



UM Daily



Saturday, June 18, 2011

1 California-Pacific Annual Conference
2 2011 Annual Conference Sessions

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Plenary # 5 Saturday, 8:30 a.m.

8 Gathering Music performed by Dave Roberts and musicians from Santa Margarita United
9 Methodist Church.

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11 Phil Freeman led the Call to Worship and the Opening hymn --"Cuando El Pobre". Connie
12 Freeman led the Opening Prayer. Phil and Connie Freeman read Matthew 10: 40-42.

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14 **Stories of Grace:** Rev. Mary Allman-Boyle shared a story of grace about a film in which she
15 was sobbing and then began to pray. She asked God to show her God's purpose and out of the
16 blue, she heard voices of a heavenly choir singing *Amazing Grace*. The next day, she shared with
17 her choir members what she had heard. What does it matter and how it all came to you? What
18 matters is that they heard you and you responded? 6 years later, as she read the "vine and
19 branches" scripture, she realized that she was called to bear witness to the children of God. It is
20 her hope that we will share our stories with one another and with those who are hurting and
21 broken in the world. The gathering sang *Amazing Grace*.

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23 Bishop Swenson introduced The Los Angeles District Lay Leaders, Phil and Connie Freeman and
24 the Layman of the Year, Harry Kuruma from Centenary UMC in Los Angeles.

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26 **Orders of the Day:** Rev. Dan Lewis moved that the Orders be approved. Bishop Swenson read
27 them out loud. **Orders of the Day were approved.**

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29 **Announcements:** Rev. Lewis asked that everyone speaking into a microphone on the floor state
30 their name and then he gave instructions on which colored paddle (blue, red or green) to use to
31 indicate whether they are for or against or have a question.

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33 **Courtesies:** Rev. Lee Carlile introduced the Courtesies: 1) Joe White who gave information
34 regarding the Bishop's tour to Israel. 2) Dan Gara shared about his work as conference treasurer
35 for 15 years. Final request - he quoted a paper by Gail Randall who wrote that it is time for
36 leadership not management. Management continues the status quo. Let us lead into
37 transformation.

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1 **Point of Personal Privilege:** Karen Ginoza reported that June Shimokawa, a member of the
2 Peace with Justice Committee, had passed away in May. Bishop Swenson responded saying
3 June was a witness for peace with justice. The Bishop offered prayer on her behalf.
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5 **Ballot # 3: General Conference:** Rev. Dan Lewis offered an explanation about the election
6 process and the balloting process. The Conference Staff was unable to comply with the requests
7 to list demographics because the demographic information was not collected and balloting has
8 already began. Bishop Swenson reported Lay Ballot #2 results. 523 votes were cast. 267 were
9 needed to elect. Ken Ellis and Leanne Nakanishi were elected. Rev. Adiel DePano prayed
10 before taking the lay ballot. Dan gave instructions for Lay Ballot #3. 2 persons can be voted
11 for. The person(s) who receive the majority vote will be elected on all future ballots. Lay voting
12 was taken and then the Bishop closed the ballot. Bishop Swenson reported on the clergy
13 ballot. 294 ballots were cast. Tom Choi was elected with 144 ballots. Rev. Lewis instructed the
14 clergy to vote for up to 3 persons. Martina McRae offered a prayer for this ballot. Clergy
15 balloting was closed.
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17 **Consent Calendar Presentation:** Dave Stambaugh thanked and recognized legislative section
18 leaders. The Consent Calendar had been made available on Friday night online, and posted in
19 three places around campus. The Consent calendar follows:
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Consent Calendar – 2011

FOR CONCURRENCE

24 *(Voting percentages from legislative sections in bold following each item):*
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Recommendations

27 REC 11-1	Associate Conference Lay Leader Position	98%
28 REC 11-2	Pension 1 – CPP Billing	100%
29 REC 11-3	Pension 2 – Setting 2012 Service Rate	100%
30 REC 11-4	Pension 3 – Funding Plan Supplement One Retirement	100%
31 REC 11-5	Pension 4 – Clergy Retirement Security Program (CRSP)	100%
32 REC 11-6	Pension 5 – Comprehensive Protection Plan	97%
33 REC 11-7	Pension 6 – Rental/Housing Allowances for Retired or 34 Disabled Clergy Persons	100%
35 REC 11-8	Addition to Personnel Records	100%

Resolutions

38 RES 11-2	Call to End Exploitation of Trafficked Workers 39 from the Philippines	100%
40 RES 11-3	In Support of Living Wages and the Right to Organize	92%
41 RES 11-4	Moratorium on the Death Penalty in California	90%
42 RES 11-5	In Support of Peace Talks between the Government 43 of the Republic of the Philippines and the 44 National Democratic Front of the Philippines	97%
45 RES 11-8	GC: Nurturing Relationships	91%
46 RES 11-12	GC: Death with Dignity	89%
47 RES 11-13	GC: Bullying as a Form of Violence	100%
48 RES 11-15	GC: A Call for Peacemaking	100%

