

# Perspectives

LAGUNA NIGUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## Earthquake to Shake LNPC on New Year's Day?

Growing up we would like to speculate what would happen if everyone in China were to jump up and down at the same time – might it would cause an earthquake in the U.S? You ever hear that? It is doubtful that would happen, but the principle is important – and important to LNPC.



## EARTHQUAKE 2011

The message contained in that example is the power of numbers. Get enough people involved in a project, the results can be overwhelming. At Laguna Niguel Presbyterian we can easily apply that principle to growing our endowment fund, provided everyone participates is some small way. While there are several ways to participate, the easiest method is to leave something of value in your estate to the church. If everyone were to designate \$10,000, for example, the endowment fund would grow by \$5M in less than a generation. That would be an earthquake right here in Laguna Niguel!

Now why is this so important? Because the endowment fund is a perpetual fund that will continue to support local and worldwide mission needs virtually forever, all in the name of Christ and LNPC. The needs among the poor and disadvantaged are enormous. This fund will make real differences to real people, whether is being rescuing a child from a desperate home situation, or providing basic food, shelter, or medicine. Or enabling a deserving child to go to college.

Please help us create this “earthquake” by making a New Year’s Resolution to modify your estate plan to leave something to the endowment fund. While large gifts are welcome,

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the ultimate success will be through the power of our numbers and our faith. The Planned Giving Committee stands by ready to confidentially assist you any way we can. Please use the form below to either request more information on our Planned Giving options, or to report your participation.

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# YOUTH *Ministry*

It's a New Year! 2010 was a transitional year for the youth ministry of Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church. My wife and I along with the youth ministry team are excited to ring in the New Year, move past the transitional stage and into the ministry God has called us to.

Stephanie and I enjoy our time of fellowship with friends every Sunday morning and have greatly appreciated the warm and loving reception LNPC has given us. I can not wait to watch many new families come to God and his church and receive the same warm embrace as we have. Thank you and let's continue this pursuit together.

In 2011, I would love to share in life's big moments with each one of you. Please let me know how I can support and encourage your family and students this year. Whether it



**John & Stephanie Denton** means going to a soccer match or surfing after a day at the office, I want to take part in our church community, not only Sunday morning, but everyday of the week.

Please do not hesitate to call me, come up and talk with me Sunday morning, or drop by my office during the week. We share a united vision for the church and the youth ministry. Let's take part in the fellowship, ministry, and community of the church each and everyday in 2011.

Happy New Year,  
John Denton  
Youth Director  
949-249-1191  
John@lnpc.org

# CONNECTIONS *Ministry*

**A special thanks** to the ushers for their year around Hospitality Ministry. Their faithful service is a blessing to us. Thanks especially to Sam Johnston, Jim Schmidt and others who are always ready to jump in and help out. We appreciate the ushers on the schedule and the others who volunteer to help with the additional ushering responsibilities, such as the two Christmas concerts and Christmas Eve services. We don't say it enough – but we thank you. This is a vital part of the ministry of the Connections Ministry Team.

## It's that time again...

Every three years we update the photo directory. Since the last time, many babies have



been born and several new members have been added to our church. LIFETOUCH will again provide us with the directory. This year they are going to donate \$1.00 for each portrait they take to our ministry. So we will not incur any expenses in creating the directory, and this year we are going to MAKE money.

We will begin sign ups in January and shooting the portraits will take place in February. You will have an opportunity to sign up on the patio or make your appointment from the comfort of your home. It's a great ministry tool to help us all put names with faces, and you'll get a great portrait of your family! Another ministry opportunity from the Connections Ministry Team.

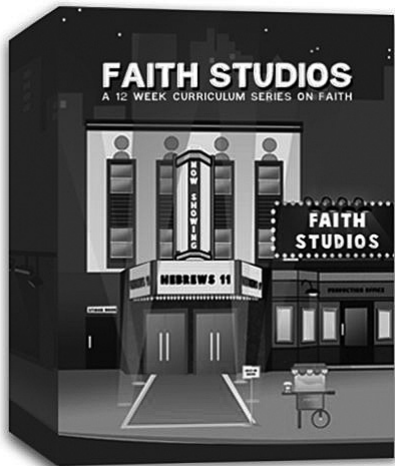
## Was that great or what???

