

# DAILY PROCEEDINGS

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MaryAnn Swenson, Resident Bishop

Bob L. Isip, Secretary

Johan Dodge, UM Daily Editor

**Wednesday, June 16, 2004**

**Call to Order:** 4:20pm

Bishop MaryAnn Swenson officially called the session to order at 4:20 PM. She indicated those who were permitted to be present during the Clergy Session as outlined in Paragraph 602 of the Book of Discipline. The Bishop asked that two lay persons, Kathy Wilson and Ellen Peterson, to be present in the Clergy session. **It was Approved.**

## **Board of Ordained Ministry**

Wayne Walters, board chair, outlined the schedule for presenting work of the Board of Ordained Ministry in the span of two days. He gave opening remarks indicating the various duties and work of the Board of Ordained Ministry. He recognized and invited Tom Choi, the board registrar, to present the disciplinary questions. He acknowledged Ellen Peterson for her outstanding work for the Board of Ordained Ministry.

He invited Walt Dilg, registrar for Probationary Membership, to speak. Walt Dilg indicated that there would be several changes in the discernment process for ordination, including the addition of the Enneagram assessment. Walt Dilg will be stepping down from his current position and introduced Jim Hickman as his successor.

Tom Choi presented Terry Van Hook, registrar for Local Pastors. Terry raised Question 21 recognizing those serving as local pastors. Terry moved Question 21. It was Approved.

Reverend Finney prayed for the work of the local pastors.

Tom Choi raised Question 24 recognizing those serving across Annual Conferences and D-2 **DAILY PROCEEDINGS.2004**

Denominations. He moved Questions 25 & 26. **It was Approved.**

Tom recognized the Associate Members and moved approval of Question 27. It was **Approved.**

Tom Griffith moved to lay Disciplinary Questions on the table until such time prior to the close of the 2004 Session of the Annual Conference that the Bishop is ready to present her nominations for Committee on Investigation and Administration Review Committee.

**It was Tabled.**

## **Board of Pensions**

Bud Wrisley presented the work from the Conference Board of Pensions. Bud recognized Jan Hansen for her outstanding work on the Conference Board of Pensions.

Bud presented Recommendation 4 (Yellow) and Recommendation 5.

Bud indicated the change that the Comprehensive Protection Plan will be taken out of the apportionment and be billed each local church separately.

Recommendation 5 asks to apply MPP and CPP for deacons.

## **Healthcare**

Bud Wrisley indicated that the conference deficit was reduced from \$460,000 to \$132,000 this year. Bud indicated that all retirees must apply for Medicare. He explained the Health Insurance proposal (Green) was included in the welcome packet.

The Bishop recessed clergy session for support. She invited Langi Fine to say the prayer.

## **CLERGY SESSION (Continued)**

**Wednesday, June 16, 2004**

7:00PM

Tom Choi introduced and welcomed on stage the candidates for ordination/commissioning: Sara Louise Armstrong, Brad P. Beeman, William H. Hitt, Sung Hee Kim, Mary L. Walton, Hwal Joo, Gordon Wesley Marchant, David Lawrence Stoner, Gregory L. Batson, David Mansfield Burgeson, David Spencer Camphouse, Joseph Lee, Hakchoon Lim, Jonathan Joo Young Park, Molly Elizabeth Vetter, Thomas Carson Ziegart and Faaagi Akeimo Taufete'e were presented to the body.

### **Commissioning of Deacon in Probationary Membership**

Diane Rehfield introduced Sara Armstrong for Commissioning as Deacon in Probationary Membership. Diane moved approval. **Sara was Approved.**

Diane Rehfield prayed for Sara Armstrong.

### **Commissioning of Elder in Probationary Membership**

Myron Wingfield introduced Brad P. Beeman, William H. Hitt, Sung Hee Kim, and Mary L. Walton for Commissioning as Elder in Probationary Membership. Myron moved for approval.

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**They were individually voted and Approved.**

### **Probationary Membership by Transfer from Another Denomination. Elders**

#### **Orders Recognized**

Myron Wingfield introduced Hwal Joo and Gordon Wesley Marchant for Probationary Membership transferred from another denomination.

**They were individually voted upon and Approved.**

Myron Wingfield prayed for the candidates for the Probationary Members.

### **Candidate for Deacon in Full Connection**

Diane Rehfield introduced David Lawrence Stoner for ordination as Deacon in Full Connection.

**He was Approved.**

Diane prayed for David Lawrence Stoner.

### **Candidate for Elder in Full Connection**

Catie Coats introduced Gregory L. Batson, David Mansfield Burgeson, David Spencer Camphouse, Joseph Lee, Hakchoon Lim, Jonathan Joo Young Park, Molly Elizabeth Vetter, Thomas Carson Ziegart for ordination as Elder in Full Connection. Catie also introduced Joseph Lee and Hakchoon Lim for Membership in Full Connection, Elders Order Recognized.

**They were individually voted upon and Approved.**

### **Special Category**

Tom Choi introduced Faaagi Akeimo Taufete'e for ordination as Elder in Full Connection.

**He was Approved.**

Cheol Kwak offered prayer for the new Elders in Full Connection.

### **Transfers and Discontinuances**

Tom Choi introduced Kathleen Black, Nancy Goyings, Bronnie F. McNabb Jr., Neil Platon, and Consorcia Sanchez who are transferring into the California-Pacific Annual Conference from other Annual Conferences. Tom also recognized those from the California-Pacific Annual Conference who will be transferred to other Annual Conferences.

### **Motion**

Tom Griffith moved to lay Disciplinary Questions on the table until such time prior to the close of the 2004 Session of the Annual Conference that the Bishop is ready to present her nominations for Committee on Investigation and Administration Review Committee.

It was Approved.

### **Questions of Character**

Bishop Swenson asked each District Superintendent and Clergy from each district to

stand and hold each other accountable. With few exceptions, all were found to be blameless in life and administration.

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#### **Continuance of Members in Probationary Membership**

Tom Choi moved questions 30. **It was Approved.**

Tom Choi moved questions 31. **It was Approved.**

#### **Administrative and Honorable Location**

David Richardson moved question 48. **It was Approved.**

David moved question 50. **It was Approved.**

David moved to support question 54. **It was Approved.**

David moved to support question 55. **It was Approved.**

David moved to support question 56. **It was Approved.**

David moved to support question 57. **It was Approved.**

Samuel Chow offered prayer for those on leave.

#### **Correction**

George Crisp indicated that David DiProfio who is listed under question 48 died early this year. Correction will be made to list David DiProfio under question 52.

David Richardson recognized those will be retiring this year.

**Deacons:** Jane Newbury Watson

**Elders:** Young Gil Chung, Ron Faux, James E. Hall, James Hamilton, H. Theodore Hampton, Kenneth G. Heaton, Marilyn M. Huntington, Edward E. Jayne, Harvey R. Kemp, J. Stewart Kreiss, Kirby Pickus, Barbra Grace Ripple, Lloyd S. Saatjian, Larry Stamper, J. Robert Stimmel, Dorothy BimberWorley.

Suzanne Barron offered prayer for those retiring.

#### **Correction**

Tom Choi indicated Christine Parker will also be taken Family Leave.

Motion was made to add Christine Parker to question 55.

**It was supported.**

Tom Choi moved question 82.

**It was supported.**

Tom Choi recognized those who have finished their labors after serving their ministry.

Charles Harris and James O. Johnson were added to the list on question 52. Names were read aloud.

Bishop prayed for those who have finished their course in faith.

John Valles moved to add Betty Brown to question 82 as part-time 75%. It was supported.

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Richard Bentley asked when the body will hear from the Administrative Review Committee.

#### **Benediction**

Bishop Swenson invited the body to stand and sing together. Bob Stimmel closed the session with prayer.

## **CLERGY SESSION (Continued)**

### **Thursday, June 17, 2004**

Bishop Swenson opened us in prayer at 9:09am and then invited Tom Choi to the podium.

#### **Board of Ordained Ministry**

Tom Choi introduced John Farley who celebrated the preaching retreat as an opportunity for fellowship and learning. This year the Order of Elders in sponsoring a Fishing Derby.

John Farley then gave a PowerPoint presentation on the nature and relationship of the Orders of Elders and Deacons.

The main task of order is formation, discernment, supervision of call. The Clergy Orders work in formation the Board of Ordained Ministry handles discernment and the cabinet handles supervision. Between these three bodies there is a covenant. If one of these spheres dominated the others we may have a kingdom, that is not of God (Mickey silhouette).

John introduced Jan Kishpaugh

Jan reported on The Order of Deacons.

Highlights: Order of Deacons page on the Cal-Pac website. They have been trying to clarify the role of Deacons in the life of the church. She announced Debbie Gara as the new chairperson for the Order of Deacons.

### **Recommendation**

Sharon Rhodes-Wickett spoke from the floor, suggesting changes or additions to the path by which ministerial families in crisis could find help. She suggested that District Superintendents should be notified when crisis occurs in the lives of our clergy. DS. would then assign an Elder Pastor to provide support for the pastor and family and work with the pastor.s SPRC John Farley responded that such a suggestion would be taken as an agenda item once the task force for Pastoral Support convenes.

Tom Choi introduced Jonathan Lee to report for the Committee on Continuing Education. He informed the conference membership that there are grants available for Continuing Education.

Wayne Walters announced several changes from General Conference which do not take effect until January 2005, regarding the eligibility of candidates to apply for their Probationary Membership before the completion of their M.Div requirement.As the change takes place after this year.s application deadline, there would be no application of the changes until next year.

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Wayne Walters advised the body that he would be bringing a motion on Friday.

Motion to Suspend rule 6D to allow Myron Wingfield and Tom Choi to continue to serve one to two years each.

The board has incurred around a 40% turn over in the last three years. This coming year, the Board will consist of 65% of persons who have served on the board two years or less. Additionally, there has been significant change in the executive committee over the last three years.

Dave Richardson read the Discipline in terms of what is required of clergy in terms of confidentiality and the mandatory reporting laws.

The Board will generate a list detailing the requirements of mandatory reporting. Ron Griffen spoke from the floor requesting a clarification of mandatory reporting on elder abuse.

Tom Griffith spoke from the floor to speak of the Conference Endowment Fund.As he spoke of how the conference was struggling to pay for the retired clergy retirement benefit, he challenged the conference membership to consider asking for the members of our congregations to remember the Conference Endowment Fund.

Dulce Proud spoke from the floor on behalf of California Hospice saying she understands that elder abuse is a mandated reporting issue. Richardson commented that the changes are only in regards to the narrow definition as to what constitutes confessional relationships.

Bishop Swenson closed the session with prayer.

## **PLENARY 1**

### **Thursday, June 17, 2004**

#### **Call to Order**

Bishop MaryAnn Swenson called the Session to order at 3:21 PM.

She officially welcomed everyone to the 2004 California-Pacific Annual Conference.

