

THE MONTE VISTA GROVE HOMES RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION  
PROUDLY PRESENTS:

## CONVOCATIONS

MARCH 2023

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**Thursday, March 2, 2023**

**4:00 PM**

### World Day of Prayer

“I have heard about your faith....”

*Ephesians 1: 15-19.*

World Day of Prayer is an ecumenical movement led by women and celebrated worldwide since 1927. This year the Christian women of Taiwan take us into their lives through prayer and song. It is an invitation to active listening in the midst of suffering and injustice. There is a witness of faith despite many obstacles.

Jean Woo, Rachel Lausch and Jane Vásquez



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**Thursday, March 9, 2023**

**4:00 PM**



### Andrea Shaw, M.D

Andrea Victoria Shaw, M.D., Director of the Refugee Health team at Upstate Medical Center, Syracuse, New York. Afghan refugees face medical and other challenges as they settle into new home in America. The United States accepted more than 65,000 people from Afghanistan after the U.S. and allied troops left the country in 2021, and less than a month later, Upstate’s Refugee Health team was caring for the first families of Afghan refugees to arrive in the Syracuse area. That work continues, as described by Andrea Shaw, MD, the doctor who leads the Refugee Health team. Shaw, a doctor who specializes in internal medicine and pediatrics, will share with us what these new refugees are dealing with. Syracuse, New York is a “sanctuary city.”

**Thursday, March 16, 2023**

**4:00 PM**

**Kathleen Albrektson**

Kathleen Berns Albrektson is the founding partner of Albrektson & Shumate Law Offices. Kathy grew up in Indianapolis and followed her brother, Don Berns, to Duke University where she was a National Merit Scholarship Finalist and majored in religion. She has a master's degree in religion and graduated with honors from University of La Verne College of Law.

Kathy served on the full-time staff of Cru (formerly known as Campus Crusade for Christ) for 20 years. She was active in women's ministries in Indiana, California, and the Philippines. Prior to going into private practice, Kathleen was a corporate attorney and Director of Planned Giving for Cru.



She will be discussing the latest developments in organizing and planning your legal affairs for simplicity, efficiency, and wealth conservation, as well as healthcare decision-making. This is an ideal seminar to update your knowledge. Kathy's seminars are often helpful for both seniors and their children. Feel free to invite your children to come or join on zoom/YouTube!

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**Thursday, March 23, 2023**

**4:00 PM**

**Call Me Sister**

**Charlene Jin Lee**



In honor of Women's History Month, we pause to praise the women lesser known to the world because of their precarious social and political status but whose stories guide us to the Gospel's heart of liberation. Charlene will share her testimony of friendship with a woman whose plight as an asylum seeker showed her the path to a new kind of discipleship—one that asserts: I belong to you; you belong to me.

Charlene Jin Lee is a practical theologian whose work centers on identity, voice, and context in spiritual formation. Attending to the middle space between reflection and action, her teaching and scholarship engage theological claims grounded in lived experience. Charlene currently teaches in the Advance Pastoral Studies Program at SFTS/University of Redlands Graduate School of Theology. She holds a Ph.D. in religious education from Union Presbyterian Seminary and a Ed.M. from Harvard University. Charlene is married to James Lee, president of International Theological Seminary, and they are parents to two college-aged daughters and a young son!

**Thursday, March 30, 2023**

**4:00 PM**



## **Elizabeth Nordquist**

### **A Reflection on Women in the Church in Our Time, Our Place.**

In our lifetime we have seen the locations of women in the Church evolve with the changing of the times. Elizabeth will share her view, having lived in and served the Church in Southern California, where she began, where she was called and what she hopes and dreams for the uncharted days ahead.

Elizabeth Nordquist is the retired Director of Student Services and Associate Professor of Spirituality at San Francisco Theological Seminary in Southern California. On the faculty of SFTS/SC she taught the Introduction of Ministry courses, the Internship Integration courses, and courses in spirituality. She was a pastor in several churches in the Presbytery of the Pacific from 1983-1997. She presently has a ministry of spiritual direction, as well as preaches and teaches locally and around the country. She was trained in spiritual direction in the Diploma of the Art of Spiritual Direction at SFTS, concurrently with earning her D.Min. She now worships at Westwood Presbyterian Church in Westwood, Los Angeles.

She recommends reading 2 Timothy 1: 5-7.