

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

THE TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC ANNUAL CONFERENCE
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCHUNIVERSITY OF REDLANDS
REDLANDS, CA
JUNE 21-25, 2006Mary Ann Swenson, Resident Bishop
Bob L. Isip, Secretary
Joseph Whitley, UM Daily Editor**GATHERING OF THE ORDERS OF MINISTRY**
Wednesday Morning, June 21, 2006

Ken Medema provided inspirational music and song throughout the session, and Rev. John Farley led all in singing.

Bishop Mary Ann Swenson expressed her deep love for the body and introduced our worship leaders: Ken Medema, Beverly VanderMolen, Rev. Vance Ross, and Carol Paton. The bishop then drew the gathering to each other and to God through opening prayer.

Rev. Debbie Gara led the Call to Worship and Rev. Farley offered a welcome and greeting.

Our Stated Mission: Nurturing and empowering clergy for Christian ministry.

Our Vision: "To provide and support experiences for belonging in Christ, ongoing spiritual formation, and covenant relationships."

Numerous joys and concerns of the community were shared, followed by discussion and prayer within small groups.

Many clergy shared passages of scripture that were personally meaningful and that were offered to the body to nourish and strengthen all throughout Annual Conference.

Rev. Vance Ross delivered a humorous, powerful, and uplifting message that emphasized the great significance of our fellowship. He reminded the group that iron sharpens iron and that we must guide, love and support each other in our respective ministries. We cannot live or minister alone, but we need mates to do God's work. In all things, in all ways, we must honor our connectedness. At all times we must remain in connectional ministry.

Rev. Ross presented a slide show depicting successful congregations and their pastors. Each of these congregations believes in the power of preaching the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ; the power of prayer, and that everyone has something to give to ministry and the life of the church.

Ken Medema gave a presentation on the role and value of music to worship. He reminded the gathering that only two things truly are needed for worship to occur: the presence of the worshiper and the presence of the God we worship. Everything in the service is expendable, including music, if it is not bringing those worshipping into communion with God. He stressed that worship teams must plan, craft, and intentionally involve the gifts of parishioners so that worship truly is the work of the people.

All churches were given the opportunity to report on unique and effective ministries that they had engaged in during the past year.

Three churches were specially honored for their evangelical efforts and transformational ministries: Fountain Valley First UMC (Rev. John McFarland), the Waters Edge ministry at San Diego First UMC (Rev. Molly Vetter), and Sage Granada Park UMC (Rev. Phyllis Tyler). Each of these churches will receive \$500 to help them continue their exciting endeavors.

Bishop Swenson recognized Rev. Nancy Self for her efforts honoring women clergy (who this year celebrate 50 years of full rights), and for her photographic display honoring our conference and those commissioned herein.

Bishop Swenson gave the benediction, offering blessing so that all clergy might effectively minister in the name of Jesus Christ.

CLERGY SESSION Wednesday Afternoon, June 21, 2006

The body was blessed to be led in song by Rev. Ron Griffen.

Bishop Swenson opened with a reading about the Annual Conference theme- “To Be the Cup Overflowing”- and again noted that this year we are celebrating 50 years of full membership and ordination of women. She reviewed a document distributed to the body entitled “Timeline of Women’s Empowerment in the United Methodist Church and Predecessor Churches,” which showed the history of the movement towards clergy rights for women.

The following individuals were recognized by Bishop Swenson and the body for their role in the movement, with many being present and joining the bishop on stage: Revs. Nancy Self, Gwen Jones-Lurvey, Faith Conklin, Phyllis Tyler, Martha Rowlett, Kathy Black, Mary Kay Will, Emma Moore-Kochlacs, Sharon Rhodes-Wickett, Patricia Farris, Ann Broyles, Miyeko Uriu, Colleen Chun, Bishop Beverly Shamana, Mamie Ko, Carmen Pak, Myriam Escorcía, Cynthia Abrams, and Linita Moa.

Rev. Rowlett provided a powerful reflection on her ministry.

The body shared in A Litany of Thanksgiving, which was followed by an original song performed by Ken Medema honoring the journey of all women.

Bishop Swenson introduced lay members Cathy Wilson and Wes Davis, who are serving as Episcopal Assistants. **Permission was granted by the body** for them to remain during the Clergy Session.

Prefatory remarks on behalf of the Board of Ordained Ministry were given by its chair, Rev. Diane Rehfield. She reminded the body that we are all in ministry together and that each person has a role to nurture and encourage people to a life of ministry. Rev. Rehfield thanked the members of the Board for their service and noted that Terry Van Hook and Rev. Tom Choi (Registrar) are rotating off. Kathey Michelle Wilborn will take Rev. Choi’s place and Don Austin will become the registrar for Local Pastors. Rev. Rehfield reported on the findings of a gathering of clergywomen of color held by the conference Commission on Religion and Race and a visit to our conference by Garlinda Burton, General Secretary of COSROW, which were held in response to a motion made last year. Rev. Rehfield offered copies of the report to anyone interested, and was requested by the body to make copies for all.

The 2006 Report of the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry (attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference) was presented by Revs. Rehfield, Choi, Rosemary Davis, John Woodall, and Derek Nakano. All Disciplinary Questions contained in Part II Pertaining to Ordained Ministers

and Local Pastors, Part III Certification in Specialized Ministry, Part IV Diaconal Ministers, and Part V Appointments and Concluding Business **were approved by the body, with the following exceptions:**

- A. Amy Unsook Yoon is removed from the list for Question 53.
- B. Robert Wagener is removed from the list on Question 55 a).
- C. Lacy Crouch is removed from the listing on Question 50.

It was specially noted that Amanda Burr, who is listed in Question 25, is a member of the Disciples of Christ.

All clergy and superintendents for the respective districts of the Annual Conference are found to be blameless in their lives and official administrations, except for one person in the Los Angeles District, one in the Riverside District, three in the Santa Ana District, and one in the San Diego District, each of whom is under investigation.

Prayers were offered for all of those approved for commissioning, ordination, and service as local pastors, as well as for those transferring into the Annual Conference.

Rev. Tom Griffith made a motion from the floor that the Board of Ordained Ministry move in plenary session on behalf of the clergy session that the Annual Conference officially request the Judicial Council to reconsider its Decision 1033, on the grounds that a request for declaratory decision does not require an event to have taken place but asks only that church law be interpreted for the guidance of the Annual Conference. Rev. Rehfield spoke in opposition to the motion on behalf of the Board of Ordained Ministry. Rev. Preston Price moved that the motion be tabled. **The motion passed.**

Rev. Richard Bentley made a point of order, requesting reconsideration of the membership of the Committee on Investigation (Question 18), because he believes that a Judicial Council decision has previously been issued prohibiting lay representation on the committee and establishing 8 as the number of clergy who shall serve on that committee. **The question was taken under advisement** by Bishop Swenson pending investigation.

Rev. Jae Duk Lew moved that, regarding the question of clergy member's character and concerning the matter that Rev. John Valles, Riverside District Superintendent, mentioned, there be administrative review of the supervision process. **The motion passed.**

Rev. David Richardson spoke concerning his experiences with the ministry occurring in Vietnam and asked that the body be mindful that the *Book of Discipline* does not fairly include certain nations, including Vietnam, in the United Methodist family.

Rev. Bau Dang introduced Rev. and Mrs. Nguyen Lap Ma. Rev. Ma was under house arrest in Vietnam for 24 years, yet with his wife and family continued to preach the Word of God and build churches. Rev. and Mrs. Ma were honored by the body with a standing ovation.

Bishop Swenson announced that Rev. Krista Givens, seeking her doctorate in ministry at Claremont School of Theology, is working on a project concerning celibacy in the United Methodist Church. All clergy were encouraged to complete "Celibacy in Singleness: Survey 2006."

Bishop Swenson confirmed that Judicial Council Decision 993 states that there shall be no lay members on the Committee on Investigation. **Laity listed in Part II Pertaining to Ordained Ministers and Local Pastors, Question 18, are removed from the committee, while those clergy listed shall remain.** Additional clergy will hereafter be added to round out the membership of the committee.

Rev. Preston Price moved that the Board of Ordained Ministry explore further ways to increase transparency in their work and report to the body the results next year. **The motion passed.**

Rev. Price moved that, in light of *Book of Discipline* paragraph 634.1.f, which states DCOOM are sub-committees of the Board of Ordained Ministry, the Board be asked to review the relationship they have with the DCOOM's and to identify ways to enhance that relationship and report to next year's session. Rev. Rehfield spoke to the motion. **The motion passed.**

Rev. Price moved that, in light of the Board's clear desire to nurture, the Board be asked to review its practice of informing and communicating with candidates who are continued, and report to next year's session. Rev. Rehfield spoke to the motion. **The motion passed.**

Rev. Cynthia Abrams rose for a point of personal privilege, thanking the Board of Ordained Ministry for its work in complying with the COSGROW report of 2004.

