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Pastoral Reflection

Rev. Keith Inouye

Dear WLAUMC members and friends,

Today as I write this October 2025 Pastor's Reflection, it is September 11. It is only the day after right-wing political leader Charlie Kirk was tragically killed at the Utah Valley University political rally. I did not agree with his political views but whatever the motivation was for his killing (as the apprehension and identification of the shooter has still not be determined) the violence perpetrated is a deeply disturbing and tragic act of violence and path that will only serve to widen the divide within our nation, stoke more fear and hate between factions, and hamper hope and a willingness to communicate and foster understanding peaceably and productively. The death of anyone by the violent and hateful actions of another should always be viewed as deeply sad, disturbing, and regrettable. I am pained by the violence and hate that is escalating in our nation to be sure.

Unfortunately the death of Charlie Kirk comes on the heels of the horrifying death and injury of many at the Annunciation Catholic Church school mass shooting in Minneapolis, MN on the morning of August 28th. Over this act of gun violence as well I continue to grieve the painful death of those many victims while also angry and appalled over these recurring acts of violence that end the lives of so many in our nation. I know I am not alone in these feelings.

For these most recent eruptions of violence and so many other acts; much prayer for victims, their families, and communities in grief and loss are needed. I pray indeed.

Should we not all be deeply distressed by the escalating turmoil, violence and hateful discord in our nation? It is clear that the state our nation is also greatly impacting the well-being and security of other nations as well; nations who have relied on our country for global, moral, and economic stability. How can we promote peace and unity in the world if we are a poor example of peace within our own national boundaries?

Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers." He did not say, "Blessed are the warmongers and those who hate!" There can be no rational biblical justification for a belief in a Jesus that condones violence, hate, exclusion, and eradication. We cannot allow Jesus Christ's way of forgiveness, compassion, inclusion, and love to be usurped for people's own malevolent and misguided purposes. We do not need people to sow more division and hate. It is our responsibility as Christ's church to advocate and promote peace and justice within and beyond our national borders with the intent on unifying and healing the nation and nations and all people.

Today as I write this October 2025 reflection, it is also the 24th anniversary remembrance of the terrorist attack on our nation that resulting in the deaths of nearly 3,000 victims. Today, the escalating death of thousands of people in Ukraine, in Gaza, and in other places of war, the motivation of conquest and revenge is further testimony to the failure of us as a human race.

We, God's children, believe we are created equally. Don't we? Sadly, what we often witness among us is a desire for domination, for greed, for power, for economic and geographic expansion among so much else. It is so tragic to see individual's and nation's bent on elevating their status and power by supplanting, conquering, oppressing, even exterminating others for their own selfish and nationalistic desires.

We, the Christian church (Christ's church), and many other faith traditions that are based and grounded in sacred love for that which is divine and holy; we who are called to deep love for all of humanity, we have an important and unending role in the world. We are called to be light so that the darkness of the world cannot consume it.

The work we do as a church, the work we contribute to through our United Methodist denomination, the community work and alliances we form with others in the world that also endeavor to do good are ever the more needed "for such a time as this." (Esther 4:14).

Our service and witness through our church's ministry not only impacts the well-being of our own congregation and its ministry but we would do well to remember and affirm that our witness and service extends far into the larger community and world to help make the larger community, nation and world a greater reflection of the light of love that Christ taught and witnessed to. (Continued on next page...)





Pastoral Reflection continued



My prayer is that the ministry and mission of WLAUMC stands strong and grows in our call to contribute to positive and healing change in the world. So often it means being courageous and passionate in advocating justice, extending hospitality and grace to others, and offering forgiveness and reconciliation.

Now is NOT a time to isolate ourselves and retreat into silence and anonymity. Now, as always Christ's church has an important role in the world; to be light and leaven in the world that provides healing. Friends, we truly need your support through the sharing of your talents, your time, and your tithing.