1	RES 11-17	GC: Director of Connectional Ministries	90%
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3	Rules		
4	Rules 11-5	Workers' Compensation Clarification	100%
5	Rules 11-6	UMC Landmark Properties	100%

7 **Items NOT on the Consent Calendar -- 2011**

9 **Resolutions**

10	RES 11-1	GC: Against Building Land Based Nuclear Power Plant	63%
11	RES 11-6	GC: Saying No to Nuclear Weapons	63%
12	RES 11-7	GC: Pastor's Authority in Affirming Readiness for	
13		Church Membership	69%
14	RES 11-9	GC: Interfaith Advocacy in Support of Israel-Palestine Peace	64%
15	RES 11-10	GC: Human Sexuality	78%
16	RES 11-11	GC: End discrimination against homosexual clergy	70%
17	RES 11-14	GC: Academic Freedom	67%
18	RES 11-16	GC: Aligning UMC Investments	77%
19	RES 11-18	Changes to Personnel Policy 1.B.	N/A
20	RES 11-20	Changes to Personnel Policy IV.B.1.a.	72%
21	RES 11-21	Changes to Rule VII. AF.	N/A

23 **Rules**

24	Rules 11-1	Tenure for Board of Ordained Ministry	78%
25	Rules 11-4	Conference Compensation Assistance (Amended)	100%

26 -----End of Consent Calendar-----

28 Rev. Molly Vetter moved to remove Resolution 11-17. **Removal was supported.** The Consent
 29 Calendar was **approved** with removal of RES 11-17.

31 **Legislative Items not on the Consent Calendar:** Bob Rhodes moved Resolution 11-1 for
 32 discussion and action. 2 arguments for and 3 against were heard. The vote for Resolution 11-1
 33 was taken and it was **not supported.** Bob Rhodes reported that the rest of the items NOT on the
 34 Consent Calendar will be taken care of at a later time.

36 **Board of Trustees:** Rev. Roy Riggs presented the Board of Trustees report. "We are
 37 throwing money away." Rev. Riggs encouraged the conference to make our facilities safer.
 38 He reminded the conference that we are all required to have Worker's Compensation
 39 insurance. Roy Riggs thanked members of the Trustees.

41 **Board of Pensions:** Rev. Ken McMillan presented the Board of Pensions report. He
 42 reported the board has worked diligently to support and assist clergy and their families, other
 43 church workers, and lay employees related to the Annual Conference responsibly and effectively.
 44 Health care for clergy and their families continues to be the major focus of the board. Only
 45 about 50% of our conference clergy participate in our health care plan. For retirees the Medicare
 46 plan offers some options that work better for some retired clergy. Other Medicare Supplement
 47 plans are available for little or no cost. Retirees now pay part of the cost for their health
 48 insurance costs in the church's health plan. United Health Care is the only plan that will cover

1 our denominational needs. The plan is now once again fully funded. A year ago the Health and
2 Wellness Task Force inaugurated a new walking program for all our clergy and spouses - both
3 active and retired - and all the lay employees of our Conference. Almost 500 people are now
4 wearing their pedometers, and hopefully over the years we will indeed have a more healthy
5 Conference. Rev. McMillan then thanked a number of people who have worked on pension,
6 including staff.

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8 **Certified Lay Minister Recognition:** Judy Lewis recognized the special ministry of Lay
9 Speakers and Certified Lay Ministers, Theresa Erb (San Diego District); Frances Fukumoto
10 (Hawaii District); and Candace Holsenback-Smith (Santa Barbara District). Bishop Swenson
11 introduced the Certified Lay Ministers approved today and pronounced a blessing on each of
12 them. 2011 Graduates and past Graduates of the Lay Ministry Academy were recognized.

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14 **Leadership Reports and Budget: Q & A discussion -** Debbie Haustedt shared feedback from
15 her Table discussion and reported on the Leadership Team vision. The goal of the EMT
16 structure is to bind together people with a commonality of function goal and purpose and passion
17 for the church. EMT structure prioritizes around function. Burning questions: How does this
18 effect the local congregations? The answer is the binding together of like-minded people with
19 like passions to drive the mission forward. Rev. Paige Eaves shared an example of this by
20 talking about her experience with her table forum where citizen programs being conducted by
21 churches. Rev. Kelvin Sauls lifted up another example from his experience with the Board of
22 Congregational Development. Kelvin reported on the passion for recovering ministry working
23 with the recovering community. Not all ministries can be funded. However, there are resources
24 to support these broader ministries seeking to serve our communities. Congregations and
25 ministries need to be able to access resources and to find out what other resources are
26 available. Debbie Haustedt pointed out that the EMT plan gives us more options for resources,
27 broadens our ability to do what we need to do in ministry.

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29 Bishop Swenson paused the Leadership Team report to hear the results of Lay Ballot #3.
30 537 votes were cast;, 269 votes were needed for a majority. Joann Yoon Fukumoto was elected.
31 There will be another ballot taken for the final delegate. New ballots were distributed. A prayer
32 was offered by Rev. Thomas Hill. Lay Ballot #4 was taken. A report from the floor stated that
33 some ballots had already been marked. The bishop declared the balloting invalid and had the
34 ballots collected to be discarded. Ballot #4 will be taken this afternoon.

