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Dear Brother Joseph: Your kindness is beyond words. It is wonderful to be thought of and to receive a gift is above and beyond. Thank you so much for your generosity and the extraordinary gift of your thoughtfulness. We will reach out as soon as the painting arrives. May God bless you abundantly in this Lenten Season.

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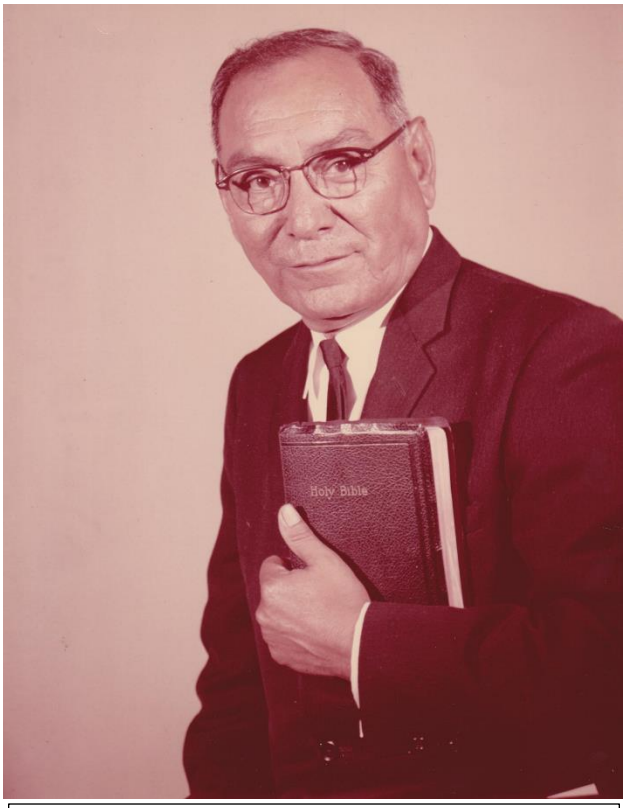


Rev. Carlos M. Gurrola

Dear GBF Friends,

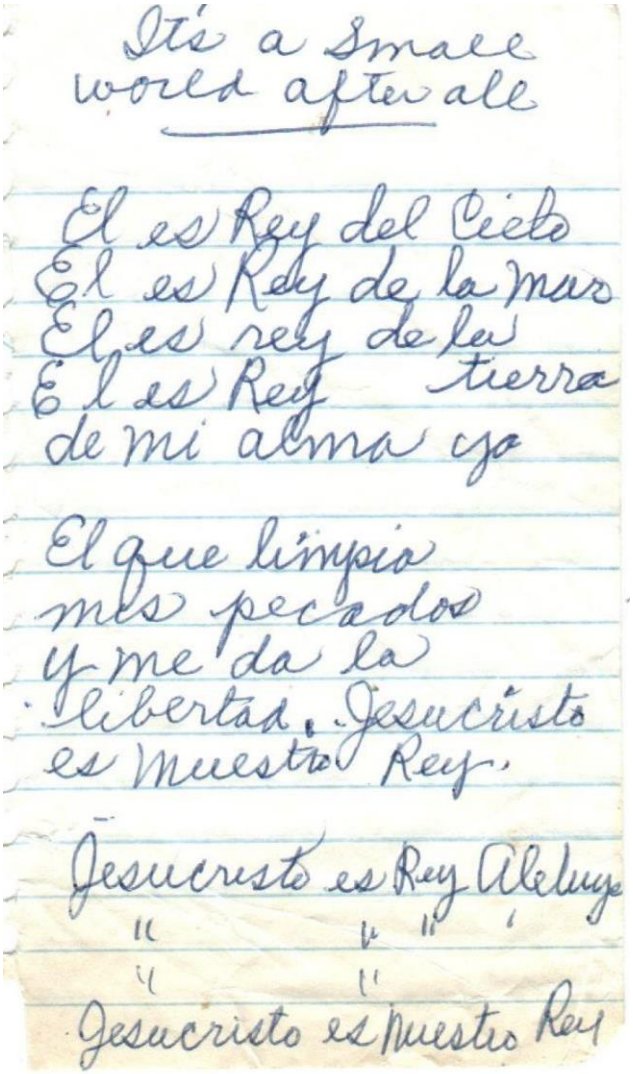
Almost 2000 years ago, Jesus made his triumphal entry into Jerusalem and was welcomed as king. Read John 12:12-13. On behalf of Rev. Dr. Ben F. García, chairman of the board and the board members, we extend our **Easter Blessings** to you and your family!

