



DAILY PROCEEDINGS

California-Pacific Annual Conference

“New Ministries: New People ~ New Places”

**University of Redlands
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Thursday, June 17, 2010

Gathering of Orders: What Nourishes Us Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

The Orders of Ministry gathered informally around round tables with an open buffet of fruits and cheese. Rev. Greg Norton led the gathering in singing, “To God Be the Glory” UMH 98, “Together We Serve” FWS 2175, and “You Who Are Thirsty” FWS 2132. Bishop Mary Ann Swenson offered the pastoral prayer with joys and concerns shared by the gathering. She indicated that in preparation for this gathering, she prayed for each clergy by name from the list in the journal.

Rev. Molly Vetter addressed the gathering. She encouraged all clergy to help younger ministers by providing counseling and giving advice. Molly then introduced Marjorie Suchocki, retired professor from Claremont School of Theology. She led the Bible study, centered on Psalm 139. What nourishes us? The presence of God’s love is with you at all times when things are good and when situations are not so good. Marjorie also referenced John 14, the Spirit of Truth, indicating that the Spirit nourishes us by being a helper. With the Spirit, we are able to help others.

Rev. Greg Norton introduced three speakers to share their stories. Rev. Sheena Trotter-Dennis spoke of her covenant group whereby breaking bread together and spending time together is a source of renewal. It is a time of holy listening and prayer. The gathering shared around their tables responses to the question: What nourishes you in your professional life?

Rev. William DeBos shared about the challenge of being an introvert, but called to be an extrovert in ministry. He finds solace in the quietness of gardening. He identifies his struggle as a juggling act of keeping his relationship with God, the church, and his family afloat. He recognized the grace of God that allows him to keep the three spinning. The gathered shared responses to the question: What nourishes you in your personal life?

Rev. Tonya Harris shared about God’s presence in her journey of going home to Houston, Texas. She shared her concern about her new appointment and her family situations. She added that God speaks in different ways in life. In those times, we are nourished. The gathered shared responses to the question: What nourishes you in your relationship with God?

After singing, “Surely the Presence of the Lord,” Rev. Faith Conklin spoke on the significance of the anointing ministry. Bishop Swenson led the liturgy of anointing with oil. Psalm 130 and Matthew 11:28-30 were read among members of the Orders. The gathered shared the experience of anointing one another. Rev. Tia Wildermuth offered a prayer, followed by the Lord’s Prayer. The body sang the hymn, “Hymn of Promise,” and was dismissed with a benediction.

PRAYER Frances E. Willard

ALMIGHTY AND MERCIFUL GOD

Replenish us with heavenly grace according to our need, so that the law of kindness still shall dwell in our hearts and on our tongues, and charity that love which vaunteth not itself, is not easily provoked, doth not behave itself unseemly control every action.

May the spirit of Christ rule and reign in our hearts, making them tender, true, teachable. Enable us more and more to sympathize with the poor, and to take sides, for thy sake, and for the sake of love and justice, with all those whom men would use, and abuse, and spoil, and destroy.

Save us from being hedged about by the artificial boundaries of states and nations. May the whole world be our parish and to do good our religion. Blessed indeed are the inclusive, for they shall be included.

Keep us mindful that for every Christian man who has a voice in making and enforcing laws there are at least two Christian women who have no voice at all. Still let our faith fail not. Let us stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, until the time when we shall all be free in this life on earth.

Lead us toward that day when the great world-mind, tutored and taught, will lend its mighty force to each child of humanity, and enfold each baby that is born; to the day when the great world-hand will open itself, and every living creature be fed.

Help us to be considerate and patient, to pray for and speak gently of those who in our judgment, have done injustice to our motives, our record and our character. In time may we agree to disagree and go without bitterness. We know that a soft answer turneth away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger, and we pray thee to fill our mouths with soft answers in these wrathful days!

O Thou who rulest above, help us that our lives may be valuable, that some other human beings shall yet thank Thee that we have lived and toiled!

Bless all thy servants in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. May our gospel temperance work be a channel for thy heavenly light to penetrate the gloom of the individual tempted heart, illumine its darkness, wait its hardness, make it a sweet and sunny place, a temple filled with thy holy spirit.

Bless the home that husband and wife might be peers in dignity and power under the rule of Christ.

Bless this gathering of clergy and church leaders that we may be faithful to thy ways. Encourage us in our devotion and undergird us in our sacrifice. Touch our hearts that we might bring to pass a true spirit of equality in our worship and in our work as followers of thy blessed son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

May we not take thy presence as a matter of course. Rather, we pray, open us to thy spirit which comes to all of us anew each day broadly and brightly as the sunshine comes giving us warmth and cheer and joy in the midst of our trials and tribulations. Enable us to say at last, as a fact and not just a dream: Thou, our God, art One, and we all are thy children. AMEN

(Assembled and written by Marjorie Casebier McCoy from various thoughts and statements expressed by Frances E. Willard in her writings: Glimpses of Fifty Years and Women in the Pulpit by Frances E. Willard; The Life of Frances E. Willard by Anna A. Gordon.)

Laity Orientation Session
Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

Lay members gathered in the Chapel where Sid Wilson opened the session with prayer. Ken Ellis, Conference Lay Leader, headed the session.

Dan Gara, Director of Finance and Administration, informed the session that his staff are available in the Melrose Building for answering any questions regarding the apportionments, pensions, health insurance, moving expenses, or other treasury issues.

In the form of a skit, Mele Maka, Santa Barbara District Lay Leader, and Sid invited us to have “open minds, open hearts, and open spirits,” even if we sometimes feel lost and confused.

Rev. Tom Hower provided safety instructions as well as informing us to dress light and drink plenty of water. Most of all, he invited members to partake in spiritual renewal through prayer and worship, including the 5:45 a.m. prayer sessions.

Revs. Kirsten Oh, Sam Yun, and Sue d’Alessio discussed Learning Circles. The learning circles introduce the theme of the Conference -- New Ministries for New People in New Places. People from around the country who are skilled practitioners in these areas will lead these sessions. You will be able to converse with others about how your church might already be doing this or might begin to move into new ministries.

Eva Thai and Bob Rhodes discussed the Legislative Sections in detail. This year, there are 31 pieces of action requiring votes. Instructions on voting and making motions will be provided again during the plenary session.

Recommendations, Resolutions, and Petitions:

A Recommendation is an action item presented within the report or related to the reports of councils, boards, commission, committees, or agencies. These are voted separately by the Annual Conference or adopted within the report as a whole.

Resolutions – Requests for approval on matters of policy or position may be brought before the Annual Conference from councils, boards, commissions, committees, or agencies of the Conference, and/or at least fifteen (15) lay and/or clergy members of the Annual Conference. These action items are voted by the Annual Conference or in the Legislation Sections.

Petition – Any person, group, local congregation, District, or other entity related to the United Methodist Church – except a council, board, commission, committee, or agency of the Annual Conference, may initiate business of the Annual Conference through the petition process. These are voted on by the Conference or at the Legislative Sections.

Motion – These are requests for Conference action presented by any member of the Conference during a Plenary Session of the Conference. They can be spontaneous and must be submitted in writing. A copy should be given to the Bishop prior to making the motion.

There are 31 action items (pieces of legislation) this year. The 31 action items will be split up into the Legislation Sections. The Legislation Sections are mini Plenary Sessions. They are made up equally of

clergy and laity. The Legislative Sections do not decide on an issue, but makes a recommendation to the body of the conference. The results are compiled into a single document called a consent calendar.

The legislative items for each Legislative Sections will be posted by 1:00 p.m. today in the tent outside of the chapel and in the Irvine Commons (cafeteria area).

Legislative items can be removed from the Consent Calendar by making a motion with at least 50 people supporting it. You may only vote in the section to which you are assigned. Your assigned section is listed on the bottom left hand corner of your nametag.

In each Legislative Section, a great deal of detailed information will be given then. They are scheduled for Friday at 2:00 p.m.

Microphone etiquette is guided by Robert's Rules of Order. There are 6 microphones. If you are speaking in regards to a motion, please hold a up paddle and choose the corresponding color: paddles – Motion (Yellow) In favor (Blue), Against (Red), Question (Yellow). Bishop will call on you and the microphone will be switched on.

Please state your name, church or organization, and position. You have 2 minutes maximum to speak and there is a timer on each side of the stage.

The Board of Laity encouraged the laity to attend the Laity Convocation. As a way to grow in serving, they encouraged laity to be a part of the Academy for Certified Lay Ministry and in Lay Speaking Ministries.

Rev. Tom Hower closed the session with prayer and benediction at noon.

Laity Session Thursday, 2:00 p.m.

Lay members of Annual Conference gathered in the Memorial Chapel where they were welcomed by Ken Ellis, Conference Lay Leader. The Laity Session was called to order at 2:02 p.m.

Ken Ellis introduced Rev. Cedrick Bridgeforth, District Superintendent of Los Angeles, to open in prayer. Ken introduced Rev. Craig Brown, the speaker for the Laity Session. He opened with the song "Lost" by Coldplay. After his introduction, Craig spoke about ways to include those that are lost in our church. He outlined that the lost are: misguided, lost by accident, and lost on purpose. He focused on scripture from Luke 15 and the three stories of lost things. He illustrated ways to evoke the themes of conference in the local church with 1) New people: are the people of your community reflected in your congregation? 2) New Places: church is more than a building, what sacrifice are we willing to make to go into new places? 3) New Ministry: Is the ministry you are providing relevant to those you are serving?

The floor was opened up to questions three times. After each section of questions, people were asked to share their discussions on the open microphone. Craig gave a sending forth.

Ken Ellis closed the session at 4:04 p.m.

Clergy Executive Session
Thursday, 2:00 p.m.

Bishop Mary Ann Swenson called the Clergy Session in the Orton Center to order at 2:04 p.m. She invited the body to sing the hymn, “Are We Yet Alive.” Leandro Marcos offered the opening prayer.

Bishop Swenson introduced the Conference Secretary Rev. Dan Lewis and the Parliamentarian Rev. Preston Price. She clarified the rules according to the Book of Discipline regarding who may be present during the Clergy Session and requested special permission for lay people Gail Kendall, Wes Davis and Cathy Wilson to be present due to their conference responsibilities. She thanked the Board of Ordained Ministry for their collective work and a special thanks to those completing their work. The Bishop announced that Rev. Derek Nakano will be appointed to a church in another Annual Conference in January. Rev. Anna Mulford will be sharing leadership as Derek prepares for his change location.

Bishop Swenson expressed concerns regarding barriers keeping many Local Pastors of Latino and Pacific Islander backgrounds from gaining full connection status. She asked that the Board seek to minimize these barriers and facilitate better access for faithful pastors of those populations.

Acknowledgement for the pastors who were retiring was given. The Bishop also acknowledged those who have died. Acknowledgement was also given to all clergy present for their responses and dedication to God’s call, reminding the clergy of their mutual covenant for accountability and support of each other.

Bishop Swenson spoke about a book by Reggie McNeil which describes “Missional” as a way of living; Bishop Swenson expressed her desire for clergy to be Missional in their ministries. She emphasized the importance of being connectional and provided insight on how important it is for us to embrace the concept of Missional in their efforts to offer the gospel to the world.

Bishop Swenson introduced Rev. Derek Nakano, Chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry. Derek shared the overarching of the responsibility of the Board of Ordained Ministry emphasizing the need to rely on the presence of God to perform the discerning work of the Board of Ordained Ministry and the lives of the candidates. Derek shared that, The Board, in completing its work and hearing the voice of God, has experienced an epiphany that their work goes farther and deeper in the partnership of those who have been called to ministry. He introduced the restructured/revised Residency In Ministry (RIM) to create a more effective process that will allow them to see the growth of the candidate, so that growth and effective praxis can truly be assessed.

Derek introduced Rev. Anna Mulford to lead the Clergy Session through the Disciplinary Questions. Anna thanked Secretary Cathy Wilson for all her work with the Board.

Candidates for Provisional Membership and Commissioning and those to be Ordained in Full Connection were presented.

Provisional Membership (DQ28): Annchue Chengsaksri, Catherine Michele Johns, Carol Van Buskirk, and Colleen Windham-Hughes were elected to Provisional Membership and Commissioning in the Deacon Track. Rev. Rosemary Davis offered prayer for these candidates. Those elected to Provisional Membership and Commissioning in the Elder Track were Stacy Christine Dickson, Robert Deas English, Sarah Kathleen Heath, Soon Jeong Kang, Andrew Soon Lee, Moonyoung Kathryn Lee, Erin Maddox

McPhee, Samuel S. Nam, Sunyoung Park, and Stephen J. Wilson. Rev. Melissa MacKinnon offered a prayer for those elected to Provisional Membership in the Elder Track.

Full Connection (DQ33): John B. Kwan was elected for Ordination as Deacon in Full Connection. Lincoln Galloway, Tonya Harris, Sunyoung Lee, Andrew Mattick, David McGlocklin, Luan-Vu Nhu Tran, and Sheena C. Trotter-Dennis were elected for Ordination as Elder in Full Connection. Rev. John Woodall prayed for all those elected to Full Connection.

Transfers (DQ37): Rev. Gail Messner presented those transferring into our Annual Conference from other Conferences or Denominations. These were Sei-Hwan Kim, John Shaver, Mary Scifres, and Ashford Howard. Gail offered prayer for these persons.

Certified Candidates for Ordained Ministry (DQ19): Rev. JT Greenleaf presented the names of the certified candidates as listed in DQ19. JT offered a prayer for the candidates.

Local Pastors (DQ20-23): The Bishop moved to accept the list of those serving as Local Pastor. It was approved. Don Austin offered a prayer for these persons.

Disciplinary Questions 24-26 were approved and those clergy were asked to stand.

Administrative Review Committee (DQ18b): The list of names in DQ18b was presented. It was approved.

Discontinuance (DQ42): It was approved to terminate Conference Membership. Rev. John Woodall offered a prayer for those candidates in their time of transition. Rev. Anna Mulford indicated there was one person under review. This action did not require a vote.

Termination (DQ46b): Rev. Willie Foreman presented DQ46b. It was moved, second, and approved. Willie offered a prayer for the individual.

Rev. Rick Uhls shared that Rev. LLOYD Saatjian's name has been misprinted. He asked that the correct spelling be printed on the video.

Retirees (DQ 12-17): The list of names of this year's retirees was presented. It was moved, seconded, and approved.

Disciplinary Questions 65 and 76 were presented, moved, and approved.

Tom Griffith moved "this clergy covenant body direct our DS, as our leadership and supervisory representatives, to begin partial implementation of the proportional payment ruled found at Par622 of the 2008 Book of Discipline, to wit: If a local church has not paid 10% of its ministerial support apportionment by the end of 2010, the Superintendents shall not entertain any motion at that local church's charge conference to set the Pastor's compensational package any higher than his/her minimum equitable compensation level as determined at this Annual Conference session for year 2011, as recommended by the Commission of Equitable Compensation." The motion was not approved.

Health and Wellness: Rev. Leigh Ann Shaw introduced Ed Pienkosz, Health and Wellness Outreach Manager for the General Board of Pension and Health. The Virgin Healthmiles program was introduced and explained to the clergy body. Ed presented the State of Clergy Wellness, indicating many factors

impacting clergy wellness. According to the statistics: average clergy age is 52; lifestyle factors with multiple factors account for 70% of claim dollars; 54% account for multiple chronic conditions; 15% has at least one chronic condition. The current state of clergy health is 10.3% obesity.

The Clergy Executive Session was adjourned with a prayer by Rev. Natalie Houghtby-Haddon at 4:34 p.m.

Call to Order and Opening Worship
Celebration of the Spirit with Many Voices
June 17, 2010

Bishop Swenson welcomed the Conference to worship.

“Annual Conference is the time we gather to conference together as the Cal-Pac Conference of the United Methodist Church. In the name and Spirit of Jesus Christ, we are here to order the life of our church and ministries, and to worship God together. All we do here in these days ahead, is done in the context of worship and in the greater context of following God’s vision for who we are to be as disciples of Jesus Christ, transforming the world making a difference with our Wesley Code in our zip code being the people of God’s abundant life and love being the cup overflowing creating new places and new ministries for new people!

You will recall that when I was privileged to return for another 4 years I went from place to place declaring my desire to go deeper in Christ deeper in prayer deeper in attending to the ordinances of God and broader farther in our Missional outreach. We are called to live our discipleship for the sake of God’s mission in the world. Living out that commitment is why Rev. Hong is here. I know no one else on planet earth with more integrity, living deeply immersed in prayer, daily walking in the Wesleyan way, and profoundly capable of assisting us to become more faithful as a corporate community of disciples in our region.