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36 **Return to Leadership Reports and Budget: Q & A discussion:** Rev. Catie Coots spoke about
37 the Mission Areas. As we decrease the number of District Superintendents, Mission Areas will
38 grow in importance. Ana-Haydee Urda spoke to the budget for the Hispanic Plan which is a 10
39 year plan. It has not been determined where the money will come from specifically for years 2
40 and 3. Money for year one will be used from Hispanic funds already in existence. The President
41 of CF&A, Howard Hudson stated that a collaborative effort is now standard procedure to
42 development a budget. With the EMT plan, this has changed. Now each EMT has responsibility
43 for its own budget.

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45 **Ballot #4 - General Conference Report:** Rev. Dan Lewis explained that Ballot #4 was invalid
46 due to machine error that marked the ballots. This error also appeared on Ballot #3, so the
47 results were declared invalid as well. Rev. Lewis explained that the remaining blank ballots that
48 the tellers have in their locked room will be checked to make sure they are unmarked and can be

1 used.

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3 **Announcements:** Rev. Dan Lewis announced that the workshop “Building homes, Building
4 hope” has been cancelled for this afternoon. Dan invited people who signed up for this
5 workshop to attend another of their choice. Wanda Bethea and Tricia Hamilton, Co-Deans
6 shared about the special offering for Urban Kids Camp and it was taken at the door.

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8 Monalisa Tu’itahii share a Prayer of Peace and Benediction

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Plenary # 6 Saturday, 2 p.m.

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13 Gathering Music led by Dave Roberts and musicians from Santa Margarita UMC.

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15 Rev. Mary Dang led the Call to Worship and opening prayer. The body sang “Cuando El
16 Pobre.” Rev. Mary Dang led the Opening Litany and read Matthew 10:40-42 (in Vietnamese).

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18 **Stories of Grace:** Tonia and Rafael Rios of Baldwin Park UMC. Rafael shared how a church
19 learned to reach out into the community. The gathering sang *Amazing Grace*. Bishop Swenson
20 shared of her trip with Tonia to El Salvador. Rev. Jennifer Gutierrez spoke to the blessings and
21 the hardships of serving in setting such as the one that Tonia and Rafael Rios serve in.

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23 **Orders of the Day:** Rev. Dan Lewis presented the Orders for the Day and moved for their
24 adoption. The Orders were **adopted**.

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26 **Announcements:** Rev. Dan Lewis announced that car keys were found.

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28 **Courtesies:** Rev. Lee Carlile introduced the Courtesies. 1) Rev. Won Kie Kim, District
29 Superintendent of the Western Jurisdiction Korean Mission announced that 70 leaders are going
30 to Korea for Leadership Center. He also shared about the vision of the mission to build a
31 mission center for the purpose of the disciples training, evangelism program, and mission
32 outreach. Rev. Kim asked for prayers and support of the project. 2) The General Board of
33 Church & Society introduced Linda Bales Todd and Katey Zeh and encouraged the conference
34 members to visit www.ministrywith.org. Bishop Swenson and Rev. Cynthia Abrams announced
35 participants who will be interning at the General Board of Church and Society this
36 Summer. Giovanni Arroyo of the General Commission Religion and Race gave the Bishop a T-
37 shirt. The Bishop introduced Skip Keating, the Pasadena District Lay Leader, who was sitting up
38 front for this session.

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40 **Ballot #5 General Conference – Laity:** Rev. Dan Lewis explained the balloting
41 procedures. The Annual Conference retook the third laity ballot, because of a computer error
42 that caused the other ballots to be inaccurate. Bishop Swenson offered prayer before the vote was
43 taken. The vote was for two delegates as two delegates had been elected from previous ballots.
44 Bishop Swenson declared laity ballot # 5 laity vote for delegates **closed**.

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46 **Ballot #4 General Conference – Clergy:**

47 Bishop Swenson announced the election of Rev. Molly Vetter with 104 votes. The Bishop then

1 read the names of the candidates with the 10 votes and higher. Bishop Swenson offered prayer
2 before the clergy vote. The clergy were instructed to vote for 2 delegates. Bishop Swenson
3 declared ballot #4 clergy vote **closed**.

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5 **Point of Personal Privilege:** Rev. Bill Jenkins introduced Gladys Martinez as a special agent
6 with ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement). She spoke about her work to create a kinder
7 ICE, offering prayers and help for families who are being deported.

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9 **Equitable Compensation:** The co-chairs, Rev. Cindy Huskey and Jay Sowell present the report
10 of the Committee on Equitable Compensation (CEC). Equitable compensation is mandated by
11 the *Book of Discipline*, and sets the minimum standards for clergy compensation. Page 27 of the
12 preliminary report has the standards for 2012 equitable compensation. Jay Sowell shared about
13 the financial grants that were given to local churches in 2011 to support the equitable
14 compensation of their pastors. Churches that cannot afford to pay their pastors can get financial
15 support for up to five years.