We ask the Lord to sustain us all during this difficult time of Covid-19. We pray for those who have lost loved ones. The world is changing, but some things never change: **JESUS IS STILL KING!**

To the right is the Christian rendition of **It's A Small World After All** written in Spanish by my mother Raquel Gurrola. She would teach the song to the children in church and they would sing it on Sunday during worship service. Mother loved to minister to the children!

SPECIAL THANK YOU to **Rev. Larry Dávila** with his help in proof-reading this newsletter. If you have anything you would like to see in the future, kindly let us know. We want to hear from you!

-Hno./Brother Joseph Gurrola



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Reseña Histórica de los Bautistas
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Our Lord Jesus has called Home the following brothers & sisters~

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When death takes your special person, it hurts. It hurts in the middle of the day, in the middle of the night, and in the middle of your stomach. Does anyone care? Does anyone understand? **Yes. God does! Oh, how He cares and understands when you hurt!** (Read Psalm 147:3-5)

Taken from
IT HURTS TO LOSE A SPECIAL PERSON
by Amy Ross Mumford

Hna. Eulalia Flores Acosta

Rev. Dr. William Godwin

I'm sorry to learn about the passing of **Pastor Bill Godwin**. I remember him since my Seminary days and then, of course, I saw him multiple times at our annual meetings as well as in many committee meetings. He was a very friendly and outgoing pastor who always supported the unity of our American Baptist family. I appreciated his friendship and openness. He will be very much missed by many of us in our region.

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What do you think?

Regarding the recent Vatican outlook of God not endorsing sin and therefore not allowing the Catholic church to bless gay & lesbian marriages.

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"Where love abides, hate cannot flourish."
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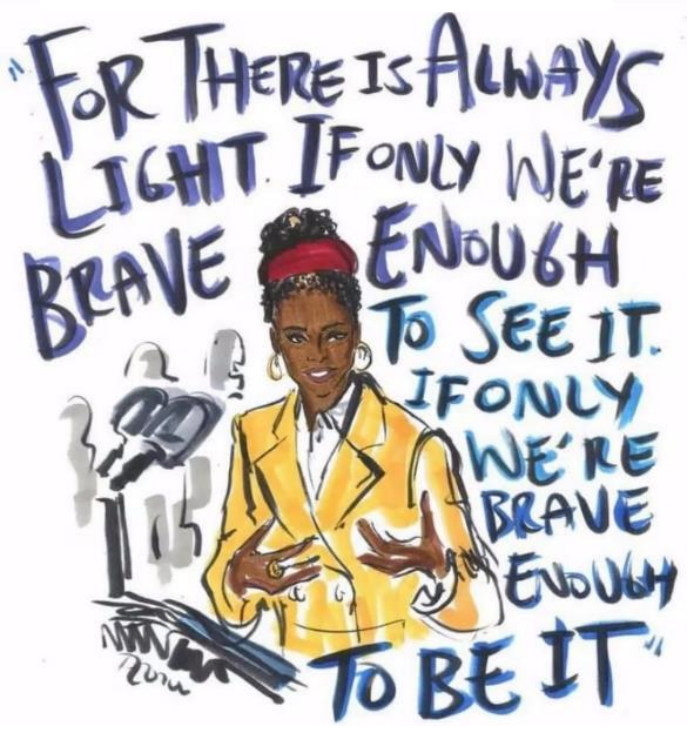
GOD OF ALL PEOPLE, *Grant us vision to see Your presence in our midst. Especially in our immigrant brothers and sisters. Give us courage to open the door to our neighbors and grace to build a society of justice.* **Amen**

John 3:16-17



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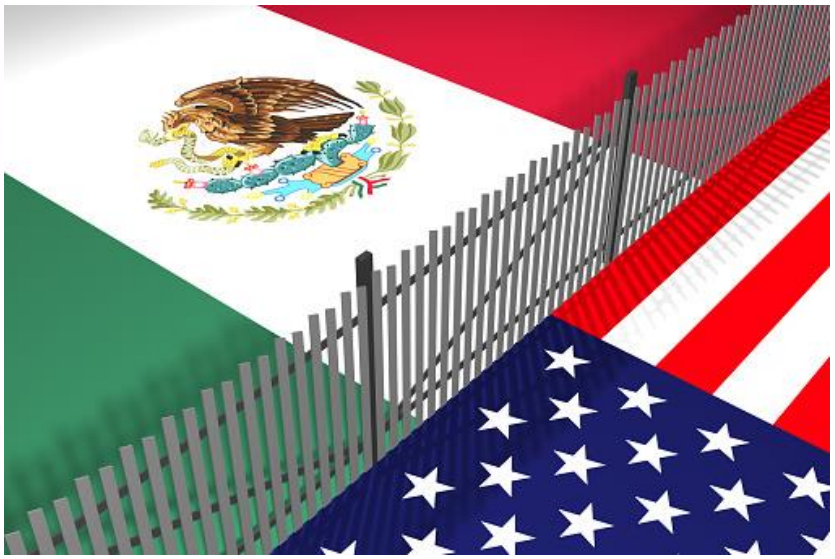

