

Meeting Notes – January 26, 2025

Pastor Grace made the following announcements:

- It is important that we all keep coming and meeting together. We can support each other through the grief process.
- Please make sure that PPPC has your email address so that you receive all the information.
- Check the website (www.palipres.org) for resources. There is a big red “RESOURCES” button.
- The website also has a digital prayer wall available. The prayer team is meeting and praying over each prayer request and these requests are shared with the pastors.
- She introduced 2 pastoral guests (friend of Pastor Matt and friend of Pastor Grace) who were attending in support.
- A church in Novato, CA had a day-long prayer and blanket-making session for PPPC. The blankets are here, and all are encouraged to take one. It would be great if you would send Pastor Grace a photo of you with your blanket to share with the Novato church.
- The refreshments today have been provided by Beverly Hills Presbyterian Church. Please take some goodies home – we cannot leave them here!
- She also reminded us that \$50 gift cards (from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) are still available – see Pastor Grace.
- Everyone is encouraged to stop by the FEMA Assistance Center set up at Westside Pavilion. There are booths set up to help with insurance and other issues. Booth #19 is a Buddhist temple – they are giving cash to those in need.
- Ms. Lucy is still working on events for children and families – please check the website.
- Pastor Grace also noted 3 other sources for free supplies: National Charity League is running a giveaway location in Woodland Hills (ask Pastor Grace for information); Santa Monica Presbyterian has collected tons of things to give out; St. Joseph’s Medical Center is helping people replace contact lenses, dentures, hearing aids, etc. (contact Pastor Grace for form and information)
- N 95 masks are available here today.
- Prepare for returning to see your property – make sure that you have appropriate protective gear and that you do not go alone. Be prepared for the new level of grief and emotional distress as well.
- If you need assistance in finding a place to live, contact Pastor Grace.
- Brentwood Pres has volunteers available to give rides, run errands and provide companionship – contact Pastor Grace.

Pastor Matt made the following announcements:

- He is working with Bill Hamm (Personnel), George Browning (Finance) and Lynn Mack-Costello (Personnel) to sort through all of the insurance details for the church property. Our insurance investigator has not been able to access the site yet.
- We will be changing our worship space next Sunday. We will be meeting in the sanctuary of Culver City Presbyterian (11269 Washington Blvd, Culver City 90230) at 2:30 p.m. We will be meeting here through February.

- Fifth Ave. Presbyterian Church in New York City has reached out and would like to provide a time of prayer together. We are planning a ZOOM prayer meeting at 11 a.m. PST next Sunday. There will be a brief liturgy, some music, and a time for us to pray together.

Pastor Grace closed by reminding us that we are all in a state of trauma and that it is important for us to think carefully before making any big decisions. Trauma can cloud your cognitive abilities. Take your time and stay close to friends, family and your church family.