



Presbytery of San José

April 10th, 2026

Dear Members and Friends of the Presbytery of San José,

Grace and peace to you in the midst of our life together as the Church. This week's reflection is offered by Colin Richardson, our Communications Coordinator:

Greetings to you all as we begin the Season of Easter.

There is something almost disorienting about the days that follow Easter morning. The alleluias have returned, the lilies filled the sanctuary — and then Monday arrives feeling very much like any other Monday. The demands of work, family, and responsibility have not paused, and we may find ourselves quietly wondering whether anything has actually changed. Here, I offer consideration that such tension is worth sitting with.

For many of us, Lent carries its own particular weight — weeks of intentional reflection, of giving something up or taking something on, of examining ourselves more honestly than is always comfortable. By the time Easter arrives, there can be as much relief as celebration. And what follows is something the church calendar handles with quiet wisdom: fifty days simply to breathe.

Eastertide does not ask us to produce something new — but to receive; to let the shift that began in Holy Week settle slowly into our lives. That settling looks different for each person. For some, it may be returning to a spiritual practice that Lent made feel obligatory, and finding it pleasurable again. For others, it may mean stepping back from striving altogether and allowing rest to be enough. It may look like noticing the particular beauty of this time of year — the returning light, the new growth — and letting it correspond to something beginning to stir within.

Between Lent's abstentions and Pentecost's offerings, this season provides a rare kind of pause. We would do well not to rush through it. Wherever this season finds you — in whatever you are carrying personally or spiritually — Easter extends the same invitation: there is room here, and there is time. May these fifty days be, for each of you, a genuine season of renewal at your own pace.

In Joy and Justice,
Neal

Rev. Neal D. Presa, Ph.D, Executive Presbyter
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#CommittedToJustice

Upcoming Travels/Preaching of our Executive Presbyter

- April 12: Preaching at Taiwanese American Presbyterian Church of San José, 10:00 am
- April 12: Preaching at inaugural worship service of First Thai Presbyterian Church of San José, 2:00 pm
- April 13-15: Presbytery Execs/Clerks of Synod of the Pacific Leadership Forum, Sacramento
- April 16-26: Vacation
- May 2: Officiating Memorial Service of the late Elder Dr. Wilson Tawe, New Jersey
- May 3-8: Mid-Council Leaders Residency Retreat, Maryland

If you would like to invite the EP to guest preach, facilitate a class, lead a retreat, help with strategic visioning/planning, or grab a cup of coffee, email Neal@sanjosepby.org or call/text (408) 763-5004

A Loss in Our Presbytery: Rev. Richard Spencer

The Rev. Richard Spencer, honorably retired, died peacefully this past Monday, March 30th in Milwaukie, Oregon. Although he and his wife, Joan, moved to Oregon to be closer to family, he kept his membership in the Presbytery of San José. His daughter, Christy Polk, was under care of our Presbytery and serves as Transitional Pastor of the Oak Hills Presbyterian Church in Milwaukie, where she was ordained in 2016 as Associate Pastor. His funeral will be held at Oak Hills Presbyterian Church on Saturday, May 16 at 1:00pm. Richard's death during Holy Week reminds us of our faith's affirmation, that in life and in death, we belong to God. May the reality of that promise, in whom Richard rests, abide and comfort the Spencer family and all of you who knew him. -NP

General Reminder

Per the action of Presbytery on February 7th, The Rev. Edd Breeden, honorably retired, will serve as Bridge Stated Clerk from March 1 to April 12. Stated Clerk-elect, The Rev. Dr. Grace Kaori Suzuki, begins her call with us on April 13. During this period, if you have any particular Presbytery-related matters, please be in touch with both Edd (Edd@sanjosepby.org) and Neal (Neal@sanjosepby.org)

PC (USA) News

National Agency Receives New Title

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) recently announced that its Interim Unified Agency has been renamed to **Presbyterian Life & Witness**.

Originally established in 2022, the agency's new name reflects a revitalized focus on advancing mission and ministry priorities. Its work centers on supporting mid councils, developing leaders, strengthening and unifying ministry efforts, advancing reparative justice, nurturing the life of the church, and building strategic partnerships. The updated tagline—"Serving God's Mission in the World"—captures this shared commitment moving forward.

