

# DAILY PROCEEDINGS

## THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Mary Ann Swenson, Resident Bishop

Keith Andrew Hwang, Conference Secretary

Johan Dodge, UM Daily Editor

### OPENING DEVOTION

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

10:00 A.M.

The members of the Conference participated in a short opening devotion.

### CLERGY SESSION

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

10:15 A.M.

#### Call to Order

Bishop Mary Ann Swenson called the session to order at 10:49 A.M.

#### Board of Ordained Ministry

Wayne Walters, board chair, introduced Tom Choi, registrar, who presented the report of Disciplinary Questions on behalf of the Board of Ordained Ministry. Ellen Peterson, administrative assistant for the board, was recognized for her outstanding work for the Board of Ordained Ministry. Tom presented the report from the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry.

#### Introduction of Candidates for Election as Members in Full Connection and Elder's Order

Jose Luis Palacios Bravo, Jinho Han, Kathey Michelle Harry, Cynthia Jean Huskey, Donald Henry Inloes (FC only), Elbert Chong Sop Kim, Jae Duk Lew, Linita 'Ulu'ave Moa, Michael Sean Mc Niel, Anna Hyangdo Lee Mulford, Wesley Matsen Neal, Cuong Manh Nguyen, Teresa Santillana, Leigh Ann Shaw, José A. Vindel, Amy Chieko Wake, Patricia Henning Youngquist.

**They were Elected.**

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#### Introduction of Candidates for Election as Associate Members and Ordination as Deacons

Myron Wingfield introduced the candidates to be ordained in Associate Membership, Sinaipa Langi and Thanh Van Le, and Manako Melino Siketi Kemoe'atu who was received into Associate Membership in 2001.

**They were Elected.**

Diane Rehfield moved the approval of Patricia Buchanan Hedges as a deacon in probationary membership.

**She was approved.**

#### Candidates for Election as Commissioned Probationary Members

Myron Wingfield introduced the following persons for commissioning as elders in probationary membership: Lee A. Carlile, Allison Paige Eaves, Garth C. Gilliam, Eugene Euyjoon Han, Daisy Sau-Lai Ho, David Christopher Palmer, Bradley Paul Resare, Yuji Sato, Leh-Chuo H. Ting, Malyong Yi, Adrienne M. Zackery.

**They were approved.**

#### Courtesy Ordination

Bishop Swenson recognized Andre Feijo from Brazil who will receive courtesy ordination as an elder by our Annual Conference.

#### Benediction

Earl Kernahan offered a prayer at 12:12 P.M.

### CLERGY SESSION (Continued)

Tuesday, June 17, 2003

10:15 A.M.

#### Call to Order

Bishop Swenson called the Clergy Session back to order at 1:35 P.M.

#### Examination of Clergy

Tom Choi introduced Bishop Swenson who asked each District Superintendent and Clergy from each district to stand and hold each other accountable. With few exceptions all were found to be living out God's call.

#### Election of Committee on Investigation and Administrative Review Committee

Bishop Swenson called for the approval of members of the Committee on Investigation and Administrative Review Committee.

**They were approved.**

**Candidates for Ordained Ministry**

Walt Dilg introduced the Enneagram retreat and recommended this retreat to all clergy. The Enneagram will be required for all new probationary members. He then lifted up 181 names of Candidates who have been certified to explore their call to Ordained Ministry. The committee has moved to a three-tier system of psychological testing to further help the candidates on their paths to Ordained Ministry.

**Question 20**

Terry Van Hook moved the passage of Question 20.

**It was approved.**

**Question 21**

Terry Van Hook moved the passage of Question 21.

**It was approved.**

**Question 43**

David Richarder moved the recognition of the elder's orders of Ma Lap Nguyen which enables him to serve as a local pastor in Vietnam under the supervision of the United Methodist Church.

**It was approved.**

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**Question 25**

Clergy serving under appointment in this Annual Conference while retaining their denominational affiliation were presented for approval.

**They were approved.**

**Question 26**

Tom Choi recommended the approval of Affiliate Members.

**They were approved.**

**Question 82**

Tom Choi moved that clergy serving in less than full time appointments be approved.

**They were approved.**

**Question 54**

David Richardson moved that clergy on leave of absence be approved.

**They were approved.**

**Question 54D**

David Richardson moved for terminating leave of absence for two clergy persons.

**This recommendation was approved.**

**Question 55A, C**

David Richardson moved approval of clergy who have been granted family leave, and have been discontinued from leave.

