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**'Godspell' wows crowds in Los Angeles and Santa Barbara** The first-ever Bishop's Concert, a fully-staged production of the musical *Godspell*, was performed for nearly full houses at Zipper Hall at the Colburn School in Los Angeles on Sept. 8 and at Trinity Church, Santa Barbara — pictured above — on Sept. 9. The 10-member cast of professional actors and a small band of musicians delivered Jesus' parables and such songs as "Day by Day," "All For the Best" and "Turn Back, Oh Man" with sincerity, energy and skill. Produced by the Rev. Lorenzo Lebrija, diocesan development officer, and directed by Tom Klebba and Michele Spears, the show raised funds for diocesan ministries.

## Anglican theologian Kwok Pui Lan will deliver lecture at two Southland venues

**K**wok Pui Lan, Anglican theologian, distinguished visiting professor at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, professor of Christian Theology and Spirituality at Episcopal Divinity School at Union, and the 2011 president of the American Academy of Religion, will give an address titled "Metaphor, Moral Reasoning, and Women's Protest Movements" on Wednesday, Oct. 24, 7 - 9 p.m. at Rose Hills Auditorium at Mount Saint Mary's University's Doheny Campus in Los Angeles, and Thursday, Oct. 25, 7 - 9 p.m. at Albrecht Auditorium, Claremont Graduate University, 925 N. Dartmouth Avenue, Claremont.

Kwok has published extensively in Asian feminist theology, biblical interpretation, and postcolonial criticism. Her works include *Occupy Religion* (with Joerg Rieger); *Globalization, Gender, and Peacebuilding*; *Postcolonial*

*Imagination and Feminist Theology*; and *Introducing Asian Feminist Theology*. She is the editor of *Women and Christianity* (four volumes) and co-editor of *Postcolonial Practice of Ministry: Leadership, Liturgy, and Interfaith Engagement*.

Her talk is the 2018 Pat Reif, IHM, Memorial Lecture, a joint project of Claremont Graduate University, the Immaculate Heart Community, Claremont School of Theology and other sponsors.

Both events are free and open to the public. For information, contact Janice Poss at [janice.poss@cgu.edu](mailto:janice.poss@cgu.edu) (Claremont) or Laurie Wright Garry at [lgarry@msmu.edu](mailto:lgarry@msmu.edu) (Los Angeles). †



Kwok Pui Lan

## Celebration at cathedral to highlight Native American culture

**T**he culture of Native Americans will be front and center at an All Nations Celebration of drums, songs, dances, fun stories, and door prizes on Saturday, Sept. 29, 2 - 6 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. John in Los Angeles.

The celebration, sponsored by St. John's and the Native Ministry of the Diocese of Los Angeles, is open to all, and will be held inside the cathedral, located at 514 W Adams Blvd, Los Angeles 90007.

"This event is the first time we have reached out to the diocese with a cultural celebration of Native American culture," says the Rev. Canon Mary Crist, who is the diocese's native ministries officer and directs an outreach ministry at St. Michael's Ministry Center, Riverside. She notes that more than 250,000 Native Americans live in Los Angeles County; many more in Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

Crist invites all to the celebration and a potluck dinner, which will begin at 4 p.m. For more information, contact Crist by email at [mcristusa@gmail.com](mailto:mcristusa@gmail.com).

## General Convention, ministry of young adults featured in new Episcopal News magazine

**A** report from the 2018 General Convention, and stories about Episcopal Urban Interns, interfaith interns, and seminarian Shawn Evelyn are featured in the Autumn 2018

issue of The Episcopal News. Visit [www.episcopalnews.org](http://www.episcopalnews.org) to download copies for reading online or printing. †





— SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 —

6 p.m. **Sacramentum**

St. James' Church

1325 Monterey Road, South Pasadena

Information: 626.799.9194 or [www.sjcsp.org](http://www.sjcsp.org)8 p.m. **Compline**

St. John's Episcopal Cathedral

514 W. Adams Blvd., Los Angeles 90007

Information: 213.747.6285

— THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 —

7:30 p.m. **Chamber Music: Violin, piano & cello**

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

100 N. Third Avenue, Covina

Information: 626.967.3939

— TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 —

7 p.m. **Taizé Service of Healing & Wholeness**

St. Francis Episcopal Church

2200 Via Rosa, Palos Verdes Estates

Information: [www.stfrancispalosverdes.org](http://www.stfrancispalosverdes.org)

— SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 —

5 p.m. **Recital: Stephen Manes, piano**

All Saints' Episcopal Church

504 N. Camden Drive, Beverly Hills 90210

Information: [www.allsaintsbh.org](http://www.allsaintsbh.org)

— SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7 —

5 p.m. **Choral Evensong**

All Saints' Episcopal Church

504 N. Camden Drive, Beverly Hills 90210

Information: [www.allsaintsbh.org](http://www.allsaintsbh.org)

— FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12 —

8 p.m. **Beethoven Extravaganza**

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

1031 Bienvenida Avenue, Pacific Palisades

Information: [www.musicguildonline.org](http://www.musicguildonline.org)

— SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14 —

4:30 p.m. **Solemn Evensong & Organ Recital**

St. James in-the-City Episcopal Church

3903 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles 90010

Information: 213.388.3015 or [STJLA.org](http://STJLA.org)

For more listings and program details, visit  
[www.ladiocese.org](http://www.ladiocese.org).

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# A warm welcome for Puerto Rico's Bishop Morales

By Bishop Diocesan John Harvey Taylor

This weekend marks the birthday of a meteorological episode off the western coast of Africa which, a year ago Monday, had gathered enough deadly power to be identified as a hurricane. By some unfortunate bureaucratic process, it received the name of the blessed Mother of the Prince of Peace.

Striking Puerto Rico on Sept. 20, Hurricane Maria killed nearly as many Americans in that U.S. territory as terrorists had done 17 years ago last week in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania.

A few months before, in suburban Virginia, I'd met the newly elected bishop coadjutor of Puerto Rico, Rafael Luis Morales. We were both attending a venerable Episcopal Church institution called the College of Bishops. It's sometimes called "baby bishops school," but that risks doing a disservice to a leader as mature as Bishop Morales. He's cheerful and energetic, a gifted evangelist and missionary. Hearing his preaching and even his lunch table talk makes you feel better about yourself and inspired to witness for the Risen Christ just as he does.

He cut his teeth as a parish priest in Toa Baja, a suburb of San Juan, and as head of the cathedral's Episcopal school. During that collegiate week in Virginia, all of us new bishops no doubt acquired some useful nuts-and-bolts tips for this new season of our vocations.

Bishop Morales was consecrated the next month, on July 22, 2017. Then Maria took him to bishops graduate school. Within hours of its landfall, he was hard at work, sending out regular advisories on Facebook and traveling all over the island among his diocese's

50 churches — inspecting, comforting, hugging, smiling, drying tears, lifting up, promising to rebuild, and sending people forth into the world with his infectious joy and optimism.

His ministry was among the bright spots in what by and large has been a dark year for Puerto Rico.



Rafael Morales was ordained bishop coadjutor of the Diocese of Puerto Rico on July 22, 2017. Hurricane Maria struck the island — a territory of the United States — just two months later, on Sept. 20.

For months, the U.S. government suppressed the truth about the death toll. Recovery has been painfully slow. For whatever reason, even though its people are our fellow Americans, Puerto Rico just didn't matter to our leaders.

As a diocesan family, we'll soon have the opportunity to say that Puerto Rico matters to us. I've invited Bishop Morales to visit us Sept. 24 - 27 — almost exactly a year after Maria.

Staying with Kathy and me in Pasadena, he'll spend Tuesday and Wednesday traveling around the diocese. He'll visit and learn more about St. Margaret's School in San Juan Capistrano, Good Samaritan Hospital, Episcopal Communities and Services (our affiliated organization specializing in housing for seniors), PRISM (our prison ministry), the work of the Program Group on Global Partnership, and the Rev. Dr. Eric Law's Kaleidoscope Institute, which promotes innovation and sustainability in our churches.

All are invited to hear and meet Bishop Morales on Wednesday, Sept. 26 at 6:30 p.m. when he preaches at a special Holy Eucharist service at St. John's Cathedral, 514 W. Adams, Los Angeles. I'll be celebrant. We'll all be together afterward at a reception in Rafael's honor. Please join us.

You can also visit [www.EDLAGives.org](http://www.EDLAGives.org) to offer financial support for the Diocese of Puerto Rico.

In the aftermath of the worst natural disaster in the island's history, our government in Washington didn't make Bishop Morales and those he serves feel at home. But way out here in Los Angeles, in Christ, they are our neighbors and siblings forever. †