Read the article in full [here](#).



Staff Spotlight



Kirk and his team can be reached at:
Accounting@sanjosepby.org

Hello everyone,

My name is Kirk Nilson, and I am the CEO of Nilson and Associates. I've had the privilege of owning and growing the firm since 2013, focusing on steady, organic growth and building lasting relationships with the clients and communities we serve.

In our role with the Presbytery, our team oversees the bookkeeping and accounting functions, helping ensure everything runs smoothly and efficiently behind the scenes. Outside of work, I'm a husband and father who enjoys spending quality time with my family and finding ways to make life a little more special for my wife. In my free time, I also enjoy golfing, hiking, and fishing.

I'm grateful for the opportunity to be part of this community and look forward to continuing to work together.

— Kirk Nilson, CEO, Nilson & Associates

In Case You Missed It!



3rd NEAR Gathering Hosts Rev. Cece Armstrong, Welcomes Chrys Saghal as New CRE

On March 26th, members of the Presbytery at large gathered for a Spirit-filled evening at Westminster Presbyterian Church in San José for our third NEAR Gathering. The night began with a shared meal and welcome procession of the honorable Rev. Cece Armstrong, who continues to fulfill her duties as Co-Moderator of the 226th General Assembly.

Pastor Rev. Dr. Bryan James Franzen and Associate Pastor Rev. Neneth Ross graciously hosted the gathering, opening their church as a place of welcome and connection for the presbytery. In her homily, Rev. Armstrong offered a compelling image: when we enter a dark room, our instinct is to reach for the light switch. She likened that light to power—so often concentrated in certain hands in our world—be it politically, socially, or otherwise. She reminded us that, as people rooted in God's Word, we are entrusted with a different kind of power. Through our relationship with Christ, we are called to "flip the switch" for others, bringing light into places of spiritual and communal darkness.

The gathering continued with a vibrant and engaging Q&A led by EP Neal Presa, where members had the opportunity to reflect on the work of the General Assembly and hear about updates to its deliberations, including her continued role in moderating next year's Assembly. The evening also included the joyful commissioning of Chrys Saghal as a Commissioned Ruling Elder at First

Presbyterian Church of Santa Clara, marking a meaningful moment of celebration and progress within our presbytery's leadership initiatives.

As the evening came to a close, there was a shared sense of gratitude—for the gift of in-person gathering, for the presence of such thoughtful and inspiring leaders, and for the Spirit moving among us as we enter such a reflective time in the Lenten season.

Ministry Spotlight



Inaugural Worship Service First Thai Presbyterian Church Sunday, April 12 at 2:00 pm

We are delighted to announce a celebratory worship service marking the official launch of First Thai Presbyterian Church of San José. The worship celebration begins at 2:00 PM on Sunday, April 12, at the McKee Road campus, and will include a congregational meeting and a feast to follow. All members of the presbytery and wider community are warmly invited to attend and share in this joyful milestone.

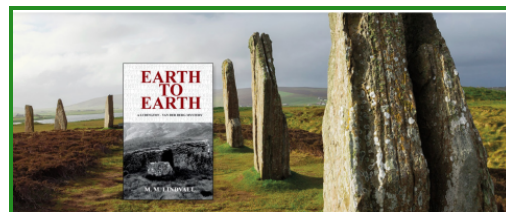


The afternoon will begin with a brief congregational meeting to elect elders and approve bylaws, followed by a celebratory worship service featuring the installation of The **Rev. Prasartpong “Paul” Pansuay** as pastor, the ordination and installation of elders, and the celebration of Communion. A fellowship lunch will follow, concluding with the inaugural meeting of the charter Session.

The April 12 celebration takes place on the eve of Songkran (Thai New Year), a joyful and meaningful festival in Thai culture — a fitting time to give thanks for new beginnings and the birth of this new congregation.

The RSVP period for this event is now closed; we look forward to celebrating with you all!

