

# THE NEWS

## of San Fernando Presbytery

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### NEWS

#### **CANDIDATE EXAMINED FOR ORDINATION AT CALLED MEETING**

A called meeting of Presbytery was held on Tuesday, April 20 to examine Scott McGinnis for ordination. Scott has received a call to serve as Designated Pastor at Grandview Presbyterian Church in Glendale. After voting to approve the examination, Moderator Rev. Janelle Tibbetts-Vaughan led commissioners in a prayer for Scott as he begins his new ministry.

A long-time member of Glendale Presbyterian Church, Scott went through the ordination process in San Fernando Presbytery. He received his undergraduate degree from UC Santa Barbara, and then went on to get his MDiv at Regent College in Vancouver.

Scott's ordination and installation will take place at Grandview on May 15 at 3:00 pm.



Scott McGinnis at called meeting

## MAY MEETING OF PRESBYTERY

San Fernando Presbytery will be introducing a new format at its next stated meeting. Part of the meeting will be devoted to small group discussions on topics such as: maintaining spirituality in leadership, fair trade, parenting and partnering a new church plant, latest developments with the Jeremiah Initiative, and a Bible study centered on the Middle East. Also, reports will be distributed in advance with docket materials, in lieu of having them presented by committee chairs. Executive Presbyter Jerry North hopes that instituting these changes will make the meetings more efficient and more engaging.

The meeting will be held on Saturday, May 22 at Panorama Presbyterian Church. Coffee will be served at 8:00 am with worship beginning at 9:00 am. Please note that lunch will **not** be served.

## HEALING ENCOUNTERS

By Estuardo Bazini-Barakat, Presbyterian Chaplain  
Los Angeles County+USC Medical Center

The transient patient population at LAC+USC Medical Center reminds me of Mark's gospel account of the "great multitude from Galilee" who followed Jesus. People came in "great numbers" from Jerusalem, Judea, Idumea, and the region beyond the Jordan and around Tyre and Sidon seeking his healing touch. The growing number of unemployed, homeless and disenfranchised hospital patients today is reminiscent of Jesus' time. Our patient population includes persons from all the continents of the world. A large number of our local patients come from San Fernando Valley, the Pacific region, San Gabriel Valley, and Orange County.



Estuardo Bazini-Barakat

As an integral part of the health care network we LAC+USC chaplains provide pastoral care in the hectic atmosphere of the ER and other specialty-care units. Surrounded by large waiting crowds we connect one-on-one with our clients.

For over 60 years there has been a Presbyterian chaplain here, in the inner city of Los Angeles, creating a sacred space for others to express their feelings of despair, anguish, and anger, as well as their joy, hope and their faith. Since 2004 I have accompanied patients as they go through the valley of the shadow of death. I have also walked with patients now embarking on the journey to recovery, with new energies, new insight and a new zeal.

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Here are just a few stories of patients from the San Fernando Valley: A paraplegic young adult victim of violence shares her story and her faith as she visualizes a better future while enduring a long and arduous treatment; I consult with social workers to find a place for a middle-aged victim of a car accident, with limited insurance coverage; An octogenarian processes an array of losses, including self-mobility, independence, a former home and the loss of loved ones; having a hard time with the idea of assisted living.

**Ministry Collaboration.** I am an integral part of the interdisciplinary team of the hospital providing my services in various specialty-care units. Furthermore, my ministry collaboration includes Angel Interfaith Network to improve patient conditions during and after hospitalization. An additional blessing for me continues to be the increasing number of Presbyterian pastors and parishioners contacting me to refer patients for pastoral care. Pastors from various faith traditions have also been direct recipients of hospital services.

**Clinical Pastoral Education.** In the last three years, our LAC+USC Chaplaincy collaboration has included Saint Camillus Center, a CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) program for seminary students and clergy who get clinical experience at LAC+USC, other hospitals, a nearby juvenile hall, and Presbyterian churches. Four of the students who came to our CPE program now work as chaplains in different San Fernando Valley hospitals.

The Gospels give us an account of the multiplicative effect of equipping others for ministry. Through our CPE program we have been able to reach out to a larger and more diverse number of people. My dream is to contribute, in this way, to fostering a more humane global community.

## **NORTH'S NOTES**

In two months commissioners of all the presbyteries will meet in Minneapolis for the week long General Assembly. Our commissioners are Elder Deb Hill (Encino) and Rev. Andy Wilson (La Crescenta). As usual, there will be numerous issues for the commissioners to debate and vote on during the week of July 3-10, and I would request that we keep Deb, Andy and all the commissioners across the country in our prayers as they deal with the overtures before the denomination this year. The overtures from churches and presbyteries are listed on the PCUSA web site.

I give thanks to God for the faithfulness of our ministers, leaders, members and attendees who continue to be witnesses of the Risen Lord in our communities. In a day and age when it is not the "thing" to be followers of Christ, the witness of God's spirit is active in our goings and comings. Thanks be to God!

Blessings,  
Jerry North

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Long Beach City College

34<sup>th</sup> Annual Fashion Awards Show

## *VIGILANTE EN VOGUE* *Fair Trade Fashion and Eco-Couture*

Thursday, May 20, 7:30 pm  
Auditorium (Bldg. J)  
Liberal Arts Campus (LAC)  
4901 East Carson St., Long Beach

“This year’s fashion show theme is based on comic book superheroes. The first segment of the show will feature garments inspired by super hero characters that were chosen by each design student for inspiration” said Pamela Knights, LBCC Fashion Program Director. “We are very excited to announce that we will be including a category of senior collections that were created for a fair trade coop in Nicaragua called Nueva Vida. We will also include a segment called Eco-couture that features couture designs that were recycled and reconstructed from garments purchased at Goodwill stores.” The finale of the show will be a gown made of chocolate created through a collaboration between the LBCC culinary arts and fashion students.

