

# CLARION

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## OUR CALENDAR

*Communion is normally celebrated during worship service on the first Sunday of the month.*

### MONDAY, JANUARY 17

**Martin Luther King Day**  
Office Closed

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

Clarion Mailing 8:00a

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

*In Person Worship Service*  
Sunday Family Worship 10:30

### MONDAY, JANUARY 24

Clarion Mailing 8:00a

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

Sunday Family Worship 10:30

## LEADERS IN WORSHIP

We are grateful to those persons who led us in worship on Sunday, January 16, 2022, with social distancing. Call to Worship and Opening Prayer, Doug Lee; Scripture, Kenny Elliott (John 2:1-12); music, Kenny Elliott, Ann Kiriyaama, Ron Ota, and Gus Zdanovich; Sound and Visuals, Sam Gin, Kevin Hayashi, Larry Jung, Nick Tomoyasu; and the Rev. Ann Ogelsby Edwards for her sermon "**The Divine in the Ordinary**".

## WHO'S MAILING

January 24	Volunteers
January 31	Volunteers
February 7	Volunteers
February 14	Volunteers

## STAFF JANUARY 11

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## Minute for Missions

### Madagascar Fighting COVID-19 and Food Insecurity

Mission co-workers Dan and Elizabeth Turk, who have served in Madagascar for more than 20 years, are working daily with global partners through Skype, Zoom and WhatsApp to address the twin pandemics of COVID-19 and severe food insecurity facing the world's fifth-largest island nation and one of the world's poorest countries.

The Turks serve with the PC(USA)'s partner church, the Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar (FJKM), in its ministries of health, environment, agriculture and safe drinking water. FJKM believes that Christian witness should include ministry to both the physical and spiritual needs of God's people and care for all of God's Creation.

In a recent letter to supporters, the Turks reported that "in the capital city, colleagues report that almost everyone knows many people who have had COVID and some who have died. PC(USA)'s partner church, the Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar (FJKM), has been greatly impacted by the new restrictions, which include bans on worship services in the capital city and other affected parts of the country."

The Madagascar Mission Network sent emergency relief donations to help with the urgency of the situation. FJKM continues to provide worship services over the radio and its pastors go into hospitals and COVID treatment centers daily to pray with the sick.

On March 26, Madagascar joined the World Health Organization's COVAX program. The first 250,000 vaccines (AstraZeneca Covishield) arrived in May. As in many other countries, health care personnel, the elderly, members of the armed forces and the police were the first to receive vaccine. After a peak of active COVID cases in April of this year, official data indicate the number of active cases has declined precipitously. However, with vaccination rates low, further spread of COVID-19 is expected. The hunger situation in southern Madagascar continues to be dire.

The World Food Program (WFP), the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), and Amnesty International have recently issued humanitarian appeals. The WFP and FAO estimate that over 1 million people in southern Madagascar face high levels of acute food insecurity, with almost 14,000 people in the worst category of the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC). The FJKM is participating in efforts to relieve hunger by distributing food and seeds and focusing on longer-term solutions such as digging wells and constructing water catchment systems.

Dan Turk works with the FJKM's Fruits, Vegetables, and Environmental Education program (FVEE). With per capita income less than \$250 per year, many Malagasy people have difficulty feeding their families. Due to ongoing deforestation, many of Madagascar's endemic plants and animals are threatened with extinction. FJKM is responding to these needs by helping people grow fruits and vegetables to improve their nutrition and get out of poverty.

The FVEE promotes environmental awareness by planting native trees at FJKM churches, seminaries and schools. Dan Turk and his colleagues help pastoral students learn to grow fruits and vegetables. The new pastors use these skills to help their communities and families achieve improved food security and nutrition. The FVEE has established a fruit center to help promote fruit growing, especially many of the world's best varieties of grafted mangos, on a national scale.

Turk said the FVEE was able to hold several trainings at the FJKM church at Ankaramena in south-central Madagascar, where a new mango nursery is being established and at the fruit center at Mahatsinjjo. At the most recent training, 50 people from the town of Tsarahonenana near Andriba learned how to grow and graft fruit trees. In the past few years, the FVEE has trained over 150 farmers.

A new nursery located on the grounds of the FJKM seminary at Mandritsara will be managed by the seminary. It will provide grafted mango trees and other quality fruit trees for growing in Mandritsara and the surrounding area as a contribution of the FJKM to help subsistence farmers increase their food security and gain income to reduce poverty.

*Kathy Melvin, Director of Mission Communications,  
Presbyterian Mission Agency*

# OUR THANKS

*Our church expresses our sincere appreciation to the following members and friends for their gifts from January 12, 2022 thru January 18, 2022*

### Christmas Joy Offering

Anonymous  
Mark and Donna Gonzales  
Bob and Yoshiko Hayashi  
Kevin Hayashi  
Stan and Janie Inouye  
Don and Kathy Uchida Matsumoto  
Clyde and Mieko Payne  
Pastor Ann Oglesby-Edwards

### In Appreciation

Nick Tomoyasu

### Celebration of 101<sup>st</sup> Birthday of Yae Nagai

Ginny and Kathy Kajiwara

### Clarion

Mark and Donna Gonzales

### Graveside Service for Matsuye Chuman

Gerald Chuman

### In Memory of

#### Kimio "Red" Hamane

Chio Amai Fujimoto (San Diego)

### Rental Fee for use of parking lot

Filming Company

### Special

Young Lee (Santa Maria)

## Virtual Keiro Forums

### Conversation Kitchen

January 20 @ 10:30 am – 11:30 am

Conversation Kitchen is a cooking webinar where participants can engage in different conversations about food. This webinar will be hosted by a Keiro staff member who will be making Nikujaga (beef and vegetable dish) and will participate in group conversations with attendees.

### Planning Your Future 101: Estate Planning with Diana Fukushima, Esq.

January 25 @ 10:30 am – 11:30 am

This presentation is an introduction to the importance of estate planning and making arrangements for your future financial and health care needs. The goal of the presentation is to bring awareness to the steps you can take to prepare for your future, and protect your family, your assets, and ensure there is no confusion regarding your wishes.

Diana Fukushima, Esq. is a Yonsei, Los Angeles-born attorney with strong family ties to the Little Tokyo and Keiro communities. She attended Scripps College in Claremont, and Pepperdine Law School where she also received her Master of Dispute Resolution. She currently works with her father at the Law Offices of Paul Jay Fukushima, in the Los Angeles area, specializing in estate planning, probate, and family law.

### Watercolor Craft with Eric Nakahara

January 27 @ 10:30 am – 11:30 am

Join us for another watercolor craft with Eric Nakahara. We will be painting a snowy landscape during this craft forum.

\*The first 20 people to register will receive craft supplies in the mail.

Go to Keiro.org and click on Keiro Virtual Forums for registration information.

## MISCELLANY

Reminder: your annual reports and financial statements for 2021 are due! All church officers and entities, this means you! Turn them in to the church office. Thank you!



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It's time to renew your membership for the Pasadena Nikkei Seniors. Annual PNS membership drive occurs concurrently with the New Year Party, but with the cancellation we are asking that you please take the time now to renew your membership. Membership fee is \$10 per person, and for our revered members who are 88 years or older, membership is FREE. Please make your checks payable to the PASADENA NIKKEI SENIORS. Pasadena Nikkei Seniors, 595 Lincoln Ave. #101, Pasadena, CA 91103

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