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... the eyes of the Lord range
throughout the entire earth,
to strengthen those whose
heart is true to him.

– 2 CHRONICLES 16:9

IN PERSON OR CATCH THE 10AM LIVESTREAM ON [YOUTUBE](https://www.youtube.com).
Check out recent service streams and more at www.fcnh.org.



Sunday is a historic moment in the life of our church. It has not happened in more than a half-decade. We will participate in the sacred act of calling a pastor.

A call is not a hire. It is not like a personnel decision that one makes in business. It is a spiritual event, inherently theological. Given that a pastor is a custodian of the Gospel and guardian of the flock, it cannot be otherwise. But because of this, the call is both individual and congregational, the intersection of an inward call with its outward expression.

The inward call is the experience of the individual. Through the Spirit, God speaks to individuals who are called to serve as pastors and ministers of the Church. The great Reformer Martin Luther described this inward call as "God's voice heard by faith." John Newton, famous for writing "Amazing Grace," said that "None but He who made the world can make a Minister of the Gospel." Only God can call a true minister, and only God can grant the minister the gifts necessary for service.

The external call is the congregational ex-

pression. Through the Spirit, God uses the congregation to "call out the called." The congregation affirms the Spirit's action in the individual. The family of faith recognizes and celebrates the gifts given an individual and commits to allow him to lead, feed, guide, and care.

God calls individuals to serve the Body of Christ. God calls congregations to recognize these servants. The intersection of these two expressions of the Spirit takes place this Sunday.

Our congregation has been blessed by called individuals in the past, who shaped our lives and prepared us for ministry. You are the manifestations of the Spirit's work in them, through you. Now the Holy Spirit is at it again, moving us into the future at this important moment. I hope the Spirit moves each to accept your responsibility to participate. So, I pray this prayer:

Come Sunday. Come Holy Spirit. Come Pastor. Come future. Come.

Blessings, Randy

SUNDAY, JULY 10th • 10:00am: " _____ " • Pastor Randy Spleth, preaching
Unable to join us in person this Sunday? Tune in to the livestream on YouTube at:

www.youtube.com/c/FIRSTCHRISTIANCHURCHOFNORTHOLLYWOOD



19th REPORT FROM THE pulpit committee

In case you missed last Sunday's morning worship service, here's the link to it:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jiqu_4oKHp0

Please check out Interim Pastor Randy's stirring request for your participation in our Congregational Meeting this coming Sunday, July 10th, to call our new Senior Minister (found at 1:05, the end of the service). Pastor Randy, having met our selectee on June 22nd in his office at FCCNH, said, "... the search committee has done marvelous work and presented an outstanding person to be your next senior minister." While viewing, of course, please hear Randy's exceptional message about our call as Christians for civility as a mark of who we really are.

It has been a distinct pleasure for those of us on the Pulpit Committee over these past 11 months to serve you, our beloved congregation, and we're eager to present our selectee to you. You'll receive full information in the meeting, of course, but let me just highlight some of the selectee's information here for you without violating the DOC's confidentiality requirements (which will be lifted in the congregational meeting):

- BA in Religion and Sociology/Anthropology, MDiv, DMin in Spiritual Formation
- Has been Senior Pastor in two DOC churches
- Feels God "leading me to a context that is mission-oriented" to connect with our neighbors

- Desires to know people's stories to inform both sermons and classes
- Regarding sermons, "It is one of my life's greatest honors to help the Word take on flesh.... During my sermons, I seek to connect what is happening in our lives, our communities, and the world with God's story."
- 4th generation Disciple
- Spiritual formation through summer church camps
- Chaplaincy
- Minister of Children and Youth
- Excellence in Church Administration which is "the groundwork for everything else to flourish"
- Demonstrated excellence in Finances
- Author (I have two copies of his newest book to present to FCCNH librarian Beth Owen in the meeting)
- Advisor to Boy Scouts
- Only two churches he would consider a call from, and ours is one
- From the reference checks:
 - Successfully manages large church budgets
 - Smart, kind, and patient
 - Connects with and brings older and younger generations together
- Loves children

18th REPORT FROM THE Pulpit Committee Continued

- Super likeable, relatable, and a great listener
- Not distracted, completely focused on what the person is about, “one of the best listeners that you’ll ever run into”
- Does not act as boss, but facilitates
- “Having known Pastor Bob and Peggy, [the referent] believes [the selectee] is the best candidate for FCCNH.” The referent said, “It takes a Giant to replace a Giant.”
- Loves spreadsheets and Zoom meetings
- Gives people their roles and jobs without micromanagement
- Meets conflict head-on
- “He knows he has to move on to achieve his potential, but it is sad to see him leave.”
- “If I were you, I would go after him with everything you have.... No shortcomings at all.”

So, we on the Pulpit Committee have done our homework, made our selection, and received unanimous approval from our Board of Trustees (see the chart). Please come Sunday after worship to, as Pastor Randy says, extend “the very sacred act of a call, something that a congregation does. We don’t hire a minister. We call a minister, because we believe that it is who God has in store for us. I believe that about who you will hear about next Sunday.”

