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The Newsletter of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Los Ranchos

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Dear PW Sisters,

We are enjoying a beautiful spring during this Lenten season. God's gift of creation is all around us. The wildflowers are in bloom. However, Easter reminds us of His greatest gift, Jesus Christ, whose life incarnate, death and resurrection offers eternal life to all.

**The spring gathering will be the week following Easter on Saturday, April 29, at the First Presbyterian Church in Fullerton. Mary Danforth from the Synod of the Southwest will be presenting a program on her USA mission experience to the Bay Area. There will also be information on immigration programs in the southland. Please take notice that there is a new registrar on the flyer. The Presbyterian Women of San Gabriel Presbytery will co-host the event with us. Look for the revised flyer in this issue of SEEDS.**

The Presbyterian Women in the **Synod of Southern California and Hawaii sponsored a USA World Day of Prayer Services** on March 3 at Calvary Presbyterian Church in Wilmington. Those of us who attended were blessed with a beautiful service helping us learn about the life of many women in the Philippines. The welcoming congregation had the sanctuary staged with Filipino items and many were dressed in colorful Filipino dresses and shirts. A reception followed the service where Filipino noodles, lumpia, fried bananas and rice cakes were served.

**Summer Conference** at Chapman College - **SAVE THE DATES, July 7-9.** Keynote speakers will be Melissa Bane Sevier, author of the Horizons Bible Study for 2017-18 and Eugenia Gamble.

Blessings,  
Sharon Wakamoto  
Vice-Moderator  
Presbyterian Women of Los Ranchos Presbytery





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## 2017 PWP LOS RANCHOS BOGIE GRANT RECIPIENTS

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In March 2017, \$8,000 from the Bogie Trust was distributed as follows:

1. Angel Interfaith Network.....\$1,000
2. Casa Teresa, Emergency Maternity Services  
(Provide collapsible strollers) .....\$1,500
3. Hope for Life Chapel RV Ministry .....\$1,500
4. Long Beach Human Trafficking Task Force  
(Services for Survivors).....\$500
5. Manual School.....\$500
6. MOMS, Orange County  
(Provide supplies for 80 Mommy & Me classes) .....\$1,500
7. Power4Youth Mentoring .....\$500
8. Rising Tide at MKEC .....\$1,000

Judy Schmidt  
Operation's Treasurer

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## PWP CALENDAR FOR 2017

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### PRESBYTERY GATHERINGS

**Saturday, April 29, 2017**  
PWP Spring Gathering  
*Election & Installation of Officers*  
***"Out of the Darkness...into the Light"***

Speaker: Mary Danforth  
 Synod of the Southwest  
 Participant of the 2016 Mission Experience  
**First Presbyterian Church in Fullerton**  
 838 North Euclid Avenue, Fullerton 92832

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### SYNOD EVENTS

**July 7-9, 2017**  
PWS Summer Conference  
***Guided by the Spirit***  
**Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus**

Speakers:  
 Melissa Bane Sevier  
 Author of 2017-2018 *Horizons* Bible Study  
 Carol Winkler  
 Churchwide Presbyterian Women Moderator  
**Chapman University, Orange**

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### PC(USA) EVENTS

**September 12-19, 2017**  
Global Exchange to Indonesia  
***Building Bridges of Understanding***  
 Treeye "Jenny" Mambu, Synod of So Calif &  
 Hawaii Representative

**August 2-5, 2018**  
2018 PW Churchwide Gathering  
 Louisville, Kentucky  
*2018 is also the year that PW celebrates its 30th anniversary!*



*Mujeres Hispánicas Presbiterianas*

*Sínodo del Sur de California y Hawai*

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**Les Invita a la**

# **Reunion Anual de Primavera**

**Fecha: 1 de Abril, 2017**

**Lugar: Iglesia de La Puente**

(Nueva localidad de la Iglesia de Rosemead)

Rev. Margarita R. Reyes

15302 Francisquito Ave. La Puente, CA

**Registro: 8:00 AM**

**Programa comienza a las 9:00 AM**

**Tema**

*“Sírvenos al Señor con el fervor del Espíritu”*

Romanos 12:11b

**Dos Talleres que nos ayudaran a descubrir nuestros dones y encontrar nuestro lugar en el cuerpo de Cristo para extender el reino de Dios...**

