



# UM Daily



Friday, June 17, 2011

1 California-Pacific Annual Conference  
2 2011 Annual Conference Sessions

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**Plenary # 3**  
**Friday, 8:30 a.m.**

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8 The Session was called to order with opening prayer and the singing of “Beautiful One” and “All  
9 Creatures of our God and King,” led by Dave Roberts. The gathering joined together in a  
10 Unison Litany of Welcome. Matthew 10:40-42 was read by Rev. Brian Suk-Boo Lee in Korean.

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12 **Stories of Grace:** Rev. Mary Scifres invited Rev. John McFarland to share his story of  
13 grace. He gave his witness and talked about the power of the Holy Spirit. He shared Acts 1:4 &  
14 8. The gathering sang “Amazing Grace”.

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16 **Orders of the Day:** Rev. Dan Lewis moved the Orders of the Day and **they were approved.**

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18 **Announcements:** Dan moved to suspend the rules for longer than 24 hours, so that the  
19 legislation passed out last night might be discussed in the morning’s legislative session. **This**  
20 **motion passed.**

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22 **Courtesies:** Rev. Lee Carlile introduced our Courtesies: (1) Neil Macready from the University  
23 of Redlands shared words of welcome, (2) Rev. Sunyoung Lee (UM Publishing House) & Gregg  
24 Cady (Cokesbury’s Pasadena Manager) shared about the value of bring quality publications to  
25 the United Methodist Church. Greg shared that the Pasadena store is moving to the Fuller  
26 Seminary Bookstore on July 1st. Nicole Aragon and Alex Boling, shared a report from Youth  
27 Day Shantytown, which is scheduled to bring awareness to homelessness Friday evening.

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29 **Ballot # 1:** Rev. Dan Lewis explained that California-Pacific Annual Conference may elect 8  
30 delegates to General Conference: 4 laity and 4 clergy. Dan clarified who is eligible to vote of  
31 the clergy and laity and how that is represented with the colored name badges. Laity will vote  
32 first, immediately followed by the clergy. The number on the ballot associated with the name of  
33 the nominee will remain constant throughout the voting process. According to Conference Rules,  
34 write-in names are permissible on any ballot, so long as the total number of votes cast does not  
35 exceed the number needed to elect. A majority is needed to elected on the first ballot. Bishop  
36 Swenson read the names of the candidates for laity and asked each to stand and be recognized.  
37 34 names were read. The Bishop asked Rev. Kathey Wilborn to offer prayer before the vote for  
38 laity delegates was taken. The vote was taken and Bishop Swenson declared the first laity ballot

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3 Bishop Swenson read the names of clergy and asked each to stand and be recognized. 37 names  
4 were on the ballot. Bill Lazarte offered prayer before the vote, the vote was taken, and Bishop  
5 Swenson declared the first ballot of clergy closed.

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7 **Board of Ordained Ministry:** Rev. Anna Mulford, representing the Board of Ordained  
8 Ministry, presented the 2011 class of candidates for provisional and full connection membership  
9 in the California-Pacific Annual Conference. Bishop Swenson asked the historic questions for  
10 Paragraph 336 from *The Book of Discipline*.

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12 Rev. Lee Cook presented Billy Stempson as a certified candidate to be appointed to extension  
13 ministry in camping ministries. Bishop Swenson asked all those who have been involved and  
14 blessed by camping ministries to stand as she offered prayer.

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16 Rev. Mulford presented the three candidates for Certified Lay Ministers: Theresa Erb, Francis  
17 Fukumoto, and Candace Holsenback-Smith.

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19 Bishop Swenson called for a vote of a approval from the whole body and **the motion was**  
20 **passed.** Three new Certified Lay Ministers **were approved.**

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22 Rev. David Richardson presented the corrections to the Navigation portion of the Nomination's  
23 Report regarding the Committee on Investigation. Rev. Amelia Finau will be removed for the  
24 Committee on Investigation--Constitutional Amendment Committee and Rev. Charlene Zuill  
25 should be listed in the class of '08. Gretchen Keeler's name needed to be corrected. The Board  
26 of Ordained Ministry moved to approve the Committee on Investigation. Bishop Swenson called  
27 for a vote and **the motion passed.**

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29 Rev. Afrie Songco Joye requested that Bishop Swenson ask those being ordained into Full  
30 Connection the following question: "Will you reach out intentionally, prayerfully, and  
31 assertively to the unchurched people?"