Bishop Swenson recognized the Lay Leader, Gaunnie Hardin Dixon, Bishop Charles Jordan, and Conference Secretary Keith Andrew Hwang. Bishop Swenson asked to stand, those who traveled the farthest to the conference. She asked those who traveled more than 20 hours to stand and be recognized. She also recognized those who are those who came to Annual Conference for the first time. She then asked those who have been here for 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 55, 60 years or more.

#### **Orders of the Day**

Erika Gara moved the orders of the day. They were approved as posted on the screen.

#### **Opening Business**

KeithAndrew Hwang greeted the Bishop and members of the California-Pacific Annual Conference. He presented five motions:

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(1) The agenda printed in the Preliminary Report be the Official Agenda of this Annual Conference; and the Agenda Chairperson be authorized to make necessary adjustments to the Agenda in consultation with the Bishop. **It was Approved.**

(2) The bar of the conference be the main level, the lower balcony, prayer room, the Green Room, the stage and the AV room. **It was Approved.**

(3) The proceedings printed in the UM Daily be the official records when they are corrected and approved. **It was Approved.**

(4) The registration forms be used as the official role call of the Conference. **It was Approved.**

(5) All resolutions NOT adopted by the end of conference be referred to appropriate agencies. **It was Approved.**

Keith introduced the Conference Secretary Designate, Bob Isip.

**Point of Personal Privilege**

Cavalain Hawkins asked for a moment to pause in silence to honor the passing of President Ronald Reagan and Ray Charles. Bishop Swenson included Francis Fehlman former President of the Baker Homes.

**Safety Issues**

Ken Ellis welcomed all. He indicated wheelchair pockets at various locations. He also requested everyone to silence cell phones and PDAs. He noted additional disabled parking locations in the front and behind the Chapel. For the hearing impaired, proceedings can be heard on FM100.2. Ken recommended drinking sufficient amounts of water. Water bottles are allowed in the chapel and they are the only beverages allowed in the Chapel.

**Bishop.s Address**

Bishop Swenson noted the privilege to have Gaunnie Hardin Dixon and Bishop Charles Jordan sit with her at the Bishop.s Table. She hoped for peace throughout the world. Each plenary will be opened with a prayer for peace. She welcomed Louise Chase to open this plenary with a prayer for peace.

In her address, she noted that Jesus did not send out the disciples alone but sent them two by-two. Similarly, she recognized Gaunnie for her partnership in ministry as they traveled together. She offered Gaunnie a plaque in thanksgiving as she completes her eight years of service as Conference Lay Leader.

**Laity Address**

Gaunnie Hardin Dixon offered Bishop Swenson a T-Shirt with the words .Tai Chi Chih.. Gaunnie recognized the members of the Board of Laity. She noted the names of the District Lay Leaders. In her address, she noted that eight years ago when she became Conference Lay Leader, there was a different person sitting in the Bishop.s chair. In fact, ... it was a man. In recent years, she wondered who this new person is who now sits in the Bishop.s chair. She prays with her and they travels together. She is more than just a Bishop . she is a friend. They have been partners as they ministered to the districts and to all people throughout the conference spanning the Pacific and Southern California. She also experienced grief with the members of our conference. She commended the continuing work among each district. This year, Gaunnie noted that Board of Laity looked **D-8 DAILY PROCEEDINGS.2004**

for young leaders to receive the Bishop Gerald Kennedy Award. The award was given to Kim Unland. Gaunnie recognized various laity who had given their service with her. She also thanked her family who will welcome her back next week. But she noted that she will not be home long for God has other plans calling her. She challenged all to respond to the mission God calls us.

**Greetings from Sessions**

John Valles welcomed everyone to the 2004 Annual Conference. He recognized all the people working behind the scenes for the conference. He noted that this is a no fragrance conference. He offered prayer for God.s guidance throughout the conference sessions.

**Greetings from the University of Redlands**

Ronald Stephany welcomed everyone to the University of Redlands for the fifty-second consecutive year. He indicated the updates in the university, including several renovation projects.

#### **Conference Projects**

Toni Ethridge spoke of the Conference Project in collecting health kits, pennies, and children books. She thanked all those who participated in this project. She noted the work of UMCOR throughout the world. She also recognized a trucking company assisting in shipping the kits.

#### **Personal Privilege**

Amy Aiken spoke of the mission work in Nigeria and asked everyone to bring 17 dollars in offering to the Ordination Service.

#### **Episcopal Nominations**

Jim Brewster went over the rules for the Episcopal Ballot process. Each lay delegate and clergy will be given a preliminary ballot on which each delegate is to write at most three names. Writing more than three names will invalidate the ballot. Once the names have been collected, The names of nominees along with their photos will be posted in the narthex. The first ballot will be taken in Plenary 3.

#### **Preliminary Nominating Ballot**

Bishop Swenson instructed the lay delegates and clergy to fill out the Preliminary Ballot at this time.

#### **Legislative Section Explanations**

Molly Vetter brought instructions for the Legislative Section proceedings.

Molly moved to suspend the 24 hour rule to allow legislative sections to review resolutions 4, 5, 3, 4, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125 which were distributed in Plenary 1. It was

#### **Approved.**

#### **General Conference Report**

Dan Gara recognized the delegates and alternate to the 2004 General Conference, and the 2004 Jurisdictional Conference.

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Dan noted that we may be few in numbers at the General Conference. However, we were not few in voice. Dan presented a video from the General Conference. .Water Washed Spirit Born.

Dan noted that the delegate met each day from 7am to at least 10pm for two weeks with only one day off. Dan Gara recognized Patricia Farris and Eva Thai who both took leadership roles at the General Conference.

Grant Hagiya spoke to say that there are many ailments in the general church and much of the time, we are trying to self-medicate ourselves.

Patricia Farris spoke regarding her experience as chair of the Legislative Committee for Shared Faith and Order at General Conference.

Eva Thai served the vice-chair of a Legislative section. She spoke on one of the matters she dealt with at the conference, Igniting Ministry targeting Youth and Young Adults. She encouraged the youth and young adults of our annual conference to .be present. at the conference, not only to sit in the balconies but to also engage in the proceedings, then possibly be delegates for the General Conference in 2008.

#### **Benediction**

Don Jessup gave a blessing and a commission to the body.

## **PLENARY 2**

### **Thursday, June 17, 2004**

7:00PM

#### **Call to Order**

JoAnne Fukumoto told the story of the peace crane from a Japanese folktale. She also shared a story of a 17 month old baby Brian who died two weeks ago. 1000 cranes were made in Hawaii and brought to Conference to pray for peace everywhere.

Piula EliaAla.ilima offered prayer.

#### **Orders of the Day**

Erika Gara presented the orders of the day on the screen. She celebrated the completion of our afternoon business. She also announced that the clergy session will resume on Sunday morning at 7:30am.

#### **Nominations to the Episcopacy**

The following were nominated: Minerva Carcaño; Thomas Choi, Faith Conklin, Patricia Farris, Richard Garner, Grant Hagiya, Thomas Hill, Cheol Kwak, Sharon Rhodes-Wickett, David Richardson, John Valles, Frank Wulf. Jim Brewster requested those nominated to gather in one area for picture taking.

Patricia Farris declined her nomination.

Sharon Rhodes-Wickett declined her nomination.

#### **Conference Theme Conversation. Vision and Purpose**

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Bishop Swenson invited a group to give a dramatic presentation on leadership. The presentation conveyed that Spiritual Leaders have Vision.

The conference was asked: .What do you find in common with one another?.

People were asked to answer the question..What is my divine passion?.on an index card.

Witnesses brought their pieces of God.s vision.

Leadership.a term overused, but essential. The future depends on solid leadership

We will be reflecting on five dimensions of leadership over the next few days.

#### **Composite Connectional Ministries Video Reports**

The video was shown. Thanks to Larry Hygh for his hard work to produce the video!

#### **Benediction**

Bishop Swenson invited Ana-Hydee Urda to offer the benediction.

Following the benediction, districts will be gathering at various locations for their meetings.

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## **PLENARY 3**

### **Friday, June 18, 2004**

11:00am.Noon

#### **Call to Order**

Bishop MaryAnn Swenson called the Session to order at 11:07 AM.

She called upon Frank Wulf to give the opening prayer for peace.

#### **Orders of the Day**

Erika Gara moved the orders of the day. They were Approved as posted.

#### **Status and Role of Women**

Kathryn Johnson, president of COSROW, shared that several people are monitoring the sessions and they were greeted by the assembly. She also asked that people at the microphone introduce themselves with their name, church, and whether clergy or laity.

#### **Courtesies**

Karen Ellis introduced Rabbi Michael Lock, author of A Christian.s Guide to Judaism. He will be signing copies this afternoon and it is available at Cokesbury. Also available at Cokesbury is The Message: Remix, which is on the Bishop.s Recommended Reading list.

Bob Shuler recommended the collected writings of Albert Outler. He was a scholar and theologian who helped gather John Wesley.s works and was a leader in the early study of Wesley. The books are available at Cokesbury for \$25.00 per volume.

The Bishop reminded us that yesterday was Wesley.s 301st birthday and today is D.S.

John Valles. birthday.

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Barb Boswell will be here to sign her book: Every time I Turn Around I Bump into God.

#### **Episcopal Nomination Report**

David Burgeson reminded the group that they had been given a list of those nominated and resumes as they were available. Delegates to Annual conference are eligible to vote for up to three candidates. Thomas Choi, Cheol Kwak and Thomas Hill each withdrew their own name from consideration. Ballots were then distributed and collected.

### **Committee on Finance and Administration report**

George Crisp began delivery of the CFA report, which is located on pages 26 through 29 of the Preliminary report with additions in .The CircuitWest. andArrival Packet.

Apportionments for 2003 exceeded \$11 million, which is an all, time high! In 2003 more churches reached 100% of their apportionment and many other churches are making great strides toward meeting that goal. This year 11 more churches than last year have met their 5/12 goal by the end of May. George pointed out that these monthly payments not only benefit the Conference cash flow, but the habit of incremental giving often makes meeting large annual goals simpler.

Theresa Basile discussed apportionments and gave thanks to all who are generously giving of their time, talents and prayers to the work of the Annual Conference. We are truly a .giving conference.. She presented the Conference Finance and Administration goal that all churches meet 100% of their apportionments by 2008. Response forms were passed out and it was asked that delegates complete them and place them in the designated boxes located in the narthex. Theresa referred to sermon delivered by Bishop Bruce Clay entitled .Give Until It Heals.. In it he pointed out that we don.t understand giving as it was intended because of the negative language surrounding giving such as .give till it hurts.. Bishop Swenson reinforced this idea and suggested that we can become a 100% conference by .assuring each other, helping each other, as well as dreaming and visioning with each other.. The discussion was closed with the quote, .raise our standard of giving instead of our standard of living..

George Crisp thanked Theresa. He highlighted an article about apportionment and CFA in the June 4 edition of CircuitWest and thanked Kim Fry and Larry Hygh for their assistance. He also requested that others submit their experiences in attempting to lead congregations toward achieving the goal of 100% apportionment giving.

This year.s audit received no qualifications and no recommendations for improvement; this is our third straight .clean. audit.