We pray to align with the leading of the Holy Spirit in our congregational meeting. See you there.

Yours in Christ’s service,
Richard Follett, Chair
FCCNH Pulpit Committee

FCC NORTH HOLLYWOOD Pulpit Committee Progress

- 1 FCCNH members and friends commit ourselves to prayerful guidance under the Holy Spirit for the Search Process.
- 2 Board selects a slate of members of the Pulpit Committee with approval by the Congregation.
- 3 Pulpit Committee meets with the Regional Minister to discuss the search process.
- 4 Pulpit Committee surveys the congregation and completes a congregational Profile.
- 5 Pulpit Committee does independent research and receives profiles of potential candidates.
- 6 Pulpit Committee creates a list of candidates to interview.
- 7 Pulpit Committee interviews candidates.
- 8 Pulpit Committee recommends one candidate to the church Board.
- 9 Congregation votes on the recommended candidate.
- 10 FCCNH joins with Regional Minister to welcome our new Senior Pastor.



We want to congratulate Milana Resta and the Resta family for her recent performance at Carnegie Hall. Milana was part of the Los Angeles Youth Orchestra, divided into the symphony orchestra and the Ruth Borun Concert Orchestraz I. Milana is third chair in the latter, which is basically the junior/intermediate group. They played Berlioz's *March to the Scaffold*, the finale from Schumann's *Symphony No. 4*, intro and finale from Tchaikovsky's *Romeo and Juliet*, and an *Empire Strikes Back* medley. Milana represents excellence in musicianship from our congregation's musical traditions. – Luis Oliart, Interim Youth Director





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In conjunction with

Valley Glen
Neighborhood

— AND —

Los Angeles District 2
Council Member Paul Krekorian

Food Drive

Sunday, July 24 • 3PM-5PM

at the Valley Glen Park (on Ethel between Oxnard and Erwin)



Proceeds go to the North Hollywood
Interfaith Food Pantry (nhifp.org)

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- CANNED SOUP (NOT CONDENSED)
- CANNED FRUIT
- CANNED VEGETABLES
- CANNED PROTEIN
- CANNED TOMATO PRODUCTS
- PEANUT BUTTER (NO FAMILY SIZE PLEASE)
- DIAPERS (ALL SIZES)
- PET FOOD
- HYGIENE PRODUCTS (TRAVEL SIZE PREFERRED)

***NO BEANS (a large donation was recently made) | *Please NO GLASS CONTAINERS**



MEN'S GROUP MEETING NEWCOMERS WELCOME

meets online weekly at

7PM WEDNESDAYS

Interested in joining?

For Zoom info Email: menoncorner@gmail.com



MEN ON THE CORNER SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young. – ISAIAH 40:11

🌀 In Other News...

The FCCNH congregation knows how important the North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry is to the mission of our church but some readers may not know exactly what's going on at NHIFP these days. Thanks to a wonderful article in the Toluca Lake magazine we can catch up and see how important our ongoing support to that mission remains after 39 years. Below is a small excerpt from that article and a link to read what space wouldn't allow us to publish in this newsletter. 🌀

TOLUCA LAKE

Putting Compassion Into Action

How the North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry works to help neighbors in need

by Jenna Anderson | June 1, 2022

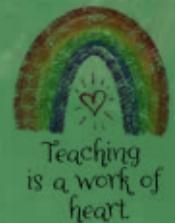


"... the NHIFP has continually grown and evolved over time. 'The pantry was begun by five women from four congregations, Jewish and Christian, as a response to a rise in food insecurity during the recession of the early 1980s,' says Pastor Louise Goben, president of the executive board. It soon became clear that it was going to take a major endeavor to achieve their aspiration of eliminating hunger in the area..."

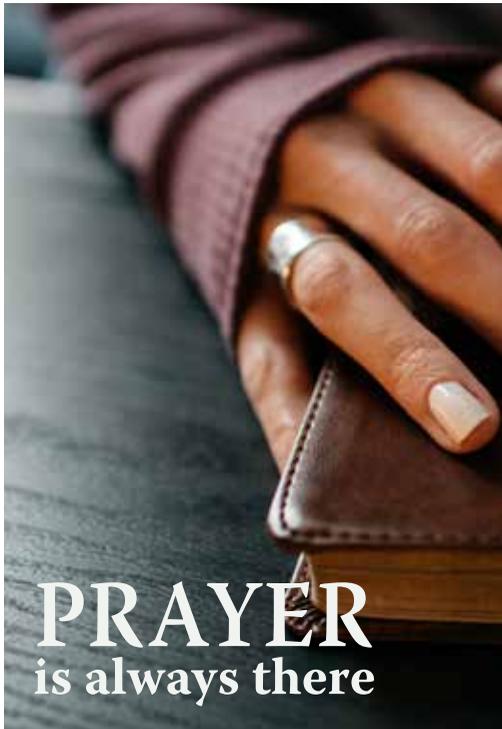
Photo by Daniel Deitch.

