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WHAT IS THE SEASON OF LENT REALLY ABOUT?

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MISSION STATEMENT

First Presbyterian Church of Inglewood is a multicultural congregation committed to exalt God through the celebration of **Worship**, to share God's Good News through **Evangelism**, to nurture our members in an atmosphere of contagious **Fellowship**, to transform lives through **Spiritual Growth opportunities**, and to equip members for servant **Ministry** to people in our community and world which bears witness to the Redeeming love of Jesus Christ to the glory of God.

For many Christians, the season of Lent typically includes some kind of fasting. These fasts usually take the form of abstaining from all food throughout a given 24-hour period or certain kinds of food for the duration of the forty-day season. In place of a food fast, some Christians commit to give up a pleasurable activity or dedicate themselves to charitable giving. Focus on prayer and devotions are also especially emphasized during Lent. But even though our Lord recommends and comments on the Lenten disciplines of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer in His Sermon on the Mount ([Matthew 6:1-18](#)), these practices can easily become legalistic rituals that are centered inwardly on the self rather than outwardly on Christ. If during Lent Christians choose to give up something or rededicate themselves to helping those in need as a way to proclaim the salvation Christ has won for all by His suffering and death,

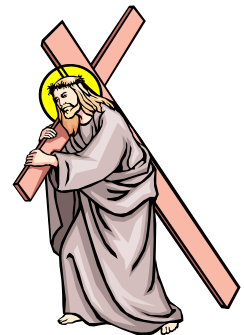
then such activities are sacrifices that glorify God. However, it is essential to remember that nothing we do through self-denial or good works can ever earn the Lord's forgiveness or repay Him for what He accomplished for us. Lent is not about our giving up something to please God. Lent is about what Jesus Christ gave up to pay the penalty for the sins of the world -- His holy and innocent life. As many churches sing during this Lenten season:

*The sinless Son of God must
die in sadness;*

*The sinful child of man may
live in gladness;*

*Man forfeited his life and is
acquitted;*

God is committed!



120TH CELEBRATION

It was a wonderful start January 24, 2010 for our year-long celebration of 120 years in Inglewood.

Dr. Daniel Newhall delivered a wonderful, encouraging sermon during the morning service, **Dr. Kikanza Nuri** gave the morning prayer, and our own **Dr. Harold Kidd** was a perfect host; making everyone feel welcomed.

Thank you to all who prepared a salad to share at the luncheon. (We do have many great cooks – and many more eaters!) Many thanks to **Ruth Wessels** for her leadership in organizing the luncheon; **Walter Riley, Bob Boone, Delmon Owens and Pastor Kidd** for setting up the tables and chairs; **Ruth Hiersemann** for the table floral arrangements, **Janie Cuffe** for helping everywhere; **Ruth and Hal Wessels** for preparing the scrolls honoring the pastors and assistants for 120 years; and **Anthony Kendrick** for providing music throughout the luncheon.

Our next event will be an Organ and Choir Concert on Sunday, June 13. Former directors, organists, Chancel Choir and Gospel Choir singers will be invited to participate in a program celebrating the music in our church.

Worship and Music Ministry, Debra Hoskins, Chairperson and Hazel Dunbar

HELP HAITI

Church World Service and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance began deliveries with their non-profit partners within 24 hours of the quake. CWS has sent kits (24,000 Hygiene Kits, 4700 Baby Care Kits by February 1), blankets, tents, medical supplies, food and water. As churches and communities make more kits they will be sent. Partners have set up 5 locations in the U.S. to accept the kits. Sixty medical boxes were sent each to treat routine ailments for about 1,000 adults and children for 2 months. A coalition of the partners are setting up temporary water systems. CWS has had a program for persons with disabilities for many years so it is in place to continue. It is estimated that there are 63,000 pregnant women with practically no prenatal care available nor hospitals for the baby's births. Long term CWS will focus on food security.

Short term we at FPCI can focus on making as many hygiene and baby care kits as we can. We will need money, items to buy and to sew, kits to assemble, boxes to pack and postage to send them. We need to coordinate our efforts. **Nellie Yanes** is in charge of sewing projects.

Hygiene Kits contain one: toothbrush (in original package), wide-tooth comb, nail clipper, bath size bar of

soap in its wrapper, washcloth, hand towel (about 16" x 28") and six standard size Band-aids packed in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure.

Baby Care Kits (for under 12 months) contain: 6 cloth diapers, 2 T-shirts or undershirts, 2 washcloths, 2 gowns or sleepers, 2 diaper pins, one sweater or sweatshirt, 2 receiving blankets 30"x30".