The Jubilee Fund report was delivered by George Crisp. 2003 was a very successful year. All distribution goals were met and the corpus grew. The complete report is located on pages 28 and 29 of the Preliminary Report. \$6,204,311.44 is available for the coming year with 7% available for distribution. It will be equally divided between grants and returns to local churches. A little over \$1.2 million has been returned to 163 local churches.

It appears that retiree health care contributions will be met without the use of Jubilee funds. The special offering brought in 63.3% of its target with only ¼ of the local

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churches having so far been involved. The clergy have met 74% of their goal with 6 months to go!

Patricia Youngquist, incoming CFA president was introduced to the conference. She presented the 2005 budget and gave some historical background. CFA has sought to hold the budget at the 2003 level; however, several one-time issues have made this impossible. In light of declining membership, holding the budget to the 2003 level is financially prudent behavior. The 2005 budget seeks to reach the goals of funding mission and ministry, reducing apportionments, receiving 100% from 100% by 2008, and achieving fiscal responsibility.

The 2005 budgeting process took into account all requests from boards and agencies to build bridges, nurture leadership, and build new ministries. Always keeping fiscal accountability before them, CFA was forced to make unwanted and painful cuts. They desired to never cut back on mission and ministry. Income problems make this desire by CFA a difficult goal. They are grateful and give thanks to God for all apportioned giving! They are equally thankful and appreciative of the efforts made by all the boards and agencies who have made minimal requests for additional funding.

Jesus said, .To whom much has been given, much will be required.. Let us be responsible stewards.

### **Benediction**

Bishop Swenson invited Marilyn Huntington to close the Plenary with prayer. Reverend

Virginia Fifield asked for prayers for the family of Paul Johnson who was killed today in Saudi Arabia. Marilyn prayerfully closed the session.

## **PLENARY 4**

**Friday, June 18, 2004**

1:30pm-4:00

### **Call to Order**

Bishop MaryAnn Swenson called the session to order at 1:50 p.m.

### **Orders of the Day**

Erika Gara presented revised orders of the day.

### **They were Approved.**

### **Point of Personal Privilege**

Dave Richardson rose to withdraw his name for episcopal candidacy. He urged the body to get behind one candidate. He proposed an end to balloting for the sake of our backing one candidate. The body was divided. **It was NOT Approved.**

### **Council on Finance and Administration**

George Crisp introduced the proposed 2005 budget. The proposal represents a beginning of a change in the financial culture of our conference..

### **Board of Pensions**

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Bud Wisley presented a proposal that impacts the budget. He spoke to Recommendation #4. to move the payment of CPP to local churches and out of apportionments. CPP is a benefit to clergy in event of death or incapacity. The premium for each clergy vary from \$1,000-2,500 dollars per year. A legislative section moved approval this morning and the proposal will appear on the Consent Calendar. The CFAs are working to see that no church will have a combined cost (apportionments and CPP) greater than what they currently pay. The Annual Conference has primary responsibility for CPP and will ensure that premiums are paid.

Charles Cappelman announced that costs would be cut by changing CircuitWest to a monthly publication. The United Methodist Reporter will no longer be distributed with CircuitWest. Churches were encouraged to look on-line for information and distribute to church leaders as necessary.

### **Council on Finance and Administration**

George Crisp drew our attention back to the 2005 Proposed Budget (revised 6/16/04). He presented the adoption of the budget by several recommendations. Rev. Crisp announced that a vote on the budget is scheduled for tomorrow afternoon.

### **Motion**

George Crisp acknowledged Dan Gara's work and moved the reelection of Dan Gara for the 2005-2008 Quadrennium. The body adopted the movement with a strong voice. Mr. Gara's support staff was recognized and thanked. Rev. Crisp thanked all those who have supported him through a challenging period of service.

Becky Haase stood up for a moment of personal privilege. She lifted up the legacy of Ray van Alstine and his advocacy of tithing.

### **Board of Ordained Ministry**

Wayne Walters introduced Clergy being received for ordination this year. Diane Rehfield introduced the candidates for the order of Deacon to the body. Myron Wingfield introduced the candidates for probationary status as Elders. Catie Coots introduced those who are being ordained Elders in Full Connection. Thomas Choi introduced those from other denominations whose Orders were being recognized, also those being received into full membership after a period of probation. Debbie Gara prayed for all the candidates. Finally those transferring into our Conference were recognized.

### **Consent Calendar**

Molly Vetter presented to the body the Consent Calendar. Those listed received at least 80% of approval in legislative section.

### **Board of Ordained Ministry**

Jan Kishpaugh called attention to flyer that was distributed explaining the two Orders of

ministry in the United Methodist Church. The Cal-Pac website [www.cal-pac.org](http://www.cal-pac.org) contains a posting of Deacon.s pictures. Jan introduced Debbie Gara, her successor as head of the Order of Deacons. Rev. Gara spoke to her excitement in beginning this new work.

#### **Motion to Suspend**

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WayneWalters moved to suspend the conference tenure rule for to allow Myron Wingfield an additional year and Tom Choi a possible two additional years. **It was**

#### **Approved.**

Wayne announced the end of his tenure as Chair and asked the body to recognize those who labor on the board. The new chairperson will be Diane Rehfield, an ordained Deacon.

Diane Rehfield present David Stoner who will become a Deacon in Full Connection and SongJa Park who will retire.

#### **Motion**

Diane Rehfield moved that David Stoner and Merrijoy W. Buist be given leaves of absence as Diaconal Ministers. **It was Approved.**

Diane asked for the prayers of the body in the work of the Board.

#### **Personal Privilege**

Rich Bolin lifted up Daisy Ho, a newly ordained Deacon, who has been sent back to Hong Kong by Immigration and Naturalization authorities. Daisy is working with the Methodist Church in Hong Kong. The body was urged to support Daisy as a missionary and pray for her return to active service in our Conference.

#### **Personal Privilege**

Lily Villamin lifted up Kolani Fiti who is the hospital with kidney problems. Terry Van Hook offered prayer for both.

#### **Claremont School of Theology**

Dr. Phil Amerson, the president of Claremont School of Theology, reported on the School. Two signs have been posted along Highways 10 and 210 announcing the school. The School has been reaffirmed for accreditation for the next ten years, with two commendations. Phil mentioned that the 2005 budget calls for a reduction in support to the school from the Conference. Phil urged churches to pay apportionments in full. He reminded the body that giving was an investment in leadership for the future of our churches. He quoted Wesley.s call to unite .knowledge and vital piety., and spoke of his work to train pastors not with a love of power, but with the power of love.

#### **Episcopal Election**

The bishop presented a report on the first balloting for Episcopal candidacy. 427 votes needed for election. Grant Hagiya was elected to candidacy with 541 votes.

Bishop Swenson asked the body if they wished to continue voting for additional nominees.

The body voted not continue nominations.

#### **Point of Privilege**

Ralph Barlow suggested that we remember Bishop Wheatley who lives within our midst. Greetings will be sent to him.

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#### **Leadership Team Report.**

David Richardson presented the Leadership Team report.

Marcia Hartsock shared that the role of the team is to oversee the organizational restructuring of the conference. Its primary tasks are to 1) build bridges and draw strength from one another, 2) nurture fruitful and prophetic leadership, and 3) plant new ministries. Through an analogy of the works of the environmentalist Scotch, David drew a parallel between the cooperative nesting of certain birds and ourAnnual Conference. These birds postpone their own personal needs for the good of the entire flocks. survival. This biocompatibility is cooperative living.We are learning how to share our commonwealth. The UMC has impoverished areas and the leadership want to set as a goal to be helpers at the nest wherein rich cultural diversity brings an economy of gifts rather than wealth, and economy of talents and spiritual life as a conference. This will keep us from depleting

ourselves in spite of budgetary constraints. The Team has been about creating a cooperative network for .asset allocation and sharing of wealth.. How can we share our common wealth? The leadership team wants to bring a change in direction.We believe that we can get along.We have a rich cultural diversity that can be shared.We need to be intentional so as not to deplete ourselves. Ministry rather than dollars should be used to assess the effectiveness of the conference. Thinking about our common task helps us to share our common wealth. In this way we can move forward in our work to make this a beautiful global church.

#### **Motion**

Sharon Rhodes-Wickett moved that we be intentional about visiting our retired pastors and their spouses to discern the impact of healthcare changes made this past year. 173 visits were made in writing. She acknowledged the work of those who have been involved this year. She mentioned that requests for financial assistance were granted to assist with healthcare coverage.

Veda Ward presented the goals for the year. The team will focus on 1) continuing the work by Dave Richardson in sharing the common wealth, 2) growing healthy churches, not just increasing numbers, and 3) strengthening leadership covenant in all areas of connectedness.We connect the heart and the head.

Becky Hasse reported that this Leadership Team has developed and grown with struggles since this was a brand new committee.Action was adopted to rotate committee members by areas and staggered years. Beginning this year some new members will be elected for continuity as well as change. Members of the team who will be leaving were acknowledged.

Leadership Team Nominations.Jim Brewster

Jim Brewster read the rules for nominations. He reported that one clergy and two lay were nominated. Names will be posted on the front as well as nominees received today.

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##### **Leadership Team Nominees.Laity**

1. Allen, Rachel SD Female Anglo (YA)
2. Basile, Theresa LA Female Anglo
3. Dixon, Gaunnie LA Female African-American
4. Fukumoto, JoAnn Yoon HI Female Asian
5. Link, Steve HI Male Anglo
6. Suchocki, Marjorie PS Female Anglo

##### **Leadership Team Nominees.Clergy**

1. Bankhead, Michael SA Male Anglo
2. Bentley, Richard RI Male Anglo
3. Bridgeforth, Cedrick LA Male African-American
4. DePano, N.Adiel SB Male Asian
5. Elkins, Julie SA Female Anglo
6. Jacob, Lemuel SB Male Asian
7. Masters, Henry L. Sr. LA Male African-American
8. Mattick, Andy LB Male Anglo
9. Riggs, Roy RI Male Anglo
10. Veikoso, Sione SB Male Pacific Islander

Concern was expressed that youth and young adult needs have been combined into Leadership with the need for a specific position.

#### **Prayer**

JoAnne Yoon Fukumoto presented a prayer for peace.

#### **Healthcare Task Force/Board of Pensions**

Bud Wrisley and Jan Hanson reported that 2003-04 has been a year of reevaluation by the Board of Pensions Recommendation #4 (Arrival Packet)

Judy Cobb, Co-Chair of the Healthcare Task Force, presented the history of the Task Force.

In 2003, the Board of Pensions recommended: Pastors pay a part of their premiums, that

Apportionments not be reduced, that the Conference would make contributions to cover the cost of healthcare for our retired clergy, that Jubilee funds for 2004 would be temporarily suspended (they have now been released), that retirees be contacted for their input, and that a task force be established to work on social justice and specific responses to our Conference responsibility.

In 2004, the Healthcare Task Force recommends that prescription drug levels be kept at the current level. The task force will continue to solicit and receive contributions from retired clergy not on the plan. It was decided not to ask active clergy contribution to premiums at this time.

