

**PARKVIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
AND MISSION MINISTRY SUPPORT COMMITTEE  
PRESBYTERY OF SACRAMENTO  
MULTICULTURAL RESIDENCY APPLICATION**

**Beginning July 2016**

Parkview Presbyterian Church, Sacramento, California, a multicultural congregation with an Asian American heritage, invites applications for its inaugural Multicultural Residency Program. The program asks for a minimum commitment of three months and a maximum of two years. The program provides an opportunity for the newly trained seminarian to learn and practice the skills and responsibilities that are necessary to be a successful Presbyterian Teaching Elder in a multicultural setting. While at Parkview, the Resident will develop and use tools from theology courses, seminary training, and individual pastoral gifts to: lead inspirational and informative worship services; offer pastoral care to the Church Community; and develop relationships with faith based and secular community organizations through outreach and volunteer service.

We expect this will be full-time position which includes opportunities for growth outside of Parkview. The Resident will live in on-site housing provided by Parkview and will receive a stipend of \$1,000 a month for the period of service.

**About Parkview**

Parkview Presbyterian Church is a multicultural care-giving community in the heart of one of the nation's most culturally diverse cities. Over its 104-year history, Parkview has served Sacramento's Japanese American and Asian Pacific communities. It is evolving to become a truly multicultural family that is faithfully inclusive. Those who built this congregation learned from collective experiences of suffering and injustice how to support each other and to live in solidarity with those who suffered and were treated unjustly. In a time when the word "community" is used loosely and superficially, Parkview intends to build a community that brings together the significant aspects of life: faith, family and Christ's service.

Keywords that describe Parkview are: care-giving, welcoming, community, inclusive, innovative, and appreciative. These words are not only Parkview's tradition – they are its legacy.

While Parkview is considered a small-to-medium size church, it is an extremely active congregation. We have several social and service organizations (e.g. Mariners), a choir, and members with strong ties to community organizations. An Indonesian Presbyterian fellowship we helped found also meets at Parkview, and we host annual community events that draw over 500 to our church. In addition to our pastor, Parkview also has a part time office administrator, choir

director, and retired pastor associate.

For more information about Parkview, refer to attached Parkview Profile and visit our website: [www.parkviewpc.org](http://www.parkviewpc.org)

### **Who should apply for the Multicultural Residency Program?**

Students who:

- Students/graduates who desire to enroll in a full-time field education placement.
- Are progressive in their theology and inclusive in their convictions.
- Cherish creativity, enjoy artistic expression, honor inclusive hospitality, and yearn to make the world more just through civic engagement and community service.
- Hold a deep and abiding love of worship and who feel called to develop, write and present meaningful liturgy.
- Desire to provide pastoral care in ways that demonstrate empathy, compassion, and sensitivity to different cultures and backgrounds.
- Desire to help the congregation engage in service as an opportunity to grow in faith, and open to serving as a resource/volunteer at local social service agencies

### **What the Resident Will Be Expected to Do**

The Resident will:

- Participate in worship service and lead some component on a weekly basis.
- Serve as a resource, liaison, and volunteer at a local social service agency or school.
- Actively support the church's vision to build and sustain a multi-generational faith community.
- Enhance Parkview's involvement and integration into the immediate Southside Park neighborhood.
- Promote lifelong learning about our faith in the context of the world's religions and cultures.
- Support the Pastor and church members in providing pastoral care.
- Create and develop a simple "legacy" project for themselves that will be both innovative and sustainable (for residents serving at least one year).

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: ONGOING/OPEN UNTIL FILLED**

### **HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION**

Mail a completed application and cover letter to:

Multicultural Ministry Program  
Parkview Presbyterian Church  
727 T Street  
Sacramento, CA 95811

Or email to: [parkviewpresbyterianresidency@gmail.com](mailto:parkviewpresbyterianresidency@gmail.com)

### **YOUR INFORMATION**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **EDUCATION**

**Undergraduate School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Degree:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Major:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Year Completed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Graduate School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Degree:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Area:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Year Completed / Expected Completion** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Degree:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Area:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Year Completed / Expected Completion:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **DENOMINATIONAL AFFILIATION**

**Denomination:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **TELL US MORE**

Please answer the following questions on a separate piece of paper or in an attachment:

- What does “multicultural ministry” mean to you?
- What is your greatest strength that you would bring to PPC’s ministry, and what do you perceive to be an area where you need to grow?
- Which period of time/length of residency do you prefer?