General Admission tickets are assigned seating this year and are available at the pre-sale price of \$13, or \$18 at the door the night of the show. VIP seating tickets are available this year at \$25 which includes a beverage and snack. High School students may purchase tickets pre-sale or the night of the show for \$8 with school identification. LBCC will be hosting a Goodwill clothing drive the evening of the show.

Please bring a bag filled with clean, gently used clothing and receive opportunity drawing tickets to win terrific prizes. All proceeds go to help Goodwill’s employment training and job placement opportunities.

All proceeds will benefit the LBCC Fashion Program. For further information on the LBCC Fashion Program and Fashion Awards Show, call 562-938-4192 [pknights@lbcc.edu](mailto:pknights@lbcc.edu)

**Help feed the homeless!**

**SACK LUNCH SUNDAY**

**Sunday, May 16  
La Canada Presbyterian Church  
626 Foothill Blvd., La Canada**

LCPC will be delivering sack lunches to the homeless in MacArthur Park.  
If you would like to donate lunches or volunteer to deliver them, contact:

Cathy Taylor  
[catherine.taylor@sbcglobal.net](mailto:catherine.taylor@sbcglobal.net)  
818 281-6634

For more information about mission opportunities  
at La Canada Presbyterian Church, go to:

<http://www.upinlcf.com/get-involved/missions/>

**VALLEY INTERFAITH COUNCIL**

Established in 1964, Valley Interfaith Council is a coalition of caring persons and organizations constituted as a diverse membership interfaith council and as a 501(c)3 non-profit California corporation.

VIC serves people in the San Fernando Valley in a variety of ways, bringing meals to homebound individuals, providing in-home care to help keep seniors independent, and operating four Adult Day Care Centers that offer a variety of services and activities. If you would like to find out how to get involved, either by volunteering or making a donation, click on the link below:

<http://www.vic-la.org/>



## **MINISTRY ASSISTANCE HOTLINE**

### **A MINISTRY RESOURCE FOR: CLERGY PERSONNEL COMMITTEES SESSION MEMBERS**

These are challenging times for the Church of Jesus Christ. In the middle of rapid changes in our society, the mission of the Church is more important than ever: to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ with clarity and conviction and to minister to a lost and broken world. Yet often the Church and its leaders also struggle with change, stress, confusion and conflict.

The Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery of San Fernando wants to be proactive in dealing with the challenges churches face. The occurrence of conflict or confusion in groups is inevitable, and can be a catalyst for change, new perspectives and better informed decisions. They can also become a divisive and ultimately destructive force in the life of the church. It is important to address unhealthy conflict and find a resolution before the congregation is irretrievably damaged.

For this purpose COM has established the Ministry Assistance Hotline, available to clergy and staff as well as to members of Sessions and personnel committees. The hotline has been designed to address issues such as:

Conflicts in the Church  
Cohesion/Morale Among Leadership  
Assessment/Training for Leadership Styles  
Clarity on Missions/Goals or Methods of Accountability  
Development/Clarification of Administrative Structures  
Personnel Selection/Evaluation

**Call 818 894-2601 to reach the hotline.**

Simply call any time of day and leave a brief message on the office answering machine. The consultant will usually respond to your call within 24 business hours and provide up to one hour of consultation over the phone free of charge. Should additional services be necessary, a referral to the appropriate professional will be made at that time.

**All calls are confidential.**

In order to create an environment of safety which encourages early intervention, all calls to the hotline will remain strictly confidential. The purpose, particular details and involved parties of the calls will be known only by the consultant monitoring the hotline.

**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**

***Workshops***

***Forums***

***Small Group Experiences***

**Registration Forms Available from PWP Moderators**

**INTERNSHIP/YOUTH MINISTRY**

**San Marino Community Church,  
San Marino, California**

**Job Description:**

Provide program support and leadership for church's student ministry. Help plan and facilitate Sunday student worship service. Assist with planning and directing student events/activities. Encourage student leadership in worship (recruit, support, evaluate). Attend weekly staff meeting, regular supervision sessions and student ministry meetings.

**Contact:**

Paul Blakesley,

Director of Student Ministries

[pblakesley@smccpby.com](mailto:pblakesley@smccpby.com) or 626.282.4181 x26

**PASTORAL INTERNSHIP (PAID INTERNSHIP)**  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Fulton, Missouri**

First Presbyterian Church of Fulton, Missouri, is looking for an pastoral intern to serve for a 9-12 month period. The internship will focus on worship and pastoral care with some community nurture involvement. This is a paid internship. Ideal candidates will have completed or be near completion of their seminary education. This is a great opportunity for someone who is not yet finished with all of their ordination requirements yet wants to begin their ministry experience.

Fulton is near Columbia (where the University of Missouri is located) and Jefferson City, the state capitol. Current Fuller student, David Hunsicker, previously completed this internship and is available for further questions.

To be considered for the job, please contact:

Rev. Rudy Beard [rudybeard@embarqmail.com](mailto:rudybeard@embarqmail.com)

To ask questions about the experience, contact:

David Hunsicker [david.hunsicker@gmail.com](mailto:david.hunsicker@gmail.com)

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