Long Term solutions: Seek out affordable health care coverage. Go out to bid for alternate carrier. National plan connection to national church and investigate the feasibility of joining the National Health plan Health Flex. 24 conferences are currently participating in **DAILY PROCEEDINGS.2004 D-17**

the national plan, which provide input into plan design and allow us to address issues. There is no guarantee that the costs would be reduced. 2006 is targeted for joining if we wish to do so. It broadens access to healthcare for those living outside CA. Disadvantage all active clergy must participate in the plan. Endowment: Ask for permission to raise funds to 5 and 10 million dollars over a 2-4 year period.

#### **Conference Theme Conversation**

Fernando Santillana and Mabel Habersham-Flowers presented the Conference Theme Conversation on Spiritual and Prophetic Leadership.

They asked the body to discuss the following questions:

What do you understand by spiritual and prophetic leadership?

What are the main concerns of this type of leadership?

What should a spiritual and prophetic leader do in your church or your community?

Mable Habersham-Flowers closed the Theme Report in song.

#### **Benediction**

Kimball Coburn closed the session with a Benediction at 4:50pm

#### **The Conference in Worship**

#### **2004 RETIREES AND YEARS OF SERVICE**

Source: Pension Office

Donald Bommarito 39.0

Young Gil Chung 18.5

Ron Faux 35.0

James E. Hall 36.0

Jim Hamilton 35.0

Theodore Hampton 34.5

Kenneth G. Heaton 36.0

Marilynn M. Huntington 23.0

Edward E. Jayne 44.0

Harvey R. Kemp 39.0

J. Stewart Kreiss 38.0

Kirby L. Pickus 36.0

Barbara Grace Ripple 21.0

Lloyd S. Saatjian 47.0

Larry L. Stamper 40.0

J. Robert Stimmel 35.0

Jaye Newbury Watson 18.0

Dorothy Bimber Worley 15.0

Song Ja Park, Diaconal Minister 10.0

How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace,

And bring glad tidings of good things!

Romans 10.15b, KJV

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## **Corrections**

### **Clergy Session**

Lines 22-25 Delete..it did not happen as written.

Replace with..Tom Griffith raised a question as to whether all persons nominated for election to the Committee on Investigation were indeed eligible to the Committee on Investigation were indeed eligible for election under our conference rules. Bishop Swenson agreed to review them and report to the Thursday morning Clergy Session..

Line 81, should read..Tom Griffith moved to lay Disciplinary Questions 18 & 70 on the table until such time prior to the close..

Line 127 **ADD** .Tom Choi moved question 47b, the administrative location of Anna Maria Dominguez.. Marilyn Huntington moved to table the motion. **It was**

**Approved..**

### **UM Daily 2**

Lines 43-44 .the conference membership to consider asking to remember the Conference Endowment Fund in their wills..

Line 47 **ADD** .The Administrative Review Board, Chaired by Preston Price, presented their report. And the Board requested whether the clergy session would like to hear a summary report or a detailed report including time line. The clergy session voted to receive a detailed report.

The Administrative Review Board addressed the issue of Involuntary Incapacity Leave of Anna Maria Dominguez in 2001. The Clergy Session voted to have the Administrative Review Board look into this matter and bring their report to another clergy session..

### **Amendments**

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AMENDMENT

RECOMMENDATION NO. 1

The One Spirit Task Force recommends the following section be inserted at the end of Section I of the Guidelines on Shared Facilities. (The Journal, 2003, page I-64)

I.A. BIBLICALHOSPITALITY: FOUNDATION FOR ONE SPIRIT:

MINISTRY THROUGH LAND AND BUILDINGS

Hospitality is a recurring story in the Bible. It began with the God who created the world, filling the land, sea and air with different creatures dotting the landscape with trees and vegetation, so that by the time God created man and woman, they found themselves in a hospitable world.

Hospitality is the character of God, calling a chosen people, not as a sign of privilege, but as a means of blessing the whole world. God's Son, Jesus, came into the world, dining with sinners and the outcast of society. He taught about a God who prepares a feast and invites the least to share the bounty on God's table. In fact, the coming of the realm of God will be celebrated through a feast, where the innumerable number of people coming from all corners of the world

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will join together in a sumptuous meal.

While the word hospitality is a translation of the Latin noun .hospitium. (or the adjective hospitalis) which that in turn derives from .hospes,. meaning both .guest and host;. and while the direct translation of the Greek word for hospitality is composed of two parts.love and stranger, It literally means .love of the stranger.. the root verb of .stranger. also means .to be entertained. or .to be surprised.. (A Christian View of Hospitality by Michele Hershberger, Herald Press, pp. 19-20). Hospitality for us goes beyond seeing others as strangers and separating people into categories of guest and host. Rather, we encourage congregations to treat each other with dignity and respect, seeing each other as brother and sister in Christ, fully expecting .to be surprised. by the richness of gifts and faith that can be shared between people of different cultures.

Hospitality is a way of life in the people and in the lands of the Bible. It is the norm of many countries in the world. We see Abraham entertaining three divine guests in the middle of the desert. In fact, the nomadic way of life practically demands hospitality. The Old Testament is full of injunctions regarding the treatment of the alien or the stranger. The people of Israel worshipped a God who shows His love for the alien by giving him food and clothing. They were commanded to show their love for the alien for they were alien in the land of Egypt. (Deut. 10:18-19)

The United States is a land of immigrants. We have been recipients and givers of hospitality. The Methodist Circuit Riders, like the Twelve Disciples of Jesus, brought the Good News to the remote places of the colonies, dependent upon the hospitality of the people. People in the Third World did the same. They experienced opposition but nevertheless kept on knowing that somehow God will prepare hospitable hearts that will open their doors to their homes. Love the strangers. God tells God's people, for you were once aliens in Egypt.

I Peter 4:9 says, Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Peter wrote this to the strangers people scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bythina. (I Peter 1:1). This may be the same advice that we need to heed as we consider the use of land and buildings in ministry. We have found that a piece of legal papers is not enough to make the sharing of God's buildings and land for ministry a pleasant and meaningful experience. We have also found that a common characteristic of a successful partnership between congregations is the willingness of both congregations not only to open doors of the building, but also to open the doors of their hearts and life to one another. Legal contracts may be necessary in somehow putting in writing the visions and expectations of the partnership in mission, but it will take a generous heart and a special dosage of grace and hospitality from both to keep it going, mutually enriching one another.

**RESOLUTION 124A (Substitute for Resolution No. 124)**

SUBJECT: To Transfer Authority in Iraq to the United Nations

SUBMITTED BY: Joyce Williams, Ronald Sachs, John Camphouse, Dawn King, Gaius Thede, Rod Polte, Renata Hundley, Mary Elizabeth Moore, Donald C. Thompson

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT: None

SOURCES OF STAFF TIME: Conference Secretary

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WHEREAS, the situation in the Middle East, particularly the devastation in Iraq, is horrific and has resulted in tens of thousands of casualties and hundreds of thousands of maimed and wounded, and

WHEREAS, the invasion of Iraq by the United States has increased animosities and devastation in the entire area,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that we call for an immediate transfer of authority to the United Nations to oversee and assist the people of Iraq in selecting and establishing their own government and in rebuilding their nation, with simultaneous end of the U.S. occupation,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this be communicated to the churches and elected representatives in Congress and the President in a letter from the Bishop and Conference Secretary, representing the California-Pacific Annual Conference.

**Extras**

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Resolution #116. Support for a National Health Care System (p. 77)

Resolution #118. Western Jurisdiction Reaffirmation of .We Will Not Be Silent. (p. 78-79)

Resolution #121. UMC Unity and Priorities (distributed on floor)

Resolution #122. Annual Conference Sessions (distributed on floor)

Resolution #123. Persecuted Christians Around the World (distributed on floor)

Resolution #124. Ending the US Occupation of Iraq (distributed on floor)

Resolution #125. Sending Laborers into the Harvest (distributed on floor)

**Peace Prayer** by Frank Wulf

Bishop Swenson, Lay Leader Dixon and Members of the Annual Conference, let us pray: Gracious God, may your Spirit of peace burn deeply within our hearts and overwhelm the fear that traps us in cycles of hatred and violence. Holy God, may your Spirit of justice move mightily within our hearts and free us from the selfishness that binds and constricts our lives and keeps us from fully embracing and loving those whom you love. Loving, God may your Spirit of joy flow compassionately in our hearts and fill us with the hope and courage we need to be agents of transformation in our world. You have called us to follow you in the work of building your kingdom. You have called us to grow in love for each other and you and to share that love with a dying world that desperately needs to receive it. Do not let us shrink from this awesome task. Save us from the complacency that leads to inaction and from the laziness that leads to complicity. We are your people transformed and empowered by your Spirit. Let us therefore move forth as a transformed and empowered people to make a real difference without worrying about the cost. Let us trust in you. Really trust in you. Only then will we truly enter the promised land. Only then will justice roll down like a river and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Only then will our world really change. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

**PLENARY 5**

**Saturday, June 19, 2004**

After opening with prayer.

**Call to Order**

Bishop Swenson called the Plenary to order at 8:10 AM.

**Orders of the Day**

Erika Gara moved the orders of the day. **It was Approved.**

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##### **Courtesies**

Karin Ellis introduced Don Thompson was introduced. He will be signing his book, Lila W. Thompson: A Woman of All Seasons, today at Cokesbury. Cathy Thomas-Sano, Associate General Secretary of GCORR, and Erin Hawkins Waback, General Secretary of GCORR, were acknowledged. Reverend Dan Lewis, who will be serving in Kona, Hawaii was introduced.

##### **Board of Congregational Development**

Craig Brown, representing the Board of Congregational Development reported that the board members will be available in Watchorn Hall to answer questions about the Comprehensive Plan.

##### **Award Presentations**

Julie Brewster Elkins led the award presentation. A book listing all award recipients was distributed to delegates. Lay persons of the year were: Kim Unland-Young Adult, Margaret Ann Henke-Laywoman, and Francis Fukumoto-Layman. Fran Ellison received the Lyle Loder Memorial Outstanding Service Award. The Francis Asbury Award was given to Marilyn Huntington. The Vern Cooney Memorial Award recipients for 2004 were: Demoree Deocales, Chris Fracchiolla, Loree Brown, Daniel Greene, and Jessie Gretter. The Outstanding Missionary Supporting Church was Harris U.M.C. and the Highest Per Capita Missionary Supporting Church was First German U.M.C. of L.A. The Frequent Giver For A Better World recipient was First U.M.C. of San Diego and the Frequent For Top Per Capita Giving For Others was Highgrove U.M.C. Lloyd Saatjian was given the Volunteers in Mission Award. The Distinguished Service Award went to Gloria and Galal Gough. Conference Camper of the Year recipients were Dee Baraw for programs and Frank Bell for facilities. Camp Staff Person of the Year was Jason Kuiper. The Cal-Pac Conference HIV/AIDS Ministry Committee will be giving two new awards next year. All recipients heartily applauded by conference attendees!