Earth to Earth Book Club Event Presented by PWP San José April 18th, 1:30 pm-4:00 pm



PWP (Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery) San José warmly invites community members to our second-ever Church Mystery Book Club on Saturday, April 18, 2026, from 1:30–4:00 pm at the PCLG Fireside Room (16575 Shannon Road, Los Gatos).

This year's gathering features Earth to Earth, the continuing story of a Presbyterian pastor from New York—this time leading visitors on a journey to Scotland. Librarian Rebecca Zisch returns as book club leader, and guiding what promises to be an entertaining afternoon of discussion, discovery, and treats!

Whether you love mysteries, books, or simply good conversation, all are welcome to join us for this lively community gathering.

To RSVP and view more information, visit the [link here](#).

**Book Discussion with
Author Kristin Lee:
We Mend with Gold
Hosted by Sunnyvale PC
April 19th, 10:30 am**



Sunnyvale Pres warmly invites you to a special book discussion with Kristin Lee, who will share her brand-new release, *We Mend with Gold: An Immigrant Daughter's Reckoning with American Christianity*.

Dr. Lee, a Boston-based physician and writer, explores themes of faith, healing, and belonging through the lens of the immigrant Christian experience. Her work weaves memoir with Asian American and other marginalized theological voices, offering honest reflection and a powerful invitation to imagine a more expansive and inclusive church.

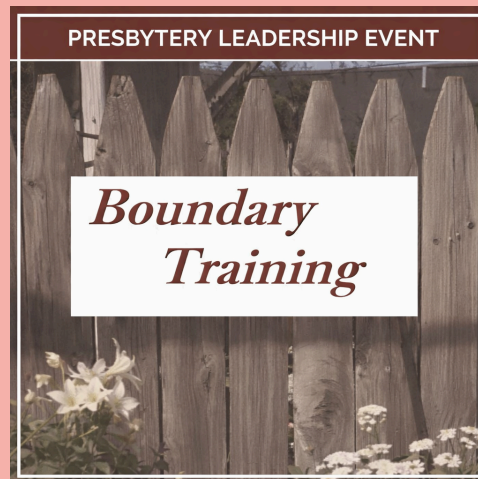
All are welcome to attend this book discussion, offered both in person and online. For additional details and to access the Zoom link, please visit the Sunnyvale PC's event page [here](#).

Clergy Reminders

Final Reminder!
Boundary Training for Elders:
April 18th, 9:00 am-1:00 pm

The Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow (member at-large) will again facilitate required Boundary Training for ruling elders and teaching elders on **Saturday, April 18** and **Saturday, November 7**. Deacons and non-clergy church staff are welcome to also attend the morning sessions on both days with ruling elders.

The pattern for both days are:



9:00 am-10:00 | Online Session (open to ruling elders, deacons, and non-clergy staff)

10:00-11:00 | Break

11:00-1:00 pm | In-Person for teaching elders (with lunch included) held at the Presbytery Office/Cornerstone Church of Silicon Valley chapel at 890 Meridian Avenue in San José

Registration is free & available now at [this link](#).

This boundary training addresses maintaining safe and healthy ministry relationships, with such topics as power dynamics, financial boundaries, social media, pastoral care and counseling relationships, self-care and well-being.

Reminder:

Teaching elders (clergy) must complete either the Presbytery's in-person training with Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow or the online SafeGatherings training. Ruling elders may attend the Presbytery training or complete another Session-approved boundary training, as determined by their Session.

Please Note:

In addition to the Teaching Elder/Ruling Elder Boundary Training, all elders are also required to complete **Child Protection Training**, as mandated by the Book of Order (G-3.0106). The Presbytery recommends "Darkness to Light: Stewards of Children" (in-person or online), though other approved curricula may be used. Completing one training does not fulfill the other — both are required.

For more information regarding both the Boundary & Child Protection Trainings, you can view the Presbytery's policy guidelines [here](#).

If anyone wishes to use Darkness to Light (whether the online or in-person version), they should first contact EP Neal Presa (Neal@sanjosepby.org).

Save the Date!

