

# The Day After

Presbytery of the Pacific

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Knox Presbyterian Church

## WELCOME, BILL AND TIM, INSTALLATION SEASON ABOUT TO START

The Presbytery welcomes Rev. Bill Crawford, Designated Associate Pastor for Water's Edge for Bel Air Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Tim Yee, Designated Pastor of Union Church of Los Angeles. Bill comes from outstanding experiences in planting churches in the Midwest and comes to us through the Formula of Agreement with the Reformed Church in America. Tim is coming home to the Presbytery that prepared him for ministry and ordained him in 2005; then CPM Moderator Les Atkinson congratulated the many members of Union Church who came to support Tim. Rev. Atkinson compared Tim's extraordinary ministry gifts to "lightning in a bottle."



Three installation services were announced for the summer:

Cathy Cummings Chisholm, Covenant Presbyterian, June 5, 4 pm

Tim Yee, Union Church of Los Angeles, July 17, 3 pm

Bill Crawford, Bel Air Presbyterian, July 31, 9 am

Pacific Presbytery is truly blessed with these wonderful pastors!

## GROWING WHERE WE'RE PLANTED

After listening to the day's Scripture readings of Jeremiah 29:4-7 and Ephesians 3:14-21, and to the Revs. Timm Cyrus (Angeles Mesa), Dave Worth (Beverly Hills), and Tim Yee (Union Church of LA) about what they're learning as their churches reach out to the communities around them, all the members of the Presbytery participated in a lively time of sharing and praying in small groups. Following on the Scripture passages, the members talked about their personal spiritual growth led by the Bible, and ways their churches are growing as they minister to the communities around them.

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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](http://www.pacificpresbytery.org)) is another source of information about Presbytery meetings and other Presbytery events and activities.

## **THANKS TO KNOX**

Many thanks to the members and staff of Knox Presbyterian Church, who provided a warm welcome, a fulfilling worship experience, and a comforting home-style dinner as our hosts for this meeting.

## **PULPIT EXCHANGE SET FOR SEPTEMBER 18**

General Mission Council Chair Mark Brewer announced that this year's Pulpit Exchange will be September 18th. The matchups will be made at the next Presbytery meeting on July 9th.

## **CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER TO SHARE SPACE**

The Presbytery authorized the Administration Committee to help Redeemer Church to negotiate a lease with a charter school, subject to the approval of the General Mission Council, providing financial support for Redeemer's emerging ministries.

## **GA AMENDMENTS PASS; TOWN HALLS TO BE HELD**

After concurring with the vast majority of presbyteries that already ratified Amendments 10-B through 10-O, and hearing that Twin Cities Presbytery had just become the 87th presbytery to ratify Amendment 10-A, Pacific Presbytery voted to approve 10-A with a vote of 102 for, 60 against, and 2 abstaining. Having heard a summary of the issues and implications related to the amendment, the body voted on a motion by Rev. Dan Smith to forego a time of debate.

Mitchell Landsberg reported for the Los Angeles Times:

Those voting at the gathering at Knox greeted the results of the vote with restraint. There was no cheering, no hugs — at least not immediately — and no recriminations from those who lost.

## **THE STRUCTURE WORKS: RECORD REVIEWS AND MINISTERS' PER CAPITA**

Having done such an outstanding job last year, the Administrative Commission for the Review of Records was reconstituted for this year's record reviews. The members appointed are:

Elder Ellen Baker (Bel Air)	Rev. Ruben Esponda
Elder Elizabeth Hicks (Westminster)	Rev. Micka Moto-Sanchez
Elder Elizabeth Collier (St. Andrew's)	additional minister to be named by the Stated Clerk
Elder David Sargent (St. Luke's)	in consultation with the Moderator

Interim Stated Clerk Wendy Tajima thanked the minister members who have contributed financially to the ministry of Presbytery of the Pacific, using the per capita allocation as a guide.

## **I ONCE WAS LOST (but didn't know it) AND NOW AM FOUND**

A much-needed moment of laughter and relief was shared near the end of the meeting, as it was announced that an elder commissioner had gone missing—only to be “found” in another corner of the sanctuary! Thank God for sisters and brothers watching out for us. May it always be so.