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FOREWORD

God so loved that He gave His own Son. And we are reminded that God loves a cheerful giver. Giving is a vital part of Christian experience. Christian stewardship is all too often a neglected subject and one that deserves a great deal more attention. The quality of Christian life is improved by serious attention to responsible stewardship.

Maybe this season of the year is a good time to talk about the joys of giving and the importance of responsible stewardship.

We can never match God's giving, but we can improve the quality of our own.

Arnold S. Boal

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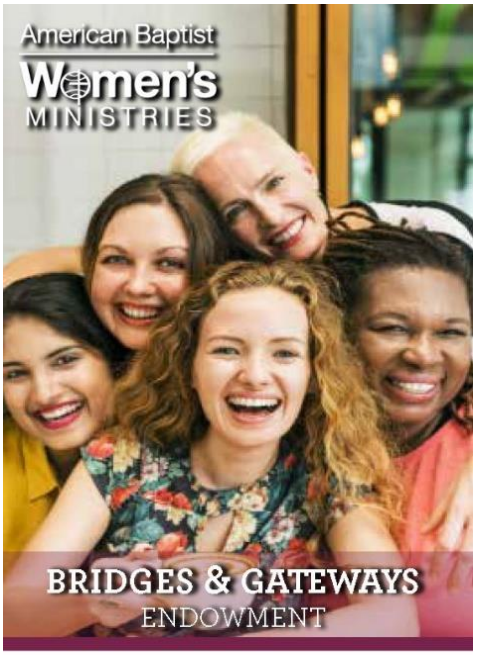
The Bridges & Gateways Endowment was established in 2018 to provide current financial resources for today while securing long-term assets for the future.



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ABHMS celebrates ministry of retiring Leadership Team member

VALLEY FORGE, PA (3/17/20)—The Rev. Dr. Marilyn P. Turner-Triplett will retire from American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) on May 31 after 20 years of steadfast service. ABHMS celebrates with gratitude the ministry of this faithful servant leader, who has dedicated her gifts to serving as the hands and feet of Christ since 2001.

Taken from the ABHMS website, **www.ABHMS.org**
For the full article, visit the ABHMS website and click open "Publications & Resources."

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Rev. Dr. Marilyn P. Turner-Triplett: You have been a good friend to the Gurrola Baptist Foundation (GBF). We thank you for all of your help & assistance over the years. Best wishes on your retirement! Our prayers are with you and your family.

Hno./Brother Joseph Gurrola
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For most English speaking people, the acronym ASAP means "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE" or immediately. But for Christians it can also mean, "ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER."

Taken from Our Daily Bread, June 2, 2010

It only takes a minute to make a child smile.

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"NEED SOME HELP?"
"SURE I HAVE TIME!"
"I LOVE YOU!"

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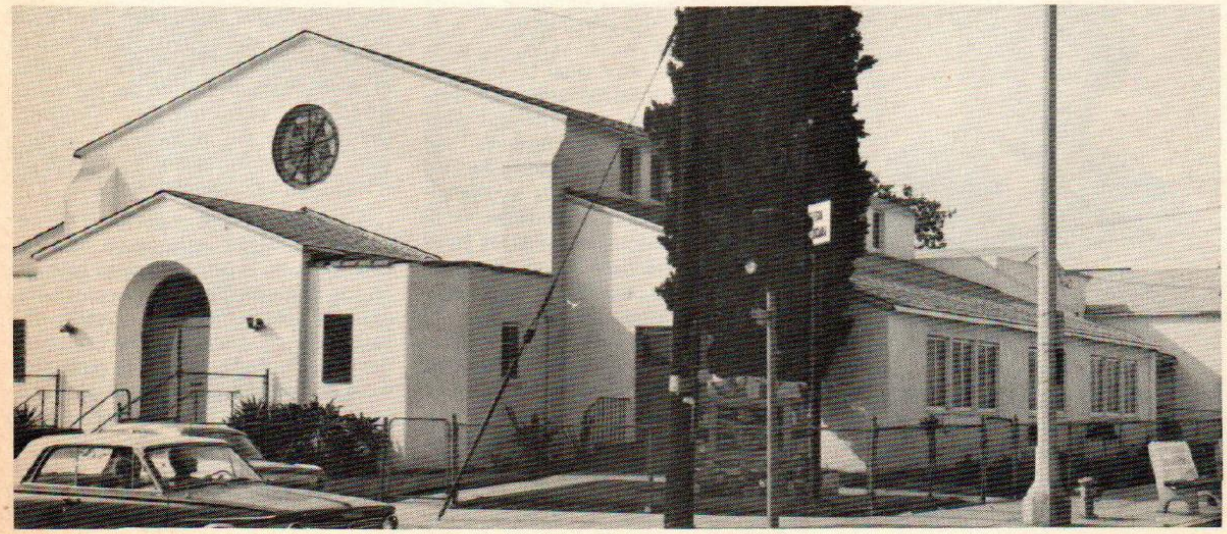