Rev. Cavalain Hawkins led the body in prayer for all clergy assuming new positions and in prayer for Bishop Swenson.

Rev. Afrie Songco Joye rose for a point of personal privilege, urging all clergy to be more intentional in identifying young people who are called to ministry, and in growing healthy, dynamic congregations.

An unidentified pastor requested that the Board of Ordained Ministry devise a system to keep in contact with those clergy who are on any form of leave of absence. Bishop Swenson responded that the request is more properly directed to the Committee on Orders.

Bishop Swenson noted that Rev. Fletcher Scharer would be attending his 76th Annual Conference this year. However, due to the recommendation of his physician, he refrained from attending. **The body declares Rev. Scharer present and a letter will be sent to him noting this and extending our love and best wishes.**

Rev. Faith Conklin closed the Clergy Session by leading the body in prayer.

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The *UM Daily* staff is in need of volunteers to take notes during the plenary sessions and to assist with editing. If you can help, please contact the editor, Rev. Joe Whitley, on his cell phone at (310) 487-1491, or visit him in Melrose 116.

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Also note: all motions must be written on the appropriate form (attached to the microphone stands), and submitted to Rev. Bob Isip, Conference Secretary, before you orally present it to the body.

Attention Clergy: If you have not already done so, please complete the "Celibacy in Singleness: Survey 2006" which is being circulated by Rev. Krista Givens.

Focus Topic- “Grace”

Ken Medema led those present in song, making spirits soar.

OPENING WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY

Rev. Mark Wiley shared the Scripture on which the study was based: John 1:1-19.

Dr. Marjorie Suchocki of Claremont School of Theology led a superb, challenging, and inspiring study of the Gospel of John.

The service was concluded with music by Ken Medema.

PLENARY #1**Call to Order**

Plenary Session #1 was called to order by Bishop Mary Ann Swenson.

A prayer for peace was offered by Rev. Bill Hill.

Orders of the Day

Rev. Erika Gara presented the orders of the day and moved that they be accepted. **The motion passed.**

Opening Business

Rev. Bob Isip, Conference Secretary, shared some of the single words or short phrases that had been used to describe Annual Conference: pilgrimage, reunion, family, memorial, organized chaos, and vacation (which drew laughs of derision from those in attendance). Rev. Isip moved that the body suspend Conference Rules (Rule V.C.2b and V.C.3b on page I-11 of last years journal), in order to allow for consideration of the items distributed on the floor during this plenary session, to-wit:

- a) Board of Camping, Outdoor and Retreat Ministries, Recommendation #1
- b) Board of Trustees, Recommendation #1
- c) Board of Trustees, Recommendation #2
- d) Rules Committee, Item #13
- e) Resolution #28-Reorganization of Campus Ministry Function
- f) Resolution #29-Taiwan Security, Stability and Self-Determination
- g) Resolution #30-Turtle Bay
- h) Resolution #31-A Cry for Justice: The Philippines
- i) Resolution #32-Initiative to Strengthen the Black Church

The motion passed.

Rev. Isip presented 5 additional procedural motions. He moved that:

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;

2) the bar of the conference be the main level, the lower balcony, the prayer room, the Green Room, the stage, and the audio-visual room;

3) the proceedings printed in the *UM Daily* be the official records of the Annual Conference when they are corrected and approved;

4) the registration forms be used as the official roll call of the conference sessions; and

5) all resolutions NOT adopted by the end of conference be referred to the appropriate agencies. **All motions passed.**

Rev. Isip also noted the following:

- a. In order to raise a Question of Personal Privilege, persons must first complete the card for this purpose and submit it at the Agenda Chair's work desk.
- b. If persons want to distribute materials from the floor, they must first complete the pink slip designed for that purpose then obtain his authorization via signature. If persons want to make copies through the university's copy center, they must receive his permission and complete another authorization form.
- c. Left-over handouts are located in two tents in the center of the outdoor Quad.
- d. Persons wanting to make a motion from the floor must first complete the form for that purpose located on each microphone stand. Those with Wi-Fi capability can submit their motions in advance to him through e-mail. To log in, users should input the following: Username- CPWS; Passcode- 1122334455.

Safety Issues

The Stage Manager, Scott Wolverton, noted some safety issues that attendees to Annual Conference should keep in mind, including the following: the need to drink lots of water during the conference, the location of the restrooms, and the need to avoid standing at the walls or in the walkways. He also noted that earthquake precautions are necessary and should be taken, the new safety phone number while on campus is 8888, and the nurse's station will be open each day from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Disability Services Video

The video presented the available services and courtesies extended throughout the duration of the Annual Conference to those with disabilities.

Leadership Circle Explanation

Rev. Griffen led the body in prayer and discussed the Leadership Circles that all will participate in. For those from the Hawaii district who did not receive a Leadership Circle location in their packet, they are to go to the location of their Legislative Sections (noted on page X of the Preliminary Report).

Legislative Sections Explanation

Rev. Molly Vetter explained that, commencing this afternoon, delegates would break into 8 smaller groups to discuss resolutions. Rev. Vetter briefly described the legislative process and how an item could be placed on the consent calendar. She also identified the locations of the various sections, as well as the legislative sections that are to be discussed. The only legislative section meeting of this year's Annual Conference will be this afternoon at 4 p.m.

Bishop Swenson recognized Rev. John Fanestil's wonderful book, Mrs. Hunter's Happy Death. Rev. Fanestil will be doing a book signing today from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 pm. The bishop also noted Paul M. Minus's book, Taking Faith to Work, which is available from Cokesbury.

It was announced that at 1:50 p.m. there will be a presentation by the Video Task Force, describing what video programs are available from the Annual Conference.

Rev. John McFarland taught a hand-puppet exercise and with it, urged the body to go forth and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Members were dismissed to attend their Leadership Circles.

Thursday Afternoon, June 22, 2006
PLENARY #2

Ken Medema opened the session with song.

Call to Order

Bishop Swenson called plenary session #2 to order and urged the body to read Courageous Past, Bold Future by Patricia J Thompson.

Members of the Cabinet presented a reader's theater depicting the 1956 General Conference, which asked the question, "Should the UMC grant full clergy rights to women?"

Rev. Tiala Toetu'u offered a prayer for peace.

Orders of the Day

Rev. Erika Gara presented the orders of the day and moved that they be accepted. **The motion passed.**

Rev. Gara announced that those with Wi-Fi can submit motions at this address: motions@cal-pac.org

Courtesies

Revs. Susan Juergenson and Linita Moa introduced Wayne Moy, Executive Director of the United Methodist Development Fund. He briefly explained the functions of the fund and asked for its continued support. Also introduced was Elena Sokolova, Pastor of two United Methodist churches in Khabarovsk, Russia. She extends peace, love, and God's blessings to the body. Bishop Swenson presented Rev. Sokolova with a "cup overflowing" mug containing gifts, and a scarf.

Greetings from the University of Redlands

Nancy Carrick, Vice-President of Academic Affairs for the University of Redlands, conveyed greetings on behalf of the university and welcomed the Cal-Pac Annual Conference for the 54th consecutive year. She noted that the building of science facilities is complete, resulting in an exceptional building. Because the university continues to offer an excellent education, attendees are urged to encourage interested people to attend.

Nominations to Conference Leadership Team

Rev. Jim Brewster noted that no nominations for either the lay or clergy representatives to the team were submitted in advance of the conference. Rev. Brewster explained the process of nominations and Bishop Swenson opened the floor for nominations, which were received.

Connectional Ministries Video #1

Rev. Keith Hwang reported that it is a blessing to work with the wonderful, caring, and dedicated staff of Connectional Ministries, which joined him on stage. Elaine Amerson, who is leaving the conference for Indiana, was specially recognized by Rev. Hwang and the body. A video depicting several effective congregations and ministries was shown. Bishop Swenson noted her pleasure with the video and the wonderful signs of hope that the depicted congregations and ministries bring to our conference.

Bishop Swenson spoke on the subject of leadership and urged the body to read Leadership in the Wesleyan Spirit by Lovett H. Weems. With a power point presentation, she reminded the delegation that if we want our churches and ministries to thrive, we must serve. Leadership is what will help these churches and ministries of the Cal-Pac Annual Conference to achieve our vision: to truly be the cup overflowing for the world. This vision will be accomplished through grace, compassion, and justice. Our covenant is for vital ministry; it is who we are and what we do through appointed, congregational, and future leadership. Navigation is how we get there. It will be accomplished with the help of our conference leadership team and the Council on Finance and Administration, dedication and effort by all of the United Methodists who comprise our Annual Conference, and through communication as a vital practice of our lives.

