported that the Committee on Preparation for Ministry certified the following candidates ready to receive a call:

Yong Jae (Jay) Kim (*Bel Air*)
David McNutt (*Malibu*)
Morsan McSweeney (*Hollywood First*)
Jason Blandford (*Hollywood First*)

In addition, Timothy Gray, a member of First Presbyterian Church of San Pedro, was enrolled as an Inquirer.

MALIBU AND HONOLULU TRANSFERS SUPPORTED

After some insightful comments of affirmation and concern, the Presbytery voted to support Malibu Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Honolulu in their requests to transfer to the Presbytery of Santa Barbara and the Presbytery of San Diego, respectively. The requests will now be considered by the receiving presbyteries and the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii for approval. The ultimate approval is made at the level of the General Assembly, either by the Middle Governing Body Commission or the 220th General Assembly in July 2012. The other four Hawaii churches in Pacific—Christ Church Uniting Disciples and Presbyterians, Korean Presbyterian in Honolulu, Mililani Presbyterian Church, and Taiwanese Presbyterian Church in Honolulu NCD—will remain in Pacific Presbytery.

SYNOD COMMISSIONERS ELECTED

The Presbytery elected the following Commissioners to the Synod for the Class of 2012:

Ruling Elders

Sandra Mader (Hollywood)

TBD (waiting on confirmation)

Teaching Elders (Ministers)

Shin-Hwa Park

Wendy Tajima

As is our practice, the Presbytery elected all minister members of the Presbytery as alternate minister Synod Commissioners, and all elders of churches within the Presbytery as alternate elder Synod Commissioners.

REMEMBERING OUR NICARAGUA TRAVELERS

Please keep them in your prayers this week.

They are:

Ani Abiedu (*Culver City Presbyterian Church*)

Heidi Sheppard (*Culver City Presbyterian Church*)

Ada Hernandez (*Immanuel Presbyterian Church*)

Annabella Trujillo (*Immanuel Presbyterian Church*)

Debbie Breeding (*Immanuel Presbyterian Church*)

Alma Lorenzo (*Immanuel Presbyterian Church*)

Rev. Sue Fisher (*Faith Presbyterian Church*)

Mateel Johnson (*Knox Presbyterian Church*)

Chris Cheng (*West Hollywood Presbyterian Church*)

Josiah Lee (*Bel Air Presbyterian Church*)

Samantha Johnson (*Bel Air Presbyterian Church*)

Travis Overbeck (*Westwood Presbyterian Church*)

Here are our Travelers in action...