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From the Archives of: ***Rev. José y Hna. Nancy Montaño***
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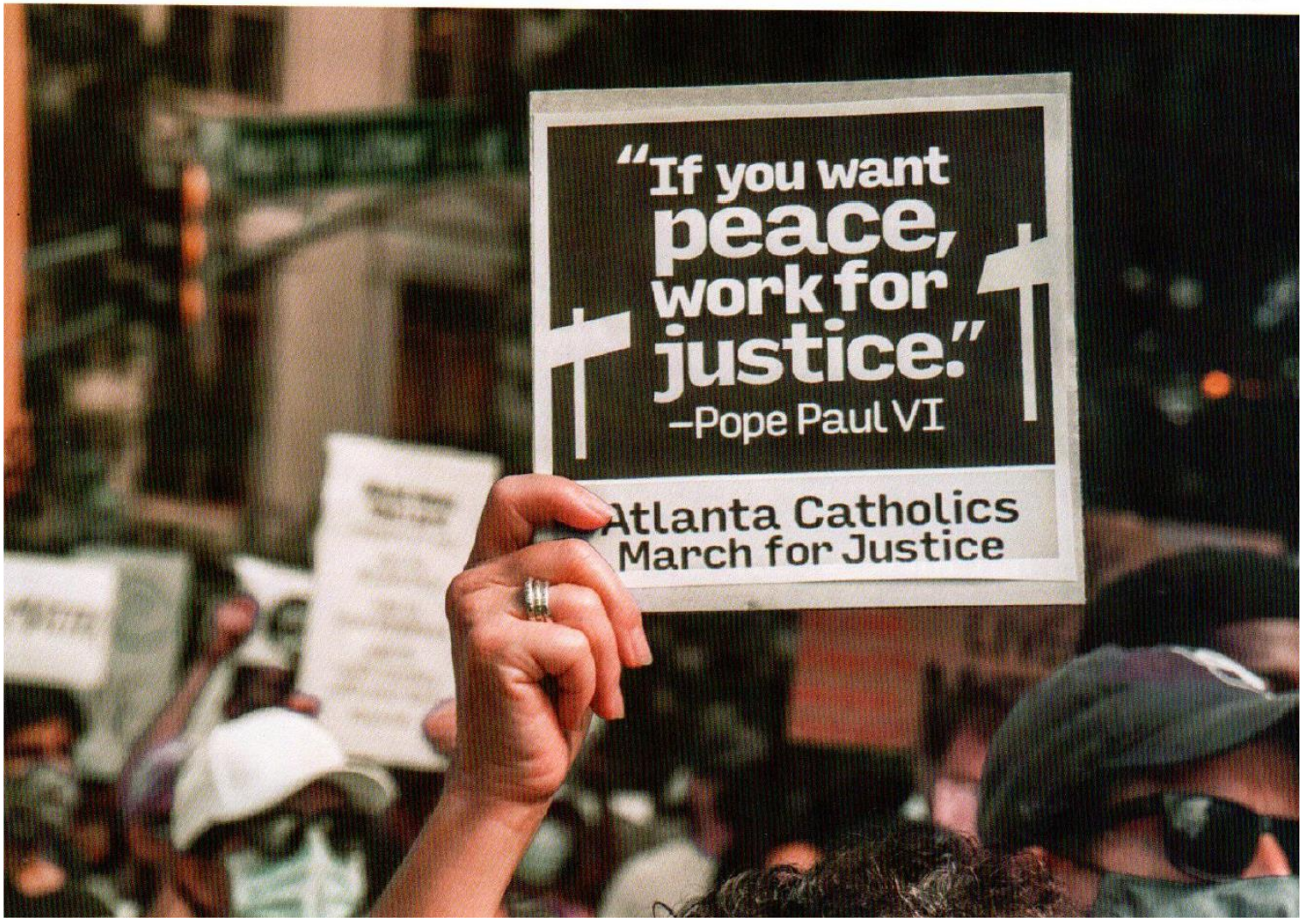
Spiritual activism: We must constructively engage in politics