Presentation of the 2007 Budget and Pre-82 Information

Wayne Moore presented the budget on behalf of the Council on Finance and Administration. He announced that the pension fund was over-funded by approximately 2.5 million dollars, and members of the Conference Leadership Team gave several presentations describing how the over-funding occurred and what should be done with the money. Conference Treasurer Dan Gara gave an overview of where our dollars go. Bud Wrisley gave an overview of the new Clergy Retirement Security Program (CRSP). A video on pension funds and shared ministries, describing the possible ways that the monies derived from the pension surplus might be spent, was shown. Rev. Amy Aiken and Conference Lay Leader Ken Ellis provided additional information, and all presenters urged support of the Board of Pensions Recommendation #5.

Unidentified persons rose with questions and comments concerning the proposed budget.

Rev. Gara moved the orders of the day. **The motion passed.**

Ken Medema provided closing music, and the body was dismissed to attend legislative section meetings.

MEMORIAL AND COMMUNION SERVICE
“Celebrating, Honoring, Remembering Our Calling”
Thursday Night, June 22, 2006

The service was designed to honor those who have died in the faith and now live with God. It would not have been possible without the sharing, memories, and stories of family members and friends.

The service was led by Bishop Swenson, with Rev. Vance Ross delivering the sermon. Bishop Charles Jordan and Bishop Swenson served as co-celebrants during communion.

In addition to Bishop Swenson, Bishop Jordan, and Rev. Ross, the liturgists, voices, and participants in the service were Bud Wrisley, Jan Berentsen, Margaret Jordan, Rev. Cherie Jones, Rev. Preston Price, Rev. Mark Wiley, and Dawn Hardwick. Carol Paton (Chairperson of Conference Worship), Jan Hanson, and Dawn Hardwick assisted in the preparation of the service.

David Tinoco was the organist for the service.

In celebration and honor of the Fiftieth Anniversary of full clergy rights for women in the United Methodist Church, all of the communion servers were women.

The following clergy, deceased since the conference was last held, were honored: Howard William Brown, C. Fred Clausen, Thomas H. Denman, Hubert L. Duncan, Robert G. Forsyth, Sylvester Jesus Gallardo, Wilbur R. Johnson, Donald R. Locher, Randall Clinger Phillips, Howard Lorne Reeder, Bernard (Ben) Loren Rice, Oscar Raymond Slifer, Delwin Thigpen, Jr., David A. Tinoco, Sr., John Cecil Trever, and Milton Otto Winkler.

The following clergy spouses, deceased since the conference was last held, were honored: Josie Bain, Irene Swanson Butterworth, Kenneth J. Deere, Lois Belle Gray, Erlinda Martinez Jose, Nellie Alma Kenney, Edna Violet Leland, Gwendolyn Bernice Nichols, Alpha Marie Nienas, and Marian Louise Wilhelm.

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Heartfelt thanks are extended to Newell's Nursery in Yucaipa for their generous donation of all of the trees, flowers, and fountains beautifying the Chapel.

The Annual Conference Choir will rehearse in Watchorn 103 at 6:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday evening. The choir will bless our conference with joyful song during both the Friday night Retirement Service and the Sunday morning Closing Worship Service.

The Hunger Committee, chaired by Rev. Ilse Peetz, is raising money for the Hunger Walk. The walk will take place Saturday at noon, beginning at the Hunger Booth on the quad. Churches are urged to bring to the booth as soon as possible money raised thus far.

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Friday Morning, June 23, 2006
Focus Topic- "Compassion"

MUSIC WITH KEN MEDEMA

Ken Medema led those present in song, awakening bodies and spirits.

BIBLE STUDY

Dr Marjorie Suchocki again led a brilliant and engaging study of the Gospel of John, reminding the body that the gospel itself is a cup overflowing.

MISSION REPORT: Rev. Chris Cumbest and Rev. Sheila Cumbest Report on Hurricane Clean-up Efforts and Offering

Revs. Sheila and Chris Cumbest, with their children Elizabeth and Jesse, expressed their gratitude for Cal-Pac's assistance after Hurricane Katrina, and brought greetings from Hope Morgan Ward, Bishop of the Mississippi Annual Conference.

These dedicated pastors reminded us that we, the people of God, are indeed the light shining in the darkness. All those who have responded, and who will respond, to the gulf tragedy are the shining light.

A video was shown that depicted the devastation from Hurricane Katrina, and the needs created by the storm. The presentation urged all of the body to support the Katrina Church Recovery Appeal.

The Katrina Church Recovery Appeal is our opportunity to assist congregations and communities to put their lives back together. Donations to the appeal will:

- a) Restore Hurricane-damaged UM facilities;
- b) Pay salaries of clergy while their congregations cannot do so or until pastors can be reappointed or relocated to another church;
- c) Establish new congregations or consolidate existing ones in storm-ravaged areas;
- d) Renew church-based community ministries such as day-care centers and feeding programs; and
- e) Provide worship necessities- Bibles, hymnals, robes, and so forth- to churches in need.

Donations can be sent to our Conference Treasurer, Appeal #818-001, or be made online at www.umc.org/churchrecovery.

Elizabeth Cumbest shared a song she wrote that expressed the pain of the tragedy, the plea for help from those affected, and the belief in God's presence and deliverance. Her refrain echoed the collective response of all who received God's immeasurable grace: "Lord, I lift up your glorious name."

Several members of the body shared their personal connections and experiences with the Gulf Coast region, and encouraged the gathering to give generously.

The Cumbests ask for the continued support and generosity of the connection.

An offering was taken to provide further assistance and support for the hurricane relief effort.

Bishop Swenson announced that Rev. Jim Hall's book The Ocean Beach Pier is available from Cokesbury, and that Rev. Hall will be signing the book. It was also announced that from 1:30-2 p.m. in the Chapel, persons will be available to answer questions about the proposed budget and the pre-1982 ministerial pension funds.

Ken Medema closed the session with a song, as members of the body were dismissed to attend their respective Legislative Circles.

Friday Afternoon, June 23, 2006

PLENARY #3

The CF&A, Board of Pensions, and Leadership Team hosted a question and answer session concerning the budget and pre-1982 ministerial pension funds prior to the plenary.

Plenary session #3 was called to order by Bishop Mary Ann Swenson

A prayer for peace was offered by Rev. Paul Kim.

Rev. Henry Masters recognized the late Alice Weed for her pioneering work. An Anglo woman, she boldly, lovingly served God's people of the African American community.

Rev. Judy Chung formally recognized Bishop Swenson as one of the great figures in the church and as one of those to be honored as we celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of full clergy rights for women. She then presented the bishop with a gift.

Orders of the Day

Rev. Erika Gara presented the orders of the day and moved that they be accepted. **The motion passed.**

Rev. Gara reminded the body that motions can be made through e-mail at motions@cal-pac.org.

Courtesies

Rev. Linita Moa introduced the president and CEO of Toberman Settlement House, Gloria Lockhart, who shared the story of Toberman. It is a non-profit, multifaceted neighborhood center serving low-income families in Los Angeles, and its goal is to bring clients from poverty to self-sufficiency. Because of God's grace, it is expanding in size and services. Ms. Lockhart urged the body to support Toberman Settlement House and to make a financial contribution.

Rev. Rich Garner shared the experiences of the BOGM Mission Team to Palestine. Peace is being built through justice, compassion and grace. If anyone is interested in taking part in a mission trip such as that described, another tour will occur in January of 2007. Rev. Garner then presented Bishop Swenson with a gift from Palestine.

Dr. Woong-Min Kim, Hawaii District Superintendent, recognized Lorraine Kadooka, the Hawaii District Secretary, who is retiring after 43 years of service. The body expressed its appreciation with a standing ovation.

Sam Smith, an artist, has commemorated the 50th anniversary of full clergy rights for women with a cross he designed. The cross was presented to Bishop Swenson with best wishes.

Presentation of Missionaries

Bob Meissner, Chair of the Conference Board of Global Ministries introduced Shirley Ferrill, Conference Secretary of Global Ministries, who recognized our missionaries: Rev. Paul Jeffrey, Rev. Lucy Barton, Rev. Martin and Milika Finau, and Rev. Sandy Olewine.

The Long Beach District Lay Leader, Wilma Ryder, was asked to give a check in the amount of \$27,000 to Rev. Chris Cumbest for hurricane relief to the Mississippi Annual Conference.

Connectional Ministries Video #2

The video showed some of the terrific ministries in the conference that honor our children and youth, and that encourage and celebrate diversity. It also reported on the emerging worship and ministry technologies within the conference, and spotlighted the Urban Kids Camp.

