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# EMMANUEL

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

## CURRENT CHURCH PLANTS

Pat & Julie Dirkse | Arnoldo & Viviana Escobar  
City Church of Compton | Compton - est.2009

Larry & Carol Barber  
Church of Grace Garden Grove - est.2011

Samuel Alvarado  
Iglesia La Nueva Familia South LA - est.2012

Navin & Pabitra Bhandari  
US Nepalese Christian Church Paramount - est.2012

Javier & Jenni Alcaraz  
La Roca, Panorama City, CA- 2013

Cristobal & Virginia Caro  
Iglesia Cristiana Evangelica Elohim, Mexico est.2007

Rudy & Edna Rubio  
Reformed Church of Los Angeles Lynwood est.2018

Jonathan & Charrise Mathew  
Compton est.2018

## CHURCH PLANTS SUPPORTED

Tommy & Fatimah Forester  
Epiphany Fellowship South LA - est.2016

## NEW PLANTS OF OUR CLASSIS

Chris Marquez  
Reformed Church Of LA, Wilmington est.2020

## PRAYER & WORSHIP

ONLINE & IN PERSON

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



AGES 18-39. FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:  
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Our Christian sympathy to the family of Gerrit and Diana VandenBrink and family on the passing of Diana's father, Don Rutledge, on Saturday, January 15th.

Our Christian sympathy to Larry and Tanya McKown and family on the passing of Tanya's brother, Jamey John Salcido, on Thursday, January 13th.

English: 9am 10:30am 12pm 6pm | Spanish: 10:30am 12pm | Nepalese: 9:30am  
(sanctuary) (activity center) (blue building)

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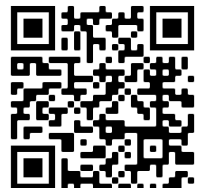
Additional Giving Opportunities  
Vision Fund offering January 16

### Weekly Offering

YTD Offering: \$107,994.59  
YTD Budget: \$178,998.00

Last Week's Offering: \$34,365.61  
2022 Weekly Budget: \$59,666.00

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## Title: Dating & Cohabitation

To bless other people is to seek their welfare both now and forever in the name of Jesus

- Scripture Reading: Mark 12:28-34

### What does it mean to be “blessed” in our dating?

When is the right age to date?

- When you’re old enough to deal with the emotional/sexual pressures of dating

- A popular question is “how far is too far?”. A better question is how can I “bless” God, myself and others in dating?

### Is cohabitation biblical?

Reasons people cohabitate

- To see if we’re compatible
- To save money
- We love each other

Cohabitors are

- twice as likely to report domestic violence
- much more likely to cheat on their partner
- have lower earnings and savings
- experience more disagreements and fights

Cohabiting men are:

- less likely to help with chores around the house
  - more likely to engage in high-risk behavior
- Glenn T. Stanton, *The Ring Makes All the Difference*

- Love defined by Jesus (John 15:9-13)

Science behind God’s design

- For women: oxytocin - attachment chemical
- For men: vasopressin, dubbed “monogamy molecule”

- 1 Corinthians 6:15-19

### Time of Reflection

For Parents: Pray for an opportunity to discuss dating with your children

For those desiring to date: What godly values are you looking for in a potential date? Plan a conversation with someone who is married to discuss what godly dating means to them. Ask them to share what went well and what they would do differently.

For those dating: Pray that God would show you how to bless your significant other? How can you love them by putting their well-being ahead of your own desires?

For those cohabitating: Pray that God would give you an opportunity to discuss marriage, living apart, and seeking mentorship as you follow Jesus.

### Couples Ministry - seriously dating, engaged and married

- Sundays at 9am/1030am
- Tuesdays at 6pm