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17 Jay Sowell discussed the location of CEC in the EMT structure: Equitable compensation will be
18 maintained by the CEC in consult with the Resource EMT, and grants will be administered by
19 the New Ministries Team. This allows the Equitable Compensation grants to become
20 investments rather than costs. The team has set a goal by 2012 to help 5 churches become self-
21 sustaining.

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23 **United Methodist Men (UMM):** UMM Presedent Richard Kim introduced a video outlining
24 the work of the UMM throughout the denomination.

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26 **United Methodist Women (UMW):** UMW President Leanne Nakanishi presented the United
27 Methodist Women report. UMW raised \$20 million for missions and gave \$5 million for local
28 projects in 2010. The Cal-Pac Conference UMW raised \$310,000 for ministries. Leanne
29 Nakanishi noted that ¶ 256.5 of the Book of Discipline states that there will be a UMW at every
30 local church.

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32 **Action on Hispanic Plan, Study of District Boundaries, EMT, Budget:** Bishop Swenson
33 introduced the Conference Leadership Team to come forward to present the action on the
34 Hispanic Plan.

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36 As the team came forward, Bishop Swenson announced that Leah Switzer who received the
37 award for United Methodist Communicators across the denomination for her work in
38 interpretation. Leah shared about her work and experience interviewing for the award. Leah is
39 the first Hispanic woman to receive her certification in communication and thanked the Annual
40 Conference for their support.

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42 **Hispanic Plan:** Ana-Haydée Urda moved the Conference Strategic Hispanic plan before the
43 body. Motion from the Floor from Rev. Cathleen Coots from the Santa Barbara District: “As we
44 accept the Hispanic Plan, we ask the Conference Hispanic Committee to further refine the plan
45 and bring back to the 2012 Annual Conference 2 - 3 priorities for each year of the plan and that
46 before funds we raised a detailed finance plan and a schedule of fundraising will be presented
47 annually to the Navigation and Resource EMTs.” The Conference Hispanic Committee gave its
48 affirmation of the amendment. The body voted, and the Hispanic plan was **passed as amended**.

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2 **Point of Personal Privilege:** Ana-Haydée Urda requested prayer for her aunt who is in the
3 ICU. Bishop Swenson offered the prayer.

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5 PROPOSED TRANSITIONAL MOTIONS TO APPROVE EMT CHARTERS “IN
6 PRINCIPLE,” TO BEGIN TO ORGANIZE THE EMT’S, AND TO TRANSITION FROM THE
7 OLD STRUCTURE --Debbie Haustedt

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9 Transitional Motion #1 . I move to suspend the rules describing the makeup, responsibilities, and
10 duties of all Annual Conference committees, boards and agencies, except for those required by
11 The 2008 Book of Discipline, specifically, the Board of Ordained Ministry, the Administrative
12 Review Committee, and the Committee on Investigation, and the Rules and Policies of
13 Conference Personnel and Policy Committee, so that we might consider the following
14 motions regarding the proposed restructuring and organization of the Annual Conference.
15 (Note: this motion will require a 2/3 majority to pass.) **The body voted on proposal #1 and the**
16 **motion was supported.**

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18 2 . I move that the proposed charters of the five Essential Ministries Teams identified
19 by the Conference Leadership Team and approved by the 2010 session be approved
20 as ‘ roadmaps’ for our Annual Conference to begin to implement a new structure for the
21 Annual Conference during the 2011-2012 Conference year.

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23 Rev. Sharon Rhodes-Wickett offered an amendment to “eliminate lines 127-130 on page 3 of
24 navigation addendum.” The motion was seconded. Discussion from the body followed the
25 motion. Bishop Swenson clarified that the amendment to the motion from the floor was being
26 voted upon. The body voted on the first amendment to the EMT of proposal #2, which was **not**
27 **supported.**

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29 Proposal #2 was presented before the body again, without the amendment. Carla Bailey moved
30 an amendment in the Resource EMT Charter. The motion was seconded.

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32 “I move the following amendments to the Resource EMT charter:

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34 153 Core Team: The Core Team of the Resource EMT shall consist of the Team Leader,
35 154 Secretary, President of the Board of Trustees, President of the Council on Financial
36 155 Resources, and the Chairperson of the Human Resources Council, and the Chairperson
37 of the Board of Pensions.

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39 135 4. Three (3) Members from the Human Resources Council
40 136 a. One Member being the Chairperson of the Human Resources Council
41 137 b. Two One Members being selected from the Human Resources Council
42 the Chairperson of the Board of Pension
43 c. One Member being selected by the Human Resource Council.

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45 280 Officers & Representatives to the Resource EMT: At the beginning of each
46 281 appointment year (July), the Council is to elect, by simple majority, its Leader
47 282 and Secretary. Additionally, the Council is to elect, by simple majority, two one
48 283 representatives to serve on the Resource EMT. The Chairperson of the Board of

1 Pensions will sit on the Resource EMT.

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3 290 Standing Committee is to be populated and approved by the Human Resources
4 291 Council. The Council shall report on the membership of each of its Standing
5 292 Committees to the Resource EMT on an Annual Basis selected by the Conference
6 Nominating Committee and elected by the Annual Conference for a 4 year term

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8 Discussion from the body followed the motion. The amendment was voted on and
9 **supported**. Proposal #2 was voted on as amended and **supported**.