The Bupyeong congregation began in 1940. Rev. Hong’s father was the pastor. It was a small rural region. Now it is the center of the urban world with 4000 adult members in the congregation and 2200 children. Their early morning prayer services average 4200 people weekly.

This prayer tradition began in Korea in the early 1900's. People prayed in repentance. Revival came. The Holy Spirit descended upon the people and Korea was transformed.

We desire to live as disciples in such a way that the world is transformed. So, we are all invited back into this chapel at 5:45 a.m. the next three mornings to sing praises to God, read scripture, hear the message, and lift our voices in prayer before we go to breakfast

I thought of saying that I wouldn’t recognize anyone at a microphone in plenary that I hadn’t seen at early morning prayer. That’s how committed I am to having this conference wrapped in prayer, seeking God’s will for us, listening for when, where, and how the Divine Will can guide us toward new ministries for new people in new places.

I implore whomever you are go to your knees before God in prayer this week. Listen for God’s voice guiding your life and action.

As we move into worship together, you are invited to let go of all the details and distractions in your life. Breathe deeply and allow God’s Spirit to fill you. You are invited to this Time of Centering as a time of

opening to God's presence and God's life-giving Spirit. God's Spirit is moving among us! Listen! Breathe deeply! Open your hearts and minds and lives in worship of our living God!"

The Bishop then centered the congregation in prayer and led us into a time of silence. After the silence the Anklun Musicians from Rosewood UMC played as the service transitioned into worship.

Suanne Ware-Diaz led the congregation in the Call to the Spirit, where she led the congregation in a directional prayer and helped the congregation bring their minds together as one to give thanks to God.

Rev. Dr. Eunice Musa Iliya led the congregation in a Nigerian hymn entitled, "Wa Wa Wa Emimimo" (translated to "Come, O Holy Spirit, Come") which was accompanied by the Nigerian Singers of Bellflower UMC on a video.

A dramatic reading of Acts 2 was read by a number of people on the floor of the chapel. The reading was punctuated by the instruments of the Anklun choir.

The Gathering Hymn was "Gather Us In".

Rev. Jane Voigts performed an Ancient witness which she dramatized with humor and truth. Four contemporary witnesses followed.

Ed Hanson, who is a retired pastor from Hollywood UMC, gave a witness on what it is like to be a gay man in today's world. He also spoke on what the future holds for gay and lesbian persons.

Don Leifer, a Lay member from San Bernardino UMC, gave a witness on how adopting a local school and helping the school has led to the revitalization of his church.

A group of young people from various churches shared how youth activities have affected their lives. A director of young adults expressed what it meant to minister to young adults.

Jackie Vives, who is a member of the Hispanic Ministries, gave a witness via a video feed about her experiences of evangelizing successfully and beginning a growing ministry to be a prophetic voice to the community. Rev. Vilma Cruz, pastor of Pico Union, spoke more on the work of the Hispanic Ministry.

The Affirmation was written and led by Nestor Gerente.

The offering was taken to support UMCOR in providing relief for those affected by the tornadoes in the southern U.S. and for earthquake relief in Haiti and Chile. The offertory song was sung by the Fiji Choir of Westchester UMC.

The Bishop led the congregation in a prayer of thanksgiving and gave the benediction at 8:56 p.m.

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May 4, 2010 (*Rev. May 5, 2010*)

Columbus, Ohio. - The United Methodist Council of Bishops announced today that only five* of 32 amendments to the church's constitution passed by the 2008 General Conference have been ratified by the annual conferences. The ratified amendments will become effective immediately.

The process for amending the Constitution of The United Methodist Church requires a two-thirds majority vote of General Conference delegates. Annual conferences must then ratify the amendments by a two-thirds affirmative vote. The results of the voting are reported to the Council on Bishops, where they are verified and counted. The results are then reviewed and certified by the Council of Bishops.

Anyone with a question about the amendments may contact InfoServ, the denomination's official information service, at infoserv@umcom.org. Visit UMC.org to see the [amendments in full](#). - http://www.umc.org/site/c.IwL4KnN1LtH/b.4989481/k.E3AA/2008_Constitutional_Amendments.htm

Friday, June 18, 2010

Tongsung Kido Early Morning Prayer Friday, 5:45 a.m.

Rev. Eugene Han welcomed the congregation to the early morning prayer service. He invited those unfamiliar with Tongsung Kido to participate in a new experience. He led the gathering with an opening prayer.

Eugene introduced a guest praise team from the Joosarang Korean Mission Church in El Monte. They led the congregation in singing "Here I Am to Worship," "Jesus Loves Me," and "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus."

On behalf of the Korean Caucus, Rev. Eugene Han was honored to introduce the Rev. Eun Pa Hong, senior pastor of the Bupyeong Church in Korea. He invited the congregation to greet Rev. Hong in a Korean manner of shouting out, "Hallelujah!"

Translated by Rev. Judy Chung, the Rev. Eun Pa Hong sincerely expressed God's blessing upon everyone gathered in this early morning. Rev. Hong shared that his father was a Methodist minister. Since early childhood, he was surrounded by people of faith. There are about thirty pastors within his extended family, including a Methodist Bishop. So from an early age, he was taught to worship well. However, he refused to become a pastor. Back then, pastors were usually very poor and his home church was fairly small. Because he was one of eight siblings, not only was his father's church small, but his family was too large. It was a challenge to sustain a daily living. Also back then, there were several members of the church who made the pastor's life difficult. But his father kept insisting that he become a pastor. He was determined not to become a pastor. So he studied hard to be accepted at any university in Korea and not enter the ministry. However, his father said that since Eun Pa was the eldest and the first son, he was to be dedicated to God.

Then he had a particular experience while still in high school. The brightest of his friends invited him during summer vacation to go on a prayer journey. Since he was such a smart person, Eun Pa wanted to follow him. So he asked where he would go to pray. His friend said, "to the mountain!" He never had an experience of going up to the mountain to pray. But since he admired his friend so much, he decided to follow him up the mountain. So he and three others went up to pray. There he noticed that his friends were able to pray for two, three hours at a time. Eun Pa knew only how to pray for five minutes. The more the friends prayed, he noticed that their prayers were being answered. It was the first time that he honestly asked, "Is God for real?" So he became determined to pray harder. If he made a deal that if he would be convinced of God's real presence in prayer, then he would become a minister. For a week, he prayed with all his strength. But there was no answer, and so he returned home uncertain of his faith in God.

But then his heart began troubled and wondered, why it was that when his friends prayed, answers would come clearly, but not for him. So he went the church to pray again. For three months, he diligently tried praying harder. One night around ten o'clock, as he was praying, he lifted his hands in the air and he cried out, "God, are you there?" "If you can convince me that you are there, I will devote my life to you!" Suddenly, he felt as if a huge fireball from heaven fell down upon him. Until then, he never felt Jesus was in his heart. But then, he felt his heart becoming strangely warm. Hymns of praise began spilling out of his mouth, and his whole being was filled with joy. He believes that Jesus entered in him at that moment and the Kingdom of God was made real. His life became transformed through prayer. He received an assurance to pray that if he prayed, Jesus would always be with him.

So then he went to seminary. He was number one in his class, since he was used to studying so hard. Since then, he has always been in the habit of waking at five in the morning to pray. He prayed two hours each day, eager to see Jesus. Whenever he prayed, he felt Jesus very close to him. He then became a pastor. He took over the church that his father was pastor for thirty years. The church, however, was not very large. So he began to pray. He prayed that the Spirit would fill the church. One day he noticed that the choir director came to church intoxicated. He directed the choir while under the influence. Rev. Hong became concerned that the choir would follow the director. So he prayed to God for help. Then one day, he noticed tears flowing down the choir director's eyes while in worship. Hallelujah! The director received Christ in his heart and his life became transformed. He became a person of prayer. He prayed fervently and whenever he directed the choir thereafter, people became inspired. The spirit moved through the choir like fire, and the choir began to grow in number. Soon the fire spread to the Sunday school teachers. People began praying throughout the congregation. The number within Sunday school grew to over 1500. And all that he did was just pray.

In Korea, people pray by crying aloud. “Ju-Yeo! Ju-Yeo! Ju-Yeo!” At first, people within his church did not know how to pray. But as they kept praying, the length grew from ten minutes to hours. It became evident that people’s lives were transforming. Tears flowed from their eyes and the way they worshipped began to change. They began devoting themselves to the ministry and to serve one another. The offering grew as people began tithing.

As the church began to vitalize, there was one parishioner who gave him a hard time. But God told him to pray for this person. Then one day a call came that this man had collapsed. Hallelujah! He thanked the Lord. But a call came again. The man had revived, but something was different. He became a new person through his incident. He began greatly supporting the ministry. In time, he became ill due to old age. At his deathbed, he called Rev. Hong and told him that he was on his way to God, but as his last act on earth, he sold his home and had given everything to the church. He wished he could support the ministry more. Tear flowed from Rev. Hong’s eyes. He never imagined this parishioner could change so dramatically.

Acts 1:4, “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait there for the promise of the Father.” The Scripture commands that they should gather together and pray fervently. The church was born as the disciples gathered and prayed together. The people of Rev. Hong’s church gather for prayer every morning. About two thousand people gather each day, praying with hands raised high and crying out to God, “Lord, Lord, Lord!” He has seen the power of the Holy Spirit work when people gather in prayer. He believes that even churches in America can witness to God’s power if we wait in prayer. When the Israelites circled the walled of Jericho, for seven days they prayed to God. Rev. Hong urged the congregation to rise early each day to pray to God. As the walls of Jericho came tumbling down, every obstacle within our lives can be overcome with prayer. Let us pray together. Christ called us to be a people of prayer. Most churches in Korea have early morning prayer at 5:00 am. Although Korea is a small nation and it does not have many natural resources, God blesses it richly. There are still challenges today particularly by North Korea, but South Korea responds by being a praying nation. God has always been the protector. People pray in the morning and evening. Rev. Hong urged everyone to pray without ceasing throughout the entire day. Hallelujah!

Rev. Kirsten Oh explained the concept of Tongsung Kido. In Korean, Tongsung Kido means to pray in unison aloud. The experience of Tongsung Kido is one where the people pray by raising their hands in the air and calling upon the name of the Lord. Koreans cry out “Ju-Yeo!” which mean “Lord.” Kirsten guided the congregation with a ringing of a bell. She instructed the people to pray by giving thanks to God for all the blessings we have. She then rang the bell and invited the congregation to pray for the nations, the leaders of the world, and the global society. She then led the people to pray for the church and its leaders. Lastly, she invited everyone to pray for our individual needs.

Tongsung Kido was concluded by praying the Lord’s Prayer in unison. Kirsten indicated that after the service, the Chapel would be open for those who wish to continue in prayer.

Plenary 2 **Friday, 8:30 a.m.**

Rev. Greg Norton and the Praise Team led the body in singing.

Call to Order. Bishop Swenson called the session to order at 8:35 a.m. She greeted the body with the following remarks:

“As we gather together for another session of our Annual Conference, we are reminded of our deep roots in the Wesleyan heritage. We gather not only for the purpose of embracing our connectional identity, but also to be faithful in our life of worship and spiritual growth together.

Like the first century church that met often to "devote themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayers, we as the people of the California-Pacific Annual Conference gather together this week for more than just the "business" of the church. We are here, by the grace of God, to experience the power and presence of the Holy Spirit through dynamic times of singing, praying, listening, studying, and being in fellowship with one another.”

Bishop Swenson noted that there are 200 people attending this year’s annual conference for the first time. She also recognized those who have been here the longest by having those persons stand. The Bishop noted that this is the Twenty-Sixth Annual Conference Session of the California-Pacific Annual Conference, created out of the Pacific and Southwest Annual Conference. She also referenced in our historical records of the previous journals that tell us of who we were and how we became who we are now.

Prayer for Peace and Scripture. Teresa Basile offered the Prayer for Peace. Bishop Swenson read the Scripture reading from Acts 1:4,13.

Setting the Bar. Rev. Dan Lewis and Leanne Nakanishi, Conference Co-Secretaries, set the bar for voting. The motion was supported. Leanne also indicated that badges must be clearly displayed for voting.

Orders of the Day. Melinda Dodge presented the Orders of the Day. **It was adopted.**

Procedural Motions. Rev. Dan Lewis noted the microphone etiquette. Persons must state name, affiliation, and whether they support or oppose an issue when using the microphone.

Procedural Motion #1: The Agenda in the Worship & Agenda Program be the official agenda of this California-Pacific Annual Conference. **It was supported.**

Procedural Motion #2: Proceedings Published in the UM Daily be the Official Minutes of the Annual Conference after they are corrected and approved. **It was supported.**

Procedural Motion #3: The Registration Forms be used as the Official Roll Call of the Conference Sessions. **It was supported.**

Procedural Motion #4: All Resolutions not adopted by the end of Annual Conference be referred to the appropriate entities. **It was supported.**

General Conference Constitutional Amendments. Rev. Dan Lewis indicated that the General Conference Constitutional Amendments Voting Results may now be officially reported. The information will be included in the UM Daily #1 as well be available online at <http://secretary.cal-pac.org>. It will also be posted in the cafeteria and under a single tent in front of the Chapel.

Legislative Tracking. Leanne Nakanishi noted Legislation Tracking Sheet changes. A revised version of Recommendation 10-5 is contained in the Addendum. Resolution 10-10 is stricken to become Recommendation 10-9: Rental/Housing Allowance. Petition 10-1: Landmark Designation Policy was stricken from the sheet to be referred to the Board of Trustees. Four additions include: Rules 10-6: Correction of Method of Calculating Minimal Equitable (Personal Policy 3); Rules 10-8: Supervision of Level 1 Staff (Personal Policy 4); Rules 10-9: Minimum Base Salary Compensation Schedule (Equitable

Compensation Commission); and Resolution 10-13: Strategic Comprehensive Plan for Hispanic/Latino Ministries.

Rev. Dan Lewis indicated that “At the close of last year’s Annual Conference session, ‘Ed Hanson moved that in order to build bridges of awareness and understanding, the planners of the 2010 Annual Conference include a significant amount of time on the agenda for United Methodist gay and lesbian families to share their stories with the Annual Conference.’ The motion was supported. The Design Team and Agenda Committee, in consultation with the Welcoming Committee, have kept faith with this action and these stories will be presented during our plenary sessions and worship services. The Welcoming Committee is offering opportunities for dialogue regarding these presentations on Friday and Saturday night in Anderson Hall at the close of the evening’s activities.”

State of the Conference Address. Bishop Mary Ann Swenson offered the following remarks: “The miracle of the 18th century was the birth of Methodism, conceived by the Holy Spirit under conditions which gave as little promise of the genesis of a great spiritual movement as the manger of Bethlehem gave of the glory of the Son of God. John Wesley was bred in a college that denied him asylum, and he was driven to the fields and byways, pursued by ridicule and persecution, stoned by mobs, cast out as evil by magistrates . . . and yet his movement saved England from bloody revolution and lived to / preserve liberty in this land from self-destruction by proclaiming the only truth that sets people free; indeed it lived to make Christian theology in America broader and more equitable than the Declaration of Independence in its fundamental teaching; it lived to raise up from the very stones hurled at it by elder ecclesiasticisms children by tens of thousands to replenish their folds, and thus bless them which persecuted it. And it still lives to welcome here today in this / legislative assembly men and women of every race and color from all continents of the globe, who have heard its message, been born of its spirit, flocked to its standard, and with us today are making real John Wesley's apostolic vision / when he cried ‘the world is my parish’.

Yes, that's true today in Cal-Pac, but it is actually a quote from the Episcopal Address to General Conference just over *one hundred years ago*. From then until now, our Church has gathered, every four years as the whole church, and every year in our Conferences, the basic body of our Methodist church, to ‘give an accounting of our lives and ministries in the places we have lived and served during the past year.’ And so we gather this year, "to hear and receive reports and recommendations from our various agencies . . . to consider, debate and act upon various petitions and resolutions; we shall worship and praise God together, . . . and [soon] we shall go to our places of ministry and service for the new year with a renewed covenant to do our best, and to be faithful servants of Jesus Christ.

But even as we gather, there are many issues and concerns that need our prayers and our actions: Hunger and poverty are still evident in our midst and around the world.