Very soon we hope to receive word from our District Superintendent who our next appointed pastor-in-charge will be! We ask that you pray for the Bishop and Cabinet who make this important decision.

As always our Lay Leadership Committee (also known as Nominations Committee) will approach our members and constituents about where your gifts and services might best be utilized for leadership and the support of our church's ministry. Please pray and discern what area of ministry YOU might feel God calling YOU to serve and let me know.

Secondly, our Stewardship Committee will begin working soon on launching our 2026 Stewardship Campaign during this fall season. With the changing of pastoral leadership here at WLAUMC, we depend very much on the dedication and commitment of all our church family to support a budget that assists our new configuration of staffing, supplies the ministries we currently have, and ones that we envision building in 2026. Our Stewardship commitment also supports the maintenance and upkeep of our church facilities and utilities as well where much ministry happens here at home.

As troubling as the world may seem, Christ's church can make a profound difference for the better. This is our prayer, our hope, our belief, and our conviction! We can do far more together than alone! May God continue to bless our ministry!

Thanks be to God! Grace and peace!

Rev. Keith Inouye, 9.11.25



SAVE THE DATE! REV. KEITH AND VIKI'S RETIREMENT CELEBRATION!



Save the Date of **Sunday, December 21st** for the Aloha Celebration of the Ministries of Rev. Keith & Viki Inouye as they prepare to retire at the end of December!

The schedule of the day will be as follows:

- 9:30AM English Worship (Final Sunday Worship with Rev. Keith & Viki)
- 11AM Nichigo Service
- **1PM Celebration of Ministry Service & Reception!**

Please join us as we celebrate their legacy and ministry at 1PM!



Rev. Rebecca Hirata

敬老の日」

9月6日は敬老の日を覚えて、CafeAlohaシニアランチの集会を行った。対面式の集会はエネルギーに満ちた楽しい敬老の日集会。菊田姉による体操。続いてランチ。太巻き、カリフォルニア・ロール、稲荷寿司、エビ巻、バッテラ、ねぎトロ巻、春菊サラダ、そしてなめこの味噌汁をエンジョイ。フルーツはスイカ、ゴールドキウイ、ドラゴンフルーツ。デザートには、大福もちとカステラ4種類。本当に素晴らしい食事をエンジョイできた。それから賛美を歌い聖書のお話を聞いて主に感謝する時間であった。

「白髪の人の前では起立し、年配者を重んじなさい。あなたの神を畏れなさい。私は主である。」レビ19:32

神様の言葉である聖書に、高齢者への尊敬がある。生活の基本にはシニアを尊敬し大事にし、神様を畏れること。シニアには、若者にはない知識知恵経験がある。それは家族社会教会にとって大切な宝。罪や争いに満ちた社会で、長い人生、苦勞を乗り越え生きたこと自体すごい！神様が下さった宝者シニアへの感謝と尊敬の心を忘れないようにしたい。

9月14日は敬老の日礼拝。子どもたちが作ったレイをシニアのメンバーに渡して、愛餐会を楽しむ日。本当に主に感謝しかない！

10月はスポーツの月である。主が与える栄養あるご飯を食べ、運動をして、健康になろう！アーメン。



On September 6th, we had a special in-person Café Aloha lunch for “Keiro-no-hi” (Respect for the Senior Day). Keiko Kikuta led a gentle exercise to open the gathering. Then, lunch was served by the volunteers: Futomaki, California rolls, Inari, Ebi-maki, Battera, Tuna rolls. We also enjoyed Nameko-miso-soup & Shungiku-salad, with

Golden Kiwi, Dragon Fruits, Watermelon, Anko-Mochi, and Castella. Sugo! So much food! Finally, we sang songs and hymns, and we listened to the Bible story.

