



Grace and Peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Since our last Presbytery Assembly Meeting, your Partners in Ministry Committee has met three times (via Go-to-meeting online meeting service); what follows is a summary of our work:

#### **COVID 19 grants (Synod Funds):**

- On behalf of the Presbytery Assembly, PIM is approving and requesting funds be dispersed for \$5,000 grants related to COVID concerns
  - The following churches have had grant requests approved and checks should have been sent already (19 communities): Beaumont, Big Bear, Cathedral City, Hemet, Indio, Lake Arrowhead, Ontario, Palm Springs, First Redlands, Ridgecrest, Calvary Riverside, Magnolia Riverside, El Buen Pastor, San Bernardino, Temecula, Twentynine Palms, Upland, Wildomar, and Yucca Valley
  - **19 out of a possible 30 worshipping communities (63%)** have received grant funds
  - In addition to the Synod Funds, PIM has approved funding for an additional \$3,000 grant from Grace, Temecula; and is considering an additional funding request from First, Redlands

#### **Mission Assessment Process:**

- PIM takes the lead at the beginning of the MAP and hands it off to HPCC part way through the process (this is our understanding)
  - Community Presbyterian Church, Cathedral City has requested a MAP
    - Bruce Myers will be the PIM liaison to the CPMCC MAT (Mission Assessment Team)
  - Mountain View Community Church, Wildomar has requested a MAP
    - Bruce Myers will be the PIM liaison to the MVCC MAT (Mission Assessment Team)

#### **Accompaniment Work:**

- San Gabriel Presbytery approached Riverside Presbytery, through the PIM Committee, to form a new partnership around the accompaniment work that Kristi Van Nostran has been doing
  - San Gabriel and Pacific Presbyteries have been in partnership already and invited Riverside to participate
  - As part of this partnership, PIM applied for a \$7,500 COVID PDA grant; received \$5,000
    - these funds were sent to Pacific Presbytery to administer to help transport and accompany released detainees as they head back to the airport
    - PIM approved collecting masks, backpacks and bags for this effort
      - these donations can be sent to Kristi Van Nostran, or to Magnolia Riverside, who will get it to Kristi
  - PIM has applied for a \$25,000 PDA grant for the purpose of partially funding an Immigrant Accompaniment Organizer position (Kristi Van Nostran); and this joint effort will also ask Synod for a joint \$30,000 grant (with the intention of it being divided 3 ways: Pacific, San Gabriel, Riv)
  - PIM requested that the Presbytery Commission approve creation of an Immigrant Accompaniment Organizer position, pending receipt of grant; position would be supervised by jointly by Personnel, PIM, and San Gabriel Presbytery

#### **Summer Camp:**

- Our local Presbyterian Camp, Big Bear Lake Christian Conference Center, held a virtual camp the week of July 5-11
  - July 5-8 Elementary Camp, July 9-11 Middle/High School camp; both were virtual
  - July 5-11 LEAD Internship Program, invited up to 5 graduating seniors to be present on site
  - 11 staff who practiced intentional distancing
  - approximately 60 “campers” total; all campers were from Riverside presbytery
  - We give praise to God for this ministry and staff for their ability to adjust and provide a meaningful “camp” experience for the children and youth within our presbytery

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