- An increasing number of persons are becoming homeless...
- Human rights are being violated all over the world.
- Racism is alive and well in our churches, our nation and around the world.
- Some of our churches and people are caught in economic distress,
- We are slipping in our percentage of giving to World Service,
- The moral climate is decaying around us,
- And the word is that there exists for some a spirit of low morale.

My friends, you could expand on this litany of issues and concerns, and the list would grow longer and longer."

As indeed it has, since those words and that list were **first spoken** by Bishop Melvin Talbert to me and the rest of the lay and clergy members of the Pacific Northwest Conference on this same day of June 18, but in the year 1986!

Ecclesiastes spoke the truth: there is nothing new under the sun. (Unless you count the latest iPhone.) The reality of the durability of these issues is foretold in Jesus' words that "you shall always have the poor with you."

Which is good news for us as Christians: why? Let me quote once more from my visionary mentor Bishop Talbert, who continued in his address to say,

- *"My sisters and brothers, I do not stand before you as one who feels defeated because of all these issues...rather I stand before you as one with hope... I am hopeful because, as people of faith, such issues [no matter how long-standing] do not paralyze us. Rather, they provide us with opportunities for witness and service in the Name of Christ who challenges us to be faithful."*

Ours is not the task to solve any of these issues, but only to be faithful to God revealed in our midst, bringing a healing witness and voice of justice into a world crowded with pain and despair.

So I also have hope, and it is fueled by your faithfulness.

Since Conference last year I have visited in and participated in worship with many of our congregations. There were churches celebrating anniversaries of 50, 100, and 125 years; there were baptisms, confirmations, communion, and transitions. I could see amazing vitality in these as I traveled and shared among them. I went to:

- Newhall: Friendly Valley (anniversary)
- Chula Vista
- Big Bear
- Hollywood (100 years)
- Arroyo Grande (125 years)
- Indio: Shepherd of the Valley (100 years)
- Santa Barbara: St. Marks (50 years)
- Orangethorpe Hispanic (congregation celebrating their participation in the Russian Initiative)
- Downey (baptisms & new members)
- Garden Grove (celebrating the ministry of Bob Rohdenburg)
- Lake Elsinore (125th anniversary)
- Tustin: Aldersgate (50 years)
- San Gabriel First
- Pasadena First
- Descanso
- Riverside: Wesley (Palm Sunday, baptisms & new members)
- Easter sunrise in Long Beach then Cal-Heights Long Beach
- Escondido Hispanic
- Altadena (Maundy Thursday Seder)
- First German (celebrating the ministry of Thomas Hildebrandt)
- West Kauai (100 years)
- Baldwin Park (confirmation and first communion)
- La Trinidad (114 years)
- San Fernando First (Lenten service, & later preschool & elementary commencement)
- Arcadia: Church of the Good Shepherd (adult forum class)

And your passion and faithfulness has been evident to me . . .

- when I went to Kalapaupa in Molokai with the Kilohana congregation
- when I participated in a lunch feeding at Lancaster
- when I was at the Wesley Institute last fall – Growing & living the Wesleyan Way
- when I joined UMW last August for their Immigration Education in San Diego
- when I celebrated at the Chautauqua in Pacific Palisades with Becky Haase and the Waite Family (the town a church built)
- Blessing for Filipino Mission/Advocacy trip to the Philippines --- and installation of officers
- When I phoned in for the Fountain Valley/Huntington Beach Repentance weekend
- When I visited El Salvador and saw their growing Methodist work and learned all the pastors were taught by people from our Conference.
- When we danced and celebrated at Fiesta Latina in San Diego & Pasadena
- When I visited L'Oportunidad at Christmas
- When I attended board meetings at Methodist Hospital
- When I visited and learned more about the workings of San Diego METRO
- Blessing ground for Korean Mission Center
- San Diego First Bicycle Change World
- And at Youth Alive
- When I met Magic Johnson at the Toberman Banquet

These are just some of the signs of life I witnessed and experienced last year; and as we move forward I would like to share some of the following points of vision with you:

1. The proposal for Five Essential Ministry Teams – I believe organizing ourselves in these ministry teams will move us forward into a more effective future. It seems to me a way to be faithful to our history, to honor our place in the whole Body of Christ, and to become more effective in mission for the future.
 - I admire and respect the work of the Conference Leadership Team; these are persons have been elected by you and volunteered themselves in second-mile servant leadership on your behalf.
 - They have prayed together and studied and deliberated many possibilities; I believe in this emerging model, the approach of their discernment, and I commend it to you.

Now, the Team's proposal is mostly practical; there are more specific areas where I have a deep sense of passion as we look into the future:

2. People often ask me, "What is the ONE thing most important for the future ministry in Cal-Pac?" and these days my answer is, "Learning how to be in better relationship with our Hispanic & Latino neighbors. There are 11 million of them in our neighborhood; as we grow to love God and neighbor more, these are our neighbors.
3. Likewise, we need to push hard for immigration reform. Our neighbors in Arizona are being persecuted over this. Remember when we were one conference? I urge you to join the prayer campaign called and based on Isaiah 58:
 - "Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?"

There is a national solidarity vigil and fast for Arizona in June and July – with the weeks of prayer divided among all 50 states. I encourage you to join in prayer and witness.

4. You recall that the Council of Bishops has prepared a pastoral letter and foundation document and study material for God's Renewed Creation. 25 years ago Bishop Talbert and others introduced "In Defense of Creation." He said then:
 - This letter is *pastoral* in that "We as bishops seek to lead the church in study, prayer and action related to this issue and theme; it is *prophetic* in that it is our response to the Word of God — faithfully stating our understanding of that World to our world at this moment in history.
 - Sisters and brothers; I call upon you to join us in studying this critical issue and taking appropriate action."
 - And so *I* call upon us in this time to join in studying, praying and taking appropriate, urgent action.

5. I would also comment on our budget, or more precisely, the process that has yielded fruit for your consideration: hard work has been done to align resources to the ministries we value; your leadership has listened to congregations to make the budget smaller so that more resources can be invested directly in local ministries;
 - And I know the resources are there: even though we're a few % points behind in apportionments, this conference gave \$630,000+ almost instantly to bring relief and aid to Haiti;
 - So we need to connect our genuine and abundant resources with our passions. It is our opportunity, our call to reclaim and reveal our passion about what we are doing here in southern California, Hawaii, Guam and Saipan. I believe that when we connect that passion with what we can be, we will truly "reach our potential," to quote another phrase from Bishop Talbert.

As your Bishop, I have been traveling through the conference and connection, listening to you and the yearnings of people in the world.

- I know personally that these are the things that matter to you, the hopes and visions that you have, and that *we* share together.
- Now the question before us is, how shall the church serve the world today—how shall our passions *and our actions* reflect God's passion to transform the world?"

Conference Lay Leader Ken Ellis:

"I bring you sunny, sandy greetings from the bottom of the Grand Canyon. Well, I'm not there right now but Sunday night, I was at the bottom. What a glorious place that big ditch is. I already enjoyed a spectacular hike down, 14 miles from the North Rim, 5800 feet of elevation loss. Through those eons of time – geology and beauty. Once there though, I knew I needed to do one thing – up and out. Well, we too have that same desire. We know where we want to go – up in spirit and out into the world. As Wesley reminds us, time and time again, that to get there and to map that journey we have to know a little bit about the starting point.

Well, we start from a big place, a grand place – the United Methodist Church. Almost 8 million strong in the United States alone, but wait, we're not alone. Around the world, we're over 11 million United Methodists, all disciples following Jesus in the Wesleyan way. Well, it is true that we are not as many as we were before. During the past ten years, we in the United States have declined by 7% or about 600,000 members. Our Cal-Pac total conference membership for 2008 was nearly 83,000 members. That's about 2000 less than the year before. And this year, we'll probably be about the same. But it's also true that 35% of the congregations in the U.S. reported growth. In this Conference, we added about 3000 members in 2008. So we have a chance. There's potential. We have ways to go up.

Now these numbers represent people. We do pay attention to people. We do pay attention to the numbers. We pay attention to the people in the pews, and even more so, we pay attention to getting out of our pews. As the Laity heard yesterday from Craig Brown, ‘Get out of the house; get out of the church; get into the world; get into the community.’ Those have been the numbers that are important. Those are the ones that matter the most. So it’s getting out the door that counts. We’re not supposed to stay in at the bottom of the canyon, no matter how great it is, no matter how tired you are, no matter how lovely. To get out of the door we recognize that we need people to show the way, to lead the way up and out. That’s why we focus so much of our time and our resources on leadership. Leaders are the catalyst – the catalyst that moves us into our mission, to help us identify our mission and lead us to that. We know that if we put a good leader in any setting, ministry can thrive. Well, this isn’t new news, and it’s certainly not rocket science.

John Wesley started with an unexpected sermon in the outdoors from a present; he was sort of put up to it by a Presbyterian friend by the name of Wycliffe, right? This was to a number of coalminers that had mount near Bristol, English. He went on from there to build a spiritual movement of continental proportions by sending out preachers on horseback. They formed people into classes that became congregations and has become a world-changing denomination. It’s a denomination that makes a difference for the lost.

In this conference, we have 577 active clergy, 7 diaconal ministers, lots of lay speakers, three Certified Lay Ministers, 385 congregations, 7 campus ministries, 7 residential camps, 28 missionaries connected to the conference, 48 conference boards and committees with over a thousand persons elected to power these ministries, and 60 full-time staff, not counting the Bishop, to resource all that and a partridge in a pear tree.

Yet our future holds questions that match all of that for depth and complexity. At the Leadership Team, we have been asking “what is the best way to focus our church for maximum service to the world?” The answer requires hard work. Just like Monday morning when I work up, I looked up and there was the South Rim a number of miles away. Hard work. We have hard work this week before us. It’s our job to put in place whatever it is that we need to follow Wesley’s lead.”

Comprehensive Report. Rev. Craig Brown of the Conference Leadership Team shared how the Leadership Team is addressing persistent feedback that the Annual Conference is self-serving. He noted three symptoms to the problem. They are organization, staffing, and budget. Under **organization**, there are 48 standing boards, councils, commissions, committees, and taskforces in this Annual Conferences. It requires filling over a thousand seats, half of which are merely representational – which means half of the seats are filled by someone who is already seated on another board, council, commission, etc. Thus the number of unique bodies is actually very limited. Most of these boards, councils, commissions, etc. operate in isolation despite the cross-pollination of individuals. Thus, there are no measurable goals for these groups. No measurable goals lead to no accountability. With **staffing**, persons are assigned to tasks for maintaining this structure and not for growth. Like organization, there is no measurable goal for staffing and thus lacks purpose and/or core value other than to accomplish a task. Looking at the **budget**, overwhelming number of line items reflects maintenance over mission. The budget does not show purpose or mission of the church.

Addressing these problems requires seeing the reality of the situation. The size of our organization has increased while the resources have decreased. The conference has set the organization above the staffing and the budget without thought of what we are doing. We cannot continue what we being doing.

Debbie Haustedt, Facilitator for the Conference Leadership Team, identified the five areas of essential for ministry. A wind turbine image is used to visualize the relationship among the five areas. Leadership Ministries, Justice Ministries, and New Ministries make up the three blades of the wind turbine. These ministries are supported by a strong base known as the Resource Ministries. The three blades and the base are brought together in a center hub known as the Ministry of Navigation. All together, this whole design, is brought to life, harnessing new power by engaging and responding to the wind – the active, moving, motivating Spirit of God. Debbie indicated that the specific internal design of how the various ministries will operate within this design will be determined by the individual groups.

Rev. Paige Eaves presented several motions for consideration. The Conference Leadership Team moves that:

- (1) Beginning July 1, 2010, the mission of the California-Pacific Annual Conference shall be carried out through the five Essential Ministry Teams. These shall be Justice Ministries, Leadership Ministries, New Ministries, Resource Ministries, and the Ministry of Navigation;
- (2) For the Conference year 2010-2011, each board, committee, and/or commission of the Conference, as elected by the 2010 Session, shall be assigned to serve through one of the five Essential Ministry Teams;
- (3) During the Conference year 2010-2011, the chairpersons and/or their named proxy, of the committee, boards, commission and other elected groups assigned to each team, cabinet liaisons without vote, and at-large participants nominated by the Nominating Committee to bring the total participation into compliance with current rules to ensure diversity shall come together as follows: (a) the Conference Leadership Team shall convene the teams for the purpose of developing team charters for review and action by the 2011 Annual Sessions; (b) each charter shall specify the internal structures necessary to fulfill the purposes of each team, including to provide for any and all equivalent purposes, structures, and connectional relationships mandated by the current *Book of Discipline* for the committees, boards, and commissions assigned to that Team to establish the elected composition of each ministry team and the accompanying rules to define nominations and election to service incorporating those already established by the *Book of Discipline*; (c) to develop a strategy for accountability to the mission of the Annual Conference.

Siosaia Tu'itahi explained that if the motions placed before the body, were approved, the next steps apply immediately. The CLT will convene all the chairpersons in July to begin a six month process of working out the internal design of each team. The first task will be to provide a proposed charter for each area. This will include recommendation for staffing and budgeting to move the five Essential Ministry Teams toward fruitfulness. The end result is that by 2011 Annual Conference, the five Essential Ministry Teams, the CLT and CFA will present a proposal for mission and ministry with a staffing plan and a budget to support our five Essential Ministries.

Michelle Smallwood indicated that the visioning process is like a journey, each year revealing more of the journey. Rev. Terry Van Hook summarized the whole proposal and challenged the assembly to live up to the mission of the church: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The local congregation is where that happens. Jackie Hawthorne gave a moving remark of listening with our hearts so that we may truly hear the proposal of the Leadership Team.

Sessions Committee. Rev. Tonya Harris urged the Conference to look over the proposal put forth by the Sessions Committee in preparation for its report on Saturday. Suggestions and feedback may be sent to 2010sessions@gmail.com.

CF&A 2011 Budget Proposal. Dan Gara, Conference Treasurer, introduced Rev. Wayne Moore for his years of service. Wayne presented a summary of the proposal. He indicated the proposed budget was a collaborative effort of all those who receive funding. All agreed on the final budget recommendation. CF&A recommends adoption of the 2011 budget of apportioned of \$12,471,668, a reduction of 3.31%.

Rev. Sharon Rhodes-Wickett of Claremont UMC moved to amend Proposal #1 of the Budget Proposal. She moved that Recommendation #1 from the Council on Finance and Administration be amended so the apportioned budget is supplemented by an additional \$316,000 to be added to the Connectional Ministries budget in 2011. This increase is to be funded by a combination of the 2010 Connectional Ministries carry-over fund balance and remaining Major Needs funds. These funds are to be distributed as follows: (a) \$96,500 to supplement the apportioned funds designated for the Board of Global Ministries; (b) \$157,000 to supplement the apportioned funds designated for the Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry; (c) \$62,500 to supplement the apportioned funds designated for the Children's Ministry Council on Youth Ministries, the Council on Young Adults, the Board of Discipleship, the Board of Christian Education, the Board of Church and Society, the Board of Laity, the Board of Evangelism, the Commission on Ethnic Ministries, the Committee to Strengthen the Black Church, the Council on Korean Ministry, and the Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns.

Carol Ann Van Buskirk of Glendora UMC moved that the Recommendation #3 from the Council on Finance and Administration be amended to provide additional funding of \$125,000 to the Board of Camping and Retreat Ministries.

Rev. Cedrick Bridgeforth, Los Angeles District Superintendent, questioned for Point of Order. He inquired whether this was the right time for these amendments since the CFA report was just informational and not to be voted on until Saturday. Bishop Swenson acknowledged that all these amendment motions will be referred to the CFA.

Norma Kehrberg of Harris UMC moved that effective immediately, no new Level 1 or Level 2 staff positions be filled until the Conference Leadership Team working with the Personnel Policy Committee has assessed the Conference's personal needs, including responsibility and authority to hire and dismiss employees, supervision, evaluation, and accountability of all conference employees, and has brought specific recommendations for approval to the 2011 Annual Conference.

These previous three amendment motions were referred to CFA.

Rev. Mary Elizabeth Moore of Claremont UMC moved "that CFA, as it considers refinements to the Budget Proposal, consider offering an opportunity during this Annual Conference session for Conference members to make special contributions if needed to fulfill the programmatic and Missional goals of this Annual Conference." **It was supported.**

Telling Our Stories. A video was shown to the body of clips of people sharing their stories on homosexuality. Rev. Ed Hansen introduced Harold and Ellen Kameya to share their story of accepting the sexual orientation of their daughter.