**They were approved.**

**Question 56**

David Richardson moved approval of those clergy requesting sabbatical leave.

**It was approved.**

**Question 57**

David Richardson moved approval of those clergy persons who have requested incapacity leave.

**It was approved.**

**Question 46**

David Richardson moved the discontinuance of four probationary members.

**It was approved.**

**Question 50B & C**

David Richardson moved the approval of withdrawal from the ministerial office by 3 persons and the termination of membership for 3 persons who withdrew under complaint.

**It was approved.**

**Question 51 & 47**

David Richardson reported on the suspension of 2 persons under the provisions of ¶ 359.1c, ¶ 2704.2b, or ¶ 2711.3b. David recognized those who have been previously granted honorable location. David offered prayer for those named in these sections.

**Point of Personal Privilege**

Ken Heflin, representing the Board of Pensions, rose to speak on behalf of Larry Wayman whose service record needed to be corrected to grant him 1 additional year of service for the appointment year 1977-78. Ken moved that Larry's service record be adjusted for this period of service.

**It was approved.**

**Point of Personal Privilege**

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Irwin Trotter asked for clarification on the church's action to recognize the orders of Ma Lap Nguyen. The Board explained that given the political climate in Vietnam, Ma Lap Nguyen can serve more safely in Vietnam as a local pastor under the auspices of the UMC than under Christian Missionary Alliance which is his denomination.

**Prayers**

Samuel Chow offered a prayer.

Tom Choi asked for a moment of silence for those who have died. Bishop Mary Ann Swenson offered a prayer.

**Report from Order of Deacons**

Jan Kishpaugh reported that the Order of Deacons continues to advocate for all deacons, to meet regularly for mutual support, and to interpret the appropriate procedures for both appointing and terminating appointments, as well as building understanding of the varied ministries of the deacon.

### **Report from Order of Elders**

John Farley offered a story about his mentor and ministry. Bishop Swenson offered words in favor of Wesleyan class meetings for the Order of Elders: "We need to live out a visionary idea for "being church together." She strongly expressed a desire that all clergy be a part of a small group and mentioned that John Farley and Martha Rowlett were willing to help with this program.

### **Point of Personal Privilege**

Lee Truman asked if something more can be done for the Order of Elders with regards to pastors with problems or problem pastors. He said that we need to make resources more available to those who are struggling in their ministry.

### **Motion**

Tom Griffith submitted a list of four questions for the Annual Conference concerning the clergy. "Questions for which declaratory decisions are requested from the Judicial Council." He asked that these questions be put before the Conference.

1. Since 1) the Disciplinary reason for administrative complaints, "...inability to perform ministerial duties," (§359.1d[2]), and the Disciplinary reason for involuntary leave of absence initiated by the District Superintendents, "(clergy who) are unable to...perform their ministerial duties," (§352.1), are substantially coterminous; and 2) decisions on whether a clergy shall be placed on involuntary leave of absence and processing of administrative complaints are both handled by the Board of Ordained Ministry (Judicial Council Memorandum 950, §359.3); does this mean that a written request by the District Superintendents to place a clergy on involuntary leave of absence constitutes a written complaint, as defined in §359.1a? If so, must there be a period of formal supervision, as defined in §359.1b, initiated before the administrative complaint may be referred to the Board of Ordained Ministry? If so, which committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry should process this complaint? The executive committee (Judicial Council Memorandum 950) or "a committee of the board that deals with matters of conference relations (other than the executive committee)"? And should whichever committee of the board processes the complaint have the full range of remedial actions detailed in §359.3a available to it when such a complaint or request is received?

2. §359.1b states, "the person against whom the complaint was made may choose another person to accompany him/her with the right to voice." Provisions for Fair Process in Administrative Hearings (§359.2c) and for Fair Process in Judicial Proceedings (§2701.3) both allow the respondent the "right to be accompanied by a clergyperson in full connection to any hearing, in accordance with the appropriate disciplinary provisions. The clergyperson accompanying the respondent shall have the right to voice (or advocacy)." These provisions imply that the respondent may choose the clergyperson who may appear with him/her. §2706.2 specifically states that a respondent is entitled to select the clergyperson in full connection to serve as respondents counsel. Does all of this imply that the respondent may choose his/her advocate/counsel, and also choose to change whom his/her advocate/counsel may be at any stage in the complaint/investigation proceedings (up to the commencement of a trial), on the respondents own motion; as long as a clergyperson who once served as respondent's advocate/counsel and was replaced by another remains bound by the disciplinary

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provisions for confidentiality in the hearings in which s/he participated [Judicial Council Decision 751]?

