



SANTA CLARITA, CA

Rev. Lee Irons

Santa Clarita United Reformed Church is a church plant under the oversight of First URC Chino in Classis Southwest US.

It is located in the City of Santa Clarita, California, in the northeast region of Los Angeles County. The city is the third largest in Los Angeles County and has a population of 228,000.

The work began in 2019 as a Sunday evening Bible study in Michael and Kimberly Kiledjian’s home. Sunday worship services began in 2020. A few years later, the church moved to a more permanent, public facility with room to grow. This location is a 6,000-foot rental space already built out to accommodate a church.

Last year, the Rev. Dr. Lee Irons was ordained and installed as the church planting pastor. This was a significant step forward for the church plant and, together with the move to the new location, has



provided an impetus for growth. Dr. Irons faithfully ministers the Word of God to the congregation each Lord’s Day and offers pastoral care for the many needs within the body. Since many are new to the Reformed

faith, the church plant takes special care to catechize the youth as well as the adults, providing them with a grounding in the theology of the Reformed Confessions.

One of the exciting things about the church plant is its location near The Master’s University. We have received five students from the University into membership and continue to receive a steady flow of visitors. At the beginning of the fall semester, we sought and were granted permission to be represented at the church fair that the University puts on to encourage students to become involved in a local church. In addition, we have initiated a ministry called Friday Night Academy to reach out to the students and other adults in the community exploring the Reformed faith. This fall, Dr. Irons is lecturing on “Hermeneutics and Eschatology.”

Our membership has been steadily growing. Due to the growing demand, new member classes are held twice a year, in the spring and in the fall. We now have seven families comprising 30 professing and two baptized members.

This past summer, we held an eight-week training class for potential office bearers. As a result of that class, several men are being considered for nomination as elders and deacons. We

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URCNA MISSIONS & PASTORS’ CONFERENCE

All URCNA members and their families are invited to share in a time of refreshment and encouragement at the 2025 URCNA Missions and Pastors’ Conference. Come and enjoy challenging messages, sweet fellowship, and amazing food as we look at the theme, “Joy in the Harvest.”

WHEN: March 17–20, 2025

WHERE: Bonclarken Conference Center, Flat Rock, North Carolina

MAIN SPEAKERS: Rev. Paul Murphy, Rev. Eric Watkins, and Rev. Chad Vegas

For more information or to register, please contact urcnamissions@gmail.com



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anticipate a transition period during which we will still be under the oversight of First URC Chino but with office bearers appointed to serve at Santa Clarita.

We are grateful for the generous financial support from Classis Southwest and many churches throughout the federation. We also deeply appreciate First URC Chino's oversight and support.

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VENTURA, CA

Rev. Adam Kaloostian



We greet you warmly from Ventura Reformed, the URCNA church plant on the US West Coast in Ventura, California!

We have enjoyed coming to know Bruke, who was born to nominally Christian parents who emigrated from Africa to eastern Canada. Bruke was born in Canada and after university he went to medical school at Howard in Washington DC. Working through the catechism, we are now in the throes of discussion about infant baptism and I think we both are invigorated by it. Dr. Bruke is in the final couple years of his intern program at a local hospital.

Two other newer families who started visiting more regularly needed our support and encouragement for them to move on. In one case, they live 45 minutes away, and have three children under two, and in other ways also are trying to find their footing. We directed them to an OPC church much closer to their house. In the other case, a young family's exploration of Reformed church must take a backseat to pressing matters best worked through

in their familiar spiritual context. Through these families' time with us, disappointing as it is for us to see them move on, the Lord is teaching us that he wants us cheerfully always first to seek his glory and what's best for others, regardless of "what it means for us". Of course this makes me even more thankful for the stability we do have- an active group overall, with no less than five men among us who evidence the life, doctrine, and gifts of potential elders and deacons.

We are commencing our Fall facility renovations project. The breaking bathrooms will be gutted and redone; also necessary are some boring infrastructure repairs and a bit of fun de-Lutheranizing in the sanctuary.

Thank you for your faithful prayers, encouragement, and financial support. Please visit us or mail us at:

78 Chrisman Ave., Ventura, CA, 93001, or email us at adam.kaloostian@venturareformed.org, or call or text us at **(805) 535-5502**. We would love to see you or hear from you!



On a summer Sunday we specially invited visitors and had a BBQ after. Adam spent some extra time explaining the elements of worship for non-Christian visitors and people from other traditions.



Here are a couple of the guys hauling stuff outside for our recent blowout clearance yard sale. In our since-February official home, we continue to clean out almost one hundred years of leftover Sunday School curriculum and choir music and moth-chomped robes. Check out this creepy surprise Adam found in the back corner of an office closet.