“You shall rise before the aged, and defer to the old; and you shall fear your God: I am the Lord.”(Leviticus 19:32)

The Bible teaches us to respect the elderly. One of the basic principles of life is to respect and cherish seniors and to fear God. Seniors possess knowledge, wisdom, and experiences that young people lack. This is a precious treasure for the family, community, and church that God has provided. It is amazing that they have lived long lives and have overcome hardships in a society filled with sin and conflict. That’s why we celebrate “Keiro Day” with a great feast! We cannot forget to show our gratitude and respect for our seniors, and fear God!

October is a sports day celebration month in Japan. We plan to eat healthy food and exercise each Sunday after Nichigo worship service.

We ask the Lord to bless our body! Amen!

平田

10月4日(土)CafeAloha弁当

教会では70才以上のシニアにお弁当を届けます。ご希望の方はサインアップ、又は教会オフィスまでご連絡ください。

Café Aloha Senior Bento Delivery on October 4 (Saturday)

Café Aloha ministry would like to reach out to seniors 70 and older by delivering Bento. If you are interested, please sign-up or contact Church office.



MEMBER CARE/CAFÉ ALOHA

September was a very busy month for Member Care. We sent out numerous cards to celebrate birthdays, extend congratulations, offer encouragement, and wish speedy recoveries. We're especially grateful to Rieko Mann for volunteering her time to help with this important task.

Our team continues to make phone calls and in-person visits, as well as gather helpful information to support the emotional and spiritual well-being of our older adults.

On September 6th, we hosted our final in-person luncheon in celebration of Keiro No Hi—a special day honoring older adults and grandparents. The menu featured sushi, miso soup, fresh fruit, and sweets. We welcomed approximately 30 attendees, and delivered an additional 30 bento's to those at home.

Highlights of the event included:

- Light upper body exercises led by Keiko Kikuta
- A spiritual message from Rev. Becky
- Singing "Happy Birthday" and other songs, accompanied by David Mann on drums and Rev. Becky on piano
- Wonderful conversations and plenty of laughter!

We were also pleased to welcome Rev. Keith, Jeri Okamoto-Tanaka, Lynn Onishi, and Heather Harada from the Keiro organization.

Looking ahead, we will continue with home bento deliveries for the rest of 2025. If you are 70 or older and would like to receive a bento, please contact the church office.



NICHIGO CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY: MAKING "JESUS BOAT" PART ONE ON 8/24

PROJECT LEADER: YOSUKE YOSHIKAWA + AOYAMA FAMILY & NICHIGO



All Church Service Day: Westside Food Bank

Saturday, October 4th
9AM - 11AM



WESTSIDE FOOD BANKS

Saturday, October 4 (9:00 am-11:00 am)

Don't forget to sign up to volunteer at the Westside Food Bank! Help is needed to sort and pack food for delivery to those in need. This short 2-hour shift (9:00 am-11:00 am) will bring the blessing of food to others. Children ages 4 years and older are welcome to join with their parents.

All volunteers must sign a liability waiver. The sign-up sheet and forms can be found on the information/sign up table. For more information, please contact Viki Inouye (viki.inouye@gmail.com).

GOD'S GARDEN CELEBRATES HALLOWEEN WITH MAGIC!

Sunday, October 26 After English Worship Service!

God' Garden will celebrate Halloween after church on Sunday, October 26th. A simple lunch will be served followed by an energetic, unique and memorable magic show with Mr. Funn! He will share a variety of tricks with lots of crazy surprises! All are invited to wear your friendly costumes! No scary masks please.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS SERVICE

Join us for an afternoon of Animal Blessings on Sunday, October 5, from noon to 2pm in front of the church by the Little Library with Animal Chaplain Jeri. The "Blessing of the Animals" provides us with the opportunity to honor the special and spiritual relationship between humankind and the other animals in our lives. In the Christian tradition, this day is often observed on or near October 4th, the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assis, the patron saint of animals and the environment. Many other religious traditions and secular spaces also celebrate the gifts of companionship and service that animals share with us as part of Creation. The blessing may also include prayers for an ailing or lost animal.