3. The provision for Fair Process in Administrative Hearings (§359.2) specifically "commences upon referral of a matter as an administrative complaint." The provisions for Fair Process in Judicial Proceedings (§2701) specifically "commence upon referral of a matter as a judicial complaint...." Both provisions guarantee "the respondent shall have access to all records relied upon in the determination of the outcome of the (appropriate) process." (§359.2e, §2701.6) When a complaint ("a written and signed statement claiming misconduct or unsatisfactory performance of ministerial duties" [§359.1a]) is received by the bishop or a district superintendent, there is no provision guaranteeing a respondent a right to access to all records until the matter passes through the Supervisory Response. (§359.1b). However, Judicial Council Decision 830 affirms that Fair Process is a constitutional right as well as a disciplinary right. §359.1a specifically states "The person filing the complaint and the clergyperson shall be informed by the district superintendent or bishop of the process for filing the complaint and its purpose." Therefore, does a respondent have a right to receive and keep, at the very least, a written copy of the complaint against him/her, copy(s) of supporting documents submitted with the complaint, and sufficient other detail to allow the respondent to prepare a response (§359.2b), at the commencement of the supervisory response?

4. It is clear that a Local Pastor has no guarantee of an appointment, and that a license for pastoral ministry "shall remain valid only so long as the appointment continues...." (§341.3) In the fourth restrictive rule to the Constitution of The United Methodist Church, at ¶18, all clergy and lay members of the church (including Local Pastors) are granted the privilege of a right to trial if accused of a chargeable offense. This constitutional right is acknowledged at §§2702.1, 2703.2, 2704.2, 2706.2c and 2713. If a person serving under appointment as a local pastor receives a notice in writing, from his/her bishop or district superintendent, informing him/her that s/he is being discontinued from that appointment and that his/her license for pastoral ministry is being discontinued for the stated reason that said local pastor is accused of violating specifically one or more cited chargeable offense(s) (§2702.1), does that local pastor have a right to the supervisory process (§359.1) and, if this results in a judicial complaint, the right to trial? Or does the termination of the appointment end the local pastor's right to a trial?

**It was approved.**

**Health Care and Insurance.**

It was moved that lay members of the Health Benefits Task Force be given right of admission and voice.

**It was approved.**

David Richardson set context for the report from Board of Pensions by stating that the Annual Conference has before it some creative thinking related to the health care costs of retirees. He suggested that it was necessary to find a way together rather than have the retirees bear the load of healthcare and pensions. He expressed the hope that we continue to conference together to work out a fair and just solution.

**Conference Board of Pensions**

Bud Wrisley called out "Don't shoot the messenger." He offered two different plans to put before the Conference: 45/55 Plan and 20/80 Plan. And he reminded the session that tomorrow afternoon there will be a one hour presentation. Also, on Thursday morning, we will have 1 ½ hours for a legislative session. On Friday morning, there will be questions and debate on the floor. The time of comment followed. Clergy members expressed feelings and opinions about the proposals.

**Announcement**

Bishop Swenson invited clergy to participate in the Bishop's Convocation in September, 2003.

**Presentation**

Marilyn Huntington presented the Bishop with a shirt from the board of laity.

**Benediction**

Debbie Gara closed the session with prayer. The session adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

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**PLENARY 1**

**Tuesday, June 19, 2003**

6:30 P.M.

**Call to Order**

Bishop Swenson called the Session to Order at 6:27 P.M.

**Introduction**

Bishop Swenson introduced the Conference Lay leader Gaunnie Hardin Dixon, Conference Secretary Keith Andrew Hwang, Conference Parliamentarian Chan Hie Kim and Runner Kathey Michelle Harry.

**Orders of the Day**

Bob Isip, Agenda Chair, presented the Orders of the Day. Greetings by the University of Redlands will be tomorrow.

**Motion to Delete Resolutions to Petition General Conference**

James Butler of Lompoc moved to amend the agenda by deleting all "resolutions to Petition" General Conference.

**The Motion was defeated.**

**Video**

A New Ministry Movement "for Congregational Development looking for windows of opportunity" offers an inspirational welcome to the opening session.

**OPENING BUSINESS**

Keith Andrew Hwang moved that the Preliminary Report be the Official Agenda of this Annual Conference and the Agenda Chairperson, in consultation with the Bishop, be authorized to make necessary adjustments to the Agenda.

