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New enrollment director joins SFTS/Southern California

San Anselmo, Calif., June 12 – Rev. Wendy Tajima has been appointed Associate Director of Enrollment/Southern California. She will begin July 1.

Rev. Tajima (M.Div '97) earned a bachelor's degree in political science and women's studies at Stanford University and an MBA from UCLA. She is currently a Doctor of Ministry candidate at SFTS. Before being ordained in 1997, she worked in marketing for Apple Computer and completed her internship at Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles, where she and the Rev. Frank Alton began the now thriving Hispanic Ministry.

Tajima served in Hawaii as pastor and associate conference minister (associate executive presbyter) for the United Church of Christ. Tajima has dual standing with the United Church of Christ and the Presbyterian Church USA.

Tajima, originally from Altadena, Calif., comes from a very distinguished family in the Presbyterian Church. She grew up in the Altadena Presbyterian Church.

Tajima's grandfather was the Rev. Kengo Tajima, former pastor of the Pasadena Union Church, which became the Altadena Presbyterian Church. Tajima's uncle was the Rev. Donald Toriumi, an SFTS alum. Her father is Elder Ted Tajima, an elder in San Gabriel Presbytery who continues to serve on many presbytery, synod, and general assembly committees.

Tajima brings a variety of experiences to the enrollment position that will help bring the SFTS/Southern California campus to the next level of service and ministry to the Church.

"Rev. Tajima comes to the position with a wealth of experience," says the Rev. Dr. Kyle Matsumoto Burch, associate dean of enrollment. "We are excited to have her in Pasadena and believe she will really improve our enrollment efforts at the Southern California campus."

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