##### **Leadership Team**

Jim Brewster explained the rules for electing the Leadership Team. Laity elect lay members and clergy elect clergy members.

##### **Motion**

Jim Brewster moved to suspend the rules to elect the nominees with the most votes on the first ballot. **It was Approved.**

Gaunnie Hardin Dixon asked to be removed from the ballot.

Patricia Farris asked that the statistics on the current make-up of the Leadership Team be shown on the conference monitors. Jim said it would be provided.

Doug Dickson pointed out that both Rachel Allen and Michael Bankhead are young adults.

Lee Carlilie advised that Andy Mattick is also a young adult.

Mark Marcos spoke to the importance of voting on qualifications rather than race. The Conference Members voted.

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##### **Commission on Equitable Compensation**

Gary Hart delivered the oral report. The written report is located on pages 22 to 25 of the Preliminary Report. The Commission thanked all who paid their apportionments.

Apportionments pay salaries and provide services through the Commission on Equitable Compensation to churches that are not self-supporting. Approximately \$790,000 will be provided to about 80 churches. These are predominately new ministries and ethnic minority churches and ministries. In recent years some of these churches have developed the ability to be self-supporting. These are great success stories! Bishop Swenson pointed out that equitable compensation allows us to be in more places for ministry.

##### **Conference Board of Trustees**

Greg Batson, committee chair, delivered the report which is located on pages 69 and 70. This board acts as stewards of the conference's fiscal assets, is responsible for insurance, and is liaison for the conference's legal council. Greg introduced Steve Harbison our

Chancellor, legal council, to tell us about a law suit facing the Annual Conference. In 2003 the state of California lifted the statute of limitations for certain crimes and law suits that involved child abuse. In one case three plaintiffs allege they were abused between 1974 and 1979 by Gary Carson-Hall an Associate Pastor at Los Altos U.M.C. After much diligent searching, no primary insurance carrier has been located for this time period. Records were not kept. It is impossible to determine the total possible financial liability to the conference, but it could be substantial. Anyone having information regarding our insurance for this time period, information about Gary Carson-Hall's Ordination, or other information about the case is asked to contact Steve Harbison through the conference treasurer's office.

Stephanie Toon asked that we think about the plaintiffs well being. Bishop Swenson asked Paul Dinkle to offer a prayer for the plaintiffs and all victims of child abuse.

Lyman Ellis spoke on the value of the Commission on Archives and History.

Greg Batson discussed the progress of the development of the Pico Union Shalom Zone property into low income housing and a day care facility. Ground breaking is scheduled for August and the Bishop will lead a blessing of the ground.

#### **Board of Church and Society**

JoAnn Yoon Fukumoto offered greetings and introduced Bob Edgar, General Secretary of The National Council of Churches. Bob Edgar commended the Conference for its support of the Claremont School of Theology. He explained that The National Council of Churches is the largest ecumenical organization in the country, representing about 130,000 congregations. Our vocation is to restart the ecumenical movement and the interfaith movement. For the last three years the NCC has had a balanced budget and have expanded their long term financial account from 3 million to 10 million. The Council was struggling for a number of years. But the struggle was not financial. The Council had lived passed its vision. The council moves its vision forward to meet today's needs such as peace in Iraq. Bob Edgar introduced a new program entitled .Let Justice Roll.. This program will help to organize 2 million poor people to vote. The Council is working on a program .Benefit Bank. to help the poor access the 35 billion dollars of D-24 **DAILY PROCEEDINGS.2004**

welfare resources that go unused. Access to poor people for the benefit bank to tap government benefits that hadn't been tapped.

We have an urgent need of health care. 43.6 million Americans have no health care 9 million of them are children. We need a strong national defense, which is schools, health care, and a living wage for all. The moral test of the United Methodist Church is what we do for the children, elderly, and poor to provide health care. We have to reorder our priorities. God calls us to seek for justice.

#### **Disaster Response Committee**

Toni Ethridge, UMVIM Director, presented the DRC's report. They have worked with FEMA and other denominations to help those who have been impacted by disasters. Areas receiving the most support last year were Guam, San Diego County, and Paso Robles.

#### **Health Care Task Force**

Bud Wrisley delivered the report and began by introducing Jan Hanson, our new conference Benefits Officer and her staff, Shelley Hirata and Marji Martin. The task force plans to focus efforts on increasing the endowment fund. The estate of Ralph Capo left a gift of \$28,500 which is the first of three installments. The BOP deficit was reduced by about \$132,000 in 2003.

Bud moved that the rules be adopted as revised. The motion carried.

The Bishop's recommended reading includes Openings by Larry Peacock and The Noon Day Demon by John Blackwell. Both authors will be available to sign their books.

#### **Point of Personal Privilege**

Doug Dickson advised that Mike Bankhead broke his leg yesterday. He also recognized and thanked Donna Johnson for her work with fire victims.

#### **Bible Study**

The session was opened with a call to worship and prayer by Steve Peralta. Molly Vetter and Terrance Higgins gave a Bible study based on the Joshua story and the Hebrew

peoples. entrance into the promised land.

### **Jurisdictional Pool**

Keith Hwang explained that the jurisdictional pool is a list of individuals eligible to serve on General boards and commissions. The Western Jurisdiction's allotments were decreased by about 30 slots last year. All jurisdictional conference delegates are automatically in the pool and 45 more individuals may be nominated based on a categorical structure. The vote will be taken in the morning and the list of potential nominees would be posted by 5:00pm on Saturday June 19th, 2004. Nominations were taken from the floor by subcategory. They were:

#### **Ethnicity:**

Asian American category: None

African American (2): 4 were read. Nominated Jorinda Bullitt. Jackie Hawthorn. Willie O. Jones.

Hispanics (2): 2 were read. Added nominations: Ana-Haydee Urda. Teresa Santillana. Francisco Cañas. Betty Venegas-Huembner.

Native American (1). 1 read. Added nominations: none

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Pacific Islander. 2 read. Added nominations: Po.ese Vatikani, Faagi Taufete, Collette Anderson, Jenet Yomot Yamadote,

Clergy: 2 nominations read. Added, Paul Scharer, Colleen Chun, JT Greenleaf. Osmond Lindo. Don Inloes, Thomas Hill.

Lay Women. 2 nominated added none

Lay Men 1 nominated. Added Bob Rhodes Steve Harbison. Virgil Stites, Utuloa Langi, Bud Wrisley.

Youth: added Haunani Nissa, Angelica Greenleaf, Tina Tatsch, Rebecca Munson, Lemuel Dominguez, Miracle McClain.

Young Adults (YA): Lisa Bedict. Leann Alaplate, Andy Mattick, Matt McPhee,

Older Adults: 2 nominated. Added: Robert Smith, Patsy Barrett, John Sterling, Frank Sablan

Persons with disabilities: Added. Lupita Alonso-Redondo, Tom Simmons,

David Chandler spoke on the diversity of our conference and commended us for our inclusiveness. He expressed concern for the needs of the homosexual population.

Delton Pickering rose to recognize the contributions of David Center who served for 6 years Executive Director of Pensions.

Davis McClellon told us that good is not good enough. We need to ask ourselves, .what can we do that would make Jesus smile?.

The Bishop welcomed Reverend Debbie Pitney from the Oregon-Idaho Annual conference. She was glad to be back home, having grown up in this conference. The Bishop invited her to the Old District Superintendents. Dinner and gave her a t-shirt.

#### **Benediction**

George Crisp sang .Sing to the Lord. and closed with prayer.

## **PLENARY 6**

### **Saturday, June 19, 2004**

#### **Call to Order**

Bishop MaryAnn Swenson entered on a bicycle . .You can be a Bishop if you can ride with one peddle.. She commended Tom Griffith's book which is available in Cokesbury, and acknowledged the Sierra Service project mission group. Bishop Swenson introduced the afternoon theme: .Christian Integrity..

#### **Conference Theme Conversation**

Amy Aitken: Integrity is the cornerstone of our ability to lead. We are called to the sacred trust of leadership with integrity: integrity is the alignment of beliefs with actions.

Recommended reading, Leadership Challenge by (L & H), Christian companion to the Leadership Challenge, Workbook. Studies confirm that people prefer honesty in leaders over other characteristics such as intelligence, and people no longer trust the church.

Integrity can be divided into personal integrity and organization integrity, both are

important and interrelated.

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Ken Ellis, presented on the topic of personal integrity. Leaders practice what they preach, actions must be connected with values. Ken introduced a brief video presentation: Whom do you Trust? Time of conversation: Where do you see values and actions in the alignment of the lives of the leaders just shown? Have leaders you have known in the church modeled the alignment of beliefs and actions?

Tom Reinhart Marean, spoke on the topic of organizational integrity: organizations must align their values with what they do. Tom introduces a brief video presentation, inviting us to consider company logos and the organizational integrity they do/do not represent: Does the United Methodist church really have Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Doors? Time of conversation: How do the actions of the UMC and your local church seem to align with its values?

Amy Aitken, suggests that credit-ability is the foundation of leadership. Built up creditability can be lost in an instant. Tom Reinhart Marean, spoke of the Wesleyan value of moving on to perfection of love, concluding with a prayer of dedication.

#### **Point of Personal Privilege**

Angie McCard offered thanks to the conference and the Bishop for support during her mother's 8 years of service.

#### **Orders of the Day**

Erika Gara moved the orders of the day.

#### **Point of Personal Privilege**

Richard Bollin, announced the winner of the Mildred Hutchinson Award to Myron and Mariam Stump. The award was presented at the MFSAAward Luncheon.

#### **Courtesies**

Courtesies were introduced by Karin Ellis. Keith Clark presented a check for \$13,008.05 to the retired clergy pension fund. Bishop Jamie Vasquez, Bishop of Mexico, sends greetings and gratitude from the six bishop of the UMC in Mexico for all the support we have received from this conference. Invitation to University Church at 5:00Pm for Mexican Dinner.

#### **Medical Missionaries to Vietnam**

Bishop Swenson introduced the medical missionary team; leader of the team spoke. Stoles were presented to the mission team while David Richardson spoke of recent trip and the mission initiatives in Vietnam. Introduces Spencer Kim and offered prayer of blessing and dedication. Prayer in Vietnamese was offered.

#### **2005 Budget**

George R. Crisp invited action (previously moved) on Recommendation 1: **It was Approved.**

**Recommendation 2:** Rich Garner from SB district moves to amend by addition to equitable compensation, line 15 by 100,000 to 858,216. Theodore Lesnet spoke against the recommendation siting that minimum compensation to pastors is a contractual

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agreement. Gary Hart supported the amendment, citing that the EQ commission does not believe budget in recommendation 2 is adequate to meet the need. Response: George Crisp stated that the budget was carefully considered and should not be increased.

**Amendment was NOT Supported.**

**Recommendation 3: It was Approved.**

**Recommendation 4: It was Approved.**

**Recommendation 5: It was Approved.**

Bishop Swenson presented George with a gift for his eight years of service to CFA. George thanks his wife Sue Crisp for support, and she thanks the conference for their appreciation.