Agenda. Melinda Dodge moved to extend the plenary by fifteen minutes to finish the necessary items on the docket. **It was supported.**

Learning Circles. Revs. Kirsten Oh, Samuel Yun, and Sue D’Alessio presented a video and promoted the opportunity to learn from various leaders in the Learning Circles. They gave instructions for finding the location of the Learning Circles.

Rev. Dwight Sullivan of Whittier UMC moved to refer Rules Item 10-10 to the Rules Committee for approval of a proposed rule change before sending to the legislative section. **It was supported.**

Dwight also moved to suspend the Rules, so the Rules Item may go to the Legislative Sessions. **It was supported.**

Point of Personal Privilege. An announcement was made of an author book signing for “Call Me Survivor” at Cokesbury this afternoon.

Legislative Sections. Eva Thai and Bob Rhodes explained the Legislative Process and where the sections are located.

Benediction. Chris Carter offered the closing prayer.

Memorial & Communion Service Friday, 4:00 pm

Rev. Greg Norton played the prelude on the Organ. Rev. Katie Coots called the worship to order at 4:00 p.m. The opening hymn, “Great is Thy Faithfulness” was sung. The opening prayer was given by Rev. Kathy Michelle Wilborn.

Psalm 16 was sung by a cantor in Hebrew. Rev. Kathy Michelle Wilborn then read Psalm 23. Portions of Romans 8 were spoken for the Affirmation of Faith. The hymn, “Strength Sufficient,” which was written by Rev. Al Rhodes-Wickett, who passed away this year, was then sung.

Bishop Swenson spoke on how meaningful those who have passed on have been for us. She then led the congregation in the Witness to the Word; a liturgy accompanied by bells. As each name was read, a bell would ring to symbolize the remembrance of that person. Upon hearing the phrase, “Absent from the body,” the congregation responded, “Present with the Lord.”

Rev. Ken McMillan read the names and biographies of the ordained and diaconal ministers of the California-Pacific Annual Conference who had passed away this past year. Those ministers were: Truman A. Barrett, Sei Jin Cho, Lyman Ellis, Thomas K. Farley, Herbert M. Fink, Edward G. Hunter, Tongim Samuel Lee, Melanio Loresco, Jr., Robert A. Lott, Frank A. Matthews, Jr., Albert L. Rhodes-Wickett, Robert J. Rohdenburg, LLOYD S. Saatjian, Robert L. Staup, Sr., Akio Tsukamoto, and Harlan R. White.

Jan Hanson read the names and shared the lives of the spouses of the Ordained and Diaconal Ministers of the California-Pacific Annual Conference who had passed away this past year. They were: John A. Richards, Jenell Britt, Winifred L. Brock, LaVeta Dea Sinclair Campbell, Ernestina D. Castro, Lemuel Dominguez, Sr., Patricia Hunter, Alice A. Jarman, Senio Latu, Helen Matthews, Marguerite McKeithen, Eileen Slusher, and Arline Wahrenbrock.

Ken Ellis invited the congregation to call out the names of Lay members of the California-Pacific Annual Conference who have passed away this past year.

Bishop Charles Jordan read the names and biographies of the United Methodist Bishops throughout the world that had passed away this past year. Those Bishops were: Abel T. Muzorewa, Eugene Frank, and Raymond H. Owen.

Mrs. Margaret Jordan read the names and biographies of the Bishops' life companions who had finished their labors. They were: Maggie Muzorewa, Alice Kearns, and Marion Clark. Bishop Swenson offered the "For all the Saints" prayer. A time of silence followed for people to lift up those who had passed on.

The offering was collected for Seraphim Manor, which provides safe sanctuary, education, and housing aid to victims of domestic abuse in Southern California. Sandra Schooley presented a video on the Manor as well as shared a confessional to the congregation. As the offering was being collected, "Prelude on Rhosymedre," written by R. Vaughn Williams was performed.

Bishop Swenson and Bishop Jordan led the celebration of the Great Thanksgiving. Communion was distributed along with oil for anointment in stations throughout the chapel. A jazz combo performed "Amazing Grace," while Communion was being served. Following communion, the jazz combo performed "When the Saints go Marching In" while processing down the aisle.

Rev. Eugene Han explained about the Korean Barbeque. After, Dr. Dong Suk Kim explained the history of the Korean drums. The drummers led the congregation in a recessional.

Plenary 3 Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Call to Order. Bishop Mary Ann Swenson called the session to order at 7:30 p.m.

Prayer for Peace. Rev. Sandy Olewine gave the prayer, prefaced by Acts 1:4-14, that we might be the peace of God for those who need peace.

Point of Personal Privilege by Rev. Dayton Griffin-Sloat congratulating our brothers and sisters in Tonga on the 20th Anniversary of the ordination of women in Tongan in the Tongan Wesleyan Church. He asked for prayer for Dr. Sela Manu as she preaches at their Annual Conference next week.

Orders of the Day. The Orders of the Day were presented by Melinda Dodge and approved.

Announcement. Two announcements were made by Rev. Dan Lewis & Leanne Nakanishi, Co-Secretaries. (1) The Consent Calendar will be available for viewing three places: by the dining hall in Irvine Commons, in the tent in front of the chapel, and on the Message Board. They will also be available online at <http://secretary.cal-pac.org> (2) Virgin Healthmiles was out of pedometers, but they can still be available later.

Courtesies were extended by Rev. Lee Carlile: A book signing will occur at Cokesbury tomorrow by Sandra Schooley – "Call Me Survivor," from 12 – 3 p.m.

University Greetings were brought by the University of Redlands President, Dr. James R. Appleton. He assured those present that the University would welcome our continued meeting on the campus.

GBGM. Rachael Barnett, General Board of Global Ministries, Mission Support Liaison, stepped up to thank the Annual Conference for having the largest per capita designated giving in the Western Jurisdiction. Our giving for relief in Haiti so far has been over \$ 650,000. She also explained the Ten Fold project for support of mission projects on 10/10/10, in which ten projects will be supported over ten days. More information available at www.10-fold.org

Point of Personal Privilege by youth/young adults: They shared about opportunities to support youth projects through the purchase of District bracelets and youth opportunities. More information at www.cal-pacyoungpeople.org

Nominating Committee report was presented by Rev. Stephanie Toon-Glassman. It has been different work this year as they worked with CLT to move towards the five Ministry areas. The report was distributed and will be voted upon on Sunday morning.

Leadership Team Nominations. Rev. Stephanie Toon-Glassman gave a brief explanation about the Leadership Team:

*On behalf of the Annual Conference, the Leadership Team is responsible for continuously asking the question, “Is the Annual Conference fulfilling its purpose, and how can we do that better?”

* The Team works with the cabinet to guide the Annual Conference into the future, taking into account our unique context of ministry and its emerging challenges.

* The Team does this through worship, study, reflection, listening, testing, collaboration and strategizing, all in dialogue with a wide variety of local and connectional leaders.

* It meets 4-6 times a year for one to two days, but lately has been meeting more often.

- (1) A member shall be elected to a four-year term, with the possibility of being elected for a maximum of two terms.
- (2) At each Annual Conference, there will be an election by ballot of the Annual Conference to determine one lay and one clergy member of the Conference Leadership Team, following nominations being allowed from the floor.
- (3) When nominating an individual, please clearly state the name of the nominee and whether that person is clergy or laity.
- (4) Nominations from the floor to continue until a motion is made to close nominations. Nominations from the floor to be accompanied by filling out the Leadership Team Nominations’ form (purple), which will be at the front stage near the Agenda Chair.
- (5) Nomination form to be turned in to the Conference Secretary within 10 minutes of the dismissal of Plenary Session # 3.
- (6) Conference Secretaries to prepare ballot with all the eligible nominees listed.

- (7) Ballot will be posted on the Conference Secretaries' website, message board, and in front of the cafeteria.
- (8) Leadership Team Ballot will be voted on during Plenary Session # 6 on Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. Nominees to be seated on stage to be introduced.
- (9) Voting instructions to be given at that time by the Conference Secretaries.

After she explained the nominations' process, Bishop Swenson opened the floor for nominations.

Laity: Charles Cappleman (Santa Barbara District), Norma Kehrberg (Hawaii District), Gerry McDaniel (Long Beach District)

Clergy: Scott Andrews (Riverside District), LLC Hammond (Pasadena District), Allison Mark (Pasadena District)

The Board of Ordained Ministry report was given by Rev. Derek Nakano. He thanked the Board for their hard work. Registrar Rev. Anna Mulford introduced those to be ordained and commissioned on Sunday:

To be commissioned as Deacon – Ann Chengsaksri, Catherine Michele Johns, Carol Ann Van Buskirk, and Colleen Windham-Hughes.

To be commissioned on as Provisional Elders – Stacy Christine Dickson, Robert Deas English, Sarah Kathleen Heath, Soon Jeong Kang, Andrew Soon Lee, Moonyoung Kathryn Lee, Erin Maddox McPhee, Samuel Nam, Min-Kyu Park, Sunyoung Park, and Stephen J. Wilson.

To be ordained as Deacon in Full Connection - John Brian Kwan.

Those to be ordained Elder in Full Connection were Lincoln Galloway, Tonya Harris, Sunyoung Lee, Andrew Mattick, David McGlocklin, Luan-Vu Nhu Tran, and Sheena Trotter-Dennis.

Those being ordained were asked the historical questions by Bishop Swenson.

Those transferring into our Annual Conference were announced by Rev. Gail Messner:

Sei-Hwan Kim (Kansas West), John Shaver (Western Pennsylvania), Mary Scifries (Pacific Northwest), and Howard Ashford (AME).

The Board moved approval of the new member of the Committee on Investigations to be Marian Gill.

Certified Lay Ministers: Ralph Hogan, Carolyn Ruth Ingram, and Roben D. Partridge. Their certification was approved.

Rev. Nakano thanked the persons leaving the Board this year, including Rosemary Davis and Rick Pearson, who stayed on the Board two extra years to bring forward issues of Deacons.

Rev. Derek Nakano shared his new appointment to the Pacific Northwest Conference effective in 2011. He announced Anna Mulford would be the new co-chair of the Board. Doug Williams to be the new Registrar and Rev. John Woodall to be the co-Registrar.

Orders of Ministry – Rev. Molly Vetter & Rev. Greg Norton explained that Orders exists to support pastors: to encourage clergy in self-care, in continuing education (with financial assistance available), and in facilitating the Elder Pastor project in which retired pastors can work with clergy who are at low points.

“Telling Our Stories”

Members of Hollywood UMC told their personal stories about finding acceptance and the love of God in their church: one lesbian, one gay, one transgendered. Each shared the life-saving affirmations they have experienced.

Benediction given by Rev. Krista Givens, our missionary in Germany.

Session adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Saturday, June 19, 2010

Tongsung Kido Early Morning Prayer Saturday, 5:45 a.m.

Rev. Eugene Han welcomed all those gathered in the Chapel for early morning prayer service. He introduced the guest praise team from Grace River Korean UMC in Fullerton. They led in singing enthusiastically, “Jesus Loves Me” and “Trading My Sorrows.” The children of the praise team led with hand motions in singing “I Can’t Stop Falling in Love with You.” The band continued in singing “Got a Reason” and “Sweet Mercies.”

Rev. Eugene Han introduced Rev. Eun Pa Hong once again by greeting him, “Hallelujah!” Rev. Hong greeted the congregation with a simple, “Good morning!” He then invited everyone to turn to their neighbor and say, “I love you.” Again he asked everyone to turn to their neighbor and express, “God blesses you!”

Rev. Hong recalled his testimony of his spiritual experience when he was 18 years of age. He and his whole church experienced receiving God’s baptism by fire. He referred to Acts 2:1-4. “When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.”

Rev. Hong commented that the early church gathered together in prayer. For ten days, they prayed with all their heart. So as a result, the Spirit of God came to them. Similarly, he believes that when we pray the power of God will be revealed in our lives. Because of a friend, he learned to pray fervently for three months. One evening, he felt that power of God coming upon him. He had thought that such incidences as recorded in Acts only occurred two thousand years ago. But, he experienced it firsthand. That was when he received Jesus Christ into his heart. The early church disciples felt the Holy Spirit laying upon them. He also felt that Holy Spirit being laid upon him. He could not resist the fire and his heart being strangely warmed. Thus, the very first thing he did was to repent.

Before he had complained to his father that his sermons were too long. When he preached, he would go on for an hour and a half. “Too Long!” Even the church members thought that was too long. Once, Rev. Hong’s father preached on the Exodus story. He spoke of how Moses led the crowd of Israelites, and how the Israelites crossed the Red Sea. Just explaining that took more than thirty minutes. And so he slept during his father’s sermon, along with the rest of the church members. When he awoke from his sleep, the Israelites were still in the middle of the Red Sea. And then his father told of the Israelites going into the wilderness. For forty years, the Israelites were lost in the desert. That’s why the sermon

lasted an hour and a half. After Rev. Hong received the Spirit, the very first act was to go over to his father. He asked his father to forgive him for criticizing his sermons. The Spirit gave him a repentant heart.

When younger, because of his poor economic status, there were two instances when he stole. At that time, his older sister had a job. Usually when his sister would receive her paycheck, they would go and give it to their father. One day, he conspired with his sister to hold back and keep some of the monies for themselves. He had a craving to go and eat some Chinese food, but he had no money. It was difficult to go about stealing. They had to wake up in the middle of the night around 1 a.m. and sneak over to where their father kept the money. They took some of the money and the next day they went to the Chinese restaurant to enjoy themselves. Now some Chinese food tends to be very heavy. And so that night his stomach did not sit well and he struggled with diarrhea all night long. The Holy Spirit convicted his heart and he cried out to God, "Lord I have sinned." He confessed to stealing twice and asked for forgiveness. When the one is filled with the Spirit, one can't help but to repent.

His church experienced such a movement of repentance as well. Even young children would pray fervently for repentance. Tears flowed from their eyes as they prayed. He admitted he didn't realize how little children could sin so much. But, because the power of the Holy Spirit was so active in the church, the people were all moved to repent.

When the early church experienced the power of the Holy Spirit, they repented of their sins. Likewise, those who missed church repented for their absence. Those who did not tithe repented for not giving fully. Those who frustrated their pastors repented of their actions. Repentance was the catalyst by which the church experienced a revival. People gathered in great numbers for early morning prayers. They raised their hands in the air when praying, crying out to God, "Lord, I am a sinner! Have mercy on me!" Some pounded their breasts when praying. People then were moved to share their faith with others.

His church was a very small church, yet the people's hearts would be filled with Spirit such that they could not help but spread the gospel. They shared it with their friends and their neighbors, such that many people began coming to the church. The congregation was so moved by the Spirit that they even evangelized to robbers and burglars. One congregation member was on his way home on a train when the Spirit told him, although it was late at night, "On your way home, you will be confronted by a mugger with a knife. But don't be afraid, but instead speak the gospel!" He became concerned and got off the train. As he was quickly walking home, he came across a dark alley, and surely there was a man with a knife. The parishioner yelled back, "Repent!" Startled, the mugger jumped back, dropping the knife. He told the man, "Don't be a sinner. You're headed towards Hell. Repent!" The man shook in fear. So, the parishioner told him to believe in Jesus. He convinced him to go to church. The man asked, "Which church do you go to?" He responded, "I go to Bupyeong Methodist Church." The man said, "I'll go to Bupyeong Church as well." Rev. Hong thinks that even though he does not know who the assailant may be, he knows that he's now a member of his church.

There are many experiences such as this because of the Spirit's workings. Because of this Spirit, the people learned to be a forgiving congregation. Another church member had three daughters. She was excited that she was pregnant with a son. On the day of giving birth, the anesthesiologist made a mistake, which caused her to lose her child. She was traumatized and became very depressed. But she knew the Spirit of God, which gave her the strength to grab hold of the doctor's hand and say, "By the love of Jesus Christ, I forgive you." Hallelujah!

These are miracles of the Holy Spirit. One man was retiring from his work position. In Korea, at retirement, one receives a large severance pay in one lump sum. It was a large amount of money. A friend of his wanted to borrow some of that money, so the man loaned it to him. But the friend ran away with the money. Betrayed, the man became very angry. His first thoughts were to report it to the police. But he asked, “What would Jesus do?” Jesus would not arrest his friends. Just then, the friend returned. So, the man approached him, grabbed his hand, and said, “I forgive you.” The work of the Holy Spirit is to fill you with this forgiving heart. Through acts such as these, the church can be revived with people repenting to God and forgiving one another. Rev. Hong’s church experienced such repentance and forgiveness among its members, which brought everyone together in prayer.