Presentation of Consent Calendar

Rev. Molly Vetter presented the consent calendar to the body, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Rev. Vetter explained the nature of certain items and how they got to the consent calendar. She further explained that those resolutions which receive more than 80% support in the legislative sections are placed on the calendar for concurrence. For this calendar, there are 28 resolutions that are scheduled to be voted on in tomorrow morning's plenary.

Rev. Janet McKeithen provided a correction to the calendar, stating that Resolution 5a was passed, and not 5B. Duly noted by Rev. Vetter.

Gary Lynn moved that **Resolution 28** be removed from the Consent Calendar. **The motion passed.**

Rev. Ewing W. Carroll, Jr. moved that Resolution 29 be removed from the Consent Calendar. **The motion passed.**

Board of Ordained Ministry

Rev. Diane Rehfield, Chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry, encouraged people to identify those who are interested in ordained ministry and to direct them to the following website: www.calpacordainedministry.org. Rev. Tom Choi, BOM Registrar, introduced the 2006 class of associate and probationary members to a standing ovation from the body.

Those to be commissioned as deacons are Mary Allman-Boyle and John Kwan.

Those to be commissioned as elders in probationary membership are Lara Bruce, Deborah Camphouse, Christian DeMent, Nestor Gerente, Tonya Harris, John Thomas Hower, Cheryl Kelly, and Brent Ross.

DiAnn Johnson will be commissioned as an Associate Member.

Tong Soo Han, Joel Hortiales, and Mark Sturgess are received into the Annual Conference through transfer.

Rev. Choi then introduced the following persons who will be ordained as elders in full connection: Cedrick Bridgeforth, Joseph Choi, Sione Veikoso, Jon Waterson, Amy Unsook Yoon, and Eugene Han.

Bishop Swenson then asked the historical questions of examination which were authored by John Wesley. All responded appropriately.

A leave of absence of an additional year for diaconal minister Merrijoy Buist **was approved by the body.**

Action on 2007 Budget

Wayne Moore thanked the members of the Council of Finance and Administration for their hard work, and presented recommendations on the 2007 Annual Conference budget. Rev. Amy Aiken presented a proposal that the \$700,000 in the Conference Strategic Initiative be set aside in a reserve fund for the next year, so that a study can be made by the Leadership Team, with the results to be reported at next year's Annual Conference. Mr. Moore, on behalf of CF&A, adopted this recommendation.

Rev. Thomas Griffith moved that the rules be suspended so that a motion could be made. The motion passed.

Rev. Griffith then moved to amend Conference Rule IX-F-5 to add these words: "The Conference Strategic Initiatives Fund shall not be subject to the 10% provision." **The motion passed.**

Board of Pensions

Bud Wrisley moved adoption of Board of Pensions Recommendation 5B.

Rev. Floyd McKeithen moved that the motion be amended as follows: Eliminate health care charges (\$35 per month) to retired members of the Annual Conference and retired lay employees who participate in the Conference Health Care Plan for fiscal year 2007.

Rex Britt rose to make a point of order, questioning the propriety of the proposed amendment. Bishop Swenson advised that the proposed amendment was properly before the body.

After discussion, **the motion to amend passed.**

Board of Pensions Recommendation 5B, as amended, was supported.

Mary Elizabeth Moore moved that the Leadership Team develop a process for the 2007 session of our Annual Conference to decide the long-term use of the pre-1982 pension funds, similar to the process used by the 1999 session to decide how to use the funds from the Pacific Homes Settlement. The process will include at least three possible plans for using the pre-1982 pension funds.

Wayne Moore moved adoption of the 2007 budget in 5 separate recommendations. **With regard to Recommendation #'s 1 (World Service and Conference Benevolence Fund), 2 (Ministerial Support Fund), 3 (Administration), and 5 (Special Days and Causes), the motion passed.**

Rev. Tom Ziegert moved that Recommendation 4 (Other Apportioned Benevolences) be amended as follows: "Set aside \$300,000 from line 36 for one year to pay the healthcare premiums of retirees." **The motion passed.**

Lynn Wilson moved that the amended motion be further amended as follows: "Break-out line 36 to 3 parts: a) Tithes- \$250,000; b) Support Retiree's Health Premiums- \$300,000; and c) Strategic Initiatives Reserve- \$400,000." **The motion passed.**

Recommendation #4 (Other Apportioned Benevolences) as amended was supported.

A brief break was taken by the body, with Ken Medema leading in singing.

Rules Committee

Dr. Robert Stimmel noted that the body's help is needed regarding late submissions of action items. Proposed changes to the rules should be submitted no later than March 1. Other action items are to be sent to the Conference Secretary by March 15.

Equitable Compensation

Rev. Karen Moore, Chair of the Commission on Equitable Compensation, extended thanks to Steve Harbison, Conference Chancellor, and Rev. Randy Johnson for their assistance and work on the commission. She noted that there is biblical authority for equitable compensation in Acts 2:44-45, and thanked the body for extending assistance to 73 churches through equitable compensation.

Congregational Assessment Information

Orville Benjamin, Rev. Cedrick Bridgeforth, and Ken Ellis (Conference Lay Leader) reported on the Congregational Assessment process, drawing the attention of the body to the 2006 Comprehensive Plan for Congregational Development.

Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry

Rev. Johan Dodge and Renata Hundley, Co-Chairs of the Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry, reported that a new vision for campus ministry has been developed. They stressed the importance of campus ministry and reported on current realities and the reason for change. Without new strategic direction, campus ministry within our conference will ultimately die. The new strategic plan has been developed to establish growing Christ-Centered student communities that connect campuses with the United Methodist Church and to develop present and future student leaders.

Vote on Leadership Team Nominations

Rev. Brewster moved that the Conference Rules be suspended to elect the lay person and the clergy person with the most votes on the first ballot, and further that there be only one ballot for both laity and clergy. **The motion passed.**

Rev. Jim Brewster then presented the following nominees for the Conference Leadership Team:

Lay Representative-Jane Matsumoto (LB Dist., Female, Asian); Nedda Soriano (SA Dist., Female, Hispanic); Jacqueline Hawthorne (LA Dist., Female, Black), and Mary Burks (SA Dist., Female, White).

Clergy Representative-Rev. Francisco Canas (SB Dist., Male, Hispanic); Roby Correa (HI Dist., Female, White); Kee Ho Hwang (SB Dist., Male, Asian); Yvonne Boyd (PS Dist., Female, Black); Jane Voights, SB Dist., Female, White); Sandra Olewine (LB Dist., Female, White); Lupita Alonzo Redondo (SB Dist., Female, Hispanic); L.L.C. Hammond (LA Dist., Female, Black); and Roy Riggs (RI Dist, Male, White).

The laity and clergy then separately voted.

Bishop Swenson announced that completed Western Jurisdiction surveys can be turned in either at the documents tent or Room 107.

UMW

Debbie Haustedt and other hard-working members of the United Methodist Women declared that they are dedicated to safeguarding children and eliminating poverty. For 137 years, the UMW have had the purpose, power, and resources to assist children and change the world. This shall continue. It was noted that the organization enjoyed a high point when the world UMW conference was held earlier this year in Anaheim. In closing, the UMW specially acknowledged Bishop Swenson for her efforts on behalf and in support of the group.

UMM

Larry Dozier reported that relational evangelism is the key term that applies to the United Methodist Men. After relating some of the activities of the organization and describing its spirit, he urged the body to say “yes!” to their ongoing activities and efforts.

Connectional Ministries Video #3

“Signs of Hope” was the theme of the video, with ministries, community centers, revival services, the Institute for New Church Start and Revitalization, and campus ministries being cited as clear examples of hope within our Annual Conference.

Bishop Swenson provided biographical information about Ken Medema and expressed what a blessing he and Beverly VanderMolen have been to the conference. In response, the body expressed its great appreciation for their gifts with a standing ovation.

Ken Medema led the gathering in a musical benediction.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The “well” in the Narthex of the Chapel can be purchased from Newell’s Nursery in Yucaipa: (909) 797-9210.

The Conference Worship and Design Team wish to thank Karen Smith for her time, patience and guidance in staging the daily scripture references. Each evening before worship, the scripture of the day was depicted in tableau format in both modern day and biblical times. Thank you Karen and all those who volunteered to “being the Scripture of life.”