#### **Consent Calendar**

Molly Vetter presented the consent calendar.

Bud Wrisley, moved to lift recommendation 4 so that it may be amended. **It was Approved.**

Molly Vetter moved the consent calendar. **It was Approved.**

**Personal Privilege**

Sharon Rhodes-Wickett, request the sessions committee report on living-wages paid to university personnel for this annual conference.

**Recognition of Missionaries**

Brian Kent introduced and offered prayer for the conference missionaries: Toni Ethridge, Sandra K Olewine, Romeo Del Rosario, Lucy Barton. Carol Smalley is acknowledged with prayer.

**Motion**

Richard Bollin moved to Suspend the Rules to add Daisy Ho.s mission in Hong Kong to the conference advance specials. **It was Approved.**

Brian Kent offered a prayer for Afrie Songco Joye.s mission and ministry in the Philippines.

**Motion**

Norma Kehrberg moved to Suspend the Rules to add the Fishpond project of Union Theological Seminary in the Philippines as a conference advance special. **It was Approved.**

**Bishop.s Task Force on Children and Poverty**

Kathy Cooper-Ledesma, thanked the conference for overwhelming response to the penny and book initiative. So many pennies.s were given that the banks would not take them. Rosemary Davis invited the body to consider the plight of homeless children and support of the Bishop.s Children & poverty initiative, via The Top 10 Things You Can Do. She introduced Brighter Day, the union rescue mission children.s choir who perform .in D-28 **DAILY PROCEEDINGS.2004** ministry. to the conference.

**Personal Privilege**

Barbara Grace Ripple rose in support of the people of the Marshall Islands who suffer from the effects of the Bravo nuclear tests that were conducted there fifty years ago.

**Jurisdictional Pool Nominations**

KeithAndrew Hwang announced there would be no election.All General Conference, Jurisdictional Conference delegates and alternates are included as well as nominations that were taken from the floor.

**Hawaii Cruise**

Bishop extends invitation to Hawaiian Island study cruise next winter. Learn about the history of our cal-pac conference. The cruise is a Fundraiser for the Claremont School of Theology.

**Benediction**

Toni Etheridge closed the session in Prayer.

**PLENARY 7**

**Saturday, June 19, 2004**

**Call To Order**

Bishop Swenson called the plenary to order at 7:15.

**Peace Prayer**

Rev. Francisco Canas opened the plenary with a prayer for peace.

**Orders of the Day**

Erika Gara moved the orders of the day.

**They were Approved.**

**Leadership Team**

Leadership Team Ballot results were presented by Jim Brewster.JoAnn Fukumoto and Cedrick Bridgeforth were elected to the Leadership Team.

**District Superintendents**

Bishop Swenson introduced the District Superintendents, their spouses, and children to the Annual Conference.

Fletcher Hastings Scharer was introduced to the Conference. This is his 74th Annual Conference. His son spoke on his behalf. He is in possession of the Bishop.s Cane as the

oldest clergy person. Fletcher offered a blessing to the conference, recognizing that this is a great conference.

#### **Conference Theme Conversation. Power and Authority**

Teresa Basile opened by defining these words. Power is ability to effect change.

Authority is the right to use power. Authority is granted to an individual by others and

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demands the trust and respect for others. Biblical examples were provided such as Jesus being baptized and the day of Pentecost. God is the example of true spiritual authority.

Community Recognition of our Leaders. Authority: Personal support and respect and trust in their opinion. Power and authority are not: a sign or popularity, institutional exclusion, dependence on the leader, control of coercion, or a solitary experience.

Carole Waverly and Tom Ziegert shared their experience with shared ministry. Willie O. Jones and Odys Fentry shared their experiences with shared ministry and partnership through prayer and the memory that we are all baptized to go forth. Both partnerships were based on friendship and mutual care.

David McClelland. Stages of Power: Lower to higher, always trying to reach the next stage. Stage one: Weakness and Dependence. Infants derives strength to others. Stage Two: Control and Learning. I strengthen myself. Stage 3: Counter Dependence. I have impact on others. Testing one's own power. People often get locked in this stage and can't move forward. The balance of power is important at this stage. Stage 4: Liberation and True Growth. The recognition that we don't have the power alone, but together we can have enough power to effect change.

Questions to ponder: Does your local church have a healthy balance? What is holding you back? How can you affect the healthy balance?

Bishop Swenson asked the Annual Conference to receive the Ribbon as a mantle as we share in the power of love.

#### **Concert**

Gary Keene introduced Brian Pezzone, Concert Pianist from Holliston UMC in Pasadena, who performed.

#### **Benediction**

Fiso Aliifua offered the Benediction.

#### **Corrections**

Please make the following corrections to the UMDaily for Plenary #3, pages 6-7.

Delete line 167.

Amend line 169. Should read: restructuring of the conference and to call all entities of the Conference to align their work and decisions with the primary tasks. And delete: Its primary tasks are to.

Insert in line 171, Dave Richardson drew a parallel.

After line 184, add the following: Frank Wulf reported on the activities of the Healthy Church Growth Task Force which he has convened. They have defined healthy growth as including much more than increasing numbers of churches and members. They are developing strategies for use in the local churches and in the work of the Conference.

Delete line 185 (there was no motion)

Amend lines 186 through 189 to read: (substitute this paragraph for the existing one):

John Fanestil reported on the project, called for at the 2003 Annual Conference, to visit our retired pastors and their spouses to discern the impact of healthcare changes made last year. Over 70% of these families were visited and a report of the findings was distributed.

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He acknowledged the work of those who have been involved. He mentioned that requests for financial assistance were submitted and granted for those needing help with health insurance payments.

Amend lines 196-198: This was a brand new committee in 2000. Delete: Action was adopted years.

Add after acknowledged: David Richardson, John Fanestil, Betty Jackson-Brubaker, Stan Toyama, and Steve Ayers.

Line 199 is not part of the Leadership Team Report, but an action of the Nominations

Committee regarding the election of the new Leadership Team members.

### **Announcements**

#### Hunger Walk

We received a little more than \$14,000. We thank the many donors and the 30 walkers, helping those who feed the poor! Now, we need to raise the poor from poverty. Please read .Keep the Promise on Hunger and Health. in your arrival packet and .offer letters. to God, asking Congress to fully fund the Millennium Challenge Account with \$3.3 billion, and the AIDS Relief plan with \$3.6 billion.

Benediction. Bob Edgar **A Franciscan Benediction**

**May God bless you with DISCOMFORT.**

At easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships,

So that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with ANGER.

At injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,

So that you may work for justice, freedom, and peace.

May God bless you with TEARS.

To shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war.

So that you may reach out your hand to comfort them

And to turn their pain into JOY.

And may God bless you with enough FOOLISHNESS.

To believe that you can make a difference in this world,

So that you can DO what others claim cannot be done. Amen

Do You Have Questions About What Records To Keep?

There is currently a lawsuit against our Annual Conference and our defense team needs some documents that as of yet have not been located. A significant question regarding documents is, .What do we keep and what do we throw away?.

A retention schedule for the California-Pacific Conference and local Church papers can be found on the website of The United Methodist Church's General Commission on Archives and History. Go to [www.gc.ah.org](http://www.gc.ah.org), then go to Resources, then to Guidelines for Managing Records of the Local Church and of the Annual Conference. The guidelines help you know what to save in archives and what you can throw away.

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For local help contact, Kim Creighton, Archivist, at our Conference Archives office, (909) 447-6375 or at email: [cpac\\_archives@yahoo.com](mailto:cpac_archives@yahoo.com) or visit the Archives at Claremont

School of Theology Library. Kim is at the Archives on Mondays only.

Submitted by: Lyman Ellis, Secretary, Conference Commission on Archives and History)

#### **RESOLUTION 123**

Legislative Section 4: SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS IN GRAMMAR:

[Note: Deletions are in Strikethrough. Insertions are in **Boldface**.]

Page 1:

Line 15 Amend to read .WHEREAS Christians are persecuted more today than at any time prior to the 20th century, **and**.

Line 22 Amend to read .WHEREAS persecution is **while** present in the United States, it is most severe ..

Line 28 Amend to read .freedom of religion and belief **as** deliberate attempts..

Line 37 Amend to read .concern., by the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, **which in its** 2003 report..

Line 41 Amend to read .WHEREAS Saudi Arabia, **which** once had a large Christian..

Line 42 Amend to read .all Christians were killed or expelled and the country continues to have..

Line 43 Amend to read .religious freedom and human rights, **and** Christianity is effectively banned..

Line 46 Amend to read ..and denies them other civil **human** rights; and..

Page 2:

Line 1 Amend to read .WHEREAS in Nigeria, **which** has a Christian President..

Line 4 Amend to read .ethnic Malay, **and that** Christian literature can not..

Line 12 Amend to read .are barred from some professions, and kept on a poverty level many with only menial tasks are.

Line 14 Amend to read .WHEREAS Afghanistan had a **2001** law in 2001 imposing the death penalty....

Line 15 Amend to read .involved in preaching to non-Christians, **which** That changed with the overthrow of the Taliban, but

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Line 18 Amend to read .WHEREAS **though** the Philippines are **is** strongly Christian, there are many islands to govern and in ..

Resolution 123, Page 2 (continued):

Line 23 Amend to read .in some cases had their homes raided and destroyed, The residents of **notably** in Bethlehem, once a ..

Line 24 Amend to read .predominately Christian city, **Christians** experience neither peace nor justice..

Line 27 Amend to read .at Christians, Pastors and priests are beaten, nuns are harassed and reaped, and other violence it **is** ..

Line 29 Amend to read .WHEREAS in Columbia, known for it.s drug cartels and other **their** events **actions**, has turned that..

Line 30 Amend to read .hatred against Pastors and Priests, **murdering those** who preach peace and justice and an end of drugs **trade** and..

Line 31 Amend to read .the **senseless** killing; Numerous clergy have been murdered by FARQ a drug related terrorist group; and..

Line 32 Amend to read .WHEREAS our brothers and sisters in all these countries and many other not mentioned, **named**..

Line 35 Amend to read .General Conference who **that** recently passing **passed** a resolution condemning..

Line 40 Amend to read .BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cal-Pac Conference is **express** outrage d by **at** these atrocities..

Line 44 Amend to read .to: the US State Department, All **all** Senators and Congressional representatives..

Page 3:

Line 1 Amend to read .freedom, **and to all** local TV and radio stations **within the bounds of our Conference** and the Networks, demanding..

Line 4 Amend to read .same above people and groups..

Line 6 Amend to read .continuing problems, These contacts could be helpful **through organizations and resources such as:**

Line 8 Amend to read .Center for Religious Freedom <http://www.freedomhouse.org> [insert .e. in freedomhouse]

Line 16 Amend to read **and the** Book: .Jesus Freaks Vol. II., DC Talks

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Line 19 Amend to read .entire situation and develop ways that our local churches and we as a Conference can stand in..

Line 20 Amend to read .solidarity and in support of the religious and civil **human** rights of these our..