More than ten years ago, my work as a pastor took me to Washington, D.C. My first thoughts? There is nothing spiritual about that place! Politics and so many of the men and women in the game of campaigning, lobbying, and statecraft had the reputation of being dishonest, duplicitous, and devoid of spiritual integrity. While some of that exists in D.C. (and everywhere), I've been overwhelmed by how wrong my first preconceptions could be. I came to find incredible human beings who love God and their country, on both sides of the political aisle, who are doing their best to address problems, bring solutions, and create opportunities for all people to prosper.

I am not in any way whitewashing the current divisions and calamities affecting our country. And there are certain elected officials—some of whom never silence their public voice—who are the epitome of all things I initially feared. But there is also a deeper motivation that exists in many of our political leaders who are compelled to make a positive difference in our society and to work for the betterment of all Americans.



2020 marked a momentous time in our nation's history. The Pew Research Center reported that the United States was more divided on issues of race and gender than in 2016. Following the death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police in May, people of color all over the country and white allies have been crying out for social justice, police reform, and for the systemic impact of racism to be dismantled. These are political issues which Christians must be willing to engage with.

For the ancient Greek philosopher Plato, the deity (god) was found in the reflection of the "form of good" (The Republic, Book 2, 357). For Plato, the perfect ideal of a rational and just political order existed so that society could live in harmony with each aspect flourishing, none at the expense of the other.

What about a Christian perspective of the political order? In ancient Israel, King Saul was only anointed after there had been "dishonest gain" and "perverted justice" (1 Samuel 8:3). God warned that a political king would limit the liberties of the tribes of Israel (1 Samuel 8:6-18). And yet the people refused to listen to the warnings of the prophet Samuel, and God granted them a king.

Despite the limitations of earthly leadership, numerous times in the Scriptures we read about how King Saul was filled with the "Spirit of God" (1 Samuel 11:6). From the very first introduction of human political systems, God remained present, even in the imperfection and brokenness of the earliest political kingdoms. The New Testament encourages believers in Christ to "pray for their leaders" (1 Timothy 2:1-2) and to pursue a peaceful life "godly and dignified" in every way.

The question of how the church of the 21st century should constructively engage in politics has never been more important, as the United States is rife with divides as oppressed communities of color face a society that is largely unwilling to confront the problems of systemic racism and police brutality.

Racial injustice and political divisions are not new issues for our country. In 1966, race riots erupted in Michigan and other parts of the U.S. as the civil rights movement sought to gain traction. There was a significant debate about these questions regarding the church and politics among oil magnate J. Howard Pew; Carl Henry, the first editor of Christianity Today; and theologian Richard Mouw. The core issues of the debate in 1966 haven't changed today, more than 50 years later. Pew, as a powerful business magnate and follower of Jesus, concluded that "the church should not intervene [in politics] but rather should focus on its highest priority and ancient mission of 'changing hearts of men and women' and 'rendering unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's." In speaking of Jesus, Pew said: "At no time did he countenance civil disobedience or promote political pressure either to correct social evils or to advance his spiritual mission." Pew could not have been more wrong. Similar arguments have been used historically to the detriment of all involved. For example, consider the decades when the Bible was used to uphold and justify slavery in the United States.

In 1967, Richard Mouw went head to head with Pew, though perhaps not intentionally, with an article in Christianity Today that insisted there are times when it is absolutely essential for the church to intervene in social matters to respond to the needs of the world. Mouw said it is the "church's duty to address the topic of civil rights" and emphasized that "it is often necessary for the church to take an unequivocal stand against prevailing economic, social, and political conditions, even when it is practically impossible to offer any solution." Certainly, there are limitations to the expertise and contributions of the church. However, this does not negate the obligations of men and women who choose to follow Jesus to meaningfully engage in political actions that have such a profound impact on our society.

How can we constructively engage in politics? We must stop making the false assumption that politics and our faith aren't intimately connected. As a part of our faithfulness and spirituality, Christians are biblically compelled to care for our neighbors, respond to the needs of the poor, and be positive contributors to society. We must not ignore the cries of communities of color that are calling for change and societal reform. Political engagement is one of the ways we can faithfully live out Christian practice.

Political action, advocating for justice and societal reform, is one way we can choose to manifest our faith. May we be reminded of the call of the prophets throughout the Scriptures that the God we worship calls us to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8).