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33 **Orders:** Rev. Greg Norton explained "Orders" as a convenient community within the church  
34 that supports clergy in their relation to the church. Rev. Molly Vetter reminded clergy of the  
35 "Elder's Pastors Ministry." She also mentioned funding for continuing education. Her A-B-C's  
36 of ministry are "Ask" each other how they are doing, "Bless" each other, and "Consider" each  
37 other.

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39 **Nominating Committee Report:** Rev. Stephanie Toon Glassman presented the Nominating  
40 Committee's report of the Essential Ministry Teams which will be voted upon Sunday  
41 morning. Stephanie called for nominations from the floor for the election of 1 clergy and 1 lay  
42 member for the Navigation Essential Ministries Team. For this year only, there will be 1 clergy  
43 and 1 lay elected. They will be elected for a 4 year term and will meet 6 times per year.

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45 Rev. Richard Bentley raised a question regarding the election of members for the Navigation  
46 Team: Is it possible to elect 8 people from the floor of the Annual Conference rather than having  
47 only 2 people elected from the floor this year, with the rest being filled by members of the  
48 Conference Leadership Team?

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2 Debbie Haustedt explained the thinking for the nominating process for this year. The  
3 nominations are to come from the district pre-conference briefings for members, but we needed  
4 representatives for this year of transition.

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6 Bishop Swenson suggested we take nominations today and take time to determine how best to  
7 proceed for our ballot later in the week. This suggestion was accepted.

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9 Rev. Marilyn Huntington asked that clergy in the retired connection be considered for service  
10 when nominating.

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12 **Clergy Nominees:** Rev. Floyd McKeithen, Rev. Bill Johnson, Rev. Frank Wulf, Rev. Charlene  
13 Zuill, Rev. Marilyn Huntington, Rev. Camille Mattick, Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin

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15 **Lay Nominees:** Suanne Ware-Diaz, Paul Ames, Krystal Wheeler

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17 **Explanation of Learning Circles** were introduced by Rev. Kirsten Oh and Rev. Jennifer  
18 Gutierrez.

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20 **Explanation of Legislative Sections:** Bob Rhodes and Rev. Dave Stambaugh presented the  
21 structure of the legislative sessions and where to find their section number on their name  
22 badges. A consent calendar will be presented for voting at the general session.

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24 Rev. Chris Carter offered a Prayer of Peace and Benediction.

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26 **Plenary #4**  
27 **Friday, 5 p.m.**

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29 Gathering music was led by Dave Roberts prior to the session being called to order.

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31 Bishop Swenson gave the Call to Order at 4:58 pm. She presented the Lay Leader, Vicky Cook  
32 from the Santa Ana District, and Bishop Charles Jordan was invited to join her in presiding over  
33 the plenary session.

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35 Rev. Karin Ellis lead a Litany of Welcome which was followed by a prayer in unison and a  
36 reading from Matthew 10:40-42. The Conference body sang the last verse of “Amazing Grace”  
37 plus 1 new verse as an introduction to the story of grace.

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39 **Stories of Grace:** Rev. Jerry Owyang was invited to share his story of grace. He paraphrased a  
40 line from the movie “Transformers 2”. “God rarely appears at a moment of our  
41 choosing.” Jesus, in times of hardship or wonder, remains ever present. Jerry offered stories of  
42 hardship and how each one gave him a chance to demonstrate how Jesus remains ever present in  
43 all of our lives. He also asked the session to join him in singing “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know,”  
44 a song he sang to a young woman that sought him out for a story to tell her children.

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46 **Orders of the Day:** Rev. Dan Lewis moved the Orders of the Day and **they were approved.**

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1 **Announcements:** Rev. Dan Lewis presented the announcements. He explained there is a set of  
2 house keys at “Lost and Found.” United Health Care and Conference Wellness Task Force have  
3 raffle tickets available.

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5 **Motion:** Rev. Jennifer Gutierrez presented a motion to incorporate brief stories of the realities  
6 of working with the poor into the UM Daily. The motion reads: “In light of the theme of this  
7 year's Annual Conference I move that each edition of the 2011 Annual Conference UM Daily  
8 include a section entitled "Ministry with the Poor - Naming the Reality." This section in each  
9 edition will feature a different story of ministry with and of the poor from around our  
10 conference. These stories will be featured in the UM Daily even though they have not been read  
11 on the floor of the conference.” **The motion was supported.**

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13 Jen Jacques spoke for the Conference Youth, who are passing out fish with the request that all  
14 who are present sign them. These fish will be used in the Young Voices worship on Saturday as  
15 a reminder for all of us to share the good news.