**CONFERENCISTA**

**Rev. Juan Daniel Espitia, LCSW**

Pastor Asociado en Solana Beach PC

**ORADORA DE CLAUSURA**

**Laura Macías, MA**

*Es la autora del Manual titulado, Oralidad Latinoamérica (OLA)*

- ✓ **Habrà programa especial para teenagers y niños/s:** *Juanita y Argel Chay*
- ✓ **Premio para la congregación con mayor asistencia adulta**
- ✓ **Bazar** (se reciben donaciones de artículos en buena condición)
- ✓ **Convivio fraternal y**
- ✓ **Delicioso lunch**

**Más información:**

**Leticia Morales, Moderadora**

**562/322-5430**

**Ana C. Flores, Vice-Moderadora**

**562/412-1048**

**Cuota de registro \$15.00 por persona.**

**Niños/as menores de 12 años no pagan.**

**NOTA: Cuota de pre-registro \$13.00 p/p**

**Fecha límite: de Marzo, 2017.**

**Envíe su hoja de registro y cheque a:**

Teresa Algarín, Tesorera

314 S. Hollenbeck Ave. Covina, CA 91723

626/833-2069

# Angel Interfaith Network News



**April** – a time to remember new beginnings in the past and to look forward to the new that is coming. So, keep an eye open for the brand new AIN logo, about to be launched!



## Who We Serve:

Four-month-old Elijah has been a patient at LAC+USC Medical Center with heart and lung problems. His 5-year-old sister has the same heart problem and is still in diapers. Dad is sole provider for his family of six and has been having a hard time making ends meet. He works at a car wash and due to all the rains has had his hours cut affecting the household income. AIN was able to help with Pampers size 2 and 5, food coupons and rental assistance. The family couldn't thank us enough for the help we provided when we delivered the items.



We have paid several visits to Mrs. Smith, a 94 old patient who lives alone, taking her a commode and Depends. Recently her son, who cares for her, brought her clinic appointment at the hospital. We usually don't have clients come by the AIN office, but since she was nearby she was able to come and pick up Depends and Ensure at her social worker's request. Mrs. Smith is such a delight and both she and her son were so appreciative that AIN was able to help with the support she needed.



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delight

Cesar was diagnosed with HIV in 1990. His sister Lucia has been caring for him, but now she has cancer and has been unable to work and help Cesar as much as she has in the past. Cesar was in need of Depends and clothing – shirts and pants. Cesar was so grateful and his sister greatly relieved that AIN was able to help them in this time of need.



**Urgent Needs:** Following the thread that runs through this month's stories, the need for Pampers and Depends is ongoing! An important way to help is by becoming a Sustaining Angel. *Sign-up today.*



Become a Sustaining Angel: <http://angelinterfaith.net/sustainers.html>

[www.AngelInterfaith.net](http://www.AngelInterfaith.net)

Office 323-226-6923



*Nurturing Faith      Engaging in Mission      Working for Justice and Peace*

**Presbyterian Women in Los Ranchos and San Gabriel Presbyteries**

# 2017 SPRING GATHERING

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017**

9:30 am Refreshments, Registration & Fellowship

10:00 am Program ... 12:00 Noon Luncheon

**First Presbyterian Church in Fullerton**

838 North Euclid Avenue, Fullerton 92832

## “Out of the Darkness...into the Light”

John 1:5

**Speaker: Mary Danforth**

From the Synod of the Southwest

***Participant of the 2016 Mission Experience to the S.F. Bay Area***

*We all share challenges in being part of God's beloved community – issues of immigration, human trafficking, and domestic violence are encountered both in the bay area and in Southern California. Her focus for us will be on immigration and how it affects us.*

*There will be a panel discussion following her presentation.*

**Registration fee: \$15.00 includes lunch (Make check payable to PWP)**

**Send form and check to: Anita Coleman**

***PO Box 50422, Irvine CA 92619***

**Registrations sent by April 22 are appreciated.**

*Please return section below*



Registration for PWP Spring Gathering, April 29, 2017.