Rev. Dr. Mae Elise Cannon is executive director, Churches for Middle East Peace. She is the author of "Beyond Hashtag Activism: Comprehensive Justice in a Complicated Age" *(IVP).*

Two (2) page article taken from **THE CHRISTIAN CITIZEN**. A publication of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS). Volume 1, 2021; Pages 10 & 11.

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Hi Joseph,

Thank you for inviting me to read the article, SPIRITUAL ACTIVISM: WE MUST CONSTURCTIVELY ENGAGE IN POLITICS. It is a struggle to realize how to best contribute towards justice in our present political environment. Sometimes, the ultimate reality of life expresses itself in so many contradictions. God's love tells us we are empowered, but politics is so complex there is a tendency to think we cannot make a difference. It is in between these two affirmations; we find ourselves trying to be faithful to God. I like the following affirmations in the article:

> *How can we constructively engage in politics? We must stop making the false assumption that politics and our faith aren't intimately connected. As a part of our faithfulness and spirituality, Christians are biblically compelled to care for our neighbors, respond to the needs of the poor, and be positive contributors to society. Political action, advocating for justice and societal reform, is one way we can choose to manifest our faith.*

May we be reminded of the call of the prophets throughout the Scriptures that the God we worship calls us to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8)." Again, thank you for your ministry.

In His love, *Mario* **"It is a better journey because of Jesus!"**

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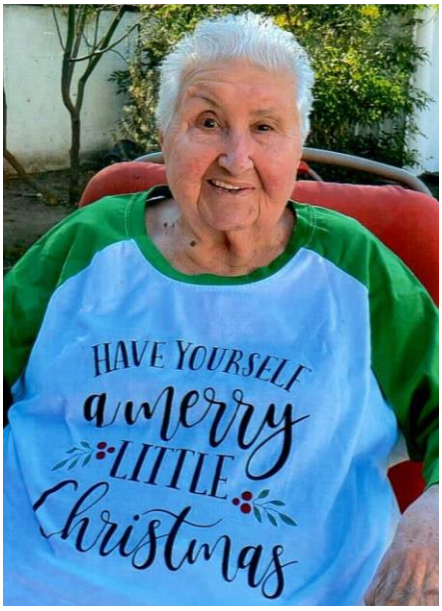

Hi Joey! So glad you continue to send boxes of used clothing & toys to México. When you have time, stop by, I have some things to donate. Take care! Love, Delia Velderrain Pérez

Hna. Delia is a graduate of the Spanish-American Baptist Seminary (SABS) and the Baptist Missionary Training School (BMTS). She lives at Atherton Baptist Homes in Alhambra, CA. If you would like to contact Hna. Delia, here is her information: **Delia Velderrain Pérez**, (626) 833-3040 Email: deliavperez@yahoo.com

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Dear brother Joseph: Thank you for your faithfulness in keeping a number of us, within the American Baptist family, informed on events and situations about our churches. We can pray intelligently for God's guidance, healing and recovery for a meaningful and wise presence in the midst of a confused world in great need of redemption. Some ill-advised church leaders contribute to such demise, opposite to God's call for Jesus' followers to be the salt and the light of the world. Your alertness and determination to help our Hispanic ministers and leaders is indeed a valuable gift and I encourage you to carry on! I read your news and articles as soon as I see your name or check they proceed from you. I can also resonate with you on the not too optimistic events or decisions affecting our churches and leadership while at the same time keeping the confidence and optimism, looking ahead of us! Sad about Rev. Josésito Tirado's departure and Rev. Rivera's compromised health. Glad to see the always friendly smile of Rev. Ernal. Let's continue our conversation in our common fellowship in Jesus Christ our Lord! Un abrazo.

REV. DR. ROGER VELÁSQUEZ – Email: rogervelasquez0307@yahoo.com

…I'm glad to see someone like you [Joseph] is watching over the interest of our Spanish speaking Baptist churches.

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RE: GBF Donation to the ABCOFLASH region via the ABCUSA website **www.ABC-USA.org**

Thank you for your generosity Joseph. May God bless you abundantly 2021 and beyond. Thanks to Jesus, our beyond is eternal!

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Dear Mr. Gurrola, Thanks for your thoughtfulness and generosity! I'm grateful for your commitment to WOMEN IN MINISTRY and the strong support you have extended over the years.