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11 3 . I move that this Annual Conference session direct each of the existing Annual
12 Conference committees, boards and agencies to work with transitional leaders designated
13 by the Conference Leadership Team for each of the five designated Essential Ministries
14 Teams to move and integrate its current tasks into the organizing Essential Ministries
15 Team which names, in its charter, the work of that currently existing committee, board or
16 agency.

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18 Proposal #3 was brought before the body. The motion was **supported**.

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20 4 . I move that the Conference Nominating Committee be directed a) to cease filling any
21 vacancies on currently existing committees, boards and agencies (old structure) as of
22 July 1, 2011; and b) persons nominated to serve on the respective Essential Ministry
23 Teams (new structure), elected by 2011 Annual Conference action, begin service through
24 the new structure as of July 1, 2011. In no case shall a 2010-2011 Conference Leadership
25 Team member be allowed to serve as a voting member on the Essential Ministry Team
26 that s/he has led during the July 2010-June 2011 developmental year. Further, no District
27 shall be allowed to submit any new names to the Conference Nominating Committee as
28 District representatives to old structure committees, boards or agencies after July 1, 2011.

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30 Proposal #4 was brought before the body and the motion was **supported**.

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32 5 . I move that each implementing Essential Ministries Team, either through a committee
33 elected from its own membership or as a committee of the whole, draft proposed
34 rules for its own operation as of July 1, 2012, pending approval as to form and lack of
35 conflict with the Book of Discipline or other conference rules by the Conference Rules
36 Committee, and pending approval by the 2012 Session of the Annual Conference. If
37 approved by that session of the Annual Conference, they shall replace the conference
38 rules of the existing committees, boards and agencies that feed into each approved
39 Essential Ministries Team.

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41 Proposal #5 was brought before the body. Discussion followed. The motion was **supported**.

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43 6 . I move that if, in the process of organizing, an Essential Ministry Team discovers that
44 provisions in its approved Charter needs to be changed, it is authorized to draft proposed
45 changes; to submit them to the Navigation EMT for review and approval; following
46 such approval to submit the proposed charter amendments to the Conference Secretary
47 as motions to the 2012 Annual Conference session; and to operate on those proposed
48 amendments to its charter on an ad interim basis once the proposed change has been

1 received by the Conference Secretary, pending approval by the 2012 Annual Conference
2 session.

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4 Proposal #6 was brought before the body. The motion was **supported**. Proposal #7 was brought
5 before the body.

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7 7. The Conference Leadership Team recommends, upon the approval of the 5 Essential
8 Ministry Team Plan by the 2011 Annual Conference, that the Conference Leadership
9 Team be dissolved, effective July 1, 2011.

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11 Proposal #7 was **supported**.

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13 Frank Wulf: Bishop and beloved members of the annual conference: Giving thanks for the
14 faithful work of the Conference Leadership Team that has brought us to this moment and seeking
15 to move the spirit of that work forward, I move that the annual conference direct the five
16 essential ministry teams to develop goals and benchmarks for their own work and for the work of
17 the staff under their supervision that are specific, measureable, motivating, achievable, relevant
18 and time-bound and to report these goals and benchmarks to the 2012 session of the annual
19 conference for review and ratification. **This motion was seconded, moved, and supported.**

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21 Liz Roark made a motion to revisit CLT Proposed transitional motion #2 and it was seconded. **It**
22 **was not supported.**

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24 **Conference Policies and Procedures Committee:** Chairman Rev. George Hooper put forward
25 11-13A (2012 Salary Ranges) and withdrew 11-13B of the Conference Policies and Procedures.
26 The body voted on 11-3A, which was **supported**. Item 11-14 (Personnel Policies) was presented
27 to the body for approval. Discussion followed. Bishop Swenson called for a vote from the body
28 and the motion was **supported**.

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30 **Conference Budget :** Howard Hudson moved the conference budget for 2012 be approved.
31 Discussion followed regarding campus ministries concerns, children and youth, reallocations of
32 funds. Bishop Swenson called for a vote from the body and the budget was **supported**.

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34 Rev. Amy Wake moved that “the leadership EMT prepare a plan to present to 2012 Annual
35 Conference to reengage Campus Ministries in the Apportioned Budget.” Discussion
36 followed. Rev. Erin McPhee amended the motion to “not only address financial support of
37 campus ministries but also seek ways that Campus Ministries might work with local
38 congregations to use resources more effectively and cooperate in ministry.” The amendment was
39 seconded, voted on, and **supported**. Rev. Sue D’Alessio explained the plans already in work for
40 the coming year to address the issues of Campus Ministries. Bishop Swenson called for a vote on
41 Amy’s motion. The motion was **supported**.

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43 Rev. George Crisp moved that “this Annual Conference session direct the Council on Financial
44 Resources to prepare and present at next year's (2012) Annual Conference comprehensive
45 operating budget for 2013, to include but not be limited to the apportioned budget; said budget
46 for 2013 would be developed using real dollars and without a shortfall allowance; the process for
47 developing the 2013 budget would be publicly transparent and collaborative with the Essential
48 Ministry Teams (if that structure is adopted) and the Conference Staff.” Howard Hudson

1 presented an argument against this motion.