While we hope to engage our many dog neighbors who walk past the church with their people, all animals and their humans are welcome to drop by for a blessing. If your family animal gets a bit anxious around others, feel free to bring a photo. Children may also bring their treasured plushie friends. For more information, contact Animal Chaplain Jeri at jotwlaumc@gmail.com.

Blessing of the Animals

WEST LOS ANGELES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, October 5th

Stop by between Noon and 2 pm
at the Bench by the Little Library in Front of the Church

Accompany your animal companion
or bring a favorite photo.

Plushie animal friends welcome!

www.wlaumc.com



RECONCILING MINISTRIES

Asian Pacific Rainbow Coalition Advocates for Transgender Families!

On August 27th, the Asian Pacific Rainbow Coalition (ARC) released a public letter signed by Asian Pacific American elected officials and organizations and convened a press briefing in downtown Los Angeles to call for increased support and protections for transgender persons, to oppose legislation and anti-trans rhetoric targeting this community, and to uplift the resilient stories of trans members of the Asian Pacific family. The letter begins, "We, the undersigned Asian Pacific American community leaders and elected officials, call for the full inclusion and celebration of trans and nonbinary people. Although they are not discussed often enough in the Asian media and our broader community, we must acknowledge and lift up the stories of APA trans people. They are our children, siblings, neighbors, co-workers and friends."

(You may view a full copy of the ARC letter on the church website at: <https://www.wlaumc.com/reconciling>.)

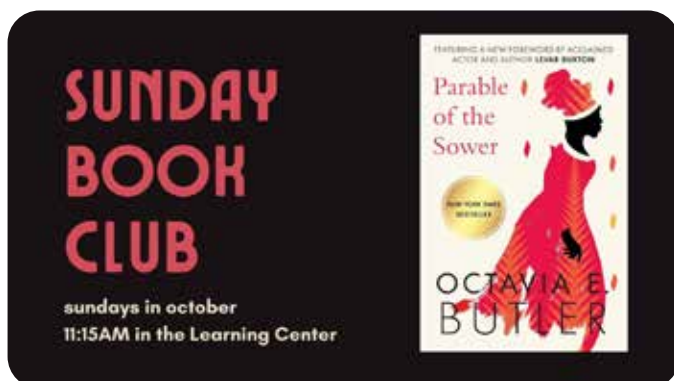
Dehumanizing transgender persons is a tactic employed to foment violence and undermine civil rights. To personalize the community, ARC introduced mainstream and ethnic media to several Asian Pacific transgender families, who provided interviews in English, Mandarin, Tagalog, Korean, and Vietnamese. Stacia Kato, the mother of a transgender daughter, shared her story and addressed the toll that the dangerous environment takes on families.

Elected officials and community leaders voicing their support included Rep. Judy Chu (CA-28), Los Angeles City Council Member Ysabel Jurado (CD 14), Tony Huang, Executive Director, Equality California, and Carla Ibarra, the LGBTQIA+ Community Liaison for the Los Angeles Civil Rights Department, and Marshall Wong, ARC Chair. Jeri Okamoto-Tanaka and Lynne Onishi represented West LA UMC, one of ARC's founding and lead faith organizations. Other signatories include APAIT, Okaeri, PFLAG SGV API, Little Tokyo Service Center, K.W. Lee Center for Leadership, Search to Involve Pilipino Americans, South Asian Network, Viet Rainbow of Orange County...



and the Chinese American Citizens Alliance Los Angeles Lodge. The 580 Café/Wesley Foundation Serving UCLA and Culver-Palms UMC Justice & Missions Ministries also signed on.

Speakers encouraged members of the community to contact their legislators, fund organizations that are challenging anti-trans legislation, and personally support transgender persons and their families. To learn more about ARC, visit: <https://bit.ly/APRainbowCoalition>.



SUNDAY BOOK CLUB!