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17 **Ballot # 1 Results:** Rev. Dan Lewis quoted the Conference Rules while explaining the voting  
18 procedures for the next ballot. Bishop Swenson read off the names of those on the ballot and the  
19 number of votes they received. 498 lay ballots cast with no one receiving more than 50%;  
20 therefore, no one was elected. Rev. Lewis reported that 4 people may be voted for. As there was  
21 no one elected, the nominee that carries the majority of the votes in subsequent ballots will be  
22 elected. Rev. Tonya Harris offered a prayer for the balloting. Lay ballot #2 was then received  
23 and closed.

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25 Bishop Swenson announced the results of clergy balloting. Clergy ballot - 302 ballots cast. No  
26 one was elected. Rev. Lewis reported that ballots could have no more than 4 votes. As there was  
27 no one elected, the nominee that carries the majority of the votes in subsequent elections will be  
28 elected. Becky Haase offered a prayer for the balloting.

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30 Rev. Sarah Heath asked a point of clarification regarding the possibility of Provisional Members  
31 voting. Bishop Swenson clarified that elected Provisional Members were permitted to vote.  
32 Clergy balloting occurred and ballot #2 was closed.

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34 Rev. Allison Mark suggested placing demographics on the ballots. Bishop Swenson instructed  
35 the Conference Secretaries to look into what could be done.

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37 Rev. Dan Lewis announced that the Consent Calendar will be posted outside the cafeteria, below  
38 the steps of the chapel, and online by the Conference Secretaries.

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40 Rev. Jim Brewster spoke regarding a point of personal privilege regarding Baker Home, a  
41 retirement community for retired ministers. Baker Home is celebrating their 100th anniversary  
42 this year. They have a booth in the courtyard.

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44 Rev. Ed Hansen introduced a special offering for “Strength for the Journey”, a charitable  
45 organization dedicated to helping those who have contracted HIV/AIDS. Volunteers will be  
46 standing at the exit doors to accept donations.

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48 Krista McVey asked to include General Conference nominees' Districts be placed on the

1 ballot. Bishop Swenson instructed the Conference Secretaries to look into what could be done.  
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3 Suanne Ware-Diaz reported the Committee on Native American Ministry will be hosting their  
4 2011 Native Days National Day of Observance for Native American Sites. A Native American  
5 prayer service will be held on Saturday morning, 7:15 a.m. in the quad.  
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7 Rev. Cynthia Abrams lifted up a concern about Conference Wellness Task Force when  
8 considering our Social Principles directive to avoid the temptations of gambling, including  
9 raffles.  
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11 Rev. Bob Miyake-Stoner offered a prayer of peace and a benediction.  
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13 **Memorial and Communion Service**  
14 **Friday, 7:30 p.m.**  
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16 Rev. Greg Norton played the prelude on the organ. The Call to Worship invited those gathered  
17 to meet together “down by the riverside,” utilizing the following scripture passages: Psalm 42,  
18 Deuteronomy 8:6-8, Isaiah 43, Isaiah 55, John 4 & Matthew 5 in a responsive litany.  
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20 Bishop Mary Ann Swenson shared the first “Tale by the Riverside.” We Methodists know how  
21 to get things done, but we are not so good at slow and quiet and deep. Under the bridge is the  
22 only place deep enough to wade in the water, only place deep enough for a baptism. Friends we  
23 need to go into the deep places, go out of our way, to the deep water.  
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25 Bishop Charles Jordan and Rev. Ken McMillan led the gathering in the Memorial Liturgy to  
26 remember those who have passed away and celebrate important they were to our lives. During  
27 this part of the service family members lighted candles in remembrance as members of the  
28 congregation stood in honor of those whom they had known and loved.  
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30 Bishop Jordan celebrated our United Methodist Bishops who had passed away in the past  
31 year: William Dew, James K. Mathews, James Thomas, and Edsel A. Ammons.  
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33 Rev. Ken McMillan read the names and biographies of the following Ordained and Diaconal  
34 Ministers of the California-Pacific Annual Conference who passed away this past year: Grover  
35 Bagby, Frank Butterworth, Henry Gaylor, Jr., Glendon Harris, Sun Kyu Huh, Kenneth Johnstone,  
36 B. Rhodes Martin, W. Lance Martin, Bronnie McNabb, Jr., Donald Meier, David Pasamonte,  
37 Kundun Peter, Edwin Reeves, James Roan, E. Clark Robb, M. Andrew Robinson-Gaither, James  
38 “Sam” Sallie, Paul Scharer, Frank Witman, and Jaye Watson.  
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40 Jan Hanson read the names of the spouses of the Ordained and Diaconal Ministers of the  
41 California-Pacific Annual Conference who passed away in the past year. They were: Dorothy  
42 Bagby, Lois Davis Butterfield, Nancy Cooney, Eileen Hildebrand, Ruby Lormor, Anita Painter,  
43 Jeannette Simmons, Ruth Smith, Catherine Stover, and Bette Wood.  
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45 Bishop Swenson remembered with the congregation laity and church members who are now  
46 present with the Lord. A video of those being memorialized was shown to those present.  
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1 Rev. Rick Uhls introduced the evenings offering which went to support the Japan Emergency  
2 Advance Special, supporting the work of our United Methodist Committee on Relief to provide  
3 assistance and long-term rehabilitation throughout Asia and the Pacific Region following this  
4 spring's Tsunami emergency.

