

THE NEWS

of San Fernando Presbytery

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NEWS

PRESBYTERY WELCOMES NEW KIRK CO-PASTORS, COMMISSIONS LAY PASTOR FOR NEWHALL

The Presbytery of San Fernando welcomed the new co-pastors of Kirk o' the Valley at its meeting on Tuesday, February 23. Lindsey and Robert Carnes were examined by commissioners, giving thoughtful answers to challenging questions about their theology and their vision for the church. The Carnes come most recently from First Presbyterian Church in South Bend, Indiana. Both received their MDiv. from Princeton Theological Seminary.

The Carnes bring a variety of skills to their Co-Pastor position at the Kirk. At South Bend they were involved in many aspects of the church's life, including pastoral care, youth ministry, financial planning and curriculum development.



New Kirk Co-Pastors, Revs. Robert and Lindsey Carnes

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Commissioned Lay Pastor Phil Aijian

A crowd of family and friends attended the meeting to witness Phil Aijian's commissioning service. Phil will be assisting Rev. Bill Barnes at First Presbyterian Church, Newhall as a Commissioned Lay Pastor. He has been a long-time member at Newhall, and Bill spoke warmly of Phil's contributions to the life of the church.

First Presbyterian Church, Encino, hosted the meeting. Rev. Curtis Webster and Rev. Janelle Tibbetts-Vaughan conducted the worship service, with music provided by Dr. Paul Pitman and Tracy Saliefendic. Janelle offered a meditation titled "A Whack in the Head" in which she spoke of the surprising twists contained in Jesus' parables. Elder Ruth Mandernach also participated in the service.

BRIDGE OF HOPE BUILDS PARTNERSHIPS IN PERU

The mission of PCUSA's Joining Hands Against Hunger/Peru (JHAH/Peru) program is to improve the quality of life of the most economically disadvantaged. To carry out this mission it has established commissions to concentrate on Economic Development, Human Rights and Environmental Justice. Bridge of Hope represents JHAH/Peru's focus on Economic Development. It seeks out the poorest people and empowers them by helping them combine marketable craft skills with positive economic and environmental practices to produce quality fair trade products that can be exported to developed countries.

Alexandra Buck is the PCUSA program coordinator who works at the Bridge of Hope office in Lima. She says that Bridge of Hope uses the following criteria in creating partnerships with the local population: the working group must be a cooperative, and all members must do similar work (weaving, carving, etc.); members must be committed to fair trade principles; members must share skills and knowledge with one another; there must be transparency in administration and production, so that all members share responsibility and governance.

Alexandra says that due to budget reductions, Bridge of Hope is now operating with one less staff person. This further challenges Bridge of Hope in its efforts to achieve its goals, especially in the remote areas of Peru. The current urgent need for Bridge of Hope is \$6,000 to hire a native Peruvian to act as the resident liaison/coordinator for the artisans in the town of Huancavelica, high in the Andes.

"We are obviously in a tough spot right now financially," Alexandra says, "But I really believe in this program. I think the church is a crucial instrument in community development work. The church, especially PCUSA, takes the time to know the community in a deep way and allows that community to lead their own process of development instead of imposing external regulations or expectations. Bridge of Hope has so much potential and we are doing all we can to improve the program. I believe it is a model that can be duplicated in many parts of Peru, South America and the world, to make real, lasting changes in communities."

For more information about Bridge of Hope, contact Phil Fehrle at:

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You can also contact PSF Mission Advocate Wendy Gist at:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Presbytery of San Fernando

welcomes

Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow
Moderator of the 218th General Assembly

10:00 am Worship Service
First Presbyterian Church, Encino
4963 Balboa Blvd.

Rev. Reyes-Chow will preach, and will then attend a town hall style meeting afterward.
A nourishing, healthy buffet will be served for which a \$3 donation is suggested

**If you would like to join Rev. Reyes-Chow for the town hall meeting,
please RSVP to Amber at 818 788-1147.**

*Presbyterian Women in the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii
Summer Conference*



WONDERS OF COMMUNITY

July 16-18, 2010
Chapman University, Orange, CA

Speakers: Julia Thorne, Immigration Attorney for PCUSA; Rev. Noelle Damico,
Fair Food Concerns, PCUSA **Bible Study:** Rev. Cheryl Raine

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Spring 2010 Quarter**

Openings in the Spring Full-Time and Spring Extended CPE units
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Full-Time unit runs from March 30th through June 11th.

Extended schedule runs from March 25th through August 19th.

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IMPORTANT REMINDER

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