**It was approved.**

Keith Andrew Hwang moved that all resolutions not adopted by this Conference shall be referred to appropriate agencies.

**It was approved.**

Keith Andrew Hwang moved that the bar of the Conference be the main level, the lower balcony, the prayer room, Green Room and the audio/video control room.

**It was approved.**

Keith Andrew Hwang moved that the proceedings in the U. M. Daily, when corrected and approved, be official records.

**It was approved.**

Keith Andrew Hwang moved that registration forms be the official role call of the Conference.

**It was approved.**

**Safety Issues**

Safety issues for the Conference business are explained by Ken Ellis who explained the evacuation and safety issues about exits and aisle

**Candidates for General and Jurisdictional Conference Delegates**

Ben Ellis presented the list of candidates for General and Jurisdictional Conference delegates. More nominations were accepted from the floor.

**CLERGY:** Amerson, Philip, Bentley, Jr., Richard, Chase, Louis A., Choi, Thomas, Dang, Bau, Dickson, Douglas, Douglass, Gregory W., Ellis, Karin, Fanestil, John, Farley, Sue, Farris, Patricia, Finau, Amelia, Garner, Rich, Greene, John A., Greenleaf, J.T., Gregg-Schroeder, Susan, Griffen, Ron,

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Griffith, Thomas, Hagiya, Grant, Han, Se Hee, Haworth, Glen, Hill, Jim, Hill, Paul A., Hwang, Kee Ho, Hwang, Keith Andrew, Jacobson, Suzi, Kim, Won Kie, Kim, Woong-Min, Kwak, Cheol H., Lee, Suk-Boo, Lindo, Sr., Osmond A., Marcos, Leandro J., Masters, Sr., Henry L., Moore-Kochlacs, Emma, Nakagawa, Mark, Olewine, Sandra, Peralta, Steven F., Reinhart-Marean, Holly, Rhodes-Wickett, Sharon - (**Western Jurisdictional Conf. Only**), Richardson, David, Stevenson, James E., Valles, John, Villamin, Lily, Wulf, Frank

**LAITY:** Ali'ifua, Fuimaono Lauolefiso, Allen, Rachel, Ayers, Steve, Bolin, Mary Beth, Caraway, Demphna (Dee), Chai, Alice Yun, Cobb, Judy, Cooper, Beryl A., Dixon, Gaunnie Hardin, Ellis, Ken,

Fisher, Ron, Fukumoto, JoAnn Yoon, Gara, Dan, Gerente, Nestor Santiago, Haase, Becky, Harbison, Stephen F., Hodson, Janelle, Jackson, Florence, Jones, Willie O., Kim, Richard, Maka, Mele, Marshall, Joann, McVey, Krista, Nesor, Lory, Odell, Candida, Park, SongJa, Reyes, Ruel R., Shute, Wesley, Simmons, Tom, Sohn, Kiho, Suchocki, Marjorie, Thai, Eva, Urda, Ana-Haydée, Wrisley, Bud, Young, Lois F.

#### **Greetings from the Sessions Committee**

John Valles, Superintendent of the Riverside district, expresses thanks to the Conference's many workers such as video crew, registration workers, and sound technicians. He realizes that so many things are done by volunteers. These worker's efforts are recognized and commended. Valles mentioned request for volunteers and donations.

#### **Bishop's Address**

In her introduction Bishop Swenson requested that we truly be in covenant with the common concerns that draw us together. Unless our leadership can be *church* for one another then we cannot create church locally. Being church is our business. We must be mindful that all of us are spiritual leaders to serve this community and the community of disciples in the world. Here at this Conference we have votes to make and legislation to pass. But we are called to be spiritual leaders in a hurried world.

If we are only church for one another then for what? It is not good enough for us to be a Christian community here; we must be the Christian community out there in the world. I say this in order to say to all of you I trust you each have a sense of your call to ministry. I believe you are here because God has placed in you a unique calling to be the church whether pastor, lay leader, or usher. I have been praying over this time that we will have together this week.

I have read your letters and heard your concerns about the retirees' benefits that will be a topic for this Conference. These concerns will not eclipse the needs of our world. We have greater concerns for God's children who are needy, hungry, and hurting. We have high rates of murders in our nation, our cities, and among our youth. This is a call for the witness of the church.

Therefore, I want to set another bar a standard for evidence of our being church as we go about our business. This is the minimum. Good enough is not good enough. The bar should be set so that everything we consider should address the test of spiritual wholeness. Whenever you are in doubt, recall the face of the poorest one you have ever met and ask yourself is the step that you contemplate going to of any use to one so low. Here you will find your doubt and your self melting away. This is our benchmark for being the church in the world. With this hope, I look forward to our time together this year.

