

THE NEWS

of San Fernando Presbytery

April 2010

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NEWS

REV. RICHARD POOLE RECEIVED AT CALLED PRESBYTERY MEETING

At a called meeting held on Tuesday, March 16, the Presbytery of San Fernando voted to approve the call of the Rev. Richard Poole to Faith Presbyterian Church, Valley Village and to receive him into membership. Richard comes to us from Indian Nations Presbytery. He was most recently involved in a campus ministry at the University of Oklahoma, and feels a special sense of call to bring young adults into the church. He will be installed at Faith on June 20.

Also at the called meeting, commissioners voted on a motion directing the Stated Clerk Search Committee to investigate the possibility of combining the Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk positions. The motion was approved, and the Search Committee will report on its findings at the May meeting of Presbytery. (See North's Notes for more details.)

There will be another called meeting on Tuesday, April 20. Grandview Presbyterian Church is seeking to call Scott McGinnis as their pastor. Commissioners will be asked to approve the call, and also to examine Scott for ordination. A long-time member of Glendale Presbyterian Church, Scott did his undergraduate work at UC Santa Barbara and got his MDiv. at Regent in Vancouver. Pending his approval at the called meeting, Grandview hopes to schedule his ordination and installation some time in May.

NORTH'S NOTES

“Change.” It could be the loose coins in your pocket or purse, or it could be a swing in the weather, or just about anything that will be that was not in existence previously. And so change comes to the presbytery as well. At the called presbytery meeting in March, it was voted to expand the role of the Stated Clerk Search Committee to include researching the possibility of combining the Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk position. Having shared this possibility with the presbytery, I said that I would not be available for the combined position as I would be retiring this fall. I realize that this is a bit early to announce one’s retirement, but with the looking at different configurations for the presbytery staff, it was necessary to do so. We are also looking into the feasibility of hiring a person to oversee the Jeremiah Initiative work and New Church plants. “Change” is at times necessary and positive. Let us keep the folk involved in the present process in our prayers.

This month our new church plant, Northland Village Church has its first “public” service. God is doing a marvelous work in the Atwater Village area. We are also sending a prospective new church planter to the assessment center this month. We are continually hearing of men and women interested in planting new churches. God is supplying us with well qualified people. The Jeremiah Initiative is moving along well in four congregations. Continue to keep them in your prayers. The churches are Woodland Hills, St. James, The Kirk and Encino. I trust that God will impress upon the leadership of our other churches the need for this type of focus in discovery, discernment and empowering.

Blessings,
Jerry North

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSITION OPEN FACILITY MANAGER, GLENDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Full-time position with benefits. Requires skills in facility and people management, supervision of custodial staff, and some working knowledge of computer hardware and software.

Contact Jan Bush, Office Manager
818-242-8873, ext. 225, or jbush@glenpres.org.

ART 4 SHELTER
ART SALE AND AUCTION
Help Homeless Families Get Off the Street

Saturday, April 17
First Presbyterian Church, Granada Hills
10400 Zelzah
Northridge

2:30 pm Art Sale Begins
4:00 pm Silent Auction Begins
6:30 pm Bidding Closed

100 % of the net proceeds will be used to open a new emergency shelter for homeless families in the San Fernando Valley.

To find out more about the rescue mission, call us at 818 392-0020.

First Presbyterian Church of Newhall

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LIFE ACADEMY

“Exploring Faith, Community and the World.”

Spring Semester
April 11 – May 16, 2010

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Short Courses for Adults

Offered by the Adult Education Committee

This Spring 2010, First Presbyterian Church of Newhall presents a new series of courses for busy adults in the SCV community through its “Life Academy”. Do you want to continue learning? Is it hard to fit traditional classes into your busy lifestyle? Life Academy is designed to fit into your cramped schedule and busy lifestyle by offering short courses, which are only one, two or three one-hour sessions in length.

To register call Gail Nehring, Office Manager 661 259-0555.

Your pre-registration will help in planning for the courses.

All sessions are on the campus of First Presbyterian Church, Newhall,
24317 Newhall Ave., Newhall

URBAN PLUNGE

A Local Urban Mission Trip!
sponsored by
The San Fernando Presbytery
Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation Work Group

Join us in working with....

DOOR/Hollywood
(Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection)
See the face of God in the city!

<http://doornetwork.org/index.cfm?load=page&page=229&category=3>

DOOR/Hollywood is an urban ministry affiliated with the PCUSA.

July 4-9, 2010

Ages 13 and up

\$295/person (DOOR fee) includes lodging and food for all meals EXCEPT Wednesday evening.

Register by May 1

All adults attending must be willing to work with youth and provide leadership. Program focused on relational ministries such as feeding the homeless, kids' programs, visiting the elderly and other city folks, working in urban gardens, etc. Each church group must provide its own local transportation (cars or minivans that seat 8 passengers max). Individual participants (not coming with a church group) are welcome to join us! However, they must do fundraising activities to assist with local transportation costs (which may include a rental van and gas expenses).

For more information, please contact:

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2010 CROP WALK **Sunday, November 7**

CAN YOU HELP?

The 2009 Crop Walk brought in \$21,300.
We can raise even more in 2010, but help is needed!

For an organized and successful Crop Walk, dedicated volunteers are needed to assist with publicity, recruitment, education, route support, finances and refreshments.

Carol Hiestand, of the San Fernando Presbytery JPIC Committee, invites you to the Crop Walk planning and organization meeting. It will be held on April 11, 3:00 pm, at St. Paul's UMC, 5819 Lindley Ave. in Tarzana. Elegant edibles will be served.

RSVP to Carol at:
818 886-5531 or chiestand@socal.rr.com

Presbyterian Men in the Synod of So. Calif. & Hawaii

Annual Spring Gathering

“IS THERE A HOLE IN OUR GOSPEL?”

Scripture reference: Luke 4:14-21

**THE REV. DR. JERRY A. TANKERSLEY
Senior Pastor, Laguna Presbyterian Church
Guest Speaker**

**Special Guests from Kenya
The Men of Limuru Presbytery
Presbyterian Church of East Africa**

Saturday, May 8, 2010

**Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church
11600 Los Alamitos Blvd., Los Alamitos, CA
605 Freeway to Katella, mile east to Los Alamitos Blvd.,
south to GSPC on east side of street**

Breakfast* at 7:30 am
Donation \$10.00

* Registration & Exhibits 7:30 am
Breakfast 8:00 am & out by 10:00 am

Reservations by Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Take advantage of our “Express Advance Registration” by prepaying.
No standing in line or need to arrive early.

Contact Don Travis

E-mail: Pmdtrav@aol.com • Tel: (714) 521-6891 • Fax: (714) 521-9283

Mail to: 5842 Crestview Circle, La Palma, CA 90623-1819

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