**Fall 2026 Clergy Retreat
October 28th-29th, 2026**

A friendly reminder to clergy across the Presbytery of San Jose to save the date for our upcoming Clergy Retreat, taking place October 28–29 at St. Francis Conference Center in San Juan Bautista (one night, two days).

This gathering offers teaching and ruling elders a meaningful time set apart for reflection, fellowship, and shared learning in our ministries and callings.

More information and registration details will be shared soon!

**Training for Treasurers
and Finance Chairs
May 2nd, 9:30am-12:00pm**

Our Presbytery Treasurer, Rev. Edd Breeden, will facilitate an annual workshop that covers the fundamentals of serving as a church treasurer, a finance chair or on a church finance committee. The workshop will be held in-person on Saturday, May 2 from 9:30am-12:00pm at the chapel of the Presbytery Office/Cornerstone Church of Silicon Valley at 890 Meridian Way in San José.

Registration is still open at [this link](#).

The event is free. Your per capita and mission dollars at work.

This training offers an opportunity to strengthen financial leadership within congregations by reviewing current developments in church finance and reinforcing core responsibilities of church treasurers and finance committees. Designed to be both practical and informative, the session is open and beneficial to pastors, church treasurers, elders, and finance committee members throughout the presbytery.



For more information, contact Edd at: Edd@sanjosephby.org or (831) 239-6817

A Place at the Table

Offerings from Rev. Ryan Althaus,
Hunger Advocate

This column is a space to explore hunger advocacy — both relational and physical — and to spark conversation about how our congregations can better support and carry out meaningful outreach in this area, guided by the work of our newly appointed Presbytery **Hunger Advocate**, the **Rev. Ryan Althaus**.

To start, we firmly encourage all congregations to complete Ryan's brief survey. Your responses will help shape his work going forward and inform how we engage with hunger outreach across our Presbytery together.

[Take Survey Here!](#)



CSA Spotlight: Common Roots Farms

Several years ago I joined the Common Root crew and got the farm listed as a national pcusa hunger site. I've hosted a number of our congregations out there and regularly lead tours and such of the farm coupled with lessons on organic food, disabilities & gardening. Every year the farm offers a CSA program as a means of funding the program and sharing some really amazing organic produce and flowers. If congregants want to participate or churches would like to use common roots for their flower needs, let me know, and i can put together a private tour.

CSA Farm shares are still available for the 2026 season, and members of our Community Supported Agriculture program receive a weekly farm share for 24 weeks. Shares begin May 5th and end with the last share on October 16th.

Each week, you'll get a curated selection of in-season produce and flowers — harvested at peak freshness. Crops we are excited about include strawberries, sweet peppers, little gem lettuces, tomatoes, pole beans, summer squash, dahlias, celosia, sunflowers, and more.

Choosing [Common Roots Farm's CSA](#) means more than just fresh, local produce and blooms — it's a direct investment in our inclusive farm where people with disabilities gain skills, jobs, and a sense of belonging. Every farm



share supports hands-on training, internships, regenerative stewardship, and community.

For ongoing reflections and resources in the meantime, visit Rev. Althaus's hunger advocacy blog [here](#). or feel free to contact him directly at:

ryan@sanjosephby.org

To learn more and stay connected to this work, we invite you to visit **Ryan's website** — a growing hub of reflections, resources, and updates on ongoing projects happening across our community

Pieces on Peace

Veronica Ota, Peacemaking & Justice Advocate



April Edition

For decades, I've seen the Westview "Chimes" newsletter pinned to the bulletin board of First Presbyterian Church, Altadena (FPCA) – the church I grew up attending, where I still work (part-time hybrid) in community outreach, and where I'm under care as a candidate for ministry. I'll be honest, I never read the "Chimes" on the bulletin board, but when my husband and I moved up to Prunedale/Castroville last September, I figured Westview would be a good place to visit since I had some sort of connection.

Westview and FPCA are small, multicultural churches that share a common history as Japanese American churches. While it was exciting and nostalgically heartwarming to see old photos of the Westview congregation that reminded me very much of my home church, what really impressed me about Westview was not their past, but their future. They were in the process of constructing a tiny home community called "HOPE Village" on their campus to serve their neighbors experiencing homelessness.