Consent Calendar**For concurrence**

Advance Specials (p. 1-4)—99%

Board of Camping, Outdoor and Retreat Ministries, Recommendation #1 (dist. on floor, Thurs)—97%

Board of Pensions, Recommendation #1 (p. 14-15)—99%

Board of Pensions, Recommendation #2 (p. 15)—99%

Board of Pensions, Recommendation #3 (p. 15)—100%

Board of Pensions, Recommendation #4 (p. 16-17)—100%

Board of Pensions, Recommendation #5a (arrival packet)—97%

Board of Pensions, Recommendation #6 (arrival packet)—94%

Board of Trustees, Recommendation #2 (distributed on floor, Thursday)—100%

Equitable Compensation (p. 25-26)—100%

Personnel Policy Committee, Recommendation #1 (arrival packet)—98%

Personnel Policy Committee, Recommendation #2 (arrival packet)—96%

Rules Committee, Item #1 (p. 49-50)—100%

Rules Committee, Item #2 (p. 50)—100%

Rules Committee, Item #3 (p. 50)—100%

Rules Committee, Item #4 (p. 50)—90%

Rules Committee, Item #5 (p. 50-51)—96%

Rules Committee, Item #7 (arrival packet)—100%

Rules Committee, Item #8 (arrival packet)—100%

Rules Committee, Item #9 (arrival packet)—99%

Rules Committee, Item #10 (arrival packet)—100%

Rules Committee, Item #11 (arrival packet)—100%

- Rules Committee, Item #12 (arrival packet)—100%
 Rules Committee, Item #13 (distributed on floor, Thursday) –100%
 Resolution #21- Support for the Global AIDS Fund (p. 63)—100%
 Resolution #24- Reaff. of '98 "Directional Statement" on Welcoming (p. 64-65) -- 95%
 Resolution #26- Following our Call to Stewardship (p. 65-66)—100%
 Resolution #31- A Cry for Justice: The Philippines... (distributed on floor, Thursday)—100%

For non-concurrence

None

For information only: Items not on the Consent Calendar

- Board of Pensions, Recommendation #5b (arrival packet) –*approved on floor, 6/23*
 Board of Trustees, Recommendation #1 (distributed on floor, Thursday)—69% for concurrence
 Resolution #20- Support of Global AIDS Fund (p. 62-63)—No Recommendation
 Resolution #22- Judicial Council Decision 1032 and Pastoral Auth. (p. 63)—68% for concurrence
 Resolution #23- Seeking Peace & Pursuing Justice in the Holy Land (p. 63-64)—69% for concurrence
 Resolution #25- Local Church Finances (p. 65)—30% for non-concurrence
 Resolution #27- U.S. Immigration Policy (arrival packet)—76% for concurrence as amended
 Resolution #28- Reorganization of Campus Ministry Function (distributed on floor, Thursday) – 89% for concurrence
 Resolution #29- Taiwan Security, stability and Self Determination (dist. on floor, Thursday)—99% for concurrence
 Resolution #30- Turtle Bay (distributed on floor, Thursday)—74% for concurrence
 [Resolution #32 – Initiative to Strengthen the Black Church—*WITHDRAWN*]

Amendment from Legislative Section:

Resolution #27—Resolution on U.S. Immigration Policy (Note: this Resolution was NOT numbered, but was in the arrival packet. Additions are in italics and bold.)

on page 2, the last paragraph should read:

“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Senators *and Representatives* of California *and Hawaii* and to the President...”

RETIREMENT SERVICE
A CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY
Friday, June 23, 2006

Bishop Swenson led a worship service honoring our conference’s retiring clergy and receiving our new elders. Celebrants were Rev. Diane Rehfield (Chairperson of the Board of Ordained Ministry), Rev. Mark Feldmeir and Rev. Martha Wingfield (Worship Coordinators), and Jan Hanson (Pins and Certificates for the Board of Pensions). Also assisting in the service were members of the Annual Conference Choir, Rev. Kathy Michelle Wilborn (Reader), Rev. John Woodall (Timekeeper), Greg Norton (Music Director and Organist) and Carol Paton (Accompanist for Conference Choir). Speaking on the passing of the legacy was Rev. J James Mowry, representing the retirees, and speaking on the receipt of the legacy was Rev. Jon Waterson, representing the new elders. Those retiring, and their years of service, are as follows:

Djalma Araujo	Elder	34
Lucile Barton	Elder	24
Leroy Ishmun Brown	Elder	34
Robert Davis	Elder	44
Rosemary Davis	Deacon	27
Maximo Dumlao, Jr.	Elder	6.5

David Fifita	Local Pastor	7.5
B. Lothair Green	Elder	38.25
Edward J. Hansen	Elder	42
Judith Helton	Deacon	4.25
Charles F. Hoffman	Elder	33
Steve Jackson	Elder	40.5
Dudley V. Johnson, Jr.	Elder	38
Lois McAfee	Elder	21
J. James Mowry	Elder	47
Heisik Oh	Elder	23
Joanne Satterburg	Elder	15
Richard K. Smith	Elder	33
Vernon L. Story	Elder	39
Roger Velasquez	Elder	10.5
Lawrence H. Wayman	Elder	38
DarEll Weiss	Elder	45
Beth Ellen Balikian	Elder	28

The service was concluded with a benediction given by Rev. Sione Veikoso.

Saturday Morning, June 24, 2005
Focus Topic- "Justice"

MUSIC WITH KEN MEDEMA

Ken Medema led those present in wonderful song.

BIBLE STUDY

Dr. Marjorie Suchocki once again led an excellent, edifying study of the Gospel of John, reminding the body that the commitment of Christian discipleship is the commitment to live according to the nature of God. In doing so, our works are a gift to God, who has gifted us God-self through Jesus Christ. Dr. Suchocki urged the gathering to be tireless in its pursuit of justice, particularly with regards to our planet and environment. She closed her message with these words: "Jesus' final meal with the disciples was not a last supper, but the first breakfast. Cal-Pac, we have work to do, and it's morning."

Ken Medema again shared his remarkable gifts of improvisational music and song.

PLENARY #4

Plenary session #4 was called to order by Bishop Mary Ann Swenson

A prayer for peace was offered by Rev. Cherrye Cunnigan.

Courtesies

Rev. Susan Juergensen introduced Rev. Wes Neal, Chairman of the Joint Commission, who introduced to the body Bishop Jaime Vasquez of the Mexican Conference. Bishop Vasquez brought greetings on behalf of the other five bishops of Mexico. He also offered his blessing to the Annual Conference, and thanked it for the love given and loyalty shown to the Methodist Church in Mexico.

Professor Karen Scheib, Associate Professor of Pastoral Care and Pastoral Theology at Candler School of Theology, offered greetings from students, faculty, and Dean John Love. She expressed her pleasure that graduates from Candler are serving in our Annual Conference and on the cabinet. Professor Scheib reported that there are many exciting endeavors happening at the seminary, and thanked the members of the Annual Conference for their support of the Ministerial Education Fund (which supports all thirteen of our United Methodist seminaries).

Rev. Juergensen also introduced Sheridan Gaines, an ambassador on behalf of the Black College Fund who is also a student at Claremont School of Theology. She brought greetings from the historically black colleges and universities, particularly those with United Methodist affiliation, and encouraged the body to provide its continuing support through full apportionment giving so that students “may rise to the occasion.”

Orders of the Day

Rev. Erika Gara presented the orders of the day and moved that they be accepted. **The motion passed.**

Rev. Gara introduced Joann Williams, Pasadena District Lay Leader.

Rev. Gara also announced that prayer calendars are available from Booth #38 at a cost of \$6.25 each, and noted that today we are to pray for Hilo, Hawaii UMC.

Vote on Consent Calendar

Rev. Molly Vetter presented the Consent Calendar, located on pages 7-9 of the *UM Daily*.

Rick Malec moved to remove Recommendation #1 from the Consent Calendar. **The motion is supported.**

Rev. Vetter moved adoption of the remainder of the Consent Calendar. **The motion passed.**

Rev. Vetter also reported the great blessing in her life: the completion of her husband, Matt's, deployment to Iraq and his safe return home! Rev. Vetter thanked the conference for all of its prayers, love, and support.

Jane Thompson, wife of Rev. Don Thompson, reported that her grandson, Sgt. Justin Farrar, in May was critically wounded in a car bombing while serving in Iraq. She asked that the Annual Conference pray for Justin, his wife, Amy, and their three month old daughter Arrianna Hope. Cards and letters of support can be sent to the Sgt. Farrar at 3W Room 354, 3851 Roger Brooke Drive, Ft. Sam Houston, TX 78234. Ms. Thompson concluded by asking that all continue in efforts for justice and peace.

Cabinet Matters

Rev. Dr. Grant Hagiya, Los Angeles District Superintendent, noted that Bishop Swenson's leadership style is collaborative. However, she is the hardest person to shop for because she has no material needs. He proposed that a Conference-wide mission project for the Mississippi region be organized as a gift to the bishop, and to the people of that great Annual Conference. In order to accomplish this, however, he stated that the cabinet must have the cooperation of the members of the Annual Conference, through its endorsement. The body did so through hardy applause. Those interested in participating in the proposed mission project are urged to contact their District Superintendent.