#### **Legislative Sections**

Amy Fatemi brought instructions for the legislative sections. Amy introduced Molly Vetter who is her understudy.

#### **Motion to Suspend the 24-hour Rule**

Arlene Dempster moved to suspend the 24-hour rules so that the resolutions distributed this evening can be considered in the legislative session tomorrow.

**Motion was approved.**

#### **Greetings**

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Don Thompson brought greetings from Bishop Timothy W. Whitaker, Resident Bishop of Florida Annual Conference.

#### **Video**

A short video on the life of John Wesley was presented.

#### **Adjournment**

The Session adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

### **MEMORIAL SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **Tuesday, June 17, 2003**

7:30 P.M.

Rev. Eunice Musa, Conference Treasurer of the Nigeria Conference, preached. The offering was for Sub-Saharan Africa AIDS Epidemic Fund. Clergy and spouses who had died in the last year were honored by being named, someone connected to each person brought a rose forward to be placed in one of two crosses while a brief summary was read. The congregation responded as each name was read again: "Present with the Lord."

### **WORSHIP**

#### **Wednesday, June 18, 2003**

9:30 P.M.

Bishop Vashti McKenzie, the first bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, preached. The offering was for Arson Church Rebuild Team Fund.

### **PLENARY 2**

#### **Wednesday, June 18, 2003**

11:00AM

#### **Opening Music**

Ronald Griffen, Conference Song Leader, accompanied with the Conference Praise Band, led members of the Conference in music as preparation for the plenary.

#### **Call to Order**

Bishop Mary Ann Swenson called the plenary to order at 11:14 A.M..

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

Bob Isip commented on the abundance of the lilies and bats in the congregation. There will be no legislative sessions tomorrow morning, only Dialogue Groups.

Orders of the Day were presented by Bob Isip.

**They were approved.**

**Congregational Development Video – “A New Ministry Moment”**

The video was shown challenging the congregation to imagine the growth of new congregations if funds and resources were put into this ministry.

**Ballot Explanations**

David Burgeson, Head Teller, referred to the Preliminary Report for instructions on electing the delegates for General and Jurisdictional Conferences. He urged the Conference to have their badges visible as ushers are

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instructed only to pass out ballots to those with green and yellow badges.

Bishop Swenson read from the discipline noting those who are allowed to vote. Only those who hold full member status are allowed to vote. Those who were elected in the clergy session to be ordained full members this year are NOT allowed to vote since the ordination is held on Saturday night. They may be allowed to vote on Sunday.

David Burgeson noted that #45, Mary Elizabeth Moore, needs to be included on the ballot. Her name was left off from the printed form. #34, Emma Moore-Kochlacs, is nominated only for Jurisdictional Conference.

David Burgeson moved that among the write-in nominees, only those who receive more than 25 nominations will be added to the second ballot.

**It was approved.**

David Burgeson explained that only those who receive 50% + 1 nominations will be elected on the first ballot.

Bishop Swenson clarified that diaconal ministers with red badges are lay members of the Annual Conference and are allowed to vote for the lay delegates.

**Ballot #1**

Bishop Swenson led the Conference in a moment of silence and in prayer before the ballots were cast.

**Connectional Ministries**

A video on the ethnic ministry commission was shown. They are called to be bridge builders in working with the ethnic groups and congregational development.

Marilyn Huntington shared that the Montana Logging and Ballet will be performing at the benefit concert. She encouraged everyone to attend

**Commission on the Status and Role of Women**

Kathleen R. Johnson introduced a video on the Status and Role of Women. The video noted that issues such as sexual harassment continue to be a problem. The California-Pacific Conference continues to be a leader in embracing women as clergy and spiritual leaders.

**Motion**

Richard Bentley moved that the results of the first General and Jurisdictional ballots be reported to the plenary session down to five votes. In subsequent General and Jurisdictional ballots, the results be reported to the plenary session down to fifteen votes.

**It was approved.**

**Peace Poles**

Bishop Swenson commented on the planting of peace poles. On Thursday morning at 6:30am, there will be prayer walk for peace and justice. This has been declared a decade of peace and non-violence. She requested that we visit the Peace with Justice booth and join our prayers with the prayer basket in the booth.

**Prayer**

Bishop Swenson lifted up the family of Kay Darling, spouse of Caswell Darling, who passed away on Tuesday night.