Westview is small in number, but the decision to partner with Community Action Board (CAB), and the counties of Monterey and Santa Cruz to construct a tiny home community that can help provide housing for up to 34 people at a time is big, giant, herculean, I would even say miraculous! HOPE Village provides more than shelter. CAB has two case managers, a housing navigator, and staff on site daily to provide assistance. They partner with Loaves and Fishes, the Salvation Army, Meals on Wheels, and other groups to help residents access meals and food. They have laundry and cleaning services to help everyone feel comfortable. Westview is working to provide opportunities for spiritual care and fellowship. The hope is that within six months, residents will move on to permanent or longer-term, stable housing. CAB's goal is that 60% of villagers are able to accomplish this. A similar model exists in Santa Barbara and has an 85% success rate. There is much hope for HOPE Village!

While touring the recently completed site, CAB'S homelessness prevention and intervention services director, Mike Kittredge, shared an earnest request for **prayer**. He asked people of faith to pray for HOPE Village and CAB to find continued funding to serve our unhoused neighbors. A more official "grand opening" celebration is in the works, but for now our Presbytery can pray for HOPE Village – for its residents, staff and affiliated groups, and for Westview and their ministry with HOPE Village. I also invite you to join me in praying for more churches to be moved and inspired by this example of a small church doing a great thing to help unhoused neighbors.

To support HOPE Village, check donations can be made out to Community Action Board with memo: HOPE Village (<https://cabinc.org/home-donate-section/>). Donations of clothing and shoes in good condition can also be donated to Westview. Contact Veronica for more information.

If your congregation or community is engaged in a peace- or justice-centered ministry, launching a new initiative, or has a story worth sharing, you can contact Veronica at veronica@sanjosephby.org



Presbytery Unity Candle

Sunday, April 12th:

First Presbyterian Church of Monterey

This week, we invite you to pray for the ministry of First Presbyterian Church of Monterey, along with their leadership — the Rev. Mark Peake, the Rev. James

Potts, Church Administrator Susan Weir, and all who give their time and gifts to sustain its life of worship and service.

FPC of Monterey states its purpose clearly as being guided by the Word of God and the love of Jesus Christ, working together to glorify God by making disciples and serving their communities with compassion, justice, and humility. It is a congregation committed to meeting people where they are — in worship, in learning, and in the tangible support it provides the surrounding community.

Throughout the week, First Presbyterian offers a range of opportunities for fellowship and community care. Sunday morning services are held at 9 AM and 11 AM in person and virtually, with Sunday Adult Education and Sunday School for children both meeting at 10 AM. Youth gatherings take place on the first, third, and fourth Sundays at 4 PM. Women's Bible Study meets Fridays at 9:15 AM in person and via Zoom, and Men's Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 4:30 PM and Thursdays at 11 AM via Zoom. Music ministry includes monthly visits from the Bluegrass Gospel Band and the resident Bell Choir.

Beyond the sanctuary, the congregation extends its mission through various local partnerships, including St. Mary's Food Pantry, Dorothy's Kitchen, I-HELP, and Gathering for Women. Through their presence in these organizations, they aim to support neighbors across Monterey and the surrounding area through physical and spiritual impact.

As First Presbyterian Church of Monterey continues its faithful presence in worship and in the world, we give thanks for all they offer to those within and beyond their congregation. We ask that you hold their leadership and the entire First Presbyterian family in prayer this week — that their ministries may continue to flourish and bear fruit in the year ahead.

For more information about this week's congregation(s), visit the links below:

[FPC - Monterey](#)

Follow the path of the Unity Candle: <http://tinyurl.com/SJUnity2025>



Employment Opportunities April 2026

The Presbytery invites prayers and attention to the following congregations as they seek to fill ministry positions:

First Presbyterian Church of Palo Alto

- [Guitarist/ Song Leader](#)

Gilroy Presbyterian Church

- [Family Ministry Director](#)

First Presbyterian Church of Santa Clara

- [Executive Administrator](#)

- [Nursery / Childcare Worker](#)

Presbytery-affiliated organizations looking to fill positions:

Westminster Woods

- [Interim Executive Director](#) **New Listing*

To learn more about these employment opportunities and the process to apply, please [click here](#).