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3 Rev. Sandie Richards made an amendment to motion to “include the shortfall budget into
4 George’s proposal was offered.” The amendment was voted on and was **not supported**.

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6 The original motion put forth by George was voted on and was **not supported**.

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8 **Ballot 5 General Conference - Laity Results:** Bishop Swenson reported that Mele Maka was
9 elected with 211 votes. Because of the time, Bishop announced that another Lay ballot will have
10 to be postponed until tomorrow morning.

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12 **Ballot 4 General Conference - Clergy Results:** Bishop Swenson reported that Rev. Cedrick
13 Bridgeforth was elected with 91 votes.

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15 As a result of the postponing of the voting tomorrow, Rev. Dan Lewis announced that the
16 morning plenary would begin at 7:30 am tomorrow morning (Sunday 19 June 2011) and
17 breakfast will begin at 6:30 am (at the University of Redlands). The morning session will begin
18 with a vote for one more lay and one more clergy delegate to General Conference.

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20 Rev. Richard Bentley moved that the Annual Conference take another General Conference ballot
21 at the end of the young people’s service today. The conference secretaries asserted that the
22 morning session would still meet at 7:30 am. The body voted and the motion was **supported**.

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24 Closing prayer was offer by Bert Mendoza.

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Young Voices Service Saturday, 4 p.m.

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29 Fernando Alcantar began clapping to catch the attention of the congregation. Emphasizing the
30 importance of praise in the midst of conference business, Fernando Alcantar led the
31 congregation in prayer. The theme is “Share”. Youth participate in their local congregations
32 and conference events throughout the year. At Annual Conference they have participated in the
33 final planning for the Young Voices Service, youth day, and voted as members!

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35 Beginning by sharing joys, the Conference Council on Youth Ministries presented
36 several awards: the Susannah Wesley scholarship of \$1,000 to Kimberly Evert; two scholarships
37 of \$500 to June Lee and Lauren Whitman; and Youth Worker of the Year was awarded to
38 Caroline Dawes of 1st United Methodist Church of Redondo Beach.

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40 After lifting up the joy that youth participated in a witness on the lawn in the form of a
41 Shantytown, the youth transitioned into sharing concerns. Various youth reported on the
42 number of homeless. 1.6 million people used shelters. 1/3 are members of households with
43 children. 3.5 million people (1.3 million) are likely experience homelessness in any
44 year. Reading from Galatians.

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46 Dave Roberts led singing, encouraging “outward signs” of praise to God: (1) “Woah oh oh
47 oh.” (2) “Beautiful One I Love” and (3) “Open Up the Doors”. Responding to the enthusiastic

1 leadership of the young voices, the congregation sang enthusiastically.

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3 Three youth offered a skit. Carrying cardboard signs indicating the need for food, two youth
4 walked toward the piano and drums, huddling together for support. A third youth offered bread.

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6 Chris Legleiter offered a mini message to interpret the skit as an illustration of giving. The
7 overflowing cup, giving to the less fortunate, as Jesus fed the crowd. Sometimes the littlest gifts
8 are the biggest. The idea is to give: cash, your time, anything. This skit represents “letting your
9 cup overflow”. Closed in prayer.

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11 The Tongan Youth Dance Team of St. Marks United Methodist Church (Anaheim) danced
12 to “You are my Strength” which began with a recitation of Psalm 28.7. Wearing masks and hats,
13 the dancers began with low movements indicating suffering, pain, oppression, and hiding.

14 Dancing to the lyrics, “You are my strength, my sword, my shield, my joy,” movements
15 progressively opened up and masks and hats were discarded. The congregation responded with
16 enthusiasm as the dancers removed their masks and moved into the congregation. The dancers
17 ended in prostrate prayer and a standing ovation followed.

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19 The story of Jesus feeding the crowd, (John 6:1-15), was recited in multiple languages: 1-3
20 Spanish, 4-6 Hawaiian, 7-8 Sign Language, 9-10 Tongan, 11-13 Korean, and 14-15 Samoan.

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22 Langi Lolohea, from Trinity United Methodist Church, Hawaii, served as the preacher for the
23 day. He began with the responsive greeting: “God is good...All the time” and followed with
24 prayer. He told the Mark version of Jesus feeding the 5,000. Then he retold the story from the
25 perspective of “the people who are like sheep without a shepherd,” or a “generation that is all
26 about me...me...me.” The disciples were tired and hungry and wanted to send the people away to
27 find their own food. But Jesus said, “The people are hungry. You give them something to eat.”
28 We are called to be disciples. We are called to be Christians. The world has an excuse to waver.
29 We are the church; we cannot waver. We stand firm in the truth and proclaim the good
30 news. We are asked to stand tall. At this point two dancers, Hila Tavlava and Fale Gisa-
31 Penisoni, began interpreting the message to stand tall. We are told to go out of the church and
32 proclaim the “Good News”. All we’ve been given is 5 loaves and two fish and that is
33 enough. We stand tall together and proclaim the “Good News”. There’s a muscle that is weak
34 in the United Methodist Church: the gift of the Spirit. Langi invited the congregation to stand,
35 raise hands and close eyes in prayer for youth. Pray for us, the new (now? as in now and future?)
36 generation of the church. God is good; all the time. The congregation prayed aloud, as the Spirit
37 gave them utterance. The youth on the stage sang “I owe you my worship” as two dancers did an
38 interpretive dance.