Print name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Church/Presbytery \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$15.00 each) for total # \_\_\_\_\_ attending



Office of Theology and Worship, **Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**  
Daily Readings for Lent 2017.

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/2017dlent.pdf>



## THE SYNOD OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND HAWAII

New post on Presbyterian  
Women in the Synod of Southern  
California and Hawaii



**INVITATION TO PRAYER,  
ACTION & MORE – DO  
ONE, TWO, OR ALL SEVEN!**

By Anita

Control+click link below

<https://pwsynod.wordpress.com/2017/03/11/invitation-to-prayer-action-more-do-one-two-or-all-seven/>

Presbyterian Women in the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii  
SUMMER CONFERENCE

# Guided by the Spirit

Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus



July 7-9, 2017

Chapman University, Orange, CA

Speakers:

**Melissa Bane Sevier**

Author of 2017-2018 *Horizons* Bible Study

**Carol Winkler**

Churchwide Presbyterian Women Moderator

\$235 – 2 nights lodging and 6 meals

\$130 – full time commuter, 4 meals; \$65 – 1-day, 2 meals

**Workshops \* Forums \* Mercado**

Registration Forms Available in April from PWP Moderators

**SAVE THE DATES!**

## JUSTICE, PEACE AND INTEGRITY OF CREATION COMMITTEE (JPIC)



The Synod's Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Committee (JPIC), in cooperation with Friends of Sabeel LA/OC offer a half-day seminar, "Where's the hope for the Palestinian Family?" on April 22, 9 am to 1 pm, Grace Presbyterian Church in Long Beach. Major issues to be explored are incarceration, nutrition and water, and physical/mental health. The flyer below lists speakers and details

## NO WAY TO TREAT A CHILD:

*Where's the hope for the Palestinian Family?*

Save the Date

**April 22, 9am-1pm**

Grace First Presbyterian Church,  
3955 N. Studebaker Road,  
Long Beach, CA 90808

The three main issues to be explored:  
Incarceration  
Nutrition and Water  
Health: Physical and Mental (incl. PTSD)

Speakers:

**DR. LEILA AL-MARAYATI**,  
founder and director of KINDER USA

**DR. TONY LITWINKO**,  
educator and seminar leader for  
local education personnel

**DR. LINDA KATEEB**,  
long-time instructor in high risk schools  
in southside Chicago,  
frequent in-depth visitor to occupied Palestine

**REV. DR. DON WAGNER**,  
ex-program director of FOSNA;  
longtime faculty member, North Park College

Sponsored by JPIC of Synod of  
Southern California and Hawaii and  
Friends of Sabeel LA/OC



## Presbyterian Women in the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii



### LEADERSHIP GRANT INFORMATION Summer Conference, July 7-9, 2017 Chapman University, Orange, CA

PWS of Southern California and Hawaii will provide leadership grants for Summer Conference. They are listed and described here, with the maximum dollar amount awarded for each.

- All applications should be sent to your **PWP Moderator**.
- The final selection will then be sent to the **PWS** Scholarship Committee.

#### **VIRGINIA H. GAYLORD Leadership Grant**

**One full grant will be awarded in each Presbytery.** This will cover registration, room and board, and will include a subscription to Horizons' Magazine. Requirements for applicant(s):

- should demonstrate leadership qualities and be interested in and enthusiastic about Presbyterian Women
- must be a member of her PWC Coordinating Team
- must be a first-time recipient of the Virginia Gaylord Scholarship
- be willing to accept a position on the Coordinating Team of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery, if asked to serve.