When I first became a senior pastor, the church had little finances. He prayed, “O God, help our church grow! Send doctors to our church! Send lawyers to the church!” Rev. Hong indicated that the church did not even have a single person with a doctorate. But then, he felt the conviction of the Holy Spirit. God spoke to him, “Don’t worry. I heard your prayers.” From that moment, doctors and lawyers entered the doors of the church. He was very excited since the church was financially struggling. He even asked that God send city officials to the church. Then one day, one who was running for office from Seoul came to the area. Interestingly, he was a Buddhist, and so he went to the Buddhist Temple. He told the Buddhist monks that he was in the area to campaign for his office. But the monk told him because there are many churches in this region, he needed to go to a church if he wanted to gain support from the people. So this politician began attending Rev. Hong’s church. Now he was a very devout Buddhist, but he attended regularly for the sake of his campaign. Rev. Hong prayed to God, “Lord, help this man to have faith in Jesus Christ and shower him with your grace.” The man won the election and from that point on, he became a member of Bupyeong Church. He is now a faithful disciple. This is an example of God’s miracle at work.

Just then, God spoke to Rev. Hong, “This church is too small. Go build a new sanctuary.” So he replied back to God, “Lord, we have no money.” God said, “I will provide.” Rev. Hong responded, “Hallelujah! Amen!” But then soon later, he began to worry. So he prayed diligently. Although the congregation was too poor to build a new sanctuary, God began to act in their midst. There was a man who did not believe in Jesus Christ. One night he had a dream. Someone appeared in his dream and told him to start going to church. He had a vision of a front of a church. One day as he was driving along, he recognized Bupyeong Church as the church in his dream. He began attending and gave an initial offering of \$50,000. It was amazing! There was also a church member who had another dream. He saw Christ appearing before him. Jesus said to him, “Your church is currently in a building campaign, go and give \$20,000.” The very next week, that amount appeared in the offering plate. Rev. Hong was so happy, he prayed, “God! Let everyone in the church have dreams!” The Spirit was truly working in the church.

Then, another new member suddenly began attending the church. The very first day, he gave an offering of \$30,000. Rev. Hong knew that the Spirit was at work, and so he devoted all his time to just praying. He clung to the promise God made to not worry about finances. The Spirit continued to work. Among the members of the church was a man who owned a considerable amount of land. The Spirit told him, “I will bless you. Go and sell you land and give a portion of the earnings to the church.” Rev. Hong didn’t know this parishioner even owned land. But he went ahead and sold his property and gave \$ 300,000 to the church. Offering began pouring into the church. Without taking a loan, Bupyeong Church built its sanctuary for \$10 million. It was a large sum, but God continue to bless the church in growing. The whole church prayed fervently and helped to serve the poor in many ways. More and more people flowed into the church.

Next to the church was an elementary school. God spoke to Rev. Hong that God will give that piece of land to the church. Once again, he responded back, “Lord, we have no money, plus that property is a school. How can God give us a school?” But God replied back saying, “I am the Almighty God.” God told Rev. Hong to walk around the school and pray. He preached on the Fall of Jericho many times, so he and his family walked around the school and prayed as God commanded. Ten, twenty, for thirty days, he faithfully walked around the school and prayed. But by then, doubt began to fill his mind. How can just walking around the school give him the school? He thought he was crazy, and he stopped walking around the school. Two months later, a church member prayed and received a message from God. “Your pastor is disobeying my order.” So Rev. Hong received a phone call from her. She told him, “Pastor, keep walking around the school.” She then told him to not walk alone, but have the whole congregation walk together. After each morning prayer service, the whole congregation walked around the school. The neighbors ridiculed them for being out of their minds. But then, news came that the school will be closing. Hallelujah! But Rev. Hong still prayed to God, “We have no money.” God assured him not to worry, but God will provide. They purchased the property for \$5 million. God told Rev. Hong to build the new church very large. He responded back again, “We have no money.” God asked why his purse string has gotten so short. Rev. Hong prayed, “I will trust you” and he built a very large church. It cost \$25 million. Hallelujah! After the initial construction, the mortgage was paid off within a year. It was truly a miracle of God. God’s command was to go and spread the good news to everyone.

Today, Bupyeong Church is very large. Rev. Hong confesses, the church is not something he built, but it is truly a work of God. Because the congregation devoted to prayer, God was able to do miraculous things. Many people throughout Asia go to visit Bupyeong. God told Rev. Hong, many will come to Bupyeong. When he returns back home, he will be hosting groups from Taiwan, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand, China, Russia, England, and the United States. When they visit the Bupyeong Church, they participate in the Early Morning Prayer Services and many go home inspired. Two months ago, people from Malaysia attended the early morning prayer service. As they observed everyone raising their hands in the air and praying, he received instructions to go back to Malaysia and start early morning prayer services. Rev. Hong heard that God was blessing churches there, because of the morning prayer services. America needs to have early morning prayer services as well.

Because of these early morning prayer services, Korean churches have grown. We must all pray early in the morning. Jesus began the tradition of praying early in the morning. Churches experience revival when engaged in early morning prayers. The Lord is still at work and desires to hear the voices of prayers. When we pray, the Spirit responds. There will be repentance, revivals, and the gospel will spread through all the land. America needs to be awakened. Early morning prayer awakens people. Let us pray with all our hearts!

Rev. Sam Yun noted that he might have just figured out the solution to the camping budget. Sam shared his own understanding of Tongsung Kido. He sees it as meaning Tension Prayer. We come to prayer with this sense of tension. We want to pray, but often we are too weak to pray. He reflected on the Bible passage that speaks of the man who said, “Lord, I believe, help my unbelief.” There were no limits on the prayer this day, no two-minute signal, but all were allowed to pray as needed.

The Tongsung Kido began with Lord’s Prayer, followed by the Ju-Yeo Sam Chan – crying out to the Lord three times. The congregation was allowed to pray as long as the Spirit led them.

**Plenary 4
Saturday, 8:30 a.m.**

Call to Order. Bishop Swenson called the session to order at 8:30 a.m.

Prayer for Peace. Rev. Linita Moa gave a prayer for peace and read Acts 2:1-4.

The Orders of the Day were presented by Rev. Dan Lewis and they were approved.

Sessions. Rev. Tonya Harris presented the Sessions Committee Report and introduced the work of the Site Locations Task Force. The Task Force recapped the work they have been working on over the past year. They have been comparing, investigating, and looking at other sites for the Conference to be held at in the future. Tonya stated four questions that were considered when thinking about a change in location: 1. How do we enhance the quality of our Conference experience? 2. How do we maximize the use of our resources to engage Conference membership in new and creative experiences? 3. How do we hold in balance both our tradition and future opportunities? 4. How do we effectively provide the framework in which all the activities that takes place on site can be supported at their best?

Tonya then went into explaining capabilities and limitations such as building and grounds, logistics, technology, physiological design, and finance, and how do all of these things fit into the budget?

What came out of these questions was the establishment of the Site Task Force. The Task Force is a group that is compiled of members from the Design Team, the Episcopal Office, Finance, Laity, the Media Crew, Registration, and from the Worship area. The Task Force evaluated Redlands for its pros and cons.

Rev. Gary Keene was invited to speak regarding the process of site evaluation. Gary explained each of the following points:

CAPABILITIES

- Easier planning
- Good working relationship
- Good cost control
- Thrifty housing options
- Inexpensive and fast food service options
- Additional cost for basic comfort

LIMITATIONS

- Flexibility of use
- Space availability
- Room configurations
- Set-up transitions
- Available dates
- Commuting is not convenient for most
- Technology

So why move to Pasadena? Pasadena is more of a central location for the Conference. Pasadena addresses concerns regarding the health and well being of members and staff of the conference. The facilities are state of the art. There is a great cost savings in cartage due to the Conference office being located in Pasadena. Equipment rental would not be necessary since the Convention Center already has all the equipment necessary, and we would need less human resource.

Capabilities and Limitations were explained:

CAPABILITIES

- Flexible Spacing
- Commuting options
- More open to wellness concerns
- Lodging options
- Meal options

LIMITATIONS

- Available dates
- Will need to create sacred space
- Some increased costs
- Transitional Learning

Jennifer Gaylord stated that the cost savings per person for the move to Pasadena would be \$31.54. Dan Gara presented the impact of moving to Pasadena on the 2011 budget. Dan gave a numbers comparison and stated that what has been budgeted in the sessions budget would cover most of the cost for Pasadena. There should be marginal increase, if anything at all.

Bishop Swenson stated that there will be time for questions later.

“Telling Our Stories”

Dr. Keith Young and Terry Coan shared their experience of growing up as gay men and how they found a spiritual connection with the Church. Phil and Sharon Bowles shared their story on how they became activists for the LGBT and All of God’s Children.

United Methodist Men. Richard Kim gave the report on the United Methodist Men. The issue they are facing today is lack of growth. The UMM needs to grow a “bud” that gives meaning for ministry. They now have a website up and running. They have done work and have come to the conclusion that they need district leadership to recruit new members. The UMM has gone to the National UMM meeting in Nashville three times. Money is not needed to do ministry, just men.

Agenda. Melinda Dodge, agenda chair, made a motion that we extend the plenary session by fifteen minutes. United Methodist Women graciously agreed to be tabled until the afternoon plenary session. **The motion was carried.**

Certified Lay Ministry. Judy Lewis presented the report on the Certified Lay Ministry. Before the presentation of the new lay ministers, three focuses were brought up: 1. To fulfill educational process, 2. To advance lay speaker credit, and 3. To offer classes for spiritual growth and fulfillment. There are now 78 graduates of this academy. These 78 graduates bring ministry, graces, and skills to their local churches based on the Methodist quadrilateral. Judy recognized those individuals who serve in leadership roles in the Certified Lay Ministries. Two new certified lay ministers, Robin Partridge and Ralph Hogan, were recognized by Bishop Swenson. Bishop Swenson offered a general prayer and then offered an individual blessing to each of them.

Q & A: Comprehensive Report, 2011 Budget, Sessions. The floor was then opened for questions in regards to the regarding the Comprehensive Report, the 2011 Budget, and the Sessions. Questions raised from the floor were:

Q: How will child care work if we move to Pasadena?

A: Arrangements for child care is being made with Pasadena First UMC.

Q: Do Convention Centers and hotels pay a living wage to their employees?

A: When we go places, those factors are checked to assure compliance with our social principles. Investigations on all the meeting spaces and hotels have begun.

Q: What studies have been done for cost effectiveness of going to Pasadena for small churches, where the cost may be raised considerably?

A: Sessions has done preliminary analysis of transportation using an estimate of all the churches in the Conference within a commute distance.

Q: What figure is the session committee using to determine the percentage of those who would commute?

A: Approximately forty miles has been used allowing either car or train transport or carpooling.

Q: What options for food are there in Pasadena? Is there an option for healthy eating?

A: Part of the estimate includes availability of a variety of restaurants around the convention center. Negotiations are still in process.

Q: What is the calculation by which a \$31 reduction per person has been computed?

A: That computation is part of the report available on a computer at the table forums.

Q: Has Sessions considered encouraging people of the Los Angeles and Pasadena districts to open their homes to the members in the conference?

A: If persons in the area are willing to share housing, that would be one way to equalize expenses for everyone and another way to develop fellowship and community.

Q: What is the potential fiscal impact on the local church from the comprehensive plan regarding apportionments?

Q: What will be the set-up for youth safety in Pasadena?

A: Safety issues are part of the negotiations that occur with any event location including the Pasadena Convention Center. Safety issues related to all factors would be a part of the contract with the Center.

Q: Is there an opportunity to come back to the University of Redlands if the move to Pasadena does not work out?

A: That issue has not been discussed with the University of Redlands as of yet.

Table Discussions. Rev. Sandy Olewine gave instructions on how the Table Discussions will operate.

Hispanic Committee. Ana-Haydée Urda gave the report on the Hispanic Committee. She addressed four important points in regards to the Hispanic Committee:

1. Conference Hispanic Committee
2. The National plan for Hispanic and Latinos matching grants
3. District Hispanic Committees, and
4. A resolution which was the approval of the Strategic comprehensive plan for Hispanic and Latino Ministries.

Benediction. Ana Liava'a gave the benediction and the session ended at 9:48 a.m.

Plenary 5 **Saturday, 2:00 p.m.**

Call to Order. Bishop Swenson called the plenary to order at 2:03 p.m. Rev. Woong-Min Kim read Acts 2:1-4 and offered the opening prayer.

Orders of the Day. Melinda Dodge moved the Orders of the Day as shown on the display. **It was approved.**

Leadership Team Nominees. Rev. Dan Lewis read the names of the nominees for the Leadership Team: Laity – Charles Cappleman (Santa Barbara), Norma Kehrberg (Hawai'i), and Gerry McDaniel

(Long Beach), Clergy: Scott Andrews (Riverside), LLC Hammond (Pasadena), and Allison Mark (Pasadena). These names will be posted in various places on campus. Voting will occur on Sunday.

Courtesies. Rev. Lee Carlile welcomed Bishop Jaime Vasquez of the Northwest Conference of Mexico. Bishop Vasquez praised God that he can be with the Conference again and thanked God for Bishop Swenson and for the Conference. He was very proud of the fact that this Conference has been in partnership with the Joint Commission for more than forty years. He then offered a prayer. Bishop Swenson shared that her friendship with Bishop Vasquez is “a very dear one” and that he will soon retire from the episcopacy, but will always be welcome to visit this Conference.

United Methodist Women. President Leanne Nakanishi gave the United Methodist Women’s report. A video highlighted their Annual Celebration with Bishop Swenson and Rev. Paul Jeffrey. UMW is currently in a 3 year \$ 100,000 campaign to support Methodist Hospital in Arcadia. They have currently raised more than \$60,000. She also invited everyone to their BBQ on Sunday where amazing stories of lives saved because of their state of art technologies. Rev. Marilyn Huntington (former UMW Conference President who went into ministry), Fernando Alcantar (Cal-Pac Director of Young People), and Olivia La Salle (CCYM Chair) would be the guest speakers. This ties into our future plans to work with our youth, our clergy, and other groups in our Conference on service projects to spread God’s love and bring peace to others. She introduced the Conference UMW and asked them to stand. She then asked Bishop Swenson and District Superintendent Cedrick Bridgeforth to stand as they are both members of the Conference team. She then asked all the United Methodist Women to stand. She also asked all the clergy to stand as they are ex-officio members of United Methodist Women.

She shared how 3,695 mosquito nets were purchased totaling \$ 36,949.50 by you all!! She said you also paid over \$ 283,000 in pledges last year! She asked everyone to give themselves an exuberant round of applause for their passion and dedication for improving the lives of women, children, and youth nationally and globally! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Consent Calendar. Eva Thai presented the Consent Calendar.

