

PLC Connects!

A Newsletter from Presentation Learning Center in Watts

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Dear Friends,

As this beautiful season of Thanksgiving and Christmas comes upon us, we remember each of you with deep gratitude. Whether you are volunteering to teach, helping at Palos Verdes Resale store on our behalf, sending donations, or praying for us, we all come together for the good of those we are privileged to serve. May God continue to bless you and your families.

Distance Learning Through Zoom

Despite the trying challenges, our adult students are still eager to learn. Thanks to the assistance of Emma Muir, our Curriculum and Program Director, all students and teachers were trained in using Zoom and Remind apps and given all the books necessary to log into and succeed in their classes from home. Classes began on August 31st and we now have 105 adults enrolled in Zoom morning and evening classes. This is made possible thanks to the 23 committed volunteer instructors who are currently teaching ESL levels 1-5, Social Studies, Grammar, Science, Reading, Math, Spanish Literacy, Citizenship, and GED preparation. In addition, as of October, we have been able to include Crafts & Knitting, Zumba, Tai Chi and Meditation, all through Zoom classes!



Pictured above:
Emma (left) teaching level 1 ESL and Alicia (right) teaching GED math to their students on Zoom

Thank you, Zoom Donors!

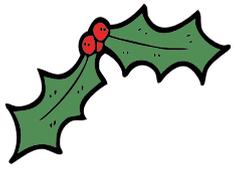
Due to the pandemic, we have an added expense of \$500.00 per month in order to make our distance learning possible. This cost covers all student, teacher and staff Zoom accounts and access. In our last PLC Connects, we asked for help to pay for Zoom classes and several generous donors responded. Some sponsored a full month or more of Zoom while others contributed as much as they could afford. It looks like the need for Zoom classes will continue into the new year. *Would you like to become a Zoom sponsor or help fund our other on-going expenses? No gift is too small. We are deeply grateful for all of you and keep you in our daily prayers.*



Pictured above:
Glude Floratos teaching her ESL students



Pictured above:
Sr. Jane & Glendy with their craft students



Our Activities



SERVING OUR COMMUNITY
"NOT WORDS, BUT DEEDS"

Congratulations to Our Newest Citizens!

We would like to extend our congratulations to Silvia España (pictured to the right), Bertha Lopez, Aminada Ortiz, Juan Perez, Celia Roble, Jose Rodriguez, Maria Rodriguez, and Rosalina Valdez who recently became United States citizens and had the opportunity to cast their vote for the first time during our recent election.



GED Graduate

We would like to congratulate Marta Santana (pictured on the left) for receiving her GED diploma!



Social Justice Groups

Our friends and students are hard at work knitting scarves for ladies in battered women's shelters, crocheting caps for sick children at Harbor UCLA Medical Center, making blankets for patients at USC Medical Center, knitting hats and scarves for residents at Lighthouse Convalescent Home and providing bottled water, socks, blankets and toiletries to help Sr. Julie in her ministry with the homeless.

Would you like to help us buy yarn for one of these projects?



The Pandemic

As you may already know, this pandemic has hit some areas harder than others and has affected a lot of our students and their families. With the help of donations received, we were able to purchase many Walmart gift cards during the summer to distribute to our most needy families. *Would you like to help us make Christmas special by donating towards the purchase of gift cards or toys for our annual toy distribution?*



There is so much to share, but simply not enough room for it! Please follow us on our Website: presentationlearningcenter.org, on Facebook: Presentation.Learning.Center, and on Instagram: PLC_Watts, where we will keep you updated on the Life of Presentation Learning Center. Your prayers, support, time and treasure help make our mission possible. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank you for being part of our ministry. Together we can empower those most in need towards a better future!

God bless you and keep you safe this holiday season,

Sisters Jane Bonar & Catherine Burke, PBVM Co-Directors

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