Dick Wytttenbach-Santos moved that line 182 of today's *UM Daily* be amended to read: “The process will include the opportunity for participation by every local church.” **The motion passed.**

Report on Leadership Team Vote

Rev. Jim Brewster reported the results of yesterday's vote. The Lay Representative elected to the Leadership Team is Jane Matsumoto, and the Clergy Representative is Rev. Sandra Olewine.

Committee on the Episcopacy

Rev. Jan Wiley, Chair of the Committee on Episcopacy, thanked its members for their service, particularly Rev. Rosemary Davis (who is retiring), and the late Rev. Don Gaylor, who served until his death earlier this year. Joining Rev. Wiley on stage, and formally recognized for their work, were the secretary to the Episcopal office, Wes Davis (who appropriately wore a shirt saying “Happiness is being the Bishop’s secretary”); Rev. Gary Keene, Assistant to the Bishop, who continues to relate to the Conference Leadership Team, the Design Team for the Annual Conference, the Extended Cabinet, and several other conference committees and groups; and Cathy Wilson, Administrative Assistant for the bishop. Ms. Wilson was presented with a gift that she could share with her family, as she has resigned (effective later this summer), and will be assuming a job with the Board of Ordained Ministry. Rev. Wiley noted that persons interested in the Administrative Assistant position should apply soon.

On behalf of the committee, Rev. Wiley also specially recognized Bishop Swenson for continually lifting up women during the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of full clergy rights for women, and for being the first female bishop of the California-Pacific Annual Conference- our pioneering bishop. Thanking God for her, the Committee on the Episcopacy presented Bishop Swenson with a gift. The body showed its appreciation to her with thundering applause and a standing ovation.

Bishop Swenson recognized Rev. Scott Imler, who thanked the body for addressing, with proper dignity and decorum, difficult legislation concerning sexual orientation at last year’s Annual Conference. Rev. Imler also noted that the Committee on Welcoming will next take up the issue of immigration.

Rev. Imler moved that the Annual Report of the Response Committee on Welcoming be entered into the official record of the 2006 Session of the Annual Conference. **The motion passed.**

Board of Laity/Lay Leader’s Address

Bishop Swenson introduced Conference Lay Leader Ken Ellis, who, resplendent in a tuxedo and in good spirit, tried unsuccessfully to imitate the wonderful talents of Ken Medema. Mr. Ellis recognized all of the local church lay leaders and lay speakers in attendance, as well as the Board of Laity (which joined him on stage). He also recognized Elaine Amerson, Director of Leadership Development, whose vitality and strength in getting the job done will be missed because of her move to Indiana. Mr. Ellis stated that the laity and the clergy must nurture their partnership and continue to be in mutual ministry. The laity must be comprised of people of all languages, ages, sex’s, and groups, and its voice must be strengthened. One way to do this is through continued training of lay leaders. Examples of such training opportunities are the Lay Speaker Program and the 2006-2007 Lay Ministry Academy at Claremont School of Theology. He urged all who are interested to attend. Mr. Ellis also recognized the three laypersons of the year: Martinique Brown of Scott UMC, Chris Fracchiolia of Community UMC, and Ellen Johnson of Hilo UMC. In closing, he reminded all laity and clergy to be the cup overflowing in our Annual Conference and our places of ministry.

Mr. Ellis closed the session with song and a benediction.

Saturday Afternoon, June 24, 2005 YOUTH AWARDS AND WORSHIP SERVICE

Elaine Amerson, Director of Leadership Development, first introduced Adam Crisp and Melissa Wylie, who are summer interns serving the Annual Conference.

Because of the quality of applications for the Susanna Wesley Scholarship, several winners were named. Runners-up, who will each receive a \$500 scholarship, are James Stephenson, Jr. and Jack Medford. This year’s recipient of the \$1,000 Susanna Wesley Scholarship is Angelica Greenleaf.

Randall Newton received the Youth Worker of the Year Award.

Twenty-eight persons received certificates for completing the Youth Worker Academy.

Angelica Greenleaf, President of the Conference Council on Youth Ministries, passed the gavel to the in-coming president, David McFarland. Hannah White will serve as the Vice-Chair.

In appreciation for all that she has done for them, Elaine Amerson was presented with a quilt by the youth. Mrs. Amerson was also presented with a gift by those affiliated with Connectional Ministries.

The Youth Worship Service was entirely created and led by youth and youth leaders. Participants were the Linda Vista UMC Youth Praise Band, Angelica Greenleaf, St. Mark Unbound Band, Hannah White, Charles Pickering, David McFarland, Footprints Choir from Westlake Village UMC (with Ara Salibian, Accompanist), Rachel deBos, and the Amamaki Ketau Fakataha dancers of United With Hope UMC.

All who participated through song, Scripture, liturgy, and the Word, shared meaningful, fresh insight into the awesome nature of our God, who calls each of us to be filled with grace, compassionate to others, and tireless in our pursuit of justice throughout the earth. A packed Chapel was challenged to go forth and be the reflection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

An offering was taken which will support the Conference Council on Youth Ministries.

Maake Kemoeatu of the NFL's Carolina Panthers and Chris Kemoeatu of the NFL's Pittsburgh Steelers, sons of United Methodist Rev. Manako Kemoeatu and 'Ahea Kemoeatu, from Kahuka UMC were introduced.

PLENARY #5

Ken Medema opened the session by leading the body in song and dance.

Plenary session #5 was called to order by Bishop Mary Ann Swenson

A prayer for peace was offered by Rev. Ron Griffen.

Orders of the Day

Rev. Erika Gara recognized Bishop Charles Jordan, Bishop in Residence at Claremont School of Theology, and extended appreciation for his presence and service.

Richard Englar, from the Hawaii District, was also recognized.

Rev. Gara reminded the body that the yellow light indicates that speakers are to wrap up their comments, and the red light means they must immediately stop.

Rev. Erika Gara presented the orders of the day and moved that they be accepted. **The motion passed.**

Courtesies

Rev. Linita Moa introduced Bishop Zothan Mawia of the Methodist Church of Myanmar. He shared the history of Methodism in his country and shared the hardships of God's workers and how they survive. He also brought greetings from the people of Myanmar and reported on their ministries and the growth of churches.

Rev. Moa also introduced Peggy Hallock, Cokesbury Store Manager.

Ms. Hallock stated, "I am proud to announce that in keeping with a long tradition, UMPH/Cokesbury is once again investing in the ministry of the whole United Methodist Church-

by contributing \$1 million again this year to clergy pension support-AND ALSO ADDING ANOTHER \$50,000 to pay administrative costs for the Central Conference Pension Fund. And Cokesbury is investing an additional half million dollars to support ministries across the church and the world that are not self-supporting through sales."

Ms. Hallock then presented the Cokesbury gift check to the Cal-Pac Conference for \$13,239.50.

Rev. Marilyn Huntington stated that other Annual Conferences give their Cokesbury gift to the Central Conference, and moved that ours do the same. **The motion passed.**

Claremont School of Theology

Rev. Karen Dalton brought greetings on behalf of Claremont School of Theology, and noted the presence of many alumni/alumnae in attendance. Rev. Dalton extended best wishes to the school's president, Rev. Dr. Phil Amerson, and his wife, Elaine, our conference's Director of Leadership Development. Rev. Dalton urged the body to support Claremont and its activities and events, for they are taught and led by some of the finest faculty in the world. She also encouraged all to come meet the new president of CST, Rev. Dr. Jerry Campbell.

Bishop Swenson specially recognized Dr. Amerson for his leadership of Claremont.

Dr. Amerson expressed that it has been a privilege to know the people of the Annual Conference, for they have helped him to grow in Jesus Christ. He thanked the body for their support of the School of Theology, and of him and Elaine. Though many have said "goodbyes" as they prepare to journey to Indiana, Dr. Amerson assured all that he will continue his relationship with this Annual Conference. Dr. Amerson also expressed what a wonderful gift the conference has in Claremont School of Theology. He reported that great progress has been made in relieving the school of its burden of debt, the budget submitted this year is a balanced budget, and enrollment is on the increase. In closing, Dr. Amerson asked that the body please continue to support, in every way possible, their fine seminary.

The body was led in the song "Pour It Out" by Rev. John Farley.

Orders of Ministry

Rev. Debbie Gara, as an Ordained Deacon and Rev. John Farley, as an Ordained Elder, appeared on behalf of the Orders of Ministry. They and a number of other deacons and elders described the Orders of Deacon and Elder, including how they are created and what their respective functions are. They expressed the need for all to continue to understand the functions of the orders so that their members can work and minister well together. Rev. Gara specially recognized the Orders Executive Committee, and noted that leadership development is a particular emphasis of the Orders, with funds being made available to sustain the spiritual, emotional, and physical well-being of both deacons and elders. In closing, Rev. Gara and Rev. Farley encouraged all persons to support the Orders.