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6 The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving was sung to the tune of "Here I am Lord" with District  
7 Superintendents singing the verses in various languages and the congregation singing the refrain.  
8 The congregation sang hymns while communion was taken at stations throughout the chapel  
9 sanctuary. The gathering was sent forth by Bishop Swenson.

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## 11 **"Ministry with the Poor - Naming the Reality."**

### 12 **Story # 1**

13 By Susan Stouffer, Director of the Peace Center at United University Church, Los Angeles

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15 Our current model of developing self-sustaining churches discourages us as a denomination from  
16 focusing on ministries of and with the poor.

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18 Omar\*, Judy\* and Jose\* come to our church most every week. They all love our church and its  
19 people. Omar loves being involved in the service by reading the lectionary passage. Omar also  
20 suffers from mental illness and is intermittently homeless. Judy\* loves helping to do things such  
21 as cooking for church meals. Judy also has a drug addiction problem and has recently been  
22 arrested for it. Jose\* will offer a hand with any task that needs help. Jose is also undocumented  
23 and is awaiting a hearing to see if he will be deported .

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25 As we live in beloved community with Omar, Judy, and Jose, we pray and advocate and struggle  
26 with their issues. We struggle with our country's drug laws which often punish people for drug  
27 addiction instead of treating them. We struggle with our country's lack of treatment options for  
28 people with mental illness, particularly those who don't recognize they have a mental illness. We  
29 struggle with our country's immigration laws which punish hard working people who are trying  
30 to raise families and contribute to the good of the whole. Our church is called to wrestle with  
31 these important issues because we live in authentic community with those who are affected.  
32 Despite what they offer of their gifts and abilities to our church, they are not baptized members  
33 for various personal reasons. They do not have much to contribute financially. They won't help  
34 our bottom line very much on the statistics that are used to gauge whether a church is growing  
35 and thriving. Yet, having been a member of this church for over 11 years, our church has never  
36 felt more alive and authentic . How do we as a denomination find ways to account for these  
37 authentic ministries and relationships with the poor?

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39 \*Names have been changed

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### 41 **Story # 2**

42 Stories from The Neighborhood La Vecindad by Rev. Sandy Olewine

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44 Last summer, the staff planned a leadership development training program for the participants in  
45 our community following requests from them earlier in the spring. As time drew close to begin  
46 and we were sharing with the community what we would do together, there was some noticeable  
47 reticence in the group. Finally, one of the young mothers spoke up. "We really aren't sure we're  
48 ready to lead. We don't have enough confidence and we are unsure of what to do. We think we

1 would be better leaders if we believed in ourselves more. So, we would rather start with self-  
2 esteem classes so we can feel good about who we are and what we can offer. Would that be  
3 okay?" Needless to say, a new experience was created.

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5 On Easter Sunday, a man named Michael wandered in from the street for our pancake breakfast  
6 and stayed for worship. Since then, each Sunday he has arrived about an hour before worship,  
7 helping to set-up for service. During this time, he openly shares his struggles and challenges  
8 in life. After about four weeks, he announced that he had never been baptized and desperately  
9 wanted to be. "I have a schedule. I write down where I need to go and fill it up so I don't do the  
10 wrong things or hang out in the wrong places. See – here I wrote church 9 am. I'm here every  
11 Sunday. God wants me here to help me be strong and safe." I met with Michael a couple of  
12 times to talk about baptism. When I asked him what it meant to him, he replied, "Jesus is the  
13 one who helps me stay on the right path. I need him in my life and I want Jesus to know I trust  
14 him." On June 5, Michael was baptized. In the world, Michael doesn't count for much. Even  
15 in the church, many might dismiss him. Will he ever be a passion-filled leader? Probably not -  
16 but Michael knew he was a child of God and was eager to be known as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

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18 Thanks be to our God who watches over even the least in the world...

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