The Second annual church-wide Christmas brunch was so wonderful. Scott Troester did a great job organizing the Dana Hills High School choral group to sing while we began our brunch. JoAnn Renning was a great master of ceremonies, Carole Clement and Minton Paul for decorating. Shirley Smith, Sue Kirkpatrick, Heather Flower and Sam Johnson for set up and clean up, as well as many others that gave their time to make this a great event. Everyone enjoyed the "gifts." I was touched by how many stood when we asked who celebrated Christmas here 20 years ago and then talked to so many who were



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# CHILDREN'S *Ministries*



## Pathfinders Resumes Wednesday, February 9th

Bring your friends & neighbors and join the fun! Children kindergarten through 5th grade meet on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 to 5:15pm for Bible stories, recreation, snacks, music and crafts. Cost is \$25 a child, \$40 for 2, and \$50 a family.



## Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child was a huge success. We had approximately 100 people in attendance. We all enjoyed pizza, decorating Christmas



**Nepal**



## Christmas Eve Nativity Service

This year more than 40 children beautifully retold the Nativity story on Christmas Eve at the 4pm service. It was a wonderful way to start the evening's celebration with our families and friends.



cookies filling and wrapping shoe boxes and writing Christmas cards to needy children around the world. We filled 137 boxes and sent \$957 in donations for the shipping of the boxes.



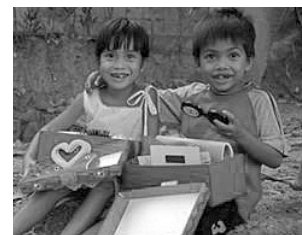
**China**



**Panama**



**Indonesia**



**Philippines**

# SHARING *Our Caring*

## At Home

Askari Family; Jean Bassett; Chris Berry; Lynn Bible; Ceanne Curwen; Michael Duran; Rose Erickson; Ethel Janik; Angie & Bob Kimberly; Hope & Howard Lane; Elizabeth Macaulay; Judy Mangan; Tay McClellan & Brice Yoder; Duncan McColl; Linda Parker; Minton Paul; Connie Peace; Marjorie Phillips; Bob Pierson; David Ross; Irene Vorland; Valerie Weber; and Lois Wright.

## In Health Care Facilities /Hospital

Diana Drumm; Carole Larson; Andy Logan; and Dory Sargent.

## Family & Friends

Jenna Aldridge (Ehlers family friend); Bruce Beck (Gerald Alm's nephew); Erin Blute (Cindy Jannard's friend); Valerie Brown (Zink family friend); Harold Bullard (Khalifa family friend); Dave Campman (Chuck Campman's brother); Michael Carney (Lorena Neufeld's son-in-law); Jeanne Case (Cindy Jannard's mother); Lou Cenegy (Scott Troester's friend); Mitch & Kristine Chausse (Steele's family); Curt Des Voigine (Patti Brotherton's father); Jim Easton (Sloan Purcell's father); Janet Faunce (Wright's sister); Lawrence Fitch (Patricia Adams' friend); Lisa Foley (Zink family friend); Maxine Fry (Gary Fry's Mother); Mary Beth Gallagher (Barbara Kaloci's friend); Marcy Gehrke (Linda Bare's friend); Robin Griffen (Carol Durst's friend); Dustin Hess (Pease's grandson); Edith Hopper (Chloe & Margo's grandmother); Mike Khamis (Minton Paul's friend); Pam Lauer (Nancy Humphrey's friend); Ron Ludwig (Joseph & Sloan Purcell's father); Suzanne Miranda (Claudia Peltier's sister); Peggy Mott (Jeanne Bodel's neighbor); Jack Mount (Bare family friend); John O'Shea (Donna Riddell's friend); Palmer Family (Kaufer family friend); Christian Pappas (Blaisdell family friend); Kathy Parkhurst (Lisa Blaisdell's mother); Darryl Paulson (Clement family friend); Gina Perella (John Humphrey's friend); Lori Petrucci (Nancy Humphrey's sister); Georgia Photopoulos (Chris Mounce's sister); Kevin Poluncha (Carol Clement's friend); Anthony Purcell (Joseph Purcell's brother); Lori Rettig (Steve & Anu Rettig's sister-in-law); Tanya Rice (Scott & Kristen Spalding's stepsister); Lisa Robinson (Dee Sarrubi's daughter); Stephen Roebuck (Kathleen Roebuck's son); Mary Sarone (Sara Estes' friend); Helen Smillie (Audrey Hart's friend); Alma Smith (Eileen Green's mother); Paul Strickler family (Joe & Carolyn Ditto's uncle); John Stritch (Janice & Fred Ehlers' friend); Denny Thoes (Gilbert family friend); Dee Dee Vasquez (Lisa Favor's cousin); Rita & Norv Wenner (Marilyn Odgers' friend); Yvonne Woodhouse (Audrey Hart's family member); and Chris Wright (Gary & Los Wright's son).