## **CLERGY SESSION (Continued)**

**Sunday, June 20, 2004**

**7:30 AM**

**Call to Order**

Bishop Swenson called the clergy session to order at 7:45AM

**Prayer for Peace**

Lily Villamin opened the session with prayer for peace.

**Board of Ordained Ministry**

Wayne Walters presented the nominees for the **Committee of Investigation**

Clergy.Nicole Riley, Sharon Rhodes-Wickett, Amelia Finau, Cheol Kwak, Harvey Kemp, Jose Vindel, and Willie Foreman.

Lay.Phil Shigekuni  
Alternate.Clergy.JimWhite, Phil Wood, Kee Ho Hwang  
Lay.Becky Haase.

**Administrative Review Committee**

Kathleen Puntar, R. Preston Price, Osmond Lindo  
Alternates.Robert Smith, Catie Coots.  
Bishop Swenson: Presented the slate of nominees before the body.

**They were elected.**

Incapacity leave, Question 57c: Robert Shuler requests another year of incapacity leave.

**It was Approved.**

**Administrative Location**

WayneWalters moved to allow Lemuel Dominguez Jr. to be present during consideration of disciplinary question 47b: Administrative Location ofAna Maria Dominguez. **It was Approved.**

**Administrative Review Committee**

Preston Price presented the report from theAdministrative Review Committee. The committee has met to go over all documents of records and communication concerning question 47b as presented in the Clergy Session Wednesday; the committee has determined that there was no violations in procedure.

All hearings were found to be in accordance with all provisions of the Book of Discipline.

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Diane Rehfield reviewed with the body the Board of Ordained Ministry.s procedures as given in the Book of Discipline ¶ 359.1

After a lengthy discussion and debate, including a response byAna Maria Dominguez and her advocate, question 47b was presented to the body for vote. **It was Approved.**

**Motion**

Cynthia Abrams moved that the Bishop invite to ourAnnual Conference the GCOSROW, GCORR, and the staff persons responsible for Ethnic Clergy at the GBHEM for the purpose of studying the current policies and procedures of the Cal-PacAnnual Conference and specifically the policies and procedures of the Board of Ordained Ministry. She also requests to ensure that this monitoring team receives full information for accountability purposes that a task force of clergy women be instituted to work together with GCOSROW, GCORR, and the GBHEM staff to come back to the 2005 Clergy session with a report and recommendation for improvement and change to our policies and proceedings to adequately care for the specific concerns and needs of ethnic clergy-women. **It was Approved.**

Clergy session was then adjourned.

Donna Faith Ethridge, a Disciple of Christ pastor serving Guam UMC, pleaded with the clergy body to re-examine what it means to be pastors abiding by the United Methodist polity when a vibrant church such as Guam has gone four years without a UMC pastor because no one is willing to take that appointment.

**Prayer**

Donna closed the Clergy Session with prayer at 9:40 am.

**PLENARY 8**

**Sunday, June 20, 2004**

9:30am

**Call to Order:**

Bishop MaryAnn Swenson called the session to order at 9:32 a.m.  
She called upon SaraArmstrong to give the opening prayer for peace and justice.

**Courtesies:**

Bishop Swenson introduced Eddie Kelemen bilingual pastor of First Church of Honolulu. Kelemen.s career has included such accomplishments as serving a Tongan church in Salt Lake City, Utah and District superintendent of the Rocky Mountain cabinet. His wife, Tupo Kelemen promoted First United Methodist Church Los Angeles; which is 150 years old. Tupo explained that despite the old church building site now being a

parking lot there are two housing projects in the works. Her vision is one of a cooperative effort to continue the United Methodist presence in the city. She invites the conference to join this vision.

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**Orders of the Day:**

Erika Gara moved the orders of the day. **They were Approved.**

**Conference Theme Conversation**

Sara Armstrong and Keith Andrew Hwang presented a discussion on Future Leadership: Spiritual Leaders Nurture and Develop Future Leaders. There is a difference between performance skill and leadership skill. Leaders cannot operate on cruise control; they must be willing to work hard and find solutions. To be a leader one must have a cooperative spirit, be willing to follow the consensus of the group, and take pride in the accomplishment while giving the credit to others; particularly, God. True leaders are willing to accept a challenge and grow the vision; they dream large dreams. When leading one must make informed decisions and know the cost of responding. Leaders accept correction and direction with humility and are able to apologize.

How do you find leaders? Watch and wait before making choices. Jesus did not pick people at random. He preached, healed, administered and developed a group of followers. He then used that pool to pick future leaders. This step takes patience. Look for someone who is hungry to grow and longs to develop relationships. The beginning of a disciple relationship is important. Be honest about the commitments required. Disciples are not manufactured for sale. They are developed one by one and it takes teaching, training and support.

There are ten basic rules for mentoring new leaders:

- 1) establish strong relationship
- 2) agree on your purpose
- 3) determine contact frequently. 1 per week
- 4) decide on accountability. written, phone, evaluations
- 5) communication. how do you want areas of concern communicated
- 6) confidentiality. be clear about what is confidential
- 7) set life cycle of relationship. duration?
- 8) evaluate. what can be done to improve, what is working?
- 9) modify. clarify expectations
- 10) Closure @right time. mutual

The challenge to the Annual Conference is to implement what was discussed and learned in our personal contexts and lives.

**Personal Privilege**

Stephanie Toon called for the conference to recognize all the fathers in honor of Father's Day. All the fathers stood and were and were recognized. Bishop Swenson remarked on how precious it was to recognize all the fathers.

**Benediction:**

Gaunnie Hardin Dixon offered the closing prayer for peace.

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**PLENARY 9**

**Sunday, June 20, 2004**

2:15 PM

**Call to Order**

Bishop Jordan called the session to order at 2:23 PM.

**Prayer**

Sam Domingo offered a prayer on peace.

**Orders of the Day**

Erika Gara presented the revised orders of the day on the screen. She asked those on the jurisdictional pool to complete their forms. She moved the orders of the day. It was supported.

**Courtesies**

Karin Ellis introduced Charles Cappleman who recognized Glenn Haworth for developing and maintaining the Cal-Pac website. Glenn was presented with an award. Mary Elizabeth Moore came forward to give a word of greeting from Candler School of Theology. Debbie Camphouse and Matt McPhee shared their experience in attending Candler.

### **Conference Comprehensive Plan Update**

Craig Brown presented the 2004 Comprehensive Plan for Congregational Development. The Comprehensive Plan outlines the three primary tasks of the Annual Conference: building bridges, fruitful and prophetic leadership, & developing new ministries. The Comprehensive plan only addresses one of these tasks. The purpose of Congregational Development is developing New Ministries.

Craig outlined the work of the Board of Congregational Development. They include: developing leadership, resourcing the church, and providing strategy for the future. Craig indicated that not all pastors have the skills for developing new churches or turning around dying churches. Therefore, the committee has taken upon itself to provide training academies for pastors.

Developing new ministries does not only mean new churches, but also new ministries in existing churches.

Four areas were addressed: Ministry, Mission, Worship Attendance, and Apportionments. Mission and Ministry cannot be measured by dollars but by actual persons who have come in contact with the church. Because many churches have not filled out surveys, each district had to utilize past history on ministry expenses, mission expenses, attendance and apportionment from Tables I & II.

The steps in creating a Comprehensive Plan are: prospective areas and ministry; life-cycle chart; district strategic plan.

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The chart is utilized for indicating where new and revitalized ministry should occur. It will serve as a guide in the allotment of resources and funds to local communities. Proper utilization will promote the solution to many of our crises by creating healthy, growing, vital churches and fostering the appropriate stewardship of our assets for ministry. Additionally it can cast a vision within all structures of the annual conference concerning our call to support and nurture local church development.

Our convictions are a belief that this Annual Conference exists in fields ready for harvest (The Inland Empire is expected to grow by 3 Million people). We possess the capability and resources to reach new people with the gospel of Jesus Christ as well as the passion and commitment to end the 30-year decline in worship attendance and membership. Congregational development is part and parcel of our future in ministry.

Craig recognized several members of the Congregational Development Committee.

### **Rules Committee**

Arlene Dempster recognized the members of the Rules Committee. She introduced Bob Stimmel as the new chair. He noted that Arlene is completing 24 years of service in the conference. He presented several gifts in appreciation.

### **United Methodist Men**

Lew Fry noted that all clergy are members of the United Methodist Men and encouraged women clergy to take part in the business of UMM. He then introduced Larry Dozier as the new conference president of UMM. Larry outlined a vision and passion for the UMM of each district.

### **United Methodist Women**

Lory Naser indicated that the women are not just drinking tea. She gave a brief history of how the United Methodist Women and its mission began and participated in a skit showing who a UM Woman is. They invited the body to celebrate the 135th birthday of the United Methodist Women. Lory shared several of the missions and priorities of the UMW. They are giving scholarships to the School of Christian Missions. Debra Ingraham was honored with a full scholarship as a clergy candidate. They are starting three new sister relationships with conferences in Africa. Sierra Leone, Nigeria and Liberia. New leadership in the Western Jurisdiction from Diane Vogon, Monalisa Tuitahi, and in the

Women's Division with Naty Lagaso as director, and Ana-Haydee Urda. Lory then recognized Meesue Park for 8 years of service as Women's Division Director.

#### **UM Foundation**

Jan Berentsen introduced the primary task for the UM Foundation. The foundation exists to invite a faithful response to the stewards of this conference through stewardship education, resource for estate planning, workshops and local church interactions. She shared several resources available to the local churches. The number (626) 568 7347 was given as a contact number. She acknowledged the work of the board of directors. She indicated that a change has been made in the audit team, and that the Foundation received a clean audit report.

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##### **Declaratory Decision**

Karen Moore requested a Declaratory Decision from the Judicial Council. The question is, does the Council on Finance and Administration have the authority to determine the total dollar amount of equitable compensation.

George Crisp spoke in favor of the motion so that CFA may have the information. It was supported.

##### **Personal Privilege**

Patricia Farris shared the passing of Pat King, a longtime lay member of the Cal-Pac Annual Conference.

##### **Nominations**

Jim Brewster indicated the nominee for new Conference Lay Leader as being Ken Ellis. He was unanimously approved by the laity body.

Ken Ellis quoted, "I am only one, but I am one. I can't do everything, but I can do something, and at the end of the day, I am confident that great work will be done in the name of the Lord."

Bishop Jordan announced that the nominee for Conference Secretary is Bob Isip. He was elected. He thanked Keith for training him and teaching him: No sneaking out of the sessions; no falling asleep during the sessions; you need to really read the Preliminary Report before the Conference; and, life is over when you become conference secretary. So as Jesus said, "to God, I commend my spirit."

Jim Brewster moved to accept the list of nominations as printed in the yellow form, as corrected. It was supported. Jim also recognized the members of the nominations committee specifically Betty Jackson Brubaker and Hilda Ragland who have completed their service.

Bishop Swenson returned to preside over the session.