Consent Calendar
For Plenary 5 (June 19, 2010)

FOR CONCURRENCE

(Voting percentages from legislative sections in parentheses following each item)

RECOMMENDATIONS

Adv. Spec.	District and Conference Advance Specials	Advance Specials	PR-12	(100%)
REC 10-1	2011 Salary Ranges	Per. Pol. Comm. 1	PR- 86	(100%)
REC 10-2	Staff Salary Increases for 2011	Per. Pol. Comm. 2	PR- 86	(89%)
REC 10-3	Bill & Designate “Pre-CRSP” Pension Obligation	Pensions #1	PR- 82	(100%)
REC 10-4	Set Past Service Rate Pre-82 Approved Years	Pensions #2	PR- 82	(100%)
REC 10-5	Adopt Conference Pension Funding Plan	Pensions #3	AD-19	(100%)
REC 10-6	Clergy Retirement Security Program Coverage	Pensions #4	PR-83	(98%)
REC 10-7	Comprehensive Protection Plan	Pensions #5	PR-83	(98%)
REC 10-8	UM Personal Investment Plan	Pensions #6	PR-84	(97%)
REC 10-9	Rental/Housing Allowances for Ret./Disabled	Clergy Pensions #7	PR- 67	(98%)
REC 10-10	Board of Directors for Campus Ministries	BHECM	PR- 87	(100%)

RESOLUTIONS

RES 10-1	Disaster Response Awareness Month	Dis.Resp.Comm.	PR-100	(100%)
RES 10-2	Healthy Families, Healthy Planet	Church & Society	PR- 98	(100%)
RES 10-6	Inviting Youth & YA Into Inclusive Min.	MFSA #4	PR-105	(87%)
RES 10-7	We Will Not Condone Violence	MFSA #5	PR-106	(97%)
RES 10-9	Affordable Higher Education	BHECM	PR- 108	(99%)
RES 10-11	Military Presence in Guam	Peace w/Justice	ADD- 20	(89%)

*RES 10-13 Plans for Hispanic/Latino Ministries Hispanic Comm. Plenary #1 (100%)
 *as amended= in the last paragraph- change the phrase “the priority” to “a priority”

FOR CONCURRENCE

(Voting percentages from legislative sections in bold following each item)

RULES

RUL 10-1	Amendment to Health Insurance Plan	Bd. of Pensions	PR-89	(100%)
RUL 10-2	Correction of Report in 2009 Journal	Rules Committee	PR- 94	(100%)
RUL 10-4	Definition: “Vital Presence Churches”	EC Comm.	PR- 95	(100%)
RUL 10-5	Correction of Min.	EC Calculation	PR- 96	(100%)
RUL 10-6	Correction of Method of Calculating Min. EC	Per. Pol. Comm.	PR-96	(95%)
RUL 10-8	Supervision of Level 1 Staff	Per. Pol. Comm. 4	Plenary #1	(100%)
RUL 10-9	Minimum Base Salary Compensation Schedule	EC Comm.	PR- 30	(91%)

FOR NON-CONCURRENCE

(Voting percentages from legislative sections in bold following each item)

RECOMMENDATIONS- None RESOLUTIONS- None

RULES

RUL 10-10 Rule Change for Response Committee on Welcoming Passed out at Plenary #2
 (89% for non-concurrence)

------(End of Consent Calendar)-----

Res 10-11 was moved to be removed from the consent calendar.
Removal was supported. It was removed.

Res 10-9 was moved to be removed from the consent calendar.
Removal was not supported. It was not removed.

Res 10-13 was originally on the consent calendar as concurrence as amended.
 Point of order was made to be removed from the consent calendar due to its amendment in the last paragraph changing the phrase “the priority” to “a priority.”
The motion was supported because of Conference Rule V.F.5.

Eva Thai moved to accept the Consent Calendar. **It was supported.**

Comprehensive Report (CLT). The Conference Leadership Team presented the Comprehensive report. Questions from the Table Forums were compiled and addressed. Rev. Richard Bentley asked if the Bishop, Extended Cabinet, and Appointive Cabinet were included in the five Essential Ministry Teams. Naming the Bishop, Appointive Cabinet and/or Extended Cabinet within the EMT structure, specifically within Navigation as ex-officio, without vote were confirmed by Debbie Haustedt. The Annual

Conference will hold the five Essential Ministry Teams accountable for its effectiveness. A timeline has been developed for the comprehensive staffing to be completed. The date is December 31, 2010. Adoption of the Five Essential Ministry Teams does not change the current structure of the Annual Conference.

Debbie Haustedt of the Conference Leadership Team moved to adopt the Five Essential Ministry Teams. **It was supported and adopted.**

2011 Budget. Wayne Moore, of the Conference Finance and Administration, referred to the proposed budget for 2011 as included in the Preliminary Report.

Recommendation No.1: World Service and Conference Benevolence

Wayne moved to adopt the CF&A Recommendation No. 1.

Debbie Haustedt recommended that Proposal No. 1 concerning the Connectional Ministries' budget be referred to Conference Leadership Team for resolution developed in consultation with Connectional Ministries with the report finalized by September 30, 2010.

Rev. Sharon Rhodes-Wickett moved to amend the Haustedt motion that the Leadership Team meet during this Annual Conference to assure to the Annual Conference that Proposal No. 1 be fulfilled and report back to the Annual Conference Sunday morning. **It was supported.**

The "Haustedt" recommendation as amended for the Connectional Ministries' budget to be referred to CLT and to report back to the Annual Conference on Sunday morning **was supported.** Further action on Recommendation No. 1 was tabled until the CLT reported back to the AC on Sunday.

Recommendation No. 2: Ministerial Support

Wayne moved to adopt the CF&A Recommendation No. 2. **It was supported.**

Recommendation No. 3: Administration

Wayne moved to adopt the CF&A Recommendation No. 3.

Carol Van Buskirk moved to amend Recommendation No. 3 from CF&A to provide an additional funding of \$125,000 to the Board of Camping, Outdoor, and Retreat Ministries.

After several speeches in favor and opposition, Arlene Brewster moved to call for the question. **It was supported.**

The Amendment was not supported.

As per the motion by Norma Kehrberg, Rev. George Crisp moved that effective immediately no new Level 1 and Level 2 staff positions be filled until the Conference Leadership Team working with the Personnel Policy Committee has assessed the Conference's personnel needs, including responsibility and authority to hire and dismiss employees, supervision, evaluation, and accountability of all Conference employees, and has brought specific recommendations for approval to the 2011 Annual Conference. After several speeches in favor and against the amendment, Rev. Marilyn Huntington asked the body to spend a moment in prayer. Bishop Swenson paused the discussion to offer prayer. **The Amendment was supported.**

Recommendation No. 3 as amended was supported.

Recommendation No. 4: Other Apportioned Benevolences

Wayne moved to adopt the CF&A Recommendation No. 4. **It was supported.**

Recommendation No. 5: Goals for Special Days and Causes

Wayne moved to adopt the CF&A Recommendation No. 5. **It was supported.**

Randy Johnson moved the Annual Conference to request a comprehensive review on Conference Camping by the appropriate Essential Ministry Team or Teams and present a report to the 2011 Annual Conference.

Rev. Mark Ulrickson, Dean of the Cabinet, took over for Bishop Swenson due to a much needed rest break for Bishop Swenson (this sentence was not part of the motion discussion).

Rev. Sandy Olewine moved to amend the motion to make the referral to the new Task Force of Trustees, Camping, CF&A and CLT instead of the five Essential Ministry Teams (which do not yet exist).

Rev. Tom Griffith moved to lay the Johnson/Rhodes-Wickett motion on the table until the next Plenary session to allow this motion to be fully developed and put into writing. **It was supported.**

Agenda. Melinda Dodge moved that the Conference postpone the Sessions Report and extend the session by ten minutes to finish the rest of the business. **It was supported.**

Board of Trustees. Rev. Roy Riggs explained that for any legal questions for your church, to call Steve Harbison, and any insurance issues, to call Rev. John Nagel. Roy stated that the lack of Worker's Compensation Insurance at churches is disconcerting. He assured people that churches do get sued, and the best way to not get sued is to not have a reason to get sued. Trustees of local churches must make sure that the property is well maintained and that "Safe Sanctuary" is followed.

Board of Pensions. Rev. Ken McMillan highlighted three areas of the work of the Board of Pensions. Retiree Health Care is a new plan that was adopted at the 2009 California-Pacific Annual Conference and was put into action on January 1st of 2010.

MPP: about 30% was lost at one point, but some of that percentage has been recovered.

CPP is doing very well. No payments are needed for the next three years. Local churches will still be billed for this amount, though, and the funds will be transferred for use as Pre-CRSP funds instead.

Our pension program is still doing well, but we have more and more clergy who are retired and eligible for retirement. Also, retirees are living longer. We need to find a way to balance our program needs and the needs of our retirees. There is a task force set up to maintain and attain this balance.

Equitable Compensation. Rev. Karen Moore thanked the Conference for paying our apportionments. Paragraph 342 says that a pastor must be paid at least minimal compensation. Congregations of Vital Presence Ministries may be supported for more than 5 years. Karen then introduced the rest of the committee. About half of our retirees and about half of active clergy participate. About \$450,000 is being contributed by retirees. Some people are being provided with financial assistance so that they can participate.

"Telling Our Stories" Diane Rehfield shared about her daughter and her experiences. Her daughter has many gifts and no one seems to care that she is a lesbian, except that her acceptance in the church is limited due to her sexual orientation. Stephen Blaha then shared about his experience of coming to terms with being gay, and then finding acceptance at Hollywood UMC.

Benediction. Rev. Jim Brewster offered the Benediction and the session closed at 4:12 p.m.

**"Greater Things are Yet to Come" Young People Service
Saturday, 4:30 p.m.**

Fernando Alacantar, Director of Leadership Development for Young People, opened the service at 4:30 p.m. A video slideshow with the song "Greater Things Have Yet to Come," was shown highlighting activities from each District of the Conference.

Jacob Bartholomew asked the congregation to get comfortable and shared to us the "Great Stories" from generations from across time, starting with Wesley and traveling to stories from our time, and will eventually go even further. Jacob shared that they will be sharing their story throughout the service. He then led us in prayer. The scripture reading was taken from Romans 10: 14-15.

Praise music was led by Maywood UMC. They led the congregation in the song "Praise the Lord." "Our Story," a video bringing up concerns in the youth program, would be shared throughout the service. Part one of this video was shown and explained the lack of funding for youth programming, budget cuts, and working hours were being cut and as a result was affecting our youth ministers and workers. The video brought up the point that the youth do a lot, and there is a need to acknowledge them for what they are doing. Between video clips, a youth expressed the needs that were emphasized in the video by performing a skit in which youth disappeared until there was none left on the stage.

Two youth gave the message for the service. Ameenah Gamble reminded the congregation that greater things are yet to come, but before that can happen, the church must invest in the youth. Ameenah stated that, "Our young ones are like plants, who have not bloomed yet. They need a gardener, soil, a pot, and water." The gardeners are the youth workers, who also need to mature and grow in faith. The soil is our faith, the foundations that we need to be nourished with. The pot is the support that we need surrounding us; for Ameenah the pot would be her parents, her friends, and her church. The water, which represents Jesus Christ, is needed to continue the journey. "Jesus is my water. I need Christ and his blessings by my side." The youth are all like plants, that need to blossom. We can have gardeners, and soil, but without the pot and the water we will not be able to bloom.

In the style of a "Red Carpet" theme, Olivia, Chris, Chad, and Ryan, four youth, presented the recipients for this year's awards. Youth Worker of the year was presented to Scott Jackson. The Susannah Wesley Scholarship was awarded to Erica Ulrich from Pasadena First and Cyndy Martinez from Wesley UMC.

The band led the congregation in the song, "You are The Everlasting God."

The second part of "Our Story" was then shown. This part emphasized that all is not lost, that there are many young people wanting to grow as part of the church, but matters have to change now. In between video clips, a youth discussed the points in the video as a skit was performed where all of the youth that disappeared in the first part, slowly reappeared, until they were all standing strong again.

"Sanctuary" was then sung a capella by the praise band.

Langi Lolohea gave the second message. Langi based his message on Romans 10: 14. The verse states, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" and assured us that this verse has nothing to do with a pedicure or actual beautiful feet, but with the blessing that comes from a person who brings good news. In order to have somebody come and receive the good news, they have to have already

heard the word and then go forth and proclaim the good news. Langi then spoke on how he has been a young adult coordinator for the Hawaii district for two years. He gets many questions from other members of the church, but the main question he gets is, how do we get young people to be involved in the church? We have to speak their language and by investing and wanting to hear the young people.

The band led the congregation in the song “Give us Clean Hands.”

The offering went to help the Youth Service Fund, which supports youth projects that have the potential to make a difference in the community.

The band led the congregation in the song “Greater Things are Yet to Come.” As the band played, youth and young adults turned around signs that read, “Greater Things are Yet to Come.”

Fernando Alacantar blessed the body and reminded the body that sometimes it's hard, but trust in the Lord and 'Greater things are yet to come"

Retirement Service Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

Rev. Gregory Norton played a beautiful prelude. The Call to Worship was led by Rev. Willie Foreman. The processional hymn was “God of Love and God of Power.” The Opening Prayer was given by Rev. Sue D’Alessio. Rev. Myron Wingfield introduced the United Methodist Church Russian Initiative. The San Diego District has long been a supporter of this by traveling to their sister city in Russia to offer Bible study, fellowship, and other resources to the congregants. There are 5000 United Methodists representing 40 congregations. The Siberian District has 4 churches in a land area equivalent to the U.S. except colder. Our gifts extend our love and our common bond in Christ to our brothers & sisters in Christ. The Prayer of Dedication was then given by Rev. Myron Wingfield.

Rev. Jae Duk Lew read 2 Timothy 1: 3-14, followed by Words of Affirmation.

Bishop Mary Ann Swenson shared words of affirmation, appreciation, and love for those transitioning into the retired relationship. Some moment in their lives, they heard God’s call, and realized it to be God’s voice in the world. Their moments were different and their lives were different, yet each one of these persons had said, “Yes” to God. We, as the church have embraced and affirmed their calling. Some point in their lives, they were a part of a service of ordination where they made promises to follow Jesus, to love God, and to be full of the divine presence who chose them. They promised to be God’s voice of grace to people in crisis, to be God’s word of justice to people who had been wronged, and to be the sound of God’s affection. They have been the face of the church and have been God’s voice.

There is never enough time to stand here and tell the stories of these people. Even if they took all the time in the world, it would still not be enough. These people have lightened the burdens of others, brought hope to those given up, and empowered others in their own mission. They have been the ones on the cross forgiving others who did not know what they were doing. The church thanks you.

We cannot count the number of sermons, the meetings you attended, the visits to the courtroom and jails, and the places you have served. Counting is never enough. Here is the truth we know. You have lived your calling. You have changed the face of the church and the way in which God is present in the world. The deep truth is that each of you are the face, hands, and feet of Christ. Some may not have told you or

said thank you, but we know the truth. The Rabbis have said, “To save a soul is to save a universe. You have saved universes too numerous to count, but God knows. We promise not to forget. May God bless you always and forever.

Rev. Derek Nakano asked how many of us have had a child come to us and say, “Tell me a story.” When we are busy, we start with “Once upon a time, breeze right through it, and get to the end.” When we tell a story, we have opened a moment of holiness and touched a heart. We have the power to teach an important lesson and offer consolation.

This evening, we have come to ask: Tell me a story. Tell us your story. Tell us God’s story. We will remember the people you have been in ministry with.

Rev. Nakano presented the retiring clergy, who shared words of thanks and appreciation between singing verses of “Sois la Semilla.” N. Jorinda Bullitt (17 years), Ignacio Castuera (45 years), James Conn (43 years), Lee Cunningham (37 years), Robert Ferguson (33 years), Judith Fox (30 years), Roy Lewis Fry Jr. (44 years), Richard George (41 years), Calvin Jackson (37 years), Tu’itupou Kaea (17.5 years), Stephen Kim (29.25 years), Theodore Lesnett (40 years), Thomas W. Reinhart-Marean (30.50 years), Jose Orlando Rivera (35.25 years), Robert Shuler (40 years), Barbara Silversmith (22.25 years), Tofa Tupou (16 years), and Phyllis Tyler (39 years).

Bishop Swenson led a Blessing of the Retirees, which was adapted from Colossians 1: 6-12. The ordinands were given a plant as a symbol of the legacy being passed down.

Bishop then asked the historical Wesleyan questions for admission into Full Connection and Ordination. The service ended by reciting a dismissal with blessing. The closing hymn was “Rejoice in God’s Saints.”

LEGISLATIVE ITEMS THAT WERE NOT ON THE APPROVED CONSENT CALENDAR

NO RECOMMENDATION FROM LEGISLATIVE SECTIONS

(received less than 80%)

RES 10-3	Support for the Civil Rights of All Persons MFSA #1	PR- 101
RES 10-4	Support of Majority Vote in California Legislature MFSA #2	PR- 102
RES 10-5	Request Judicial Council Reconsider Decision 1032 MFSA #3	PR- 103
RES 10-8	A Call for Restoring Civility in the Public Square MFSA #6	PR-107
RES 10-12	Welcoming the Sojourner Peace w/Justice Comm.	ADD- 22

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

RES 10-11 Military Presence in Guam
Peace w/Justice Comm. ADD-20

*RES 10-13 Plans for Hispanic Latino Ministries
Conference Hispanic Comm. Plenary #1 Handout

*This legislation has been removed from the approved consent calendar.
According to Rules V. F-5 (2009 Journal pg. I-13): Resolutions as amended
must be available for review 24 hours prior to Plenary Session action.

Sunday, June 20, 2010

Plenary 6
Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Call to Order. Bishop Swenson called the plenary to order at 8:30 a.m.

Orders of the Day. Melinda Dodge moved the Orders of the Day as shown on the display. **It was approved.**

Prayer for Peace & Scripture. Santiago Redondo read from Matthew 7:17-18 in English and Spanish. Bishop Swenson commented that the Scripture lesson was from the Early Morning Prayer Service.