The Social & Environmental Justice + Missions Committee (SEJM) in collaboration with the Next Gen Ministries invites the whole church to a Sunday Book Club gathering on the Sundays in October. At 11:15AM in the Learning Center, we hope to gather an inter-generational group to discuss the dystopian fiction novel **Parable of the Sower** by Octavia Butler.

The book prompts discussion of ecological and societal collapse, as well as theological reflection. To RSVP, please email Kiana at info@wlaumc.com!

NOURISHING NEIGHBORS!

West LA UMC continues its collaboration with the West LA Community Coalition, Westside Food Bank, and the 580 Café/Wesley Foundation Serving UCLA in providing 35 to 50 boxes of fresh produce to families in need each week. The boxes typically include fresh berries, apples, avocados, potatoes, carrots, onions, greens, and more. The quality items are from the same stock that supply grocery stores. To keep this project going, we need volunteers to help pack boxes at the Westside Food Bank (Fridays 10:30 am to 12:30 pm, or Tuesday evenings) and to help pick-up boxes from the Food Bank on Friday afternoons. Please contact Jeri at jotwlaumc@gmail.com if you can volunteer.



Photo of Deaconesses Jeri & Jeanne



NO THIRD SUNDAY SOCIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE MEETING

Instead of our typical Third Sunday Gathering with our Social Environmental Justice and Missions Committee, we hope you join us for our October Book Club, listed on page 8! Our Third Sunday programming will resume in November.

COORDINATING A WEST LOS ANGELES UMC AND 580 CAFE TEAM!

Save the Date: **Sunday, Nov. 2**

Westside Food Bank 35th Annual Hunger Walk at Ocean View Park
2701 Barnard Way, Santa Monica, CA 90405

Family-friendly event;
Check-In/Pre-Walk Festivities: Noon to 2 pm

5k Walk begins at 2 pm
Contact Jeri at jotwlaumc@gmail.com for info.



PREPARING FOR CHARGE CONFERENCE

Please submit your reports by November 10th!

To all chairpersons of committees and leaders of ministries,

We have set our CHARGE CONFERENCE for Saturday December 13th at 3pm in our Nisei Fellowship Hall. All chairs of committees and leaders of ministries, and church staff are encouraged to attend. Please mark your calendars. Your attendance is most needed and appreciated. Our District Superintendent Rev. Siosaia Tu'itahi will preside over our Charge Conference as prescribed by our UM Book of Discipline.

At Charge Conference we approve the appointed clergy pastoral compensation packages; approve our budget and slate of officers, leaders, and committee and ministry members; share and compile ministry and committee reports in the form of a journal for everyone to review and celebrate our ministry of this past year and our hopes and vision for the coming year; and hear the news and concerns of our District and Conference through our District Superintendent!

In preparation for CHARGE CONFERENCE we ask all committee and ministry chairs and leaders to submit your reports by November 10th and send to both Kiana at: info@wlaumc.com and Rev. Keith at: Klnouye27@gmail.com. Thank you very much! With all that is happening at church in the last two months of November and December we want to have enough time to compile and print out the Charge Conference Journal for the December 13th meeting.



Altar Flowers are generously given by:

Toshie Setoguchi, Sharon and Chris James in memory of Joanne Setoguchi.

Stacey Hirose and Gregg Omori in celebration of September Birthdays.

Children and grandchildren in celebration of Sadie Hifumi's 90th birthday on Monday, September 8th!

Jeri Okamoto-Tanaka and Stan and Jane Shimotsu in memory of Haru Nakata.

Edwin Brewer and Carole Morita-Brewer in memory of Edwin L. Brewer.

SHARING THE TABLE WITH CLAREMONT SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

West LA UMC hosted a Taco Tuesday luncheon for the students, faculty, and staff at the Claremont School of Theology during their Intensive Week of study at the Westwood UMC campus. Thanks to Rev. Keith & Viki Inouye, Sonia Dixon, Marilyn Fujii, Joyce Patterson, Elaine Sunoo, Jane Harada, Keiko Kikuta, Mui Koike, Susie Koo, Lynne Onishi, and Jeri Okamoto-Tanaka for contributing to the lunch.