The IRS has ruled that it will accept cash donations for Haiti made after January 11, 2010 and before March 1, 2010 on your 2009 return only if you itemize.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

As the **New Orleans Saints** and **Indianapolis Colts** take to the field to prepare for the **Big Game** people have teamed up to tackle hunger through the **Souper Bowl of Caring**. Look at the numbers: 17,126 groups, 50 states, 6 countries and \$964,778 collected all by February 1st! Please support our own **Monthly Inglewood Homeless Sandwich Ministry** and **Downtown Sandwich Ministry** with a minimum contribution of \$1.00 per person.

Save Saturday, March 13 from 8 to 10 am to make sandwiches in Fellowship Hall for folks on the streets of Downtown Los Angeles!

**First
Presbyterian
Church of
Inglewood**

Presents

**The dlw Community
Chorale**

Dr. Don Lee White
Founder/director

“We Sing Because...”

**SUNDAY, Feb. 21, 2010
3:00 P.M.**

“Organized in 1998, the chorale is made up of people of all ages, ethnic and religious affiliations who unite to present the culturally diverse musical art form of choral singing.” This purpose has been realized and translates to audiences as a group of people who enjoy singing and singing well together. They sing a variety of choral music – something for all listeners.



**CHURCH OF
INGLEWOOD
INTERGENERATIONAL
WOMEN’S MINISTRY
MEETING**



**WHEN: SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 20, 2010**

**WHERE: AT THE
HOME OF Ms. JEAN
USSERY
INGLEWOOD, CA 90301**

**TIME: 11:00 AM – 1:00
PM
PLEASE RSVP**

Refreshments served

**ASH
WEDNESDAY**

February 17, 2010
7:00 PM

Join us for Ash
Wednesday Service in the
Chapel.



**Presbyterian Women in
the Presbytery of the
Pacific**

Winter Gathering

An Inward Walk

Soul Keeping Guidelines for
the Care and Nurture of One’s
Soul

Speaker:

The Rev. Dr. Kikanza Nuri
Saturday, Feb. 27, 2010
9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
St. Paul’s Presbyterian
Church

5100 Coliseum Street, Los
Angeles CA 90016

Registration \$10 includes lunch
(make checks payable to PWP)
Please send in your reservation
to: Florence Griffith,

Deadline: February 20, 2010

**Annual Meeting of the
Congregation:** to receive the
2009 Financial Report, 2010
Budget and approve the Pastors
Terms of Call will be held on
Sunday February 28, 2010
immediately following the
Morning Worship Service. All
active members on roll are
asked to attend.

3RD MISSION TRIP TO NEW ORLEANS Once again members of various churches from Presbytery of the Pacific will be going to New Orleans, LA. February 20 – 27, 2010 to participate in the mission recovery of homes damaged by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Our very own Pastor Kidd will be serving as the Team leader along with Theresa Wilson, Rev. Judy Cuthbertson, Sandy Tufts, Lois Hines, Richardson Leong, Karen Caesar, Rev Sue Fisher and her husband Frank. On two previous trips, FPCI was also represented by Bob Boone and Walter Riley. The group was commissioned during the January 30 meeting of Pacific Presbytery. These mission recovery efforts are coordinated by PDA.

Lenten Fellowship and Bible Study

Lent is a season of soul-searching and repentance, a time for reflection and taking stock. Lent originated in the earliest days of the church as a preparation time for Easter when the faithful rededicated themselves and converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for baptism.

Join our Wednesday Bible Study classes, “**Exploring Spiritual Disciplines**”. Our goal will be to enrich our relationship with God through personal spiritual practices. Starting February 24 the first class will gather at noon for a Lenten Soup luncheon and learn with **Dr. Harold Kidd**. The second class will meet at 6 pm starting with a potluck supper and learn with **Dr. Kikanza Nuri**. Please come to either class and learn ways to enrich your spiritual life and deepen your faith. Sign up in the office.

POTLUCK
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
POTLUCK at the
Cuffe's
Saturday, February 27
11:00 AM



Get Motivated!

Want to attend this dynamic seminar to increase your productivity and income? It will be Wednesday, February 17, 2010 from 8 am to 4:45 pm at the Los Angeles Convention Center by satellite. Our church is registered and we will have the tickets in the office. You will receive a free lunch and workbook. The speakers are **General Colin Powell, Rudy Giuliani, Condoleezza Rice, Michael Phelps, Lou Holtz, Zig Ziglar** and others. See the brochure in the office. Arrange your own transportation

Celebrate The Gifts Of Women March 7, 2010

“Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday” honors women who contribute their gifts to the church and community and lifts up issues of women’s rights. March 7, 2010 is the Sunday, the day before International Women’s Day on March 8.

From Eve, the mother of the living, through the tears of Esther, through the angel to Mary, through the women at the tomb, through Priscilla at Pentecost, through women in the church today, God’s word is kept alive.

Our women of all ages will participate in the Worship

Service with our own **Suzanne Swartz** preaching.