## Service in the Military & Mission

L/Cpl. Kevin Alsop (Zink family friend); Spc. Josh Berryhill (Stidham family friend); Ltjg. Christopher Bowie (Rena Kamariotakis' friend); Spc. Geoffrey Gloeckler Chatten (Sue Gloeckler's nephew); Lt. Col. Al DiNicola (Melinda DiNicola's father-in-law); Lance Corporal Kenneth Koch (Judy Ruddiman's grandson); Ens. Duncan Andrew McColl; and Lt.. Col. Lisa Tice (Lois & Jerry Hansen's daughter).

# Emily's Desk

Happy New Year one and all!



**Rev. Emily  
McColl**

As Presbyterians we are also part of a larger denomination, or connected church body, the **PCUSA: Presbyterian Church in the USA**. Part of your pledge, the per capita, goes to each middle governing body for our collective work. Headquarters are in Louisville, KY for church constitution (Office of General Assembly) and mission contact business (General Assembly Mission Committee). OGA and GAMC are for any Presbyterian communication about Presbyterians at large in the USA. It is here that keeps historical records and counts, as well as managing our agreements between each other and missionaries and other reformed tradition churches internationally.

In Orange and parts of Los Angeles County, we are organized at a 'presbytery' level. That is local churches connect to one another for each of local work, encouragement and accountability. *Our presbytery is known as **Los Ranchos*** and it is here that we send elders and pastors for meetings about mission, ministry, and support of one another. We have presbytery meetings several times a year and anyone may come and worship, dine, and learn together with likeminded Christians in our neck of the woods. If you would like to join our pastors and elders at one of these meetings, please let us know.

Last, but certainly not least, Southern California and Hawaii are the homes of 8 presbyteries, which together are called '**the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii.**' Synod is a Greek word which means "together on the way" and historically synods are gatherings to share good news from churches and presbyteries as well as to work through difficult situations in the presbyteries. Synods also help churches and presbyteries partner in mission. In fact, our own LNPC was a new church development of our synod. Look how far we've come!

As I write this, we are preparing to receive a new Executive and Clerk in our Synod and I had the delight of serving on the committee who called Doska Ross to this position. Doska is an elder who comes to us with experience at every level of the church and a great love for the Lord and the people of the Lord. We are confident of her call to us in this time of transition in all

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# HEALTH *Ministries*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 30, 2011 LNPC Blood Drive 7:30 to 1:30 Gard Hall  
There is a tremendous shortage of blood this time of year. Please “give a gift of life” by scheduling your appointment, go online to [www.RedCrossBlod.org](http://www.RedCrossBlod.org) Sponsor Code: lnpc or contact Ellen Pearce at (949) 496-2799 or the Church office at (949)249-1218.

Some of us are constantly called by The American Red Cross to donate blood. If you say that you plan to donate at LNPC in January, they will stop calling.

## PRINCIPLES OF POSITIVE THINKING

- Our thoughts have power over our feelings and attitudes.
- You can change yourself by changing your thoughts.
- Positive thinkers use faith to gain control of their problems.
- Fear and worry are conquered by practical spiritual methods; meditation and prayer increase vitality and peace of mind.
- A positive mind leads to improved health and well-being.
- Positive thinkers overcome mistakes, forgiving themselves and others.
- The Practice of positive imaging instills the courage and confidence to achieve your goals
- Enthusiasm leads to action.
- Positive attitudes create more enduring and fulfilling relationships.
- Positive thinking is achievable by all people.

## Emily’s Desk *(Continued from page 4)*

churches and governing bodies and trust that the Presbyterian churches and their denomination in our little corner will be strengthened as we grow and share in the good news of Jesus Christ.

Presbyterians are people of partnership and mission at every level of the church. The local church is a mission outpost in our neighborhood and community. So at the start of a new year, we will look back at what God has been doing in and through LNPC during 2010. We will be having our annual congregational meeting in February. Plan to be there!

~ Some of you have been asking about Duncan. He had a serious blood infection after knee surgery and was on IV antibiotics for 6 weeks. Thankfully at Christmas he turned the corner and is now doing much better. We appreciate your prayers.

## Connections Ministry

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celebrating their first Christmas here. It immediately reminds me of the blessings and plans God continues to have for us here at LNPC. The Christmas concert begins the season and this time together at the church wide brunch gives us an opportunity to sit and enjoy each other, our church family! Thanks for all who signed up to provide a yummy dish for the potluck and all those who helped in the kitchen, set up and clean up!

