

# The Day After

Presbytery of the Pacific

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Pacific Palisades Pres. Church

## NEW FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Following a very well-attended pre-Presbytery workshop on the New Form of Government, the Presbytery affirmed the New Form of Government as recommended by the 219th General Assembly by a vote of 67 for, 41 against, and 7 abstaining.

[As of the morning of March 9, the current tally for the New Form of Government is 45 presbyteries affirmed, 32 against. As it requires a simple majority of 87 presbyteries to ratify, adoption will require 42 more presbyteries to affirm, of the 96 yet to vote/report.]

## PALI INVITES US TO CELEBRATE

Pacific Palisades Presbyterian Church is celebrating their new Designated Pastor, Rev. Dan Hagmaier, by hosting this meeting and allowing him to preach to the Presbytery. Inspired by Romans 8:28-30, Rev. Hagmaier preached on "Another Way Forward." Associate Pastor Rev. Eric Schaefer and Parish Associate Rev. Grace Park served communion.

Rev. Hagmaier's installation was approved to take place this Sunday, March 13, at 4 p.m. at the church. We all know how to get to the church, and are invited to return to celebrate.

## WELCOME, CATHY

The Presbytery celebrates, too, with Covenant Presbyterian Church, who welcomed Rev. Cathy Cummings Chisholm as Designated Pastor on March 1. The Presbytery received Rev. Chisholm as a new minister member today.

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Summarizes some of what went on at our Presbytery meetings. The minutes continue to be the official record of the meetings, but The Day After will provide a tool for sharing and reporting what happened. The Presbytery's website ([www.pacificpresbytery.org](http://www.pacificpresbytery.org)) is another source of information about Presbytery meetings and other Presbytery events and activities.

## CHURCH FURNISHINGS AVAILABLE

Rev. Dr. Mark Brewer, General Mission Council Chair, reported that the lease of the old Bethany Church property was approved by the Council. General Presbyter Linda Culbertson announced that there are church furnishings available for churches that need pews, tables, pianos, and many other items. Please contact Kathy Porter at the Presbytery office ([kgporter@pacificpresbytery.org](mailto:kgporter@pacificpresbytery.org)) if you are interested.

## HOLDING EACH OTHER UP IN PRAYER

Interim Stated Clerk Rev. Wendy S. Tajima thanked the Presbytery for the many expressions of sympathy she has received upon the passing of her father Ted. She shared that there are many Presbytery members who are struggling right now, either from grief, injury, or concern for loved ones. They include:

- Rev. Mark Lee, who attended his father's funeral in February, just days before being deployed to Iraq
- Rev. Stephen Githumbi, who went back to Kenya to mourn the loss of his mother on February 20
- Rev. Grace Kim, whose 36-year old brother, a father of three, died in Korea
- Jan Doak and her family, upon the loss of Rev. Charles Doak, who passed from this life to more life on February 7
- Rev. Bertram Wang, whose father passed on March 6
- Rev. Shin Hwa Park's father, who went to the emergency room the day of Presbytery
- Rev. Dr. Harold E. Kidd, who is mourning the loss of his uncle.
- Rev. Thomas Chen's wife, who is in the Garfield Hospital ICU
- Rev. Don Barnes, healing from a broken thumb
- Rev. Barbara Buck, who broke her leg.

Update: Elder Denis Gibbs, long-time leader at Calvary Presbyterian Church in Hawthorne and an active member of Presbytery, passed from this life to more life the evening of the Presbytery meeting. Prayers go to the ministers and leaders mentioned, their families, and the faith communities they serve. As we enter Lent, this is a time to look to the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ as we are confronted with our own mortality.