WLAUMC CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please submit your photos and any changes to your contact information!

Several folks have asked if we can provide them with a printed church directory! Yes we can do that BUT there is one major difficulty: Many in our congregation (individuals and families) either did not take a professional photo to be used or have not submitted their own photo for the directory.

Your photo in our “pictorial directory” is so important because most folks want to access a church directory not only for the contact information but also **for the purpose of connecting names with faces**. A church directory can help bind us together and foster community in wonderful ways!

However, there are so many of our members and friends whose photo box for their contact page looks like this:



So we encourage you to please submit your individual or family photo to Rev. Keith at: Klnouye27@gmail.com OR to the church at: info@wlaumc.com.

Of on any given Sunday, ask Rev. Keith to take a photo of you and he can quickly add your photo to the directory. We will feel more confident about providing a printed copy to church members

and friends if more photos of folks are included; otherwise it looks very incomplete.

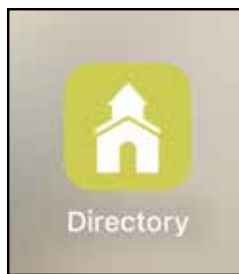
HOW DO YOU ACCESS THE CHURCH DIRECTORY DIGITALLY? (on your computer, tablets, and smartphones)

You can access our church directory **ONLY IF** your email address is included in our church directory contact information. You can contact our church office or Rev. Keith directly if you are uncertain about what email address we have for you (as many people have multiple email addresses).

Our current directory is set up through a company called “Instant Church Directory”. On your computer, tablet or smartphone do the following:

Download the APP called “Instant Church Directory.”

It looks like this:



After you download this app you will then follow the prompts which requires you to type in your email. This is a part of verification process of it's security system which prevents anyone outside of the church family from accessing information in our church directory for malicious purposes. Typing in your email address (the one that we have on file) will prompt the verification process whereby you will receive an email that

has a passcode which you will then copy and paste into the Instant Church Directory site or application (APP).

This should then enable you to see your own contact information as well as anyone else's in our directory. You will see who has and has not submitted a photo for our directory. You can help us by encouraging others to submit a photo or having them come to church to get their photo taken.

The advantage of accessing the church directory digitally on your devices means that you will always be accessing the most recent changes to the directory (rather than having to wait five years or more before another one is produced. A printed directory becomes outdated as soon as membership changes such as when folks pass away, move away, contact information changes, or someone new joins the church).

It is my hope that before I retire to have furthered the directory along so that the new pastor-in-charge can easily identify the members and constituents of WLAUMC and members can as well. So please help me do this by updating your contact information and photos. Don't forget that your photo can always be updated and changed as your family and status changes (marriage, children, etc).

Please don't hesitate to call the Church if you have any questions or difficulties in accessing our church directory. But please notify us if any of your information changes by contacting our church office or Rev. Keith so we can update your contact info and your photo!



Senior Fun Days!

Seniors! Please join us for a lot of fun! We play games, have great conversation, and share a delicious lunch at every Senior Fun Day! We meet in our church's Nisei Fellowship Hall and our next Senior Fun Days will take place on October 24th and November 21st at 10am and usually ends around 2:00pm. Please RSVP to Rev. Keith at (408) 355-0837 as lunch will be provided.



Thursday Breakfast Bunch

Please join us for breakfast at Marie Calender's Restaurant near the corner of Sawtelle and National Avenues (11324 National Blvd, Los Angeles, CA) generally the first Thursday of every month at 8am!

Please mark your calendar for the following remaining 2025 Thursday Breakfast Bunch dates for 2025: **October 2nd, November 6th, December 4th.**

If you are able to join us, it is helpful to RSVP to Rev. Keith Inouye. However, even if you do not RSVP, please come anyway! We always have more room at the restaurant to expand and welcome any and all.

