

# THE NEWS

## of San Fernando Presbytery

November 2009

### NEWS

#### NEW CHURCH CHARTERED IN SAN FERNANDO PRESBYTERY

A crowd of a hundred people turned out on Sunday, October 25 to celebrate the birth of a new church in San Fernando Presbytery. Northland Village Church received 40 members, in addition to ordaining and installing its elders and deacons. It will serve the Silverlake/Atwater area and focus on a ministry of reconciliation.

The service was held at Silverlake Presbyterian Church, and Commissioned Lay Pastor Nick Warnes preached. Nick will serve the congregation as a CLP while he works toward ordination under care of the Presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry. As part of the service Rev. Randy Lovejoy read scripture and Rev. Ken Baker welcomed the church's new members.

With the goal of nurturing this young congregation, Nick is hoping to create a "participatory network" of people within the Presbytery who would like to contribute to the success of the church. He outlines three ways that people can become involved:

**Prayer**  
Please pray for the launch team, that God will give them wisdom and grant them peace as they face the challenge of organizing this new ministry.

**Resources**  
Please contact the congregation if you think you might be able to donate furniture or supplies. Those who would like to offer financial support can send a check to the following address, payable to Northland Village Church:  
Northland Village Church, 3958 Brunswick Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90039

**Visit**  
You are always welcome to visit Northland Village Church. You contact contact Nick by sending an e-mail to the address below:  
warnes@hotmail.com



Photo on left: NVC Elders Caleb Youngblood, Liz Lin, Carol Kasperson, Krystin Mast, Micheala O'Donnell, with Rev. Ken Baker.

Photo on right: Commissioned Lay Pastor Nick Warnes.

#### INTERNATIONAL PEACEMAKER VISITS SAN FERNANDO PRESBYTERY

By Carol Hiestand, JPIC Committee Member

Mission Committees from Woodland Hills and St. Stephen Presbyterian Churches hosted a breakfast for our International Peacemaker, Rev. Diego Higueta-Arango, and our World Mission Challenge speaker, Sarah Henken, at the Woodland Hills church on Saturday, October 17.

Saturday morning twenty four people from Presbyterian churches in the West Valley gathered to learn about how the Presbyterian Church in Colombia is helping to support people affected by the violence in that country. We heard the life story of Diego, about how he became a pastor and how God has led him to work with people who have been displaced by the turmoil in his country. Diego expressed his appreciation for the support of the Presbyterian Church USA through the Presbytery Partnership Program and the Accompaniment Program.

Sarah, a member of our Shadow Hills church, spoke about the Colombia Accompaniment Program and explained how we can get involved. The World Mission Challenge has as one of its goals developing partnerships between local churches and churches in other parts of the world. The people who attended this meeting expressed their appreciation for the work being done and their interest in having other opportunities for experiences like this.

For more information about mission work around the world, check out the US & World Mission page at the PCUSA web site. You will find letters and photos from missionaries all over the world, as well as information about how you can get involved.



Photo on left: Sarah Henken with members of St. Stephen, Woodland Hills and St. James.

Photo on right: Diego Higueta-Arango with St. Stephen members Sonia and Juan Diego Ospina who are from Colombia.

#### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Presbytery Office will soon be changing its internet service provider. If you are still using e-mail addresses with the linkline.com suffix to reach Presbytery Office staff, you will need to update your contact list. Below is a list of current e-mail addresses for the staff:

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#### A NOTE FROM REV. GARY DART

At the September Presbytery meeting, commissioners recognized the service of Rev. Gary Dart, who had recently resigned from the position of Stated Clerk. Below is a note of appreciation from Gary.

Dear Friends in Christ,

I want to thank you for your love and support over the nearly two decades of our common ministry. I want to thank you for your friendship during my year and a half as Stated Clerk. Our Presbytery is truly a blessing for many congregations, pastors, communities and the valleys we serve. It was an honor to serve with you. The two wonderful gifts you gave me give me great pleasure and I will treasure them!

Yours in Christ's Ministry,  
Rev. Gary Dart

#### DON POWER

Don Power, a long time member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Westlake Village, passed away at the end of October. Don was Moderator of the Presbytery in 1985, and served as Stated Clerk from 1988 to 1989. He was also a member of the Committee on Ministry. A memorial service will be held at the church on Monday, November 9, at 2:00.

#### NOVEMBER PRESBYTERY MEETING

Just a reminder that the next meeting of Presbytery is coming up soon....

Saturday, November 21, 9:00 am  
First Presbyterian Church, Burbank  
521 E. Olive, Burbank

[www.firstpresburbank.org](http://www.firstpresburbank.org)  
818 842-5103

### NORTH'S NOTES

The words of a hymn keep coming to mind: "To God be the glory, great things God has done." For me the phrase goes like this: "To God be the glory, great things God is doing in our midst." Our new church plant in the Atwater Village area had a charting service on October 25<sup>th</sup>. This service was the culmination of God's planning and many people working and praying together. The process began during a New Church Planting task force meeting when Dave and Judy Anderson suggested that the task force visit a new church plant in Long Beach. From there a new church planter prospect came forward, and the presbytery and Glendale Presbyterian Church worked together to help in the forming of this new body of believers. Randy Lovejoy and Ken Baker have worked closely with Nick Warnes, the new church planter of the last several months. I thank God for the assistance the Evangelical Covenant Church new church planting team has given to us from the beginning of this process. Two years ago we were not aware of any possible new church planting prospects. We now are in contact with four possible candidates. Again, I say: "To God be the glory, great things God is doing and will continue to do!"

Blessings,  
Jerry North

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### First Presbyterian Church, Encino FOURTH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TEA

Sunday, December 13, 12:00 noon  
Fellowship Hall  
4963 Balboa Blvd., Encino  
818 788-1147

featuring  
THE CAROLING COMPANY

This world renowned a capella ensemble of  
eight professional singers bring the warmth  
and tradition of the season through song  
and turn of the century costumes.

Bring your family and friends for this great event!

ADMISSION IS FREE,  
BUT RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED!

CHILD CARE WILL BE PROVIDED BY RESERVATION ONLY.  
Anyone arriving without a reservation will be served only if space and refreshments are available.

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