

July 9, 2023 (562) 531-6820

connecting people to Jesus, people, and God's mission



# éctHope

Project Hope serves our local community with a weekly Food Bank distribution every Friday from 8-10am at 8206 Alondra Blvd.

Additional Giving Opportunities Stock, Real Estate, and other assets

Donor-Advised Fund Estate Planning If you are interested, please contact Ruth Zymkowitz at ruth.zymkowitz@erc.la



Join us in the Sanctuary or on YouTube & Facebook at 7pm every Wednesday.

English: 9am 10:30am 12pm 6pm | Spanish: 10:30am 12pm | Nepalese: 9:30am

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### Additional Giving Opportunities

Vision Fund offering July 16

### Weekly Offering

YTD Offering: \$1,682,397.16 YTD Budget: \$1,640,952.00

Last Week's Offering: \$47,144.78 2023 Weekly Budget: \$60,766.00 Scan to

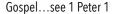


## A LITTLE STONE... IN GOD'S HOUSE

-Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-11

- 1. Simon (Peter) becomes God's "LITTLE STONE"
  - through Jesus Christ
  - Key text MK 1:14-18, MTW 16:13-28, John 18:15-27, John 21
- 2. Simon (Peter) lives like a "LITTLE STONE"
  - See Acts ch.1 to ch. 12
- 3. Simon (Peter) says to us...
  - as a Spiritual Father
  - through the Holy Spirit

IT'S YOUR TURN...you now-LIVE LIKE A "LITTLE STONE" in God's House



Receive the Gospel of Jesus Christ

See 1 Peter 1:1-2 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To **God's elect**, strangers in the world, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the **Father**, through the sanctifying work of the **Spirit**, for obedience to **Jesus Christ** and sprinkling **by his blood**: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

See 1 Peter 1:18-19 For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that **you were redeemed** from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the **precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish** or defect.

Gospel Response...see 1 Peter 2 - by the Holy Spirit

### a. Live like a LITTLE STONE in God's House

1 Peter 2:4-6 As you come to him, **the living Stone**-- rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him-- you also, **like living stones**, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a **stone** in Zion, a chosen and precious **cornerstone**, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame."

### b. Live like a LITTLE LIGHT in God's World

1 Peter 2:8-10 "A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the message--which is also what they were destined for. But you are a **chosen people**, a **royal priesthood**, a **holy nation**, a **people belonging to God**, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his **wonderful light**. Once you were not a people, but now you are the **people of God**; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

### c. Live **LITTLE LIVES** of **God's Goodness**...to God's Glory.

1 Peter 2:11-12 Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to <u>abstain</u> from sinful desires, which war against your soul. <u>Live such good lives</u> among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they <u>may see your good deeds</u> and <u>glorify God</u> on the day he visits us.