## **COVER LETTER**

Please submit a cover letter with your application that summarizes your background and reasons why you are applying to the program.

## **RÉSUMÉ**

Please submit a résumé that details your work experience as well as church or community leadership endeavors.

## **SERMON MANUSCRIPT**

Please submit a sermon manuscript or video that is reflective of your theological perspective.

## **REFERENCES**

Please provide (2) two letters of recommendation with your application from people who know you well enough to address your theological integrity, gifts for ministry, and capacity for personal relationships.

In addition, please provide (2) two references we can contact. Indicate relationship to you (pastor, professor, supervisor, mentor, etc.)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Relationship:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Relationship:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please Note: Your participation in the Pastoral Internship Program will require a background check and a training seminar on Safe Church Practices.**

## **APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

- **Cover Letter**
- **Completed Application and "Tell Us More" written response**
- **Résumé (Work Experience & Community/Church Leadership Endeavors)**
- **Sermon Manuscript or video**
- **Two Letters of Recommendation & Two Additional Contacts**

## ATTACHMENT

### ***Parkview Presbyterian Church Profile***

Parkview found its beginnings as an immigrant congregation based in Sacramento's Japanese community and known as the Japanese Church of Christ. Originally located within a muscular stone's throw of the State Capitol, the church moved in 1940 to its current location on the corner of 8<sup>th</sup> and T when Sacramento's Japantown was relocated ten blocks to the South due to urban renewal. Beginning in early 1942 the building was vacated as the Church's members were forced to move by the government into incarceration camps due



to their Japanese ancestry. The congregational minutes attest to this. A left page in the minutes has session meeting notes for December 1941, and the right page, minutes for a meeting in 1946. After the war, returning Japanese Americans ended up living in the church buildings, as many Sacramentans would not rent to them. It remained an almost exclusively Japanese American congregation until the mid-nineties.

*A Multicultural Future and Community Engagement.* Since 1996, Parkview has intentionally moved toward becoming a multicultural congregation. Although membership has not fluctuated much over its life, the congregation is now comprised of about ten ethnic groups as well as a wide range of denominational and worldview backgrounds, such as Roman Catholic, Episcopalian, Baptist, Methodist, Lutheran, Pentecostal, Reformed Church in America, United Church of Christ, Buddhist and agnostic. In 2002, we helped establish an Indonesian language congregation that still meets on our premises on Sunday afternoons.

Parkview has a strong tradition of community engagement, as evidenced by the number of programs it pioneered, such as Jan Kenpo Gakko, a cultural program for Japanese American children, and Asian Legal Services. It was also very active in Sacramento's Asian basketball program. We volunteer in local public schools, Loaves and Fishes homeless outreach, and My Sister's House, a sanctuary service for abused women.

With one of the best grand pianos in the city, we host a Christmas concert featuring not only our own twenty-member choir, but also large choirs from two community colleges. The city block, on which our church buildings occupy a fourth, is shared with the Santuario Nacional de Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe, the largest Spanish language Roman Catholic Church in our region. With-

in a few blocks can also be found St. Andrews AME Church, one of the oldest African Methodist Episcopal churches in the West; Downtown Baptist Church, founded in 1976; Tenrikyo and Konko Buddhist temples, and the Muslim Mosque Association, oldest mosque west of the Mississippi.

About Sacramento. Parkview sits in the heart of Sacramento, a city of 450,000 in a region of 2.3 million. Sacramento is a dynamic, rapidly gentrifying city without a majority population, recently named the most diverse city in America. People increasingly live in the downtown area. In fact, California's Governor lives within a few blocks of the state capitol. The city is awash with artisan coffee shops, great restaurants, and small theaters. A new NBA arena is being built in the middle of town. Old Sacramento by the river is a twenty-minute walk from Parkview. Suffering from an inferiority complex in comparison with San Francisco, Sacramentans boast that they are much friendlier and live within equal distance of the City by the Bay and Lake Tahoe (two hours).

The Congregation. Parkview is a place where people who feel alienated from or are strangers to Christian faith often say they feel comfortable. We sometimes joke and say we are "accidental evangelists." Parkview can be considered a healthy intergenerational congregation with church family members naturally supporting each other. It is a church that does not tend to "sweat the small stuff."

Food has a very important role in this congregation, and we are very proud of our sumptuous feasts. We have a very light emphasis on financial stewardship, which works well culturally. With gratitude to God we can state that only once or twice in the past twenty years have we taken in less than we spent in a given year. Food based fundraisers cover about ten percent of our fundraisers. We have fed up to 800 people in just over three hours!