**General Commission on Religion and Race**

Kathy Thomas-Sano She expressed gratitude for being back again. She brought greetings to the Annual Conference from the General Commission on Religion and Race.

**Benediction**

Teresa Santillana prayed in Spanish and English. The session adjourned at 12:17 P.M.

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**PLENARY 3**

**Wednesday, June 18, 2003**

1:30 P.M.

**Opening Music**

Ronald Griffen, Conference Song Leader, accompanied with the Conference Praise Band, led members of the Conference in music as preparation for the plenary.

**Call to Order**

Bishop Swenson called the session to order 1:37 P.M.

**Orders of the Day**

Bob Isip presented the Orders of the Day.

**Motion**

Preston Price moved to remove all issues relating to the Health Insurance from the Orders of the Day. Preston explained that the issue is bigger than just the retired clergy of this Conference but a larger issue. He suggested that the Conference needs to look at this problem from a more global perspective -to see the gestalt.

David Richardson moved to table the motion to remove the Health Insurance issues to later in the day, so that information may still be presented.

**The motion was tabled.**

**The Orders of the Day were approved.**

**Courtesies**

Karin Ellis introduced Phil Doolittle of the University of Redlands.

### **Greetings from the University of Redlands**

Phil Doolittle greeted the Conference with a welcome address. He noted the various renovations occurring at this University, including the organ, the Christ window, and a new science building. Much of the renovations are made in preparation for the university's centennial in 2007.

### **Congregational Development Video – “A New Ministry Moment”**

A video was shown titled “Celebrate This New Ministries Moment.” It challenged the Conference to imagine what it would be like if the Conference grew at the same rate as the population of the various regions as well as the various affinity groups.

### **Results of Ballot #1**

Keith Hwang reported on the results of the ballot:

Laity: **No one was elected**; Clergy: **No one was elected**.

### **Ballot #2**

David Burgeson reminded the clergy that Mary Elizabeth Moore needs to be added to the nominee list as #45.

### **Ballot #2 was taken.**

### **Lay Leader's Report**

Gaunnie Hardin Dixon presented the members of the Board of Laity. A video was shown displaying the various activities that Gaunnie along with the Bishop and various members of the Conference participated in this past year. The Bishop commended the Board of Laity for their commitment and involvement in the various ministries around the world.

### **Committee on Episcopacy**

Rosemary Davis referred to page 21 of the Preliminary Report for her report. She thanked the Bishop Swenson for the incredible work that she does. Rosemary Davis presented the Bishop with a gift.

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### **Recognition of Bishop's Secretary**

Rosemary Davis recognized Cathy Wilson for the work she does in the office of the Bishop.

### **Recognition of Assistant to the Bishop**

Eric Smith reported on the responsibilities of the Assistant to the Bishop. He gave an introduction to Rev. Gary Michael Keene, the Assistant to the Bishop. Eric Smith also gave a word of prayer for the work of Rev. Keene. Rev. Keene spoke on the importance of partnership in working with this Conference and Bishop Swenson. He expressed gladness to be back in the Conference to do the work of ministry.

### **Board of Pensions**

Bud Wrisley opened the presentation by thanking the Bishop for scheduling the Conference the week after Father's Day. He explained that the presentation of the Board of Pension will be broken down into three sections: a historical perspective, a summary of the work done by the Task Force, and the explanations of the proposed changes.

### **Historical Perspective**

Dan Gara gave a historical perspective to the Health Insurance issue. Dan noted that this issue affects every quadrant of our nation. Dan reported that upon surveying a third of all Annual Conferences, only two conferences still provide full 100% coverage.

In 1996, the retiree health insurance cost \$718,000. In 2001, the cost increased to \$1,158,887. In 2002, the cost was \$1,532,640. There was a 15% increase in one year. The CFA became increasingly concerned and at that time a task force was created to report on this issue.

Dan Gara reported that in funding the increase, apportionments were increased by 15%. The Conference also used \$500,000 from the Conference Endowment Fund to help cover the increase. The Conference, however, still faced a \$287,747 deficit.

Raised apportionments for Pensions area by 30.39% in 2003. Remaining \$300,000 from the Conference Endowment Fund will be used in 2003 and 2004. We need to generate approximately \$1.1 million from Retired/Active clergy or increase apportionments by \$1.28 million or 9.9%.

A Task Force on Funding Post-retirement Medical Benefits was created to deal with this issue. Bud, Judy and David accepted this challenge to deal with this issue. Dan Gara commended these folks for their courage.