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—**From GBF Board Member Chuck Cota**

I pray that you are all doing well. During these trying Covid-19 times, it is good to be able to share some good and positive news. Cuz Joe C. Cota has been moved back to the adult care facility at Los Feliz Gardens, at 205 E. Los Feliz Rd., Glendale CA 91205-3118. Linda Belle and I plan on going to visit him tomorrow afternoon. Due to restrictions because of Covid-19, we will be outside and he will be inside. We haven't seen him in over a year. It was his birthday last week. Over a year ago he had been moved to a different facility in Burbank for a heart procedure that he has recovered from. I understand that visiting can be very difficult for many, but you may want to mail Joe a get-well wishes card or an Easter Card. Joe's nephew and niece, Matthew and Dilia live in Idaho. Dilia Cota Ragel, his niece hopes to possibly visit in May. Joe's sister Bea passed away about a little over a year ago due to a heart problem. We all got to speak with her by phone just before she passed. She still had the same joyful laugh I remembered her by.

Linda Belle and I celebrated our Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary with a Mexican catered dinner with most of our children at daughter Lindy and Bill Kumagai' back yard in Sherman Oaks, CA. Way back when, because we were so young when we were newlyweds, some of my cousins said that we wouldn't last a year! Well here we are, and we're still young! I also can tell you on a positive note that all of our immediate family is well from Covid-19. This has been on my heart because of my Mom's mother, my Grandmother Jesucita Flotte Sánchez Alvárez dying from the Spanish Flu in Chihuahua, México in 1918. My Mom and her brothers and sisters all grew up without a mother and it left my Grandfather Ignacio a widower with six children to care for. The Lord blessed the family by having them move next door to a neighbor that 'adopted' them, that was in Lincoln Heights / Los Ángeles. We knew her as "Grama Wright."

So please take all the precautions you must to be able to join us next year for our ***All Family Reunion***. Last year 2020, as a family we would have celebrated our Sixteenth (32 years ago) All Family Reunion. The first one was in July 1988, and we have celebrated our Family every other year since then on Even Numbered Years with a gathering with a picnic. So the good Lord willing we will see all of you next year in **July 2022 at El Dorado Park**, Long Beach, California. Please share this with family members that I don't have an email address for. I wish all of you a Blessed and Healthy time.

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Agradeciendo y celebrando los 95 años de mi esposo~

En el tiempo y la distancia…quedan los muchos años….

…No importan en qué circunstancias, tiempo y distancia, nos coloque nuestra mente causándonos a veces angustia, incertidumbre, alegría, satisfacción o solamente un "gracias Señor", porque esto es lo más importante, el agradecimiento a nuestro Señor!

Observo a Roberto, mi esposo y pareciera que nuestra conciencia y nuestro cuerpo, se sujetan al tiempo y a la distancia…

…los muchos años le han cambiado la vida, trayendo consigo lentitud, olvido, dolencias, dificultad, desorientación…pero de todo esto se encarga nuestro "Padre Bendito" como le dice mi esposo; porque habrá olvidado que 95 años han pasado por su vida, pero no olvida que tiene un Padre que lo ama cada día que amanece y cada día que anochece y que lo escucha cuando…le dice: "Gracias Señor por todo lo que me has dado, soy tuyo y estoy atento para lo que sea Tu voluntad."

Recuerdo una madrugada no muy lejana, sin poder dormir, con una carga en mi corazón y sin haberla compartido con él, entré a la recamara tratando de descansar sin incomodar a mi esposo que estaba profundamente dormido…de pronto me dice…" No te preocupes, el Señor conoce tu preocupación y tiene el control" apenas terminó de hablar y se volvió a quedar dormido.

Es realmente sorprendente para mí, cuando la Geriatra me dice: El olvidará todo y desarrollará la demencia senil, debe estar preparada… en un momento prudente le comenté la situación porque efectivamente empezaba a tener brotes de este tipo de demencia y me dijo: "…mucho le he fallado al Señor y me ha perdonado, conozco Su misericordia, verás que Él nos ayudara y voy a estar bien"…de aquellos brotes violentos sin motivo ni control sólo queda paz y tranquilidad para la Gloria de nuestro Padre Celestial.

Al pasar del tiempo, el Señor nos sigue recordando que el cielo y la tierra pasarán más Su palabra no pasará.

Compartiendo con el hermano Joseph Gurrola, le comento que es hermoso cuando en nuestro devocional, en el auto o al acostarnos, empiezo a citar algún versículo bíblico de memoria o a entonar algún coro y mi esposo me sigue y los terminacél solo sin leerlos.

Es realmente una maravillosa herencia espiritual en Cristo la que recibo día con día, mirando a mi esposo cómo se entrega a Él con una total y absoluta confianza.

