



PRESBYTERY OF SAN DIEGO

SPIRITUAL. MISSIONAL. RELATIONAL.

The Presbytery of San Diego is alive and active. While many of us are actively involved in our own churches, we do not see or hear about of what is happening throughout the Presbytery. The last year I have been with many of you in worship as I have been invited to preach or spend time with your churches. It is a great joy that I see how the Holy Spirit is moving. One of our most fundamental principles is that we are a connectional church. This should not be in words only but collectively we serve God in San Diego and Imperial Counties. Perhaps God is nudging you to be a resource for another church that is doing something that you have knowledge or perhaps they are sparking an idea of what is possible in your community. So I will give a few examples of what is happening.

Christ United Presbyterian Church has an incredible connection with the community. One of their members was the Grand Marshall of the Martin Luther King Jr. Parade. Westmorland Community Presbyterian Church has a food pantry that serves over a hundred families in their town of 2,000. At Faith Presbyterian Church they recently received a grant from the Synod for the beehives that they built in order to give to families in Mexico. La Jolla Presbyterian Church continues to construct an orphanage in Mexico. On a Friday morning, you can find the Pastors of Ebenezer greeting students on their way to class at the local middle school.

At each church, I am inspired by the creativity of their leadership. Many times

we feel the struggle ministry, finances, and the pull in many directions. This leads to us feeling that we are not making a difference. Know in the middle of all that we do, God is present in our church and our Presbytery. Praise God for all that you do.

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Youth Workers Lunch- October 30th

We are gathering for lunch at NOON on Monday October 30th, at Pizza Nova in Solana Beach:

[945 Lomas Santa Fe Dr, Solana Beach, CA 92075](https://www.google.com/maps/place/945+Lomas+Santa+Fe+Dr,+Solana+Beach,+CA+92075)

Please let me know if you can join!!

Youth volunteers are invited as well!

Questions Contact Eileen VanGieson at eileenv@cpclacosta.org

Boundary Training

Due to the limited spaces for the Boundary Training, we are opening up spots for online training. This can be done anytime during the week of November 5-11. Please let us know if you need this training. Boundary training is required for all Commissioned Ruling Elders, Inquirers, Candidates, and active Teaching Elders. If you have completed this in another capacity, please send the Presbytery Office your certification for our files.

Secret Sauce Lunch and Pre-Presbytery Gathering

November 14th

Lunch at noon (TBD) RSVP to Sean Chow

Conversation at 1:45 pm (Christ United Presbyterian Church)

The developing reality of globalized diversity poses new challenges and opportunities not only in our communities but also in our pews, for both established churches as well as for new worshipping communities.

Three questions are worth reflecting on:

*How can we grow to be a church that welcomes strangers, immigrants and refugees?

*How can the church life of our congregations and mid councils be meaningful and inviting to people from diverse backgrounds and cultures such as refugees or immigrants?

*How can Euro-culture congregations divest from institutional power in order to move from practices of welcome toward practices of mutuality and solidarity in relation to New Worshipping immigrant Communities?

REV. RAFAEL VIANA is the organizing pastor of On The Way, a Hispanic congregation with 12 different nationalities represented. Together with his wife he started a second NWC called Casa Brasil, a community formed by Portuguese speakers. He is a coach for the 1001 New Worshipping Communities program. He is also pursuing a Doctorate in Ministry with the

Puerto Rico Evangelical Seminary.

REV. GAD MPOYO is the organizing pastor of Shalom International Ministry, a cross-cultural New Worshiping Community formed by immigrants and refugees. He is also the Southeastern Associate for 1001 New Worshiping Communities.

More on the [Accents program](#).



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WORSHIPING COMMUNITIES
REV. RAFAEL VIANA
ON STARTING AN IMMIGRANT NWC

Promotional Video from a previous event

GA Commissioners

Are you interested in becoming a YAAD for the San Diego Presbytery? If you are please reach out to Sean Chow or Jaime Nelson. Each presbytery may elect to be a Young Adult Advisory Delegate to the 226th General Assembly a young adult who will be between the ages of 18 and 23 years old on June 25, 2024 and who is

- an active member of one of its congregations, or
- a participant in a New Worshipping Community or an immigrant fellowship that has a relationship with the presbytery. [Please note that this is recent change in the Standing Rules to enable more opportunities for those ages 18-23 to respond to the call to serve as YAAD.]

Parish Collective Learning Communities

LEARNING TOGETHER to be the Church in the neighborhood.

Our Learning Communities develop a parish lens by connecting you with local peers, diverse perspectives, time-tested wisdom and embodied practices for the future of the church in and across our neighborhoods.

Communities starting in San Diego.

Find out more here: [Flier](#) and here [Parish Collective](#)

Free Office Furniture

The Presbytery Office has a number of items that can be yours if you pick it up. We have desks, filing cabinets, bookshelves, chairs, a copier, and more! If you want to come and take a look, come on by the office on October 23rd between 9 and 4. Everything will be cleaned up and ready for a new home starting

October 30th. If you would like to claim an item or if October 23rd does not work contact Jennifer Sedgwick to set up a time to meet.

Job Openings

Are you or someone you know looking for a new job? There are several openings around the Presbytery. Check out the [job openings page](#) of our website to see what is available both here and the PC(USA) listing.