The full article can be found at: <https://tolucalake.com/2022/06/putting-compassion-into-action/>

Christian Nursery School
FALL registration now OPEN!
for Ages 2 - 5 • Full or Half Day



for more information email Amanda@fccnh.org



As always, there are many ways to reach us with your prayer needs.

On Sundays, there are cards in the morning bulletins. You can write your prayers on the back and put them in any of the offering plates set out near the doors from the Sanctuary. You may also slide your prayer cards through the slot in the Prayer Cabinet near the drinking fountain outside the Chapel doors.

During the week, your prayers can reach us by a phone call to the church office at 818-763-8218 or online at www.fccnh.org/Prayer-Requests.

If you are at the church, prayer cards are available at the Prayer Cabinet outside the

Chapel. Fill one out and put it in the cabinet slot, or drop it off in the church office.

Prayers received during the week in one of these ways will be emailed out to Prayer Group members. Unless urgent, prayers received on Saturday or Sunday will be compiled for the list given to members on Monday mornings.

The sole purpose of the Prayer Group has always been to pray for those in need. Prayers are lifted aloud in the Chapel on Monday mornings, and then become part of the daily prayer discipline of our members. As always, all prayers that come to us are kept strictly confidential and are not shared elsewhere. 🌿

**LOCH LEVEN
SUMMER CAMP 2022**

July 10-15 | JUNIOR CAMP
(Entering grades 4-5)

July 12-15 | MINI CAMP
(Entering 1-3)

July 24-29 | CYF 1
(Entering grades 9-10)

July 24-29 | CYF 2
(Entering grades 11 & 12 and recent graduates)

REGISTER AT WWW.DOCPSWR.ORG/CAMP

Tai Chi

breathing techniques
simple stretching exercises
meditation to reduce stress

Guided Tai Chi Classes

Tues. 1:00 pm & Thurs. 4:00 pm
in the Youth Hut

Classes guided by Byron Armantrout.
Freewill donation of \$10 per session.



FLOWER DEDICATIONS

To order flowers to decorate the chancel on an upcoming Sunday, please fill out the following form and place in the offering box or drop at the church office with your check for \$40.

Today's Date: _____

Name(s): _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Email: _____

Available dates:

7/10	7/17	7/24	7/31	8/7	8/14
8/21	8/28	9/4	9/18	9/25	10/2

Floral Dedication:

(Please check one of the following and write the specifics of your dedication in the space provided below)

- In Honor of ...
- In Celebration of ...
- In Memory of ...

- Check enclosed for arrangement (\$40)
Arrangements are supplied by Floral Crush Studio.
Checks should be made payable to FCCNH.



W2W WOMEN *to* WOMEN

7:30pm FRIDAYS
via ZOOM

NEWCOMERS WELCOME

email for Zoom info

W2W.FCCNH@gmail.com

2022 FCCNH SUMMER CAMPS

A few spaces are still available for the following camps:

Art Camp • Grades 2 - 12

7/11/22 – 7/15/22 • 9am-3pm • \$275

Art Camp! Sign your kids up for a creative endeavor this summer. Each day for a week, your son or daughter will have classes in painting, drawing, sculpture and photography. At the end of the week, an art show will display the kids' masterpieces. We are looking forward to having fun this summer.

Cooking Camp II • Grades 3 - 7

7.18.22 – 7.22.22 • 9:30am-12:30pm • \$195

A week-long camp for younger kids that teaches how to select and prepare America's favorite comfort foods from scratch. Kiddos will learn basic cooking skills, kitchen safety, and so much more! Each day we will focus on different entrees from baking to savory foods!

Photography Camp • Grades 3 - 12

7.25.22 – 7.29.22 • 9am - 12:30pm • \$195

Photography Camp is a half-day adventure between 9am-12:30pm. Additionally campers can enroll in Advanced Photography from 12:30-3:00pm (see below). All campers have the opportunity to learn the basics of digital photography through daily demonstrations and hands-on sessions in camera operation, composition, lighting, and seeing with an artistic eye photographing the church campus indoors and out. Also, there will be a stop motion workshop for those with phones. Campers should plan on bringing their own camera if they have access to one so they can learn its functionality. If not, we have cameras to share. SD memory cards are provided. Snacks are provided (Plan on packing a lunch IF you are in the advanced camp portion that stays later). Camp concludes with a gallery showing on Friday at 12:00pm. **Advanced Photography 12:30 - 3:00pm • \$85**

More info and secure registration may be accessed with the QR code at right or by emailing Camp Director, Kristina Frost, at camps@fccnh.org.



BY WAY OF REPORT

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2022_____

10:00am Worship	95
Sunday School	10
Youth Morning	5
Youth Evening	4

10:00 AM Worship Offering	\$7,518.43
Sunday School	\$2.00

CREDIT CARD OFFERING 6/27/22-7/3/22____

General Offering	\$2,600.00
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4 On our website at: www.fccnh.org



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