Vivo junto con él, la bondad y el infinito amor de Dios por nosotros…escucharlo orar dormido, agradecer cada momento de sus días.

"Y tu Creador irá delante de ti; él estará contigo, no te dejará ni te desamparará, no temas ni te intimides." Deuteronomio 31:8

Tenemos la maravillosa bendición de tener a nuestras familias, nuestros hijos, nuestros hermanos en la fe, y amigos que nos recuerdan y acompañan a la distancia y el tiempo o presentes.

Damos gracias infinitas por cada uno y por quienes a través de Fundación Gurrola y nuestro hermano Joseph nos demuestran su bondad y su amor en Cristo nuestro Señor.

Muchas gracias hermano Joseph Gurrola por estar presente en nuestras vidas; eres una gran bendición.

Les recordamos siempre y oramos por ustedes, reciban un abrazo fraternal y nuestro profundo agradecimiento en Cristo.

Atte.

HNA. ROSY PORRAS

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Rev. Roberto Porras: From all of us at the Gurrola Baptist Foundation, HAPPY 95th BIRTHDAY! You are truly a Blessing to all of us. We applaud your many years in Ministry in México and the USA. May God continue to Bless you and your family!

(In 2015, the Gurrola Baptist Foundation honored the Rev. Roberto Porras for OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.)

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Joseph, Thank you for your lovely gifts as well. My daughter loved the Santa book and I have already used the set of cards! I hope that you have a marvelous Christmas [2020] and praying for a joyous New Year [2021]!

REV. LaTHELMA A. YENN-BATAH

RE: Hymns for Elders with Dementia

Hello Christian friends at the GBF! Free resources for people working with seniors. The one that looked especially interesting was a **booklet of 86 hymns** that also comes with the same songs recorded in an easy to sing manner. It may be helpful if no musicians are available. You can download them both onto your computer. Here is the link: www.spiritualeldercare.com

REV. DWAYNE NORDSTROM

Hola hno. Joseph. Oramos que Dios bendiga tu vida y guarde tu salud.
Te informamos que recibimos el cheque que enviaste en honor a tu tía, nuestra amada hermana Emma Gordoa. Gracias muchas bendiciones.

PASTOR MIGUEL A. ALTAMIRANO – Email: miguel@losaltamirano.com
Iglesia Bautista Hispana – Glendale, AZ

Hello hno. Joey, Congratulations on you completing your "self-assigned task." Many of us are very thankful that you received this very SPECIAL CALLING...to do the job that CAN ONLY BE A RESPONSE TO A "CALLING." Hno. Dr. José Arreguín held you in high esteem and was very thankful that you were maintaining the spirit of keeping God's workers in contact with each other, ya que no hemos podido hacer esto en una manera personal. Many of us have maintained some communication, in a very limited fashion due to life demands and resources. Of course, the SABS (Spanish-American Baptist Seminary) communication which was carried on for so many years, is due to the CALLING of the dedicated alumnae received and carried out– with endless work will never be forgotten. God continue to shower you with blessings! Con Carino,

Email: eliarduran@att.net - **HNA. ELIA ROBLEDO-DURÁN**

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Cómo Destruir tu Iglesia

Translated by Hna. Nancy I. Montaño

No asistas ~ Y si asistes, llega tarde y sal temprano ~ Visita otras iglesias con frecuencia ~ En cada servicio pregúntate a tí mismo "¿Qué es lo que obtengo yo d ésto? ~ No te ofrezcas de voluntario. Deja que el pastor lo haga ~ Chismea ~ Critica al pastor y a los músicos ~ No contribuyas o espera hasta pagar los impuestos del año para ver si tienes algún dinero extra ~ No converses con otros o los animes ~ No perdones cuando alguien te ofende ~ Evita orar por tu iglesia. GÁLATAS 5:22-25

PHOTOS WITH SMILES!

▲ **Aleta Martínez-Pesce**, daughter of Rev. Frank & Anita Martínez.

◀ Aleta's grandson, **Nathan Pesce,** 6 years old, holds a stuffed pumpkin teddy bear donated by the Gurrola Baptist Foundation (GBF).

▲ **Rev. Roberto Porras** getting some sun as he waves to the camera.

▲ **Jenny Alcalá** getting some fresh air on the patio in Anaheim, CA. Jenny is the aunt of Pastor Susan Hernández.

Mathew, Dora and Matty Gurrola ▶

Ruth Gonzáles-Duarte, her grandchildren and daughter Delilah get in the St. Patrick's Day spirit! Ruth's favorite color just happens to be ◀ **GREEN!**

"If you see someone withOUT a smile, give them one of YOURS!"

-Dolly Parton

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