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

Judy Cobb shared with the Conference what the Task Force has done. The Task Force surveyed various health insurance providers on the cost of coverage and the ones that provided proposals were 50% - 200% higher than Pacific Care.

The first recommendations presented to CFA were in October, 2002. Factors requiring a change in recommendation include increased HIP costs, decreased funds from endowment fund, and low apportionment collections. The Task Force met 12 times in 15 months. An actuarial study showed a funding requirement of \$46,000,000. Additional research was completed that examined what other employers are doing, participant age comparisons, and identifications of most costly coverage items. They checked with other Conference action regarding the HIP issue.

### **Rising Health Care cost effect:**

- \_ There is no magic way of solving this issue. It effects the entire nation.
- \_ Continue to provide access to health care plan
- \_ Acknowledge there are different interpretations of the “promise” – whether access to coverage will be provided or the cost.
- \_ Financing the cost should be fair for the largest possible number of retirees and churches.
- \_ Close wide disparity between Conference HIP and general practice.
- \_ Sensitivity to those who have been covered but are not eligible.
- \_ Health insurance cost can't be controlled by Conference.

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The Task Force has chosen to propose two ways to finance the cost – increase co-pays and sharing in premium cost.

Other alternatives

1. Leave all rules as is. Unacceptable apportionment increase of \$1.3 million or 9.9% increase in Conference budget.
2. Ask each retirees pay the same amount. Some would be asked to pay more than their actual premium const
3. Seek other sources of funding. Already reduced to permanently restrict levels. Not available for this purpose. Will not provide the level of funding required. Would need to raise 25 million dollars for 2004 and 50 million for future needs. This Conference has not demonstrated the ability to raise such funds.
4. Make changes for future retirees only
5. Use a years of service formula. Because the majority of retirees have more than 35 years this would have been ineffective. The cost saving would not be significant enough.
6. Give all retirees money to buy insurance ( a specific amount) Currently the Board provides health insurance to only about 60% of retirees. If this alternative is chosen, the Board would have to make such payments to 100% of retirees.
7. Pay premiums base on need. Not realistic as validation of financial information would be virtually impossible.
8. Delete the drug benefit from this plan. Possibly the most important part of the coverage. Significantly reduced value.
9. Review and revise current HIP rules. Current proposal revises eligibility and subsidy.

The Task Force and board of pensions has much to be done. Active clergy participation in their premium costs does not effect apportionments. There has been a lot of response from the church in spirited discussion.

Since active clergy health insurance is provided by the local church, clergy participation would not affect apportionments, the Task Force is focusing on the retired clergy because its task was to control increase in apportionments.

Judy Cobb encouraged all those who have voiced their opinion to join the taskforce in their efforts to solve this problem.. Even if solving this problem means that we can no longer whine.

#### **Board of Pensions Proposals**

Bud Wrisley then walked the Conference through the different proposals on the floor. He stated that either we need to reduce benefits or need to find a way to pay for the coverage. The first plan was the 55% plan (on blue paper). The next plan was 80/20 plan (on tan paper). Bud Wrisley said to strike out lines 61-63, as Steve Harbison, California-Pacific chancellor felt the judiciary committee would say that these lines were not allowable legally. The important difference in the 80/20 plan is that it calls for voluntary contributions to be given to a designated fund set up to pay for insurance coverage.

Clergy serving in Hawaii have a different problem.. There is no HMO plan to cover prescription drugs. Therefore, in Hawaii the HMO cost is lower, but the out of pocket expense is much greater. The new plan offers to reimburse 100% of the insurance to the Hawaii retirees since they have to pay for prescription drugs.

#### **3% Proposal**

Active clergy are asked to voluntarily give 3% of their salary including any housing allowance over \$1,500. Retired clergy are to asked give 3% of their pensions.

On Friday, the Conference will be asked to adopt the policy statement on page 3 of the 80/20 proposal. This also encourages churches to contribute 3% to the retiree fund.

Bud Wrisley estimated that doing nothing for another year but increasing apportionments would produce an additional \$200,000 to cover the costs, leaving a further deficit over \$1 million.

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#### **Motion**

Fred Coots moved to direct the Board of Pensions to prepare a plan for personal visits within the bounds of the Annual Conference to all those currently enrolled in the health benefit insurance program in the coming year. First, priority to be given to the bedfast, the homebound, the widows and orphans. Findings from these visits to be reported back to the 2004 Conference.