#### **LEADERSHIP GRANTS (MAXIMUM OF \$200) IN EACH OF THE CATEGORIES BELOW WILL BE AWARDED TOWARD SUMMER CONFERENCE REGISTRATION.**

##### **One First Timer Leadership Grant**

- should be interested in and enthusiastic about Presbyterian Women
- should demonstrate potential or actual leadership in Presbyterian Women
- should be a first-time recipient of a PW Conference Scholarship

##### **Four Racial Ethnic Women Leadership Grants**

AFRICAN AMERICAN, ASIAN, HISPANIC, MIDDLE EASTERN

- should be interested in and enthusiastic about Presbyterian Women
- should demonstrate potential leadership in Presbyterian Women
- should be a first-time recipient of a PW Conference Scholarship

##### **One Woman Seminarian Leadership Grant**

- should be a woman presently attending seminary
- should be interested in Presbyterian Women
- should be a first-time recipient of a PW Conference Scholarship

**Grant recipients must attend the conference. Grants are not transferable.**

Deadlines are listed on the leadership grant application forms.



Presbyterian Women in the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii



## LEADERSHIP GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Summer Conference, July 7-9, 2017

Chapman University, Orange, CA

### "Guided by the Spirit Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus"

Please Print:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Presbytery \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of the PW Coordinating Team of your church? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

If you are selected, will you attend? \_\_\_\_\_ full time \_\_\_\_\_ full time commuter \_\_\_\_\_ one day commuter

#### CHECK THE APPROPRIATE SCHOLARSHIP

\_\_\_\_\_ **Virginia H. Gaylord**

Are you willing to accept a position on your PWP Coordinating Team? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

\_\_\_\_\_ **First-Timer**

\_\_\_\_\_ **African American**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Hispanic**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Asian**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Middle Eastern**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Seminarian**

Please tell why you would like to attend this Conference: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

#### For PWP Moderators only:

Send the forms of those nominees chosen  
to the PWS Scholarship Committee for final selection.

**Deadline is May 15, 2017**

Sharon Wakamoto, chair

10520 Emerson Bend, Tustin, CA 92782

714.731.0247 [sharonwaka@aol.com](mailto:sharonwaka@aol.com)

Debbie Law 909.856.6215 [debandfrank@yahoo.com](mailto:debandfrank@yahoo.com)

Ardelle Matthews 619.264.0542 [amairem@aol.com](mailto:amairem@aol.com)

**Send this form, by May 5, 2017**  
**to your PWP Moderator.**

Applicants will be notified by June 5, 2017

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## Covenant Presbyterian Church in Long Beach Spring Gathering

*PWC at Covenant Presbyterian Church will have its Spring Gathering on Saturday, April 1, 2017 in Fellowship Hall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. They are still in the planning stages, but hope to include some fun into the program.*

Please contact Shelley Hellen, 562-209-9996 for more information.

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## First Presbyterian Church of Redlands has new pastor, the Rev. Cheryl Raine

The Rev. Cheryl Raine is the new pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Redlands. She began her leadership of the Redlands church January 16th.

Her installation is March 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM. Please call (909) 793-2839 or email [FPCRedlands@gmail.com](mailto:FPCRedlands@gmail.com) for more information.



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## Rev Ann Oglesby-Edwards is the Interim Senior Pastor / Head of Staff at Pasadena Presbyterian Church

<http://www.ppc.net/staff>

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## Tabernacle Alive is a "True to Size" replica of the Tabernacle according to the Biblical Instructions given to Moses in the Book of Exodus!

Now extended through April 15<sup>th</sup>! You are invited to experience the awe and wonder of the Tabernacle and learn how the pattern and elements are a shadow of the Christ! Tabernacle Alive will take you through a one hour MP3 Tour of the Tabernacle from the Outer Courts, to the Altar.

<https://www.calvaryoceanside.org/upcoming-events/item/596-tabernacle-alive-extended?tmpl=component&print=1>

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**United Farm Workers dinner/fundraiser Sunday evening, 5pm, March 19,** at the Teamsters' Hall, 140 S. Marks Way, Orange 92868. Arturo Rodriguez, President of the UFW, will be a great speaker; the food is catered by El Pollo Loco; and we have some terrific auction items: spa gift certificates, beautiful jewelry, handmade swing from Nicaragua, handmade ceramic bowl, and much more! Prepaid ticket donations are \$25, students are \$10, \$30 at the door. *Checks should be made out to the UFW and sent to Suzanne Darweesh at 2104 Hilltop Ct, Fullerton, CA 92831.*

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As we all know, there is much to do on behalf of peacemaking, and to that end [the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program](https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/) <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/> will be hosting MORE, not fewer, peacemakers in 2017.