Like every church it is not perfect. With a membership of 119, attendance tends to hover around 60. Some people like to remember the Church of the fifties, and all would like to see a larger youth program and more young adults. We face parking problems. These are some of the complaints many churches experience and especially in "non-churchy" Northern California.

Worship Approach. Parkview is a congregation interested in the world and in ideas. This is reflected in preaching style. We believe that preaching ties the contemporary world and the world of ideas together with faith and Biblical hermeneutics in a style that illuminates rather than prescribes. We feature informal and creative worship with a recent tradition of movie sermons, dialogue sermons and musical guest performers. We are blessed with a rotating team of five pianists. Several years ago we went to a format of four parts of the proclaimed word: *discovery table* for children/youth, *encountering the text* (usually two very different texts juxtaposed), *connecting with life* and *finding new meaning* (this last section is found on the website). Residents will almost im-

mediately be expected to take part in the task of proclamation. Holy Communion by intinction takes place on the first Sunday of the month. Each August people come to church wearing Hawaiian clothing, and the month ends with a luau, which features Hawaiian hula dancers and a ukulele ensemble.

### ***Resident Profile***

We are looking for inquisitive, intelligent, creative and articulate people who wish to bring their knowledge of the contemporary world to bear on the reality of a multicultural congregation. Although experience through Clinical Pastoral Education is a plus, it is not a requirement. What is a requirement is a willingness to learn, having a sense of one's unique contribution but not being overly focused on one's own sense of importance. Compassion, empathy, curiosity, genuineness, sense of humor and a desire to get to know oneself more deeply as well as God's calling for one's life are desired qualities. Although Parkview's ministry will be their focus, residents will be encouraged to network in the Presbytery and beyond by acquainting themselves with other multicultural ministries/ ministries of inclusion.

### ***Supervisory and Pastor Profile***

The congregation will be the primary teacher for the residents. Residents will generally find them warm, welcoming, intelligent, and supportive. Residents will also get to know elders and ministers in the Presbytery, which through the Mission Support Committee is supportive of the project. Approximately 75% of stipend scholarship money is to be raised from Presbytery congregation and Mission Support Committee donations.

Parkview will have a small supervisory committee that will meet with the residents approximately once a month and also at the resident's request. Residents will meet twice a week with the pastor, Rev. Aart van Beek, their main supervisor as well as colleague.

Rev. van Beek was born and raised in The Netherlands. He did his undergraduate work at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, his M.Th. at Perkins School of Theology SMU, his Doctor of Ministry at the Claremont School of Theology, and, having begun his Doctor of Theology studies at the Rijksuniversiteit Utrecht, finished them with the South East Asia Graduate School of Theology based in Singapore. He completed four units of Clinical Pastoral Education, respectively at Good Samaritan Hospital in Phoenix AZ, Hawaii State Hospital in Kaneohe HI, and Sutter Memorial Hospital in Sacramento. Rev. van Beek taught for eight years at two seminaries on the island of Java in Indonesia after being a pastoral social worker at Bethesda Hospital in Yogyakarta for two





years. For four years he also contributed to the Doctor of Ministry Program at San Francisco Theological Seminary, teaching *multicultural counseling*, *Pastor as Person* and the *dissertation project class*, and also taught a religious autobiography class for three years for St. Mary's College of California. He was ordained in 1981 and, besides working at Parkview since 1996, served PCUSA congregations in the Sacramento area (Northminster Presbyterian Church, Carmichael Presbyterian Church, Capital Korean Presbyterian), Saratoga CA (Saratoga PC) and on the Duck Valley Indian Reservation in Nevada in various capacities. His other roles have included Pastoral counseling consultant to the Indonesian Christian Health Care Association (3 years), country co-director for Church World Service for Indonesia and East Timor (1 year) and co-founder of two programs in clinical pastoral education program on Java. He has served on a number of ecclesiastical committees over the years, including Committee on the Preparation for Ministry, the Philippine Partnership Committee, the Mission Support Committee and currently the Committee on Representation.

Rev. van Beek also likes to write, and has produced seven published titles in Indonesian, six in English (including Fortress' Press *Cross-Cultural Counseling*) and one in Dutch as well as number of articles in Pastoral Psychology and the Asia Journal of Theology. He has been married for thirty years to Carolyn Chan van Beek, a native of Vietnam. They have two grown sons, Daniel and Andrew.