Trustees

Greg Batson, Chair of the Board of Trustees, brought to the attention of the body Board of Trustees Recommendation #1, concerning Camp Virginia in the San Diego District. Paul Cogger, Director of Camping Ministries, spoke to the body in support of the recommendation. Rev. Batson moved adoption of Recommendation #1.

Rick Malec moved that the recommendation be amended by deleting "RESOLVED FURTHER, that proceeds of the sale shall be used to fund the negotiation and acquisition of land adjacent to Camp Cedar Glen all upon such terms and conditions approved by the Conference Board of Trustees;" and replace said language with the following: "RESOLVED FURTHER that the proceeds above the amount used to purchase the 'Slaughter Property' (adjacent to Cedar Glen) be used to help further the Cedar Glen Master Plan and camping in San Diego."

Discussion was had on the proposed amendment. **The motion passed.**

Discussion was had on the proposed recommendation, as amended. **The motion passed, as amended.**

Rev. Erika Gara announced that the schedule was running behind and moved that the Conference Rules be suspended to provide that those speaking for or against a proposed action be limited to two speeches each, and that the time of all speeches be limited to one minute. **The motion passed.**

It was agreed that the body would convene for Plenary #6 on June 25, 2006 at 8:00 a.m.

Items Not on the Consent Calendar

Rev. Molly Vetter directed the body's attention to page 8 of today's *UM Daily*, particularly the section entitled "For Information Only: Items Not on the Consent Calendar."

Rev. Vetter moved adoption of Camping and Outdoor Retreat Ministries Recommendation #1. **The motion passed.**

Rev. Vetter moved adoption of Resolution #20. Discussion was had. **The motion passed.**

Rev. Vetter moved adoption of Resolution #22. Rev. Frank Wulf proposed the following amendment: "Amend Resolution No. 22 by striking lines 105 to 109 (after the word 'voluntarily') and by adding the following: 'agree not to use sexual orientation or gender identity as criteria for denying baptized or professing membership.'" Discussion was had. **The motion to amend failed.**

Discussion was had on the motion to adopt Resolution #22. **The motion passed.**

Rev. Vetter moved adoption of Resolution #23. Bud Wrisley moved that the motion be amended as follows: On line 62- Delete "Conference Board of Pensions" and substitute "Conference Board of Ordained Ministry." Discussion was had on the proposed amendment. **The motion to amend failed.**

Discussion was had on the motion to adopt Resolution #23. **The motion passed.**

Rev. Richard Bentley moved that the Response Committee on Welcoming sponsor further dialogue around the issue of divestment from Israel in the coming year. **The motion passed.**

Rev. Vetter moved adoption of Resolution #25. Discussion was had. **The motion passed.**

Rev. Vetter directed the body's attention to the arrival packet, and moved adoption of Resolution #27, as amended. **The motion passed.**

Rev. Vetter moved adoption of Resolution #28. Discussion was had. **The motion passed.**

Rev. Vetter moved adoption of Resolution #29. Rev. Ewing W. Carroll, Jr. moved that the resolution be referred to the Board of Church and Society. **The motion passed.**

Rev. Vetter moved adoption of Resolution #30. Discussion was had. Bud Wrisley moved that the resolution be referred to the Board of Church of Society and to the Board of Pensions. **The motion passed.**

Rev. Gara moved that Plenary #5 be adjourned and that Plenary #6 begin at 8:30 a.m.

Bishop Charles Jordan offered the Benediction, and Ken Medema provided closing music.

**Saturday Evening, June 24, 2005
ORDINATION SERVICE**

Participating in the Processional were:

Spouses/support persons of candidates for the Order of Elder

Elders assisting in the ordination of elders

Candidates for the Order of Elder

Members of the Board of Ordained Ministry of the California-Pacific Annual Conference

District Superintendents of the California-Pacific Annual Conference

Reverend John Woodall, Assistant Registrar for Full Connection, BOM

Reverend Bob Isip, Conference Secretary

Reverend John Farley, Chair, Order of Elders

Mr. Ken Ellis, Conference Lay Leader

Reverend Diane Rehfield, Chair, BOM

Reverend Thomas Choi, Registrar, BOM

Reverend Lily Villamin, Preacher, Long Beach District Superintendent

The Clergywomen of the California-Pacific Annual Conference

Reverend Charles W. Jordan, United Methodist Bishop, Retired

Reverend Dean Nelson, Bishop Southwest California Synod, ELCA

Reverend Doctor Mary Ann Swenson, Resident Bishop of the Los Angeles Area

Participating in the service were: Bishop Mary Ann Swenson, Bishop Dean Nelson, Mr. Ken Ellis, Rev. Amy Unsook Yoon, Rev. Joseph Choi, Rev. Cedrick Bridgforth, Rev. Lily Villamin, Karen Smith, Carol Paton, Mee Sun Lim, Kwangwon Hyun, Hwa Jung Lee, Joni Verger, La Habra UMC Acolytes (Melynda Kreeger, Acolyte Director), Gregory Norton, Cindy Arntson and Ty Woodward.

An offering was taken benefiting camps within our Annual Conference

The sermon was delivered by Rev. Lily Villamin, Long Beach District Superintendent

Candidates ordained as elders in full connection were:

Cedric Donyat Bridgforth

Joseph Choi

Sione Veikoso

Jon Wesley Waterson

Amy Unsook Yoon

Ordained and received into full connection was Eugene Euyjoon Han

SPECIAL THANKS

Heartfelt gratitude is extended to Rev. Neil Platon, Rev. Ruy Mizuki, and Jamie Kim for their assistance in compiling the official record of the Annual Conference proceedings, the *UM Daily*.

CORRECTIONS TO THE JUNE 21, 2006 UMDAILY

A portion of line 83 and line 84 should be modified to read as follows: “Kathy Michelle Wilborn will take Rev. Choi’s place and Don Austin will become the registrar for Local Pastors.”

The following should be added to line 84: “Rev. Rehfield reported on the findings of a gathering of clergywomen of color held by the conference Commission on Religion and Race and a visit to our conference by Garlinda Burton, General Secretary of COSROW, which were held in response to a motion made last year. Rev. Rehfield offered copies of the report to anyone interested, and was requested by the body to make copies for all.”

Lines 97 and 98 should be modified to read as follows: “All clergy and superintendents for the respective districts of the Annual Conference are found to be blameless in their lives and official administrations, except for one person in the Los Angeles District, one in the Riverside District, three in the Santa Ana District, and one in the San Diego District, each of whom is under investigation.”

It should be noted in line 182 that the motion of Mary Elizabeth Moore (referenced in lines 178-182) was approved by the body.

Sunday Morning, June 25, 2005

The final session of the 2006 California Pacific Annual Conference was commenced with music and song led by Ken Medema.

PLENARY #6

Plenary session #6 was called to order by Bishop Mary Ann Swenson. In doing so, she announced that Santa Clarita UMC made the news because of their fabulous Bible study.

A prayer for peace was offered by Rev. Lupita Alonso Redondo.

Orders of the Day

Rev. Erika Gara introduced Connie and Phil Freeman, lay leaders for the Los Angeles District. She then thanked Carol Paton, Chair of Annual Conference Worship, and all others who assisted with the worship services. Rev. Gara also encouraged all persons to complete and submit the comment cards.

Rev. Gara presented the orders of the day and moved that they be accepted. **The motion passed.**

Courtesies

Rev. Susan Juergensen introduced Dr. Jerry Campbell, President of Claremont School of Theology. Bishop Swenson provided biographical information about Dr. Campbell, and also introduced his wife, Veda. The bishop specially noted that Dr. Campbell will become a member of our Annual Conference.

Dr. Campbell jokingly spoke of the financial situation he encountered at CST, but seriously and optimistically pointed out that a balanced budget has been approved, and exciting, new things are on the horizon. He referenced Claremont’s proud tradition of academic excellence over the past fifty years, and encouraged the Annual Conference to start a “new” fifty years. Dr. Campbell pointed out that the chief reason he agreed to be Dean of the school was because we haven’t been able to stop the decline in numbers of United Methodists. Despite a brilliant, dedicated faculty, it is critical that the school continue to receive the input and leadership of the Annual Conference. This is certain to make our conference grow.

Cabinet Matter

Rev. Dr. Grant Hagiya, Los Angeles District Superintendent, reported on new church starts, mergers, and unfortunately, discontinuances.

Rev. Dr. Hagiya moved that the body approve Property Matter Resolution for Discontinuance of Shell Beach Community United Methodist Church. **The motion passed.**

Rev. Lily Villamin, Long Beach District Superintendent, spoke concerning the proposed discontinuance of Long Beach First UMC. She moved that the body approve Property Matter-Resolution for Discontinuance of Long Beach First United Methodist Church. **The motion passed.**

Rev. Dr. Hagiya noted that, despite the sadness that accompanies church closure, we should remember that out of death comes resurrection. As an example of this, a new ministry will be starting at the Long Beach First UMC location. He also noted that this year, we have a great number of new church starts.

