

Chaplaincy Update

Fall, 2019

Hello Friends!

A lot is in the works for December at LAC+USC (attached is a summary) Highlights include the Burial of the Unclaimed and Acts of Kindness Blanket distribution. Please feel free to share this! **Burial of the Unclaimed** will be Wednesday December 4, 2019 at 10:00 at the Los Angeles County Crematorium.

Each year, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors sponsors an interfaith service where we bury the remains of the over 1000 people who died in Los Angeles County 3 years ago (families have 3 years to claim the remains of their loved ones). During the service we offer prayers, songs and ceremony to honor their life among us. Everyone is welcome, parking is limited so come a bit early.

Acts of Kindness Blanket Distribution will be Tuesday December 17 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Every year, knitters, crocheters, quilters and sew-ers create handmade blankets for patient's at LAC+USC. On December 17 a crew of volunteers will give each patient in the hospital that day a blanket and a blessing. If you'd like to make a blanket - they need to be 36"x36"-46" and we need them by December 10th. If you'd like to help distribute the blankets - contact Rev. Elizabeth Gibbs Zehnder, Chaplain at EGibbsZehnder@dhs.lacounty.gov

Please see the attached flier (p 2) for details on the many ways you can be involved in the Presbyterian Chaplain ministry at LAC+USC Medical Center. You can reach me at Elizabeth.GibbsZehnder@gmail.com

Thanks!

+peace,
Elizabeth

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Legacy of Caring... Fall 2019

Support Presbyterian Chaplaincy at LAC+USC Medical Center

Pray Lift up this ministry in prayer

- Your prayers for patients, families, staff and chaplains support and sustain this important work of caring
- Add Presbyterian Chaplaincy to your prayer list

Give Continue the legacy

- Your donations and financial partnership make this ministry possible
- Contact Amy at the Presbytery of the Pacific (310) 670-5076 to find out more about one time and sustaining contributions

Remember Interfaith Memorial Service for Unclaimed Dead

- Wednesday, December 4, 2019 10:00 a.m.
- Los Angeles County Cemetery (3301 East First Street, Los Angeles, 90033)

Acts of Kindness Share handmade blankets with patients

- December 17, 2018 volunteers from many faith communities share handmade blankets with hospital patients.
- You can create blankets - Blankets can be knit, crochet, sewn or quilted, 36" x 36"/48"
- You can help distribute the blankets on Tuesday, December 17 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- Contact Elizabeth at the Dept. of Spiritual Care at (323) 409-4715 or egibbszehnder@dhs.lacounty.gov

Gather Hygiene Kits for homeless patients

- These are shared with homeless patients from the chaplain's office, Angel Interfaith and the LAC+USC Emergency Department
- A gallon zip lock bag filled with a washcloth, bar of soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, comb, tissue, body lotion, hand sanitizer & socks.
- Contact Raquel at Angel Interfaith Network at (323) 409-6923 or office@angelinterfaith.net

To find out more about how you can be a part of this important ministry, please contact Rev. Elizabeth Gibbs Zehnder, Chaplain at Elizabeth.GibbsZehnder@gmail.com