**We have 16 peacemakers who will be hosted in the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. between September 22 – October 16.** They are a really outstanding group and we are more than blessed to have them.

They are:

Guatemala – Delia Leal (accompanied by mission coworker Leslie Vogel)  
Italy – Waldensian Church working with Refugees/Humanitarian Corridor in Europe  
Kenya – Phares Nyaga Mithamo  
Malawi – Mphatso Nguluwe  
Mexico – Lydia Cordero  
Myanmar – Rev. Pek Muan Cuang  
Northern Ireland – Doug Baker  
Pakistan – Samuel Akhtar  
Palestine – Nora Carmi  
Philippines – Rev. Jerome Baris  
Sierra Leone – Eburn James-DeKam  
South Sudan – Achol Majok Sur  
Sri Lanka – Herman Kumara  
Ukraine – Alla Soroka  
Venezuela- Ruth Yajaira Torrealba de Peña  
Vietnam- Rev. Manh Nguyen

Photos and brief bios for most of our peacemakers are now online on our webpage; visit International Peacemakers then click Meet the Peacemakers tab

If you want to read more about the program on our webpage, visit International Peacemakers

To apply to host a peacemaker, visit our Request a Peacemaker page. Applications will be accepted until July 1 or when all of the spaces are filled. You are encouraged to apply early for best selection and availability.

Many thanks.

*Carl E. Horton*



Coordinator for Mission  
Presbyterian Peacemaking Program  
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[Swords into Plowshares Blog](#)  
[Peacemaking Facebook Page](#)

*"Peace at all times in all ways."  
- 2 Thessalonians 3:16*

## 2017 BIRTHDAY OFFERING of *Presbyterian Women*

Your gifts to the 2017 Birthday Offering will make it possible for three life-changing ministries to help families seeking shelter from domestic violence in South Carolina, provide marginalized citizens in rural Cuba with hope and health services, and provide water systems to more than 40 families in New Mexico. Please give and promote giving so that each of these grants may be fully funded in 2017. The goal is \$500,000. Recipients are:

- The Family Justice Center of Georgetown and Horrie Counties <http://fjcgrowthorrie.org/>
- Navajo Water Project <https://www.navajowaterproject.org/>
- First Hand Aid [http://firsthandaid.org/?doing\\_wp\\_cron=1489308968.1163270473480224609375](http://firsthandaid.org/?doing_wp_cron=1489308968.1163270473480224609375)



Resources to promote the Birthday Offering are available on the Presbyterian Women website <http://pma.pcusa.org/ministries/pw/>. Help us reach our goal in 2017 so more ministries can receive our support in 2018. Please hold your Birthday Offering celebration in the spring, and send gifts received to the PW treasurer in your presbytery by June 15, 2017.

## Fellowship of the Least Coin

Fellowship of the Least Coin links prayer and "least coins" in a very significant way, as the least coin becomes the symbol of prayer for peace and reconciliation. It was begun in 1956 by Shanti Solomon of India and continues today as a global ecumenical prayer movement. As the coins, symbolizing prayers, are gathered from around the world, they become a sign of our oneness in the common quest for peace, justice and reconciliation. The least coins become grants for special projects of evangelism, service, ecumenical solidarity, awareness-building among women and relief throughout the world.

## Presbyterian Women Thank Offering

The Thank Offering has long been a tradition of Presbyterian Women. It has provided and continues to provide much-needed financial assistance to numerous worthwhile programs not included in ongoing General Assembly mission support. Each year, domestic and international projects are carefully and prayerfully selected by the Creative Ministries Offering Committee to help meet a crucial need. Forty percent (40%) of this offering is used to support hospitals and community health programs that place priority in helping the most needy members of God's community. The remaining sixty percent (60%) is used for new creative ideas for mission, undesignated in advance. The generosity of Presbyterian women and their families and congregations as demonstrated through their Thank Offering gifts help chosen recipients find real solutions for projects related to health, education, economic development, and needs of women and children.