It was moved by Rick Uhls to limit speeches to two in favor and two opposed of only two minutes each. **It was Approved.**

##### **Actions not on the Consent Calendar**

Molly Vetter moved to suspend the 24 hour rule for the amended resolutions. **It was Approved.**

##### **Action Item #1 One Spirit Ministry thru Land and Buildings**

Molly moved as amended in legislative sections. Phyllis Tyler spoke in favor of this resolution. Bob Stimmel, Vice-Chair Rules Committee, of the Rules Committee indicated that since this action requires changing the rules as printed in the 2003 Journal, it needs to be reviewed by the Rules Committee. Bishop Swenson suggested the Rules Committee consider the action once the action has been adopted. No one spoke in opposition. **It was Approved.**

##### **Motion**

Bob Stimmel moved to refer the previous action to the Rules Committee. **It was supported.**

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##### **Action Item #2 Board of Pensions Recommendation #4**

Molly moved acceptance of Recommendation #4.

Bud Wrisley clarified the recommendation indicating that Cal-PacAC is one of only a few which provides CPP for those serving half time or one quarter time. Recommendation

#4 offers CPP for all part-time clergy. **It was Approved.**

**Motion**

George Crisp, President of CFA, moved to make a change to the grade figure formula to insert into our grade figure formula rules at 9D3 (what is currently .D. would become .E. and so forth). This motion brings Apportionment rules for local churches into compliance with changes in CPP. **It was Approved.**

**Action Item #3** Rules Committee Item #4

Molly moved concurrence. **It was Approved.**

**Action Item #4** Resolution #113

Molly moved Concurrence. **Discussion**

**Motion** Substitute Language

David deBos moved to amend the language on line 42, substituting .unconstitutional. with .infringements of civil and human rights. Contained in the provisions of the Patriot Act.. **It was NOT supported.**

**Point of Information**

JoAnne Fukumoto reminded Hawaii members that the Honolulu City Council already voted in opposition of the USA Patriot Act.

**The resolution was Approved.**

**Action Item #5** Resolution #116

Molly moved concurrence as amended by legislative section.

JoAnne Fukumoto accepted the amendment. **It was supported.**

**Action Item #6** Resolution #118

Molly Moved concurrence as printed. **Discussion.**

**Motion**

Glenn Haworth moved to delete lines 23-29, and add .And whereas United Methodists are deeply divided over the issue of homosexuality with persons of equally fervent faith disagreeing with one another over this matter..

Sharon Rhodes-Wickett requested changing .whereas United Methodists are deeply divided. to .We affirm that we are not of one mind. it was accepted.

**Amendment was Approved.**

**The resolution was Approved.**

**Action Item #7** Resolution #121

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Molly moved Resolution #121 as amended.

**Motion**

Frank Wulf moved to amend by deletion of 29-32. **It was Approved.**

**Motion**

Nestor Gerente moved to amend by addition. .The practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching.. **It was NOT Approved.**

**Motion**

Jerry McDaniels moved to amend by restoring the language on line 24. .at the same time we pledge to uphold the Discipline of the UMC..

Richard Bentley indicated this amendment is out of order with Judicial Council decisions.

**Point of Order**

Tom Reinhart-Marean motion of consideration of that action before we Bishop ruled that the amendment is properly before us.

**Amendment was Not Supported.**

**Motion**

Diane Tittle moved to amend by addition. .Let us be further resolved that we join with one another in declaring that the central purpose of our local churches is to offer Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord to everyone and to guide each person toward a commitment to following Jesus Christ in all aspects of life.

**Motion**

Krista McVey moved the previous question.

**Amendment was supported.**

**Resolution as Amended**

A standing vote count was taken.

#### **Motion**

Erika Gara moved recess and the receiving the results of the vote the following day at 9:00AM. **It was supported.**

#### **Benediction**

Lory Nesor closed the session in prayer.

#### **Corrections**

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Line 27: **Add** the word **.receipts.**-for 2003 to the sentence.

Line 59: Reword to say: .She presented some historical background to the 2005 budget..

UM Daily #4

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Line 196:**Add** \$ (dollar signs)

Line 222: Brian Kent introduced Afrie Songco Joye a missionary faculty at Union Theological Seminary in the Philippines. He shared her need for financial support, because the General Board of Global Ministries had discontinued creating or funding new missionary positions. Her position is not funded by GBGM. (Support will go towards her pension and health insurance benefits and will need to be sent through Cal-Pac conference.)

Line #220: Afrie Songco Joye thanked the leadership team for its work. She also shared a concern that after watching the video presentation on connectional ministries, and saw the marvelous ministries with youth, young adults, and children, the new conference staff position on leadership might not be able to provide all the needed ministries.

Lines #260-261 Should read: His son spoke on his behalf. He is in possession of the Bishop.s cane as the clergy person with the most years of membership in our annual conference and in a predecessor conference. Fletcher offered..

#### **CFA Recommendations**

World Services Apportionment \$1,487,414.00

Conference Benevolence \$3,098,902.00

Total \$4,586,316.00

2. Ministerial Support Apportionment \$4,601,930.00

3. Administration Apportionment \$2,009,117.00

4. Other General Conference Apportionment & Benevolence \$ 825,946.00

5. Special Days and Causes \$ 165,332.00

Total \$12,023,309.00

11.18% Decrease \$ 1,513,036.00 less than 2003

## **PLENARY 10**

### **Monday, June 21, 2004**

9:00AM

#### **Call to Order**

Bishop MaryAnn Swenson call the session to order at 9:15AM. The outgoing lay leader, Gaunnie Dixon led the body in a Tai-Chi meditation. Joyce Georgieff opened the session with a prayer for peace.

Ron Griffin brought to the body the arson report from the San Luis Obispo UMC. He thanked the conference for its support as it strives to rebuild.

#### **Orders of the Day**

Erika Gara moved the orders of the day as posted. **It was Approved.**

Andy Mattick commended the sessions committee and the work of Erika Gara for keeping the business of the conference in order.

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#### **Actions not on Consent Calendar**

#### **Resolution 121**

Bishop Swenson informed the body that from the count for Resolution 121, there were 536 total votes. 316 voted in support of the resolution. 220 voted in opposition of the resolution. Therefore, **It was Supported.**

Becky Hasse moved that the Annual Conference Affirm the resolution of the General Conference stating: .As United Methodists we remain in covenant with one another even in the midst of disagreement and reaffirm our commitment to work together for our common mission to make disciples for Jesus Christ throughout the world..

**It was supported.**

#### **Sexual Ethics Task Force**

Bob Rodenburg inquired regarding the report from the Sexual Ethics Task force. Preston Price indicated that due to other matters, the task force is not prepared to present a report for this conference. It will continue its work and will report at the next conference.

Becky Hasse moved to reconsider and remove Resolution 121 from the books. **It was NOT Supported.**

#### **Resolution 122**

Molly Vetter presented Resolution 122 She moved non-concurrence.

#### **Privileged Role Call**

Tom Griffith moved for a clergy role call. It was split. Those who are required to be here are not. They have obviously voted with their feet.

Lietta Wagner moved to amend the resolution by striking .afternoon. and adding .dinner and puts the visioning retreat at the beginning to allow interested laity who are not lay members to attend if they cannot take time away from work for the entire conference..

**The amendment was not supported.**

**Resolution 122 was NOT Supported.**

#### **Point of Order**

Lyman Ellis announced that according to the Discipline ¶603.2 .The Bishops determine the times of the Annual Conference. so the whole motion is out of order.

**Resolution 122 is NOT Supported.**

#### **Resolution 123**

Molly recommended concurrence as amended in UM Daily #4

#### **Motion**

Mary Elizabeth Moore moved to refer this resolution to Church & Society.

Church & Society expressed opposition to this resolution.

Marilynn Huntington moved to amend the referral to Church & Society and Committee for Christian Unity & Interreligious Concerns.

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**The motion to refer was supported.**

#### **Motion to Request a Declaratory Decision**

Richard Bentley moved to request a Declaratory Decision from the Judicial Council regarding Administrative Location. This is in reference to actions taken at the Clergy Session. **It was supported.**

#### **Resolution 124**

Molly Vetter presented Resolution 124, opposing the US occupation in Iraq, for concurrence.

#### **Motion for Point of Order**

Catie Coots moved to limit debates to only one in favor and one against. **It was supported.**

#### **Motion**

Motion to refer Resolution 124 to Church & Society. **It was supported.**

#### **Resolution 125**

Molly Vetter presented Resolution 125 for concurrence.

#### **Amendment**

Line 25 .after consultations between. put .members of. **It was Supported**

Resolution 125 as amended **was Supported.**

#### **Cabinet Matters**

District Superintendent, Dean of the Cabinet, Cheol Kwak reported San Diego Faith UMC was discontinued. The membership is being deposited to Hope UMC. Hansarang UMC was chartered on March 7, 2004. Grandview UMC and San Pedro UMC merged. Calvary UM Mission began on December 7, 2003. Saipan United Korean Fellowship began in

Spring 2004. Trinity Korean and Filipino UMC of Inland merged.

Bishop Swenson presented a plaque to Immanuel Church in Saipan for 12 years of ministry.

Bishop Swenson congratulated the chartering of Hansarang UMC, which shares the facility with La Crescenta.

Tom Griffith asked what is the disposition of the assets from San Diego Faith UMC.

Emma Moore-Kochlas indicated there was no assets. Tom also asked regarding the merger in the Long Beach district. Lily Villamin indicated the district is still in process of negotiation regarding the matter.

Catie Coots recognized the incredible work of the Superintendents.

#### **Committee on the Episcopacy**

Rosemary Davis referred to the Preliminary Report for the report from the Committee of the Episcopacy. She also thanked Jeff and Bishop MaryAnn Swenson for their presence.

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She also indicated requesting the reassignment of Bishop MaryAnn Swenson to our Annual Conference.

#### **Sessions Committee**

John Valles reminded the body to fill out the evaluation forms. The Sessions Committee takes the evaluations very seriously.

The dates for June 20-27, 2005 are reserved by the University for our Annual Conference.

He referred to Resolution 120 regarding the right for fair living wages. He indicated that further study is needed on that. He encouraged the body to look at how we are treating those in our own homes before.

#### **Motion**

Frank Wulf moved to reexamine the dates for 2005 Annual Conference so that it does not conflict with Public Schools. Bishop Swenson indicated that the dates for 2005 has already taken that into consideration.

John Sterling recognized those who care for the Prayer Room.

Gilbert Stone called to recognized the children and youth who work at the cafeteria, the tellers, Conference Secretary, and the Ushers.

John Valles thanked all those at work in the back who support in put on the conference.

#### **Blessing of Transitioning Conference Staff**

Keith Hwang invited Marilyn Huntington to recognize those transitioning from the Connectional Ministries.

She recognized that Keith Hwang will be transitioning as Director of Connectional Ministries. Songja Park is retiring. Kris Hodson will be transitioning to another position within the Conference office. Garth Gilliam will be transitioning to an appointment in a local church. Marilyn Huntington will be transitioning to wherever the Bishop deems for her.

#### **Benediction**

New Superintendent of the Hawaii District, Woong-Min Kim, closed the session with prayer.

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