SAVE THE DATE!

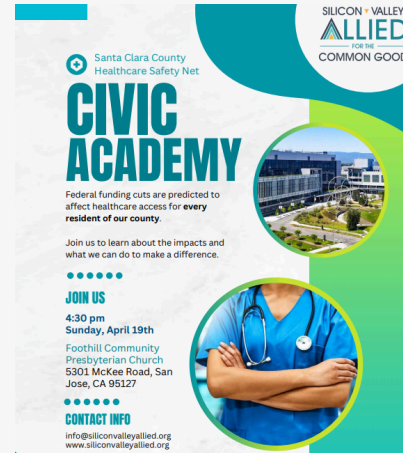
Healthcare Safety Net Civic Academy Org. by SVA for Common Good **Sunday,** **April 19 at 4:30 p.m.**

Foothill Community PC invites you all to the Healthcare Safety Net Civic Academy, presented in partnership with Silicon Valley Allied for the Common Good (SVACG) — an alliance of religious institutions and secular non-profits engaged in community organizing across our county.

Join us on Sunday, April 19th at 4:30 PM at Foothill Community Presbyterian Church (5301 McKee Road, San Jose, CA 95127) for a panel discussion. Together, we will explore the effects of federal funding cuts — including deep cuts to Medi-Cal — on our local community, and discuss what we can do to reinforce and protect our healthcare safety net. These changes are far-reaching, and many in our community may not yet realize the full impact they will have right here in San Jose.

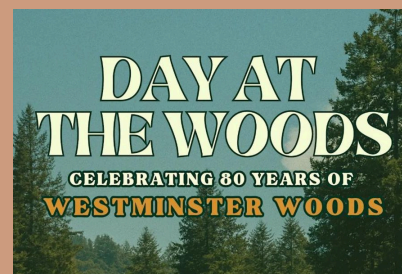
To register, visit the [link here](#). This event is open to everyone, and we warmly welcome all who wish to learn and get involved.

For questions, contact Rev. Lindsay Woods directly at revlaww@gmail.com or **408-758-8598**.



Day at The Woods Westminster Woods 80th Anniversary Saturday, April 25, 2026 | 12–6 pm

Come celebrate community, the outdoors, and 80 years of Westminster Woods! Set beneath the redwoods in Cazadero, Day at the Woods is a festive, all-ages gathering with something for everyone — a Sherwood Forest-themed faire, hiking trails, crafts, camp games, and live music throughout the day from local bands Late for the Train, Scott Elliot Ferreter, and Frognbog. Food trucks will be on site, along with beverages served by Old Caz and Pax Wines.



More than a party, Day at The Woods is an invitation to slow down and reconnect — with each other, with nature, and with the community that has carried this beloved place for nearly eight decades. Proceeds support Westminster Woods' mission and programs, including Outdoor Education, Summer Camps, and retreats for all ages.

For tickets and more information, visit the link [here](#).

Mission and Outreach Working Group Roundtable Gathering Saturday, June 13 at 11:30 a.m.



Save the date for a roundtable gathering hosted by the Mission and Outreach Working Group (MAOWG). Mission committee chairpersons and members from across our presbytery are invited to come together for conversation, connection, and encouragement.

Join us for a potluck luncheon and discussion time to share the joys and challenges of mission work within our congregations. It will be an opportunity to learn from one another's experiences and strengthen our shared ministry.

MAOWG also hopes to compile a current list of mission chairpersons and their contact information from each congregation. This will help us communicate about upcoming events, available grant money, and future mission trips.

For more information about the roundtable gathering, or to provide mission chairperson contact information, please reach out to Pam Siu, Chair of the Mission and Outreach Working Group, at thesiufamily@yahoo.com.