Courtesies. Rev. Lee Carlile greeted “Happy Father’s Day.” She announced a book signing at Cokesbury for the book, “Close to his Heart.” She then introduced Rev. Won Kie Kim, Superintendent for the Western Jurisdiction Korean Mission.

Rev. Won Kie Kim shared that the Korean Mission is starting churches in Hawai’i and California. Rev. Woong- Min Kim who served as District Superintendent of Hawai’i will become a Mission Pastor after July 1. St. Paul’s UMC in Los Angeles is an African American congregation and has welcomed the Korean Mission to start a new congregation at its location. The Korean Mission has purchase ten acres in Phelan to start a Prayer Center, a Holy Spirit Mission Center. A video of the new facility was shown.

Claremont School of Theology. President Jerry Campbell addressed the conference. Two things to address:

1. The CST University Project has received worldwide attention. CST will remain a Christian seminary, but it will collaborate with schools of different faith traditions. “If people become friends, it makes religious dialogue easier.” CST is currently working on new curriculum for this endeavor. It is currently seeking partnership with religious leaders from Abrahamic traditions, with hopes to expand to other traditions in the future.
2. CST is starting a new innovative program to involve churches within an hour’s drive from School for a fellowship program: Scholars in Context. The goal is to give M.Div. students a “home” to reinforce spiritual formation and to bring local congregations into partnership with the School. Churches will receive expert help by providing financial scholarships of \$24,000 to the School.

Prayer of Repentance Conference. Eaar Oden spoke on repentance, “243 years ago, John Wesley preached, ‘The Repentance of Believers.’ Bishop Swenson lamented a few years ago, ‘...1850s, strong Methodist Movement...now we are known by our strength of the Institution.’ Taking the spirit of the movement of repentance to the Conference, Brothers and Sisters of Methodist faith come together to participate. Through prayer and repentance, God has moved entire nations to glorify his name. A video of “The Healing Begins” announced a conference on October 24, 2010 at Holliston UMC in the Pasadena District.

Nominating Committee. Rev. Stephanie Toon Glassman moved to accept the Nominating report distributed on Friday. **It was supported.**

Leadership Team Ballot. Leanne Nakanishi, Conference Co-Secretary, explained the voting process for the Leadership Team Ballot: Election for the Member at Large Clergy and Member at Large Laity shall be selected in a process similar to election of General Conference delegates. In view of the time restrictions of this day, she made the following motion:

“That the Conference rules be suspended and that we take only one ballot for the Leadership Team election of one Conference at large Clergy and one Conference at large Laity. The clergy and layperson each receiving the highest number of votes within their order will be elected to the Leadership Team, Class of 2014.” **It was seconded and supported.**

The nominees were introduced from the stage, so the plenary body could see them. Charles Cappleman e-mailed earlier to send his apologies for missing as he was leading worship at his church this morning.

Leanne Nakanishi offered prayer for the nominees. All clergy voted for 1 clergy and all laity voted for 1 laity. The ballots were collected.

Consent Calendar & Legislative Actions. Eva Thai and Bob Rhodes recognized the work of the Legislative Section facilitators and the District Superintendents. Eva presented the Items Not on the Consent Calendar.

Resolution 10-13: Plans for Hispanic/Latino Ministry...

Eva commented that **Res 10-13** was originally on the consent calendar as “concurrence as amended.” Following the presentation of the consent calendar and after consultation with the Parliamentarian, it was removed from the consent calendar because of the amendment in the last paragraph changing the phrase “the priority” to “a priority.” Eva Thai moved to accept the resolution as amended. **It was supported by a majority.**

Resolution 10-11: Military Presence in Guam

Eva Thai moved to accept the resolution.

Deborah Wise of Guam United Methodist Church moved to refer this resolution back to the Peace with Justice committee for further study and rewriting, and to require that prior to resubmitting a resolution concerning the proposed military build up, the Peace with Justice Committee send a fact-finding team of Cal-Pac Conference representatives as described in paragraph II of this resolution to the Island of Guam to gather information face-to face with the people on whom this resolution would have the greatest impact—the citizens of Guam.

The motion to refer was supported by a majority.

Resolution 10-3: Support for the Civil Rights of All Persons

Eva Thai moved to accept the resolution. **It was supported by a majority.**

Resolution 10-4: Support of Majority Vote in California Legislature

Eva Thai moved to accept the resolution. **It was supported by a majority.**

Resolution 10-5: Request Judicial Council Reconsider Decision 1032

Eva Thai moved to accept the resolution. After discussion, **it was supported by a majority.**

ITEM: RES 10-5

SUBJECT: Request Judicial Council Reconsider Decision 1032

SUBMITTED BY: Richard Bentley, Mary Elizabeth Moore, Lily Villamin, Mark Stephenson, Jim Conn, Catie Coots, Harry Kuruma, Carole Kuruma, Janet Gollery McKeithen, Kent Fromer, JoAnn Yoon Fukumoto, Louis Chase, Debbie Gara, Dan Gara, Nester Gerente, Jennifer Gutierrez, Richard Bolin, Frank Wulf, Susan Stouffer, Amy Rosenbaum, Jean Roe Smith, Mary Larson, Krista McVey, William P. Miller, Candie ODell, Kathy Cooper-Ledesma, Jay Sowell, Carla Bailey, Sharon Bowles, Phil Bowles, Natalie Houghtby-Haddon, Afrie Songco Joye, Veda Veach, Suzanne James, Diane Kenney, DarEll Weist, Ed Hoffman, David K. Farley, Page Eaves, Jim Brooking, Francisco Canas, Nan Self, Sheena Trotter-Dennis, Holly Reinhart-Marean, Charlene Zuill, Lisa Gay Santiago, Kent Fromer, Phil Freeman, Connee Freeman, Gary Lynn, Tom Reinhart-Marean, Virginia Fifield, Barbara Ripple, Thomas Hill, Frank E. Trotter, Jr., John Cobb, Mark Ulrickson

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT: No additional funds needed

SOURCE OF STAFF TIME: None

WHEREAS on October 25, 2005, the denomination’s Judicial Council considered the case of a Virginia pastor who had denied membership in the United Methodist Church to a prospective member seeking to transfer in from another denomination; and

WHEREAS the pastor made this decision based solely on the prospective member’s homosexual orientation and persisted with this decision in spite of being advised by the Bishop, District Superintendent and Clergy Session of the Annual Conference that he should reconsider it; and

WHEREAS the Judicial Council upheld the pastor’s right to make this decision and deduced a general right and responsibility for all United Methodist pastors unilaterally to ascertain a person’s readiness to take membership vows in the United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS this Judicial Council Decision 1032 is in tension with The United Methodist Church’s commitment to inclusiveness as articulated in Article IV of the Constitution of The United Methodist Church and Paragraph 139 of the 2008 Book of Discipline, which defines inclusiveness as “openness, acceptance, and support that enables all persons to participate in the life of the Church, the community, and the world,” and

WHEREAS Judicial Council President Susan Henry-Crowe wrote in dissent against Decision 1032 that it “compromises the historic understanding that the Church is open to all. The Judicial Council cannot interpret something that is not stated in the Discipline. Nothing in the Discipline gives pastors discretion to exclude persons presenting themselves for membership in the Church (See ¶4 and ¶13[9])”⁽¹⁾, and

WHEREAS Judicial Council member Jon Gray wrote in dissent to Decision 1032 that “The permissive language contained in Paragraphs 214 through 225 [of the Book of Discipline] is an invitation to persons who seek membership” ⁽²⁾, and

WHEREAS the General Conference, in response to Judicial Council Decision 1032, strengthened Paragraph 225 of the 2008 Book of Discipline to state: “A member in good standing in any Christian denomination who has been baptized and who desires to unite with The United Methodist Church shall be received as either a baptized or a professing member,” and

WHEREAS the Council of Bishops unanimously requested the Judicial Council to reconsider Decision 1032 ⁽³⁾, and

WHEREAS manifest injustice has resulted from the application of Decision 1032 in denying persons membership in The United Methodist Church and will continue to do so if this decision is not overturned, and

WHEREAS the Judicial Council Rules Of Practice provide that, “whenever a decision of the Judicial Council is shown clearly to be in error, or in order to prevent a manifest injustice resulting from the interpretation of a Judicial Council decision, the Judicial Council on its own motion...may, by a majority vote, reconsider any ruling or action taken by it” ⁽⁴⁾;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conference Secretaries, on behalf of the California-Pacific Annual Conference, request that the Judicial Council on its own motion, and pursuant to its standing Rules of Practice, reconsider Decision 1032, issue a new finding that Decision 1032 is null and void, and direct that any prospective members denied membership as a result of Decision 1032 be offered admission into membership in The United Methodist Church.

Footnotes:

¹ Henry-Crowe Dissent from JCD 1032, 10/29/2005.

² Gray Dissent from JCD 1032, 11/8/2005.

³ A Pastoral Letter to the People of the United Methodist Church from the Council of Bishops, 11/2/2005

⁴ Judicial Council Rules Of Practice VIII. A.

Resolution 10-8: A Call for Restoring Civility in Public Square

Eva Thai moved to accept the resolution. **It was supported by a majority.**

Resolution 10-12: Welcoming the Sojourner

Eva Thai moved to accept the resolution. **It was supported by a majority.**

Cabinet Matters. District Superintendent Mark Ulrickson reported no controversial issues for this year. The following is the list of local church transitions:

New Church Starts:

House of Hope (Long Beach District)

Mission Congregations:

Kihei Tongan Mission (Maui): Starting date Oct 2009 (Hawaii District)

Beautiful UM Mission (Oahu) starting Jan 2010 (Hawaii District)

Orange County Korean Mission – Oct 2010 (Santa Ana District)

Garden Grove Korean Mission – Jan 2010 (Santa Ana District)

Paso Robles Mission (Start date not determined) (Santa Barbara District)
 Relocation:
 Blessed Chinese UMC moved to 774 Pinefalls Ave. Walnut, CA 91789

Finance. Wayne Moore reported on the World Service apportionments originally tabled for Leadership Team counsel.

CF&A Recommendation No. 1: World Service and Conference Benevolence

Debbie Haustedt reported on the meeting yesterday evening. The Connectional Table gathered to work together in resolving the budget shortfall. 66% of the Connectional 2010 Fund Balance and 50% of the Remaining Major Needs Fund totaling \$190,420 will be used to restore the budget. Significant portions went to Campus Ministries and Global Missions.

Wayne Moore moved to adopt CF&A Recommendation No. 1. **It was supported.**

CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC ANNUAL CONFERENCE
 2009 RESULTS, 2010 BUDGETED INCOME, & 2011 BUDGETS & APPORTIONMENTS
 APPORTIONED FUNDS REPORT

	2009 PRELIM. FUND BALANCE	2009 PRELIM. INCOME	2009 PRELIM. EXPENSE	2009 ENDING PRELIM. FUND BALANCE	2010 APPROVED APPORTIONMENT	2011 APPROVED APPORTIONMENT
I. WORLD SERVICE AND CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES						
1 WORLD SERVICE FUND	0	1,175,411	1,175,411	0	1,520,944	1,487,450
2 CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES:	517,218	1,334,493	1,148,211	703,499	1,176,103	683,860
3 BOARD OF ORDAINED MINISTRY: Leadership	47,850	229,207	236,582	40,476	264,023	259,236
4 PACIFIC ISLANDERS COMMISSION	37,463	86,204	65,888	57,779	24,002	80,049
5 COMMISSION ON RELIGION & RACE: JUSTICE	34,731	0	6,426	28,305	8,401	6,096
6 SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AT CLAREMONT Leadership	593,055	120,323	120,323	566,804	120,011	92,365
7 STRATEGIC INITIATIVES Leadership	11,240	227,766	254,018	0	272,664	284,605
8 DISTRICT UNIONS: RESOURCE MIN.	0	96,257	96,257	0	96,008	98,522
9 STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN JUSTICE	0	17,787	8,725	20,302	1,200	6,158
10 WESTERN JURISDICTION KOREAN MISSION	0	18,441	18,441	0	25,069	27,168
11 CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT NEW MIN	132,115	928,301	928,301	0	1,086,096	1,098,522
12 COMMISSION ON COMMUNICATIONS: MVV.	690,310	492,518	448,714	175,919	282,025	110,222
13 CONGREGATIONAL LOAN COMMITTEE: NEW MIN.	2,063,982	388,388	37,500	1,041,198	0	0
TOTAL WORLD SERVICE & CONFERENCE BENEVO	2,063,982	5,115,097	4,544,796	2,634,283	4,876,546	4,234,253
II. MINISTERIAL SUPPORT FUND						
14 PENSIONS AND BENEFIT FUNDING: Leadership	82,749	10,515,708	9,880,231	718,226	1,610,004	1,739,527
15 SUSTENTATION FUND: Leadership	41,829	9,240	500	50,570	12,056	0
16 VITAL PRESENCE MINISTRY: NEW MIN.	0	222,298	222,298	0	289,347	214,863
17 EQUITABLE COMPENSATION: NEW MIN.	14,515	424,411	438,925	0	423,785	522,267
18 DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS' EXPENSE: Leadership	-256,927	1,637,230	1,616,694	-236,391	1,958,486	2,031,930
19 EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE: Navigation	1,403	32,937	29,629	4,712	20,195	19,576
20 EPISCOPAL FUND: Navigation	32,608	373,396	324,431	0	418,264	417,468
21 MOVING EXPENSE: Leadership	-83,822	12,896,557	383,848	22,156	239,321	297,576
TOTAL MINISTERIAL SUPPORT	-83,822	13,539,652	12,896,557	559,273	4,971,458	5,243,207
III. ADMINISTRATION						
22 INTERDENI. COOPERATION FUND: Resource Min.	0	30,992	30,992	0	40,529	39,157
23 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION: Resource Ministries	0	128,122	128,122	0	164,820	162,311
24 JURISDICTIONAL ADMINISTRATION: Resource Min.	0	27,744	27,744	0	38,563	41,784
25 EPISCOPAL AREA OFFICE AND CONF. SUPP	-238,707	289,052	262,741	-212,396	253,656	153,582
26 CONFERENCE SESSIONS: Navigation	-57,218	388,906	356,082	-24,394	243,310	196,317
27 CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Resource Min.	82,545	94,216	311,226	-134,465	139,131	245,597
28 CONFERENCE SECRETARY	13,876	42,036	22,590	33,322	30,632	18,239
29 CAMPING, OUTDOOR, RETREAT MIN: LDRSHIP / RES.	-3,166,006	3,122,814	3,377,682	-3,420,874	257,309	125,786
30 COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION: RES.	-45,262	544,769	601,496	-101,989	595,710	598,258
31 CONFERENCE CENTER OPERATIONS: Resource Min.	-201,422	325,805	328,982	-204,599	360,219	287,648
32 MISCELLANEOUS & AD HOC COMMITTEES: ***	54,228	75,848	36,231	93,845	28,304	36,101
33 CAPITAL REPLACEMENT (PLANT FUND): RES. MIN.	743,968	426,937	167,932	1,002,974	0	241,006
34 WORKING CAPITAL RESERVE (CONT. FUND) RES. MI.	1,324,664	250,893	130,176	1,445,381	122,528	100,629
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	-1,489,333	5,748,133	5,781,996	-1,523,196	2,274,711	2,246,415
IV. OTHER/ GENERAL CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES						
34 MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND	0	403,911	403,911	0	520,934	502,497
35 BLACK COLLEGE FUND	0	165,791	165,791	0	207,821	200,437
36 GLOBAL AIDS FUND	0	79,938	79,938	0	0	0
37 AFRICA UNIVERSITY	0	38,450	38,450	0	46,512	44,859
TOTAL OTHER/GENERAL CONF. BENEVOLENCE	0	688,090	688,090	0	775,267	747,793
GRAND TOTAL	490,827	25,090,971	23,911,438	1,670,360	12,897,982	12,471,668

Wayne Moore introduced the new chair of CF&A, Howard Hudson, for the coming year. He also asked the members of CF&A to stand and be recognized by the conference.

Personal Privilege. Rev. Sandie Richards thanked the members of the Leadership Team, CF&A, and all those who worked to pass the budget. She also challenged the conference to tell the story to the people outside of the church who have money to give. Furthermore, she acknowledged that our conference can be very generous when it comes to supporting needs throughout the world and supporting our World Services.

