

“FOR EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON”[1]

I need to make a once in a lifetime announcement. It's bittersweet. I'm retiring from my position as Executive Presbyterian effective January 4, 2021.

It's a bit bracing to realize after working for more than 50 years, God has a different call for me: one without remuneration and hopefully one filled with family, travel, recreation, volunteerism, and service to Christ's church. Karen and I are excited to embark on this new journey together. How it will look remains to be seen. God is faithful.

Serving the Presbytery of San Diego is one of the highlights of my life.[2] In this presbytery, I've engaged with the most talented and committed Christians. I've been challenged by lay folks and ministers alike: people committed to going deeper in their walk with God. Knowing God on a deeper level through walking closer with Jesus and living fearlessly and wholeheartedly by the power of the Holy Spirit is the anchoring joy in (my) life. Those of you I've met and worked with, you have each challenged me in your own unique way: to go deeper in my spiritual life and to live true to Jesus in my exterior life. Serving with you has made me a better person. For that I am grateful. Thank you.

I've informed the Executive Committee of my retirement date, and they will follow an appropriate process in deciding how to structure the presbytery staff going forward.

Know that I love you all in Jesus Christ. He who loves us to the full, how can we not share that same love with others. Loving God and others is our high calling. (Mark 12:30-31; John 13:34; 15:12) Stay focused on the fundamentals.

Blessings as you continue to follow Jesus Christ fearlessly and wholeheartedly.

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[1] Ecclesiastes 3:1, “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” (NRSV)

[2] “So I saw that there is nothing better than that all should enjoy their work, for that is their lot” Id., 3:22a.





Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is offering a virtual retreat around the topic of Resilience and Renewal. The description is below. If you would be interested in attending this type of event please let our office manager, Jennifer Sedgwick officemgr@presbytersd.org, know. If there is enough interest we will schedule a session with PDA.

Resilience & Renewal: A Three-Hour Virtual Retreat

This three-hour virtual retreat is designed to give faith leaders a chance to take a breath and a break in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. Participants will experience essential healing and resilience-building tools, including storytelling, strengthening positive connections with others and spiritual practices. This retreat, grounded in relaxation and self-care techniques, will provide an opportunity to experience respite and offers opportunities for small group sharing in breakout rooms in addition to plenary sessions. Each retreat will be limited to 20 participants and will be led by PDA staff and National Response Team volunteers. The content of this retreat differs from the virtual programs we have offered in recent months (*Building Resilience* Webinar and Faith Leader Support Meetings), which remain available to all who are interested pda.pcusa.org/page/esc-webinar/.

Volunteer(s) needed:

Do you have a heart for disaster relief? The presbytery is looking for 1 or 2 volunteers to be our liaisons to San Diego Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster.

From their website: The mission of San Diego Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (SDVOAD) is to enhance the efforts of member organizations through interagency planning, relief, response and recovery activities, all directed toward the goal of giving area residents adequate and timely services, impartially and uniformly delivered, when a disaster strikes.

VOADs exist to foster better service by its members to communities struck by disaster. This is done through preparedness activities that include planning among VOAD members and providing education to the general public, and by responding to and helping communities recover from disaster.

You can learn more about them at their website, SDVOAD.org.
If you are interested in becoming a presbytery liaison, please contact our office manager, Jennifer, at officemgr@presbytersd.org.



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