Committee on Investigation

Rev. Cathleen Coots noted that an additional clergy member needed to be added to the list of nominations for the Committee on Investigation, per Judicial Council Ruling 1006. Rev. Coots moved that Rev. Bill Hill be added to the Committee on Investigation. **The motion passed.**

In separate correspondence with Bob Isip, the Conference Secretary, Rev. Coots provided the corrected list of nominees to the committee, so that they could become part of the official record. They are:

Clergy: Revs. Amelia Finau, Harvey R. Kemp, Cheol Kwak, Nichole Reilley, Sharon Rhodes-Wickett, Jose Vindel.

Lay Observers: Phil Shigekuni and Cindy Waterson

Clergy Alternates: Revs. Hillary Chrisley, Kee Ho Hwang, Sandra Richards, James White, and Phil Wood.

Alternate Lay Observer: Becky Haase

Ana Haydee Urda raised a question of personal privilege, requesting that, in light of the approval of Resolution #27, the issue of immigration policy be formally assigned to the Response Committee on Welcoming for further discussion. **The request is supported.**

Committee on Nominations

Rev. Jim Brewster gave a report on conference nominations, noting that it still may contain errors. Changes may be made by contacting Rev. Gilbert Stone. Rev. Brewster moved adoption of the Nominating Committee's report. Discussion was had on the report, particularly pointing out that nominations of Hispanic/Latino individuals are lacking. Bishop Swenson encouraged persons to still submit nomination in order to rectify this. **The motion passed.**

Rev. Brewster noted that the new chair of the committee will be Rev. Stone, and asked that the body support his tenure. Rev. Brewster was recognized for his leadership of the committee. The body did so with a standing ovation.

Liz Ward raised a question of personal privilege, recognizing firefighters who are on special call due to the dry conditions, and asking that the body be aware of their efforts. She also asked that the body be mindful of our responsibility to our land as we continue to preserve and protect it. Prayer was offered for the firefighting personnel.

Dick Englar read a proposed letter to President Bush, thanking him for designating the northwest chain of islands of the Hawaiian Islands a national park, and asked that the body approve Bishop Swenson's sending of the letter in her name. **The motion passed.**

Rev. Jan Wiley called upon all persons to join others who have committed to rebuild \$300,000 of the \$700,000 which were properly designated yesterday for retired clergy health benefits. She asks

that members of the Annual Conference commit whatever sums they can each month for this purpose.

Rosemary Benjamin, Chair of the Committee on Christian Unity and Religious Concerns, asks that the conference pray for Christian unity and concerns. She also requested that if the committee does not have full membership per the Nominating Committee's report, she be notified so that assistance can be offered on filling vacancies.

Bud Wrisley announced that there will be four workshops regarding the new Clergy Retirement program. The workshops are scheduled as follows:

Monday, September 11, 2006, at San Dieguito UMC in Encinitas
Tuesday, September 12, 2006, at Claremont UMC in Claremont
Wednesday, September 13, 2006, at First UMC in Burbank
Thursday, September 14, 2006, at El Segundo UMC in El Segundo

Rev. Keith Hwang asked if any of the workshops will be in a language other than English. Mr. Wrisley responded that he was not sure, but that he would see what can be done about that.

Rev. Richard Bentley noted that the Methodist Federation of Social Action will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary in 2007. He invited the Annual Conference and the bishop to plan for an appropriate way to celebrate this milestone.

Lisa Gay Santiago announced that the Mildred Hutchinson Award was given posthumously to Alba Eugenio.

Rev. Jim Conn, Director of Urban Ministries, pointed out that Metro in San Diego has received a substantial grant to assist victims of Hurricane Katrina who are trying to rebuild their lives in San Diego. He also noted that, if people want to help heal the wounds of Katrina, this is a way to do so without traveling to the gulf region.

Sessions Committee

Rev. John Valles, Riverside District Superintendent, announced that the 2007 Annual Conference will be held the week of June 20.

Rev. Valles introduced the co-chair of the Sessions Committee, Rev. Eric Smith, and together they specially recognized the work of the ushers and all persons who labor before and during Annual Conference to make it a success. The body responded with loud applause.

Rev. Smith also recognized Lorraine Kadooka for her assistance to the committee. She was recognized by the body with a standing ovation.

Bishop recognized the conference parliamentarian, Rev. Dr. Chan Hie Kim, and thanked him for his contributions to the Annual Conference.

Rev. Gara raised a question of personal privilege noting that she is one of 16 clergy in the California-Pacific Annual Conference under the age of 35. She stressed that they are an endangered species, and that the conference must realize that more young clergy are needed (particularly those who speak languages other than English) to care for and minister to the conference. Rev. Gara stated that the conference's support, trust and blessing are needed so that the conference can continue to grow.

Jim Powell announced Expo 2006, a conference for youth in Ft. Lauderdale, and encouraged anyone interested to participate.

Amelia Finau was recognized for transferring her conference membership from the kingdom of Texas to Cal-Pac.

Closing Business

Rev. Isip related a word that for him that summarizes Annual Conference: Goal! He expressed his appreciation that the goals of Annual Conference had been met. He specially recognized Rev. Joe Whitley, editor of the *UM Daily*, and other members of the team, including Rev. Neil Platon and Rev. Ruy Mizuki, for their efforts.

Rev. Isip asked that correspondence directed to him be sent to First UMC of Torrance.

Awards

Rev. Rick Uhls, in stunning televangelist attire, brought the conference award recipients on stage so that they could be recognized. The body did so with thunderous applause and a standing ovation. Bishop Swenson showed her appreciation to each award recipient with a warm embrace.

Larry Hygh offered prayer for the award recipients and for all attendees of the Annual Conference.

Ken Medema closed the final session with music.

CLOSING WORSHIP AND COMMISSIONING SERVICE **“A Celebration of Ministry and Sending Forth”**

Participating in the Processional were:

Candidates for the Order of Deacon and spouses/support persons

Candidates for the Order of Elders and spouses/support persons

Candidate for Associate Membership and spouse/support person

Candidates for the Transfer of Orders and spouses/support persons

Members of the Board of Ordained Ministry of the California-Pacific Annual Conference

District Superintendents of the California-Pacific Annual Conference

Reverend Derek Nakano, Assistant Registrar for Probationary Connection, BOM

Reverend John Woodall, Assistant Registrar for Full Connection, BOM

Reverend Bob Isip, Conference Secretary

Reverend John Farley, Chair, Order of Elders

Reverend Debbie Gara, Chair, Order of Deacons

Reverend Rosemary Davis, Chair, Section of Deacons and Diaconal Ministers

Mr. Ken Ellis, Conference Lay Leader

Reverend Diane Rehfield, Chair, BOM

Reverend Thomas Choi, Registrar, BOM

Mr. William N. Lazarte, Lay Speaker

Reverend Doctor Mary Ann Swenson, Resident Bishop of the Los Angeles Area

Reverend Zothan Mawia, Bishop Methodist Church of the Union of Myanmar

Commissioned to perform the duties of The Ministry of the Deacon were Mary Rebecca Allman-Boyle and John Brian Kwan.

Commissioned to perform the duties of The Ministry of Elder were Lara Anne Bruce, Deborah Marie Camphouse, Christian DeMent, Nestor Santiago Gerente, Tonya Sanita Harris, John Thomas Hower, Cheryl Diane Kelley, Michael Brent Ross.

Recognized as an Associate Member of this Annual Conference: Di Ann Johnson

Recognized in Probationary Membership by Transfer: Tong Soo Han, Joel Hortiales, and Mark Sturgess.

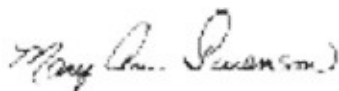
Participating in the service were Rev. Gregory Norton, William N. Lazarte, Rev. Christian DeMent, Rev. Rebecca Allman-Boyle, Rev. Nestor S. Gerente, Ken Ellis, Rev. Diane Rehfield, Bishop Zothan Mawia, and Bishop Mary Ann Swenson.

An offering was taken benefiting The Global Aids Fund

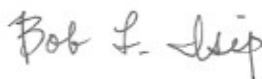
Music was provided by Rev. Gregory Norton and Ken Medema.

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify and declare that the Daily Proceedings of the Twenty-Second Session of the California-Pacific Annual Conference, meeting in Redlands, CA June 21-25, 2006 to be the Official Record of the Annual Conference.



Mary Ann Swenson
Presiding Bishop
The Los Angeles Area
The United Methodist Church



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