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40 An offering was collected to fund youth services (Ema, Jen A.). The congregation was also
41 asked to place the paper fishes (which were distributed earlier in the conference) in the
42 basket. “SoullyHis”, a Hawaii district-wide choir, sang as the offering was collected. A prayer
43 of thanksgiving was offered.

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45 The congregation was invited to join in the youth benediction from Numbers 6.24-26. Crossing
46 their feet, with their right arm over their left, and holding the hand of the person standing next to
47 them, the congregation recited the Benediction in unison, then turned around and released their

1 hands.

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Plenary # 7
Saturday, 2 p.m.

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6 Gathering Music led by Dave Roberts and musicians from Santa Margarita United Methodist
7 Church.

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9 Bishop thanked the young people for the young voices worship and proclaimed that the future
10 has hope! Rev. Dan Lewis reported that the Conference will need to meet at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday
11 morning to complete the work of the conference. Both Lay and Clergy were instructed to vote
12 for up to one person. Langi Lolohea prayed that God's wisdom direct the vote.

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14 **Ballot #6 General Conference - Laity:** Rev. Dan Lewis instructed the ballots to be distributed
15 and instructed the lay to vote. Rev. Dan Lewis called the ballot **closed**.

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17 **Ballot #5 General Conference - Clergy:** Rev. Dan Lewis instructed the ballots to be distributed
18 and instructed the clergy to vote. Rev. Dan Lewis called the ballot **closed**. Rev. Dan Lewis
19 offered a prayer for the Conference and our food.

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21 Service Of Ordination

22 Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

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24 After the prelude, Rev. Derek Nakano, Chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry, welcomed
25 the congregation and gave instructions about the service. This worship service is not like
26 a graduation, as — “we are here to witness to the Holy Spirit anointing your loved ones” for
27 service in ordained ministry. This is a solemn and holy occasion.

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29 The service began with a Call to Worship, then continued with the processional hymn, “Lord,
30 You Give the Great Commission.” Bishop Swenson led the Greeting & Prayer and the
31 Recognition of our Common Ministry. Rev. Melissa Roux MacKinnon (Assistant Registrar for
32 Provisional Membership) introduced those to be commissioned, Rev. John Kwan presented the
33 candidate for ordination as Deacon, and Rev. Doug Williams (Assistant Registrar for Full
34 Connection) introduced those who are to be ordained as Elders in Full Connection.

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36 Candidates answered questions about their call, their faith in Jesus, and their willingness to
37 serve. Prayers for the candidates were offered by Bishop Swenson and Bishop Charles Wesley
38 Jordan, Rev. Lopeti Taufua and the people.

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40 Bishop Swenson introduced special preacher Rev. Darryl Fairchild, United Methodist minister
41 from Dayton, Ohio, and community organizer for “Lift Greater Dayton.” Bishop Swenson also
42 introduced the Rev. Lopeti Taufua, retired President of the Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga and
43 uncle of one of the ordinands. Rev. Lopeti Taufua offered words of greeting. He hopes to be a
44 living demonstration of our oneness in Christ.

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46 Isaiah 42:1-4 (NRSV) was read by Rev. Lopeti Taufua and John 20:1-18, was read by Eva Thai-
47 Erwin.

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2 Rev. Darryl Fairchild's delivered the message, "Courage or Convenience." Darryl addressed the
3 congregation and the candidates in turns. He expressed that decisions will hinge on convenience
4 or courage. Courage will build faith towards life while convenience will lead away from faith
5 towards death. Darryl said there were three great sins of our nation: 1) we tend to love things
6 more than people 2) the sin of imperialism and 3) trust the power of violence over the power of
7 love. The candidates will need a lot of courage. It would be difficult to walk out right now, but
8 it takes more courage to fulfill their ordination.

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10 During the offering for UMCOR, "Cry Out, Zion" (Isaiah 40:9) and "Leaning on Everlasting
11 Arms" was sung by the Choir of Altadena UMC. The congregation sang the Doxology, and Rev.
12 Joel Hortiales offered a prayer of dedication.

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14 The congregation sang the invocational hymn "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters." Bishop
15 Jordan, Bishop Swenson, the Rev. Lopeti Taufa addressed the congregation, then led the prayer
16 of commission of the candidates with laying on of hands.