Motion. Rev. Terry Van Hook moved for all Annual Conference members to take personal responsibility, in light of this very deep felt needs, to go back to our local churches and make a 100% apportionment paid from our local churches.

Rev. Myron Wingfield amended the motion to make a word change from “paid” to “given.” Terry accepted the amendment.

After several statements supporting the motion, Dan Gara moved to Call the Question. **It was supported.**

The motion by Rev. Terry Van Hook, as amended, **was supported.**

Personal Privilege. Ken Ellis, Conference Lay Leader, recognized the 2010 Lay Persons of the Year: Lay Woman, Jean Cole of Vista UMC; Lay Man, Mark Stephenson of Hollywood UMC; Young Adult, Stephanie McCoy, Holman UMC.

Sessions. Rev. Tonya Harris thanked the Table Forums for submitting questions for the Relocation Task Force. Primary concern lifted up was on economic feasibility. One suggestion was to equalize costs through registration fees. Other suggestions included utilizing local homes for housing. Many of these suggestions will be investigated by the Sessions Committee. Tonya addressed five other major issues:

- (1) Ethos and ambience. University of Redlands offers a retreat and rest setting. Intentional space would need to be created at the Pasadena Conference Center.
- (2) Care for Young People. The cost of childcare at Conference is never covered by the members, but heavily subsidized by the Sessions budget. Similar to current arrangements, off-site local churches will be used for childcare in Pasadena.
- (3) Safety (youth question). Lock-in setting at local churches may be considered for providing safe environments for the youth. More specific and realistic youth care will be given to the local churches.
- (4) Overall Safety. Pasadena is not an inner-city environment, but it does raise safety issues found in any city. It provides many opportunities for meals, shopping, and other activities in safe environments.
- (5) Returning to U of R. The University of Redlands campus manager is very clear that the university would be willing to work with the Conference in identifying a time frame for returning to the campus.

Motion. Rev. Tonya Harris, chair of the Conference Sessions Committee, moved that the 2011 Session of the California-Pacific Annual Conference be held at the Pasadena Convention Center in Pasadena, CA; further, that this action be taken in light of *The Book of Discipline* ¶603, which provides for changing the place of Session if need be by a majority vote of the district superintendents and with the

consent of the Bishop. Any added costs to the Annual Conference related to this location shall be managed within the 2011 budget.

Motion. Mark Stevenson, Hollywood UMC, moved to table the motion for relocation from Redlands to Pasadena. That for further research and an additional site should be included for consideration.

Rev. Cherie Jones moved to amend the motion to remove the section to find an alternate site. After some discussion, the Bishop called for the vote on the amendment. The body supported the call to vote. **The amendment was not supported.**

The original motion to table was called for. The vote could not be determined by the number of raised hands nor by a division of the house. Ushers were asked to count the votes. Bishop Swenson offered prayer as the ushers prepared to count.

Rev. Mark Ulrickson, sitting in for Bishop Swenson, indicated that tabulations of the vote were problematic and that a new vote would be taken at the next plenary session.

Benediction. Riverside District Youth, Jordan Villamin offered prayer.

The plenary was adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Plenary 7 Sunday, 2:00 p.m.

Call to Order. Bishop Mary Ann Swenson called the plenary to order at 2:05 p.m.

Prayer for Peace & Scripture. Phil Freeman, Los Angeles Lay Leader, read Matthew 7: 17 and offered prayer.

Bishop Swenson asked the Conference Secretaries to send greetings to Bishop Hope Morgan Ward. Greetings to the other Bishops in the Western Jurisdiction were already sent.

Orders of the Day. Rev. Dan Lewis reviewed new Orders of the Day. Dan Lewis moved the Orders of the Day as shown on the display. **It was approved.**

Dan moved that rules be suspended, so that after a maximum of two speakers for and two speakers against, the motion for the previous question would be allowed. **It was supported.**

Leadership Team Election. Rev. Dan Lewis reported on the vote tally for the Conference Leadership Team. Lay member Norma Kehrberg and Clergy Allison Mark were elected to the Leadership Team.

Invalid Vote. The standing vote process at the previous plenary was deemed inaccurate. The vote was declared invalid. A ballot vote was taken to ensure an accurate vote. The Bishop restated the motion for voting: *Mark Stephenson moved to table the motion for relocation from Redlands to Pasadena and that further research and an additional site should be included for consideration.* Bishop Swenson invited the body to be in silence and offered prayer before voting. The votes were cast.

Western Jurisdiction Report. Rev. Molly Vetter & Ken Ellis reported on the Western Jurisdiction Episcopacy Committee. In 2012, there will be one fewer Bishop in the West. A Conferences

Committee has proposed changes to conference boundaries, none of which apply to our Conference. Ken talked about new ways to be faithful to the call of Christ and letting us be strategic in prophetic ways for making Disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world. A video of the Western Jurisdiction: Operation Resurrection 2010 was presented. It showed that the Western Jurisdiction raised over \$2,000,000 to the mission in Haiti. Detailed information is available at www.westernjurisdictionumc.org.

Bishop Swenson asked to keep the families of Revs. Clint Rabb and Sam Dixon in prayer.

Personal Privilege. Rev. Gilbert Stone praised the work of the Cal-Pac Conference for raising \$630,000, well over a third of the \$2 million raised among the 8 Conferences of the Western Jurisdiction.

Personal Privilege. Afrie Songco Joye lifted up the work of the UMCOR center for Asia located at the Union Theological Seminary in the Philippines. She also asked support for the release of the 43 health workers detained illegally by the military in the Philippines. Bishop Swenson indicated that a fact-finding team has been sent to the Philippines.

Sessions Committee. Rev. Tonya Harris expressed gratitude for the work of the Sessions Committee who worked all year round to make sure the Annual Conference runs smoothly. She especially recognized the work of the media team and Jennifer Gaylord for their dedication and service.

Personal Privilege. Rev. Andy Mattick voiced prayer for the work of Sessions as they prepare for the coming year especially with a mind to changing the “flow” from sending forth followed by commissioning and ordination.

“Telling Our Stories”. Rev. Ed Hansen presented Vicky Cook, District Lay Leader of Santa Ana District of Anaheim UMC, and Rev. Debbie Gara of FUMC Pasadena, to share their stories. Vicky Cook told the story of how she and her partner, Sandy Duff, had been looking for a church and found welcome at Anaheim UMC. Rev. Debbie Gara spoke of the struggle by her brother because of the denomination’s stance on homosexuality. She found deep passion in the ability to acknowledge who we are, in being real and honest about whom and how we love. Rev. Ed Hansen indicated that the written version of the stories is available on the conference website.

Motion. Deborah Gillen moved that in the 2011 Annual Conference, time be allotted in plenary and worship sessions for persons to share their stories of amazing grace of Jesus Christ, who saves, guides, delivers, renews, restores, and empowers his people, through such testimonies our faith may be strengthened and God’s name may be gloried. **It was supported.**

Personal Privilege. Scott Imler of West Hollywood UMC asked that those who support Marriage Equality to be in prayer concerning an upcoming appeal to Proposition 8 in the Federal Courts.

Motion. Rev. Richard Bentley moved to Request for a Declaratory Decision.
The California-Pacific Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church requests the Judicial Council to issue a Declaratory Decision under the provisions of 2610.2(j) on the following questions related to the hearing of an administrative complaint before the Conference Relations Committee of its Board of Ordained Ministry on March 1, 2010:

- 1) *In the hearing of an administrative complaint before the Board of Ordained Ministry in ¶ 363.1 and ¶ 363.3, is the respondent considered innocent until proved guilty and/or effective and*

competent until “a pattern of being unable effectively and competently to perform the duties of itinerant ministry” is proven?

- 2) *In the hearing of an administrative complaint before the Board of Ordained Ministry in ¶ 363.1 and ¶ 363.3, what is the burden of proof required for the evidence to show the respondent has “a pattern of being unable effectively and competently to perform the duties of itinerant ministry” and to recommend administrative location?*
- 3) *In the hearing of an administrative complaint before the Board of Ordained Ministry in ¶ 363.1 and ¶ 363.3, what percentage of votes is required in order to show the respondent has “a pattern of being unable effectively and competently to perform the duties of itinerant ministry” and to recommend administrative location?*
- 4) *Does the right to be heard in ¶ 362.2.a and the constitutional right to fair process in Judicial Council Decision (JCD) 830 give the respondent the right to present documentary evidence during the hearing of an administrative complaint in ¶ 363.1 and ¶ 363.1? May the Board of Ordained Ministry place a reasonable limitation on this right provided the same limitation is placed on the bishop or district superintendent who is presenting the administrative complaint to the Board?*
- 5) *Does the right to be heard in ¶ 362.2.a and the constitutional right to fair process in JCD 830 give the respondent the right to call witnesses during the hearing of an administrative complaint in ¶ 363.1? May the Board of Ordained Ministry place a reasonable limitation on this right provided the same limitation is placed on the bishop of district superintendent who is presenting the administrative complaint to the Board?*
- 6) *The fourth restrictive rule in ¶ 20 states, “The General Conference shall not do away with the privileges of our clergy of right to trial by a committee and of an appeal...” Does the hearing before the executive committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry in ¶ 363.3.b.(2) constitute the appeal of the recommendation for administrative location which is required by the fourth restrictive rule? Ad if it does, does the membership of this appellate body violate the constitutional right to fair process in JCD 830 when the executive committee includes members who participated in making the decision to recommend administrative location in ¶ 363.1? And if it does not, does the membership of the executive committee violate the constitutional right to fair process in JCD 830 when the membership of executive committee in the hearing in ¶ 363.3.b.(2) includes members who participated in making the decision to recommend administrative location in ¶ 363.1.*

Under the provisions of ¶ 2610.3 interested parties include:

The respondent whose name will be provided in a confidential communication to the Judicial Council, Richard Bentley, clergy assistant to the respondent, Bau Dang and Myron Wingfield, District Superintendents who presented the complaint at the hearing, Catie Coots, cabinet representative to the Board of Ordained Ministry, Willie Forman, chairperson of the Conference Relations Committee, Derek Nakano, chairperson of the Board of Ordained Ministry, Sharon Ruby, Director, Division of Ordained Ministry, General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

The Request was supported by a majority.

Report of Voting for Tabling Sessions. Bishop Swenson reported that the votes for recommending to table the motion from Sessions were close. **Yes: 268 No: 259.** Bishop Swenson also happily noted that Sessions could include Hawaii among the possible alternate sites for Annual Conference!

Sessions. Rev. Tonya Harris affirmed the Conference in its amazing example of ecclesial process.

Maureen Gibson, youth of San Jacinto UMC, voiced appreciation for the work of Sessions in considering moving Sessions and supported the decision to table the site relocation encouraging the Conference to think about technological needs and advances. Jen Jacques, youth of Downey UMC, asked that one young adult and one youth be placed on the Sessions Relocating Task Force to see needs met.

Personal Privilege. Rev. Amy Rosenbaum expressed difficulty in keeping connected and utilizing current communication technologies following Rev. Gary Keene's admonition to do so.

Motion. Rev. Randy Johnson moved that the Annual Conference request the Conference Board of Camping and Outdoor Ministries, with representatives from Council on Finance and Administration, the Conference Board of Trustees, and the Conference Leadership Team, in consultation with the appropriate Conference Essential Ministries Team(s) to conduct a comprehensive review of conference camping and report to the 2011 Annual Conference with considerations of how we might rethink camping and Cal-Pac. **It was supported.**

Special Introduction. Bishop Mary Ann Swenson introduced Bishop Murray D. Finck of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. Bishop Finck thanked conference for welcoming him. He gave thanks for the relationship with Bishop Swenson and looked forward to working with her and our Conference staff in the days ahead. The territory of ELCA is slightly different but at their Lutheran assemblies, Bishop Swenson has made sure to have our staff join them. He gave thanks for making their gatherings much more complete by our presence. He also indicated a wonderful relationship with Rev. Matt Sargeant; his spouse Laurie is on his staff as the Director of Communications. He noted what we share in common: we are a people of the Word; we are a people of faith; we are a people of the cross and of Christ Jesus; we are a people of the empty tomb; we are people of hope and mission.

Video Presentation: Imagine No Malaria

For more than 161 years, Methodist churches have operated hospitals throughout Africa. In 2006, the UMC started the Nothing But Nets campaign in partnership with the United Nations Foundations. "Imagine No Malaria" is the next step to empower the African continent to achieve a sustainable victory over malaria. www.imagenomalaria.org

Personal Privilege. Rev. Nestor Gerente noted that the Celebration Concert raised \$447.42 from the Tongan dancing.

Closing Business. Rev. Dan Lewis & Leanne Nakanishi asked for information for the Journal. Deadline for submitting information is July 31, 2010. The dates for the 2011 Annual Conference will be the same week in June at the University of Redlands. Any feedback, questions, or concerns can be sent to 2010sessions@gmail.com. The Conference Secretaries strive to give clear information, but appreciate feedback at secretary@cal-pac.org.

The business portion of the Annual Conference being concluded, Rev. Dan Lewis moved that adjournment be effective at the conclusion of the Service of Commissioning and Ordination, and that this Session be closed.

Personal Privilege. Dan Gara thanked the work of the Conference staff. They were asked to stand before the body for recognition.

Rev. Amanda Burr thanked Rev. Judy Chung for interpreting and translating for Conference Preacher Rev. Eun Pa Hong.

Motion to adjourn Sessions was supported.

Benediction. Rev. Amy Wake closed with prayer. The plenary adjourned at 3:12 pm.

Service of Commissioning and Ordination Sunday, 4:00 p.m.

After the prelude, Rev. Derek Nakano, Chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry, welcomed the congregation and gave instructions about the service. This worship service is not like a graduation, as “we are here to witness to the Holy Spirit anointing your loved ones” for service in ordained ministry. Then he offered a prayer.

The service began with a Call to Worship, then continued with the congregation singing, “Lord, You Give the Great Commission.” Simultaneously with the singing, the Board of Ordained Ministry, Cabinet, candidates for Commissioning and Ordination Bishop Mary Ann Swenson, and guest Lutheran Bishop Murray Finck, and processed into the Chapel.

The Opening Prayer was given by Leanne Nakanishi, Conference Co-Secretary, followed by the Recognition of our Common Ministry by Bishop Swenson. Bishop Swenson, Ken Ellis, Conference Lay Leader, and Rev. Derek Nakano presented the candidates for commissioning and ordination.

Candidates answered questions about their call, their faith in Jesus, and their willingness to serve. Prayers for the candidates were offered by the Bishop and the people.

Bishop Murray Finck, Pacifica Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, which covers a portion of Southern California and Hawaii, made remarks of greeting and support for the congregation and Conference. He also celebrated the relationship of our denominations as we partner in proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ and serving the people of the world.

Scripture verses from Psalm 87 and John 14:13-16 prepared the congregation for Bishop Swenson’s message, “Hidden Springs.” The title is related to a quote by Mary Parker Follett, “Whoever connects me with the hidden springs of life is my leader.” Using examples of missionary service and generosity in her family, she showed how her grandmother and aunt prepared the foundation for her to become a leader in the church. Then, she turned to those being commissioned and ordained and offered this wisdom: “Your leadership requires you to first of all be a follower of Jesus Christ.” The story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well is an excellent example of leadership – removing the log in our own lives that prevents us from seeing how to do ministry to others, quenching their thirst with living water, and ignoring the cisterns of stagnant water. In closing, the Bishop offered two other pieces of wisdom. Sometimes children will lead you to the hidden springs. Sometimes the laity will provide the bucket needed to draw the living water from those hidden springs.

The following were commissioned as Provisional Deacons – Ann Chengsaksri, Catherine Michele Johns, Carol Ann Van Buskirk, and Colleen Windham-Hughes. The following were commissioned as Provisional Elders – Stacy Christine Dickson, Robert Deas English, Sarah Kathleen Heath, Soon Jeong

Kang, Andrew Soon Lee, Moonyoung Kathryn Lee, Erin Maddox McPhee, Samuel Nam, Min-Kyu Park, Sunyoung Park, and Stephen J. Wilson.

One person was ordained as Deacon in Full Connection – John Brian Kwan. The following were ordained as Elder in Full Connection – Lincoln Emmanuel Galloway, Tonya Sanita Harris, Sunyoung Lee, Andrew Thomas Mattick, David Anthony McGlocklin, Luan-Vu Nhu Tran, and Sheena C. Trotter-Dennis.

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify and declare
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