## We Love Our Volunteers

The Connections Ministry Team is giving you the “heads up” for the First church-wide



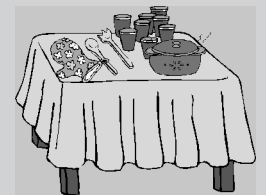
brunch for the New Year 2011. In February we will be celebrating our people who God has called to serve in Him in special ways, teaming opportunities with talents and celebrating the great work they have done to serve God’s people! Sign ups begin in January and ministry team leaders will be contacted to provide us lists of your team members.

## New Task Force Being Formed

The Connections Ministry Team is excited to announce a new task force that is being led by Lisa Blaisdell. We are inviting young couples with and without children to discuss and formulate a plan to meet the needs of their peers as well as invite them to experience worship and a life in Christ here at LNPC. Watch for details and contact Lisa, Karen Skinner or Erin Lee if you are interested in being a part of this life changing task force for LNPC. Gathering will begin in January – watch for more details.

## Dinners for Eight

Sign up begins early in January. You may sign up this time for a specific day and groups will be formed by the availability of the date. It’s a great



opportunity to develop relationships with others in your church family. Call Karen Skinner Connections Ministry Team if you are interested in organizing or participating.

# LNPC News



## Christmas Worship Festival

"Greetings, favored ones! The Lord is with you!" The Worship and Music Ministry Team would like to thank all of our members who worked so hard in presenting our annual Christmas Worship Festival, "The Voices of Christmas." In addition to more than 100 musicians, singers, and dancers, many more served behind the scenes as servers, ushers, decorators, and organizers. In all, more than 800 people attended the two concerts, truly an outreach to our community. And, thanks to all those who sponsored the orchestra, made other donations, or purchased reservation admissions, the cost of the production was covered in full. It was a

wonderful start to the Advent season. Thank you all again!



## Christmas Worship Festival Recording

Are you unable to attend the concert this year or want to share the

experience with friends and family? This year's concert will be professionally recorded and edited for both DVD (video) and CD (music only) and made available at nominal cost. We will also mail copies. Copies are now available. Check the patio after the service, or contact the church office at 249-1218.

## Stephen Ministry Training

Classes will be offered from January to June 2011. If you would like to participate in this 50-hour series and become a Stephen Minister next year please contact Margaret Lee at 230-8999. We will meet once a week beginning Wednesday January 12th at 4 pm.

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# Birthdays & Anniversaries

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### Discovery Seminar: Exploring Church Membership

Saturday,  
January  
22nd from  
8:30 am to  
12 pm. Dis-  
cover the



**Become  
Part of  
Our  
Church  
Family**

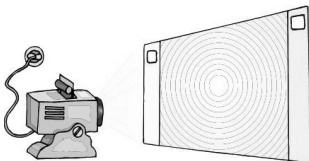
joys of belonging to the LNPC family of faith. Ask questions about the Christian faith and learn what makes Presbyterians unique. This seminar is taught by Dr. Randy Steele and Rev. Emily McColl. It is a prerequisite for membership. You'll meet the pastors, elders, and make new friends. Breakfast and lunch are provided. Child care is available, but sign-ups are needed. To sign up for this amazing class, contact Karen Skinner at 218-2505 or the church office at 249-1218.

### Helping Hands Ministry

Helping Hands needs Help(ers). If you have talents in any of the following areas, we can use you: carpentry, plumbing, electrical, lifting, assembly, disassembling, changing light bulbs, household chores, etc. We have a number of parishioners who need assistance. Contact Sam Johnson at 661-2818.

### Words on the Wall

LNPC is looking to expand its team of people who run the "words on the wall" during Sunday services. Team members are needed for both the existing services. If you are interested in becoming involved in this expanding ministry, please email Dave Flower at [dclflower@cox.net](mailto:dclflower@cox.net).



### Earthquake to Shake LNPC on New Year's Day?

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Dear LNPC Planned Giving Committee:

I would like to learn more about Planned Giving at LNPC.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tel No. \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

YES! I am proud to report that my estate plan reflects my desire to support the ministry of LNPC.

Optional Info:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Tel No. \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate value of future gift \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church, Att: Planned Giving,  
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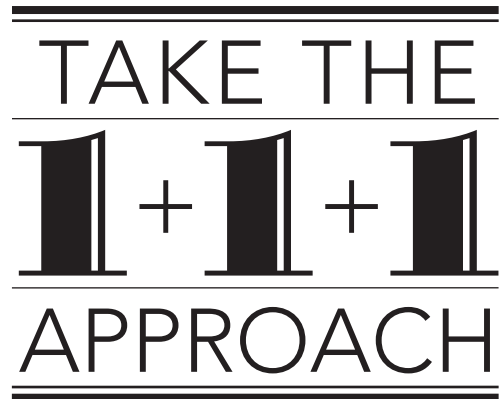
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