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18 The following were commissioned as Provisional Elders – Elaine Hisu Cho, M. Andrew Davis,
19 Melinda Teter Dodge, Min-Kyu Park, Christopher Drake Spearman, Eva Chi Than Thai-Erwin,
20 Gary Williams, J. Andre Wilson. One person was ordained as Deacon in Full Connection –
21 Camille Garmon Mattick. The following were ordained as Elder in Full Connection – Anna
22 Claire Crews Camphouse, Joel Hortiales, Alma Lee Johnson-Hawkins, Stephen B. Kim, Brian
23 Keith Long, Allison Kanani Mark, S. Dianna Masters, Kirsten Sonkyo Oh, Diane Wood Rehfield,
24 Siosaia Fonua Tu'itahi.

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26 Bishop Swenson led the prayer for the sending forth. The congregation closed in singing the
27 recessional hymn "For the Healing of the Nations."

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30 "Ministry with the Poor - Naming the Reality"

31 By: Pastor Ivan Sevillano, La Trinidad UMC, Los Angeles

32 It is a blessing to serve La Trinidad United Methodist Church in East Los Angeles. La Trinidad
33 is a church full of energy and hope in the midst of the financial hardships and legal status of most
34 of its people. In my experience at La Trinidad I have built the congregation more than 3 times
35 and hundreds of people have passed through our doors, going forth to another destination in the
36 United States or going back to their original countries of origin. In our experience, poverty and
37 lack of opportunities makes the new generation of Latinos a transient community, which at the
38 same time makes us Latinos invisible and powerless in society.

39 This reality also sets us back in our desire of having new leadership and making the congregation
40 stronger because when we are training them they need to move on to another destination.

41 However, people at La Trinidad do give as much as they can to keep our church financially
42 sound; but sometimes it is not possible. For example, Brigida a very active member of our
43 congregation is a poor single undocumented woman with four children who is very ill with
44 cirrhosis. Every day she goes around the community with a market cart to look into the trash
45 cans for bottles and cans that she might sell to make a few dollars. She cannot give financially
46 much to the church but her commitment, perseverance and service make her a real disciple of
47 Christ.

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1 By Jeanne Roe Smith, Wesley Foundation Director, UCLA
2 Students carry so much hope, excitement, energy, for the things they are involved in and the
3 people they care about.. They come with dreams and aspirations, some of their own, some of
4 their families. They come from great distances, and great expense and sacrifice of families who
5 struggle to simply put food on the table and provide shelter for them. They come because they
6 are academically talented students, yet challenged by systems of poverty that have made access
7 to education an unlikely possibility. They come to the 580 Cafe, a ministry of Wesley
8 Foundation serving UCLA to find the simple things that make their studies and travel a bit more
9 manageable. At the "580" they can get something to eat, study, share their thoughts and dreams,
10 sorrows and worries. They come because they are hungry, without adequate resources to buy
11 food, often choosing to go hungry so they can stay later to study on campus. At the "580" they
12 become part of something more than just a free lunch program. They enter into community,
13 where they begin to develop relationships with other students, explore their faith and beliefs,
14 experiences, learn about other's struggles, and find they are not alone. It takes time for some to
15 trust, to believe that they are invited without expectation, to be part of the daily activities at the
16 Cafe. As they experience the welcome and care freely offered, they begin to put down roots, to
17 form relationships that go beyond casual. Initially they may come for the food, but they stay for
18 the friendships and opportunities to express themselves and be part of something beyond their
19 studies, culture, creed, or identity label. Their struggle with poverty and the lack of resources,
20 access and affordability are no longer limitations, as they learn to reach out, reach up and achieve
21 their potential as God's beloved children. In our writers' circle that meets weekly, students share
22 their creativity, their wisdom and wounds. In the sharing and writing, hope is born, and healing
23 begins. The roots of leadership begin here, when we can identify our brokenness and need, we
24 begin to move forward to share and learn how to reach out to others, and take those first steps
25 toward helping others become whole. A poem by David Velazquez, one of our student writers,
26 best shares the challenge many of our students come with. It is our prayer and commitment to
27 support their process of claiming hope and success as they pursue their path to education and
28 break the cycle of poverty in their lives.

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30 Infinitesimally thin, brown, paper bag.
31 Wrinkled, grease-stained, paper bag.
32 Everyday enduring within it the realities of an impoverished family.
33 Revealing to no one but its owner the paroxysmal nature of hunger;
34 A sandwich with no mayo, no lettuce, no tomato.
35 Ink-tainted with the calculations of a family's debt--
36 Every month at around the same time the bag gets lighter but never empty.
37 If only hugs could be kept in my brown paper bag.
38 If dreams! If love! If...
39 Brown paper bag, infinitesimally thin, wrinkled, ink-tainted and grease-stained.
40 Brown paper bag, speak!
41 Let 'em know.
42 Brown paper bag, it's just you and me.
43 Brown paper bag, you are my plea.

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45 WORSHIP THANK YOU's

46 To our Conference Musician Greg Norton and to our Conference Praise Band Dave Roberts &
47 his musicians from Santa Margarita UMC – Dave's C.D.'s are available for purchase at the
48 Youth & Young Adults Booth!

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3 Sue D'Alessio
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9 To our Worship Design Team Chair Mary Scifres
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12 Phil & Connee Freeman, Mary Dang, Mele Maka, and Elaine Cho.
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15 10:40-42.
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