Grief Support Group



Grief Support Group

Need support through grief and loss? We invite you to come to our WLAUMC Grief Support group led by Rev. Keith and Jeri Okamoto-Tanaka. We meet at 11:30am in the Learning Center, share lunch together which is provided and usually conclude around 1:00pm. Please contact Rev. Keith at (408) 355-0837 via text or voice message so he can plan our lunch appropriately.

Our scheduled meeting dates for the rest of the year are:

October 16

November 13

December 11 (Christmas Luncheon at Yu Zen Japanese Restaurant)



NEXT GEN MINISTRIES: POST-SERVICE LUNCHES

Every first Sunday of the month, our MidPointers Ministry (ministry with 20's-40's) gathers after service to eat lunch together at a different restaurant in Sawtelle. If you are interested, please contact Kiana at the church office. We'd love to see you there!

Coffee Fellowship

We are looking for more volunteers to bring refreshments for post-service fellowship! Please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Social Hall so that we can continue having delicious snacks after worship! Thank you!



Altar Flowers Sign Up

If you'd like to donate Altar Flowers to observe or celebrate a special date, the sign-up sheet is on the welcome table in the sanctuary. You can also call the office at 310-479-1379



Tai Chi Class

Did you know that WLAUMC members gather every Wednesday and Thursday at 10:30am in the Social Hall for Tai Chi? Originated in ancient China, Tai Chi is considered "meditation in motion" and proven to have many physical and mental benefits. All are welcome to join anytime, and parking is provided.

Café Aloha Senior Lunch Bento Delivery On First Saturdays

Café Aloha ministry would like to reach out to seniors 70 and older by delivering summer bento. If you are interested in receiving bento, please contact Church office. 310-479-1379

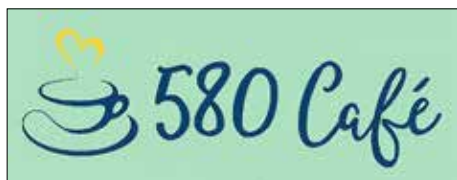


Thank you Note from 580 Cafe!

"Dear West Los Angeles UMC,

We want to extend our gratitude for your presence and continued support. You are an instrumental piece of the work 580 Café provides to our community. Thank you!

-Lily (Gaytan)
580 Café intern"



CLAREMONT
SCHOOL of THEOLOGY

Thank you Note from Claremont School of Theology!

"Dear West Los Angeles UMC,

Thank you for providing lunch during our intensive week! Your generosity and kindness made a meaningful impact. Everyone is grateful for the delicious meal and the love that came with it. Blessings! Thank you for everything!

-Claremont School of Theology"

Halloween Candy Leftovers!

As a child, nothing beats trick-or-treating, including actually eating the candy. Every Halloween I find we have piles of candy that my daughter doesn't like. I used to throw all the candy rejects into the trash, until one day I decided to google if there was anything you can do with it, and it turns out there is! There are several different programs that take extra candy, but here is the one that I've been using:

Halloween Candy Buy Back

<https://www.troopathon.org/halloween-candy-buyback>

This organization collects candy and sends it to troops in care packages. I've done this for two years now, and while I've never actually heard anything back from the organization, the packages never get returned to me either, so I'm assuming it's working! I like this program, because all you have to do is throw the unopened candy in a box (they also take donation of hygiene products or hand-drawn notes and pictures from children) and send it to the address below. They ask for the candy between the November 1st-7th window if possible.

ATTN: "Halloween Candy Buyback"

Troopathon

3105 Fite Circle, Suite 108

Sacramento, CA 95827

Trick-or-treating is certainly more fun knowing that all the candy will be put to good use.



Environmental Justice Chair,
Jamie Thierman



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

In-person Services

9:30 AM—English Worship

11:00 AM—Japanese Worship

Online worship at wlaumc.com

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday-Friday

8:30am-12:30 pm

or call the Church Office at

310-479-1379

to speak to the staff

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