Spiritual Retreat to Taizé, France Dir. by Tijtske Postma of Westhope PC June 28 - July 5, 2026

Members of the Presbytery are invited to attend a retreat to Taizé, France, hosted by Spiritual Director and Westhope office manager **Tjitske Postma**. Young adults seeking a spiritually immersive experience are invited to join a small group for this one-week experience at the Taizé monastic community, one of the world's most popular sites for Christian pilgrimage.



Participants will begin in Paris on June 28 and travel together to Taizé for a week of reflection, worship, and community life. Tjitske, a certified spiritual director and experienced retreat leader to Taizé, will guide the group throughout the journey.

More details, including pricing and what is included, can be found on the [flyer](#). Space is limited, and sign-ups close April 15.

To learn more or reserve your spot, email: spiritualdirector@tjitskepostma.com

Zephyr Point Conference Center October 19-22, 2026

Mark your calendar for the Leaders of Color Retreat 2026, our annual gathering of encouragement and renewal, taking place October 19–22, 2026, at the beautiful Zephyr Point Conference Center.

Set along the peaceful shores of Lake Tahoe, this retreat continues an annual tradition of creating sacred space to strengthen relationships, share wisdom, and sustain one another in ministry through fellowship and reflection.

This event welcomes all clergy of color and church leaders of color within the Presbyteries of San Jose, San Francisco, Redwoods, and North Central California are warmly invited to register and take part in this meaningful time together.

Registration details and additional information will be shared in the months ahead.



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A graphic with a background of silhouettes of people. In the center is a large scale of justice. On the left, there are three circular logos: the top one is the Presbyterian Church logo, the middle one is a dove with an olive branch, and the bottom one is the Westhope logo.

Work Group Spotlight: Legal Aid Initiative

A report issued November 20, 2025 by the American Immigration Council indicated that without the benefit of an attorney at immigration court proceedings, people in our Presbytery have a 70% chance of being deported, often erroneously.

In response to this, the Presbytery's **Peace and Justice Working Group** has worked with EP Neal Presa to establish a free will offering initiative to support crucial legal counsel for people facing the threat of deportation. The Working Group and Presbytery staff have identified Peacemaking Offering and other related special funds that can provide up to \$15,000 in matching funds. This initiative will run through Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2026.

We invite you to give generously to two organizations in urgent need:

- Amigos Center Rapid Response Network of Santa Clara County
- The Santa Cruz Community Action Board

Your support helps ensure access to legal counsel and a fair day in court for our immigrant neighbors.

Fundraising Updates:

Thanks to the generosity of our congregations and partners, this initiative has continued to exceed expectations. As of **March 3**, more than **\$30,000** has been raised from over **120+ donors**, unlocking the full \$15,000 in matching funds. The new total includes an additional \$1760 received from the Community Action Board of Santa Cruz since our last Fundraiser update. This remarkable outpouring of generosity reflects the shared commitment across our community to invest in meaningful, lasting impact.

We give thanks for the compassion and commitment shown across our Presbytery, and we encourage continued support through May 24, 2026, as we work together to uphold dignity, justice, and mercy for our immigrant neighbors.

**The Presbytery is currently planning a Ceremonial Check Presentation to highlight these organizations' work in partnership with the Peace and Justice Working Group. Event Info will be shared in the weeks to come!*

How To Contribute:

- **Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County (cabinc.org)**
Priority for Matching Funds

1. Please check "SCCIP-IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES—Presbytery of San José Donor"
2. Cash dropped off at 406 Main Street to 2nd floor reception
3. Checks sent to 406 Main Street Ste 207, Watsonville, CA 95016
4. Stock Donation: Please email CFO directly lorettaz@cabinc.org

- **Amigos de Guadalupe Rapid Response Network Legal Services of Santa Clara County (amigoscenter.com)**

1. Click in the drop-down menu underneath "My donation is for*" and select "Presbytery of San José Donor - RRN Legal Services/ Family Support"

If you have questions about this initiative, please contact EP Neal Presa, Westhope Presbyterian Church pastor The Rev. Erik Swanson (esfishrev@gmail.com), Peace and Justice Working Group co-chairs The Rev. Julie Porras-Center (pastorjulie@somoswatsonville.com) and Beth Wylie (bethwylie21@gmail.com)

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