Session Report

Session started with Pastor Kidd reviewing the Roles and Responsibilities of Elders from The Book of Order. One book will be ordered for each elder and kept in Jonathan Lounge. Members of each ministry team shared what they found exciting about the coming year. An instrument to rate the achievements of each ministry needs to be developed. It was agreed that elders would take turns presenting “Ten Minutes of Enlightenment” at the start of each session meeting. Bob Boone selected February.

The National Black Presbyterian Caucus of So. Ca. Chapter presents an excellent annual Church Officer Training. It will be Saturday, February 6 at Westminster from 8:45 am to 2 pm.

After discussion it was decided that Session would continue to meet the third Sunday of the month following worship. Although all members prefer it not to be on Sunday it is better for working people than rather than a night meeting.

Jolene Swain and Debbie Hoskins will be our delegates to the presbytery meeting, January 30 at Gardena. Pastor Kidd will hand over his

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BREAD for the WORLD

Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. This year, we have a chance to make progress on two key components of any successful effort to end U.S. hunger: helping low-income families make ends meet and ensuring that children have access to nutritious food.

Hunger in the U.S.

Congress will be turning its attention to tax policy because a significant group of tax cuts and tax credits enacted in previous years will expire in 2010. Legislators must decide which ones to renew or change.

Bread's **Offering of Letters** calls on Congress to protect and strengthen key tax credits to help working families who struggle to put food on the table. Our Offering will help ensure that the needs of low-income families do not get lost in the critical congressional debate on taxes.

Two tax credits in particular, the **Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)** and the **Child Tax Credit**, help bridge the gap between what a family earns through low-wage work and the cost of basic necessities. The EITC alone lifts more than 5 million Americans above the poverty

line - including 2.6 million children. For many years, Bread members have worked faithfully to protect and strengthen federal nutrition programs that ensure low-income children and families have enough to eat. Congress will reauthorize child nutrition programs this year. Our letters can make a difference urging Congress to improve program access and participation of children, particularly at breakfast and during the summer.

Hunger around the World

In the past decade more resources have been available for international development with consistent increases in poverty-focused development assistance. The **FY2010 budget**, finalized in December 2009, includes nearly \$22 billion for nutrition, health care, basic education, clean water and other programs that give hungry and poor people in the developing world the opportunities they need to build a better life for themselves and their children. This amount nearly tripled in the 10 years since \$7.5 billion was approved in FY2000.

In April 2009 the president announced a new U.S. initiative to address world hunger by strengthening agriculture and food security in poor countries. He persuaded other donor countries to commit \$29 billion over the next three years to agricultural

development for small-scale farmers.

Bread has been involved from the beginning in shaping the administration's initiative. For example, they brought together hunger organizations and the new Inter-Agency Taskforce on Global Food Security last summer to discuss how they can work together to support the initiative.

Bread will continue their efforts to reform U.S. foreign assistance, the goal of the 2009 Offering of Letters to make foreign assistance more effective in reducing poverty. Bread members have built significant support in both the House and Senate for this legislation.

Finally, the **State Department** has begun a Quadrennial Development and Diplomacy Review to determine roles for both State Department and the U.S. Agency for International Development. All of these efforts signal a growing consensus among our nation's leaders that improving foreign assistance is a priority. Bread will push for continued action to make sure our development dollars stretch as far as possible.

Ultimately, reducing hunger is a matter of political will, and political will is built by citizen advocacy -- by you. Join us in taking advantage of all our opportunities to reduce hunger in God's world by joining in the Offering of Letters.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Estella** and **Frank Hunt** on their **80th Wedding Anniversary** on **February 8th**.

TRIP TO PLANETARIUM

Several of our members are planning a day trip to the newly renovated planetarium this Thursday, February 11. It opens at noon and the plan is to be there. If anyone wants to join them they are welcome. They need to arrange their own transportation. See Barbara Malmo.

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moderator's office to Pastor Mark Brewer of Bel Air. This year **Pastor Kidd** will moderate General Mission Council.

Evangelism and Fellowship was pleased that a phone tree using the Shepherding structure worked beautifully to produce a fine repast following Al Smith's service.

Plans for the 120th Anniversary Sunday, January 28 were shared. **Hal** will make placemats to be used throughout the year. Boutonieres and corsages will be made for the pastors and wives. The color theme is blue and white. **Janie Cuffe** agreed to be the M C for a short program following lunch. A

scroll of all the pastors in order of their service will be prepared by the **Wessels** and presented to each attendee.

Session approved three mission offerings: 1. Souper Bowl of Caring on February 7 to benefit our Sandwiches for the Homeless Program, 2. One Great Hour of Sharing on Palm 3. Bread for the World Offering of Letters to write letters to support legislation to end hunger at home and abroad.

This is Hal Wessel's last year as clerk. We need a replacement to be in training under him. We will affirm the chairs and members of the Ministry Teams at the March Session Meeting.