George Crisp asked Fred Coots how financially we will be able to survey those affected by in the motion. Fred responded that there is no financial plan but it is necessary to know what affect the changes will have on those who need the coverage the most. He also emphasized that he motion specified “within the bounds” and ought to be able to be accomplished with little cost.

**The motion was approved.**

#### **Break**

#### **Call to Order**

Bishop Swenson called the plenary back to order.

#### **Rules Committee**

Arlene Dempster reported that during that past year, the committee looked into what rules needed to be rewritten. They have decided to group the rules to make them easier to find and follow. In terms of the meaning and interpretation of the rules, she noted that that was the Conference’s job.

Bob Stimmel noted that the committee focused on structuring and regrouping the rules rather than rewriting the rules. There are some editorial changes that still need to be made. There are other actions that will be taken this week regarding the health insurance issues and reimbursements of travels. All changes will be decided on by action from the Conference.

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

George Zettler gave a short overview of the work of the commission. They have worked with the Bishop to reduce the 1 million dollars of compensation present on our payrolls. They have realized that there are many congregations which need to be combined and discontinued, which will also allow for property to be sold. He thanked the

committee, announced completion of his responsibilities, and said, "Adios."

#### **Conference Leadership Team/Transition Team**

Bishop Swenson thanked the team for their hard work. Frank Wulf said that effective organizations know who they are and what their purpose is. "Keeping the main thing the main thing." As United Methodists, it is "under the lordship of Jesus Christ." The Conference explored what it means for a church to make disciples of Jesus Christ in its individual cultures and contexts. The result was a "calling statement" for the Annual Conference. he led the Conference in the unison reading of the calling statement. They came up with three different tasks: 1. Build Bridges 2. Develop New Leadership 3. Plant new ministries.

The team was created in 2000 to keep the Conference on task and "keep the main thing the main thing." They identified four issues that the Conference is going to have to deal with over the last few years: "How we share our common wealth" chaired by David Richardson; "How language groups interact with one another" chaired by John Fanestil; "Enhancing connections between local churches and Annual Conference" chaired by Steve Ayers; and "Growing membership throughout the Conference" chaired by Frank Wulf.

Frank Wulf reported on the purpose of the Leadership Team. The main thing for the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. The Leadership Team has strived to make this the main thing of the Conference. The Conference was invited to read together the theme of this Annual Conference "Following the Example of Jesus Christ, Bridging the Barriers that divide us, Drawing strength from one another Through the power of the Holy Spirit, We, the California-Pacific Annual Conference, Covenant with God to cultivate, in partnership with Local churches, New Ministries and new disciples, New leadership and new life, For such a time as this." Main goals: Build bridges; Nurture fruitful ministry; select leadership. Leadership team was established in 2000 to keep the Conference in doing its best.

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David Richardson reported on the leadership taskforce which will work with the CFA, the cabinet, Equitable Compensation, campus ministries, district strategies and the health care taskforce. Issues of the resource allocation are:

1. Total study of the apportionment;
2. Different between benefits or entitlement of our retirees
3. Conference staff and the whole structure
4. Congregational developments
5. Clergy assignments; appointments for smaller churches

Goal is the long term plan for use of resource. Providing adequate health for our retired clergy yet be sensitive to our budget.

John Fanestil shared a story of how sharing of the love and the ministry also require getting together to work on the hard stuff, such as balancing the budget and working out difficult issues. He invited the Conference to work with the leadership team in working on these issues.

The leadership team invites the Conference to:

- Converse in Christ and let go of suspicion
- Pray and care for one another
- Gain distance from personal investments
- Allow ourselves to be led by the Holy Spirit.

#### **Motion**

Larry Wayman, from the Board of Church and Society, moved that the leadership team include conversation and partnering with the Board of Church and Society to develop and understanding of sharing common wealth in helping with the General Rule and Social Principles; such a partnering structure to be developed through the work of the office of Keith Hwang. It was supported.

#### **Connectional Ministries Video**

Ken Ellis introduced a video on a recent trip to Nigeria.

#### **Council on Disability Ministries**

Keith Hwang introduced a video by the Council on Disability Ministries. The video gave testimonies of various members of our Conference with disability. Information was given on how persons may participate in the ministry for people with disabilities. "Accessibility is more than a ramp."

#### **Board of Global Ministries**

Brian Kent introduced a video from the Board of Global Ministries. The video was on a recent trip to a missionary church in Vladivostok, Russia. The video covered various mission projects in Russia.

#### **Presenting of the Consent Calendar #1**

Ami Fatemi reported on the results of the consent calendar from this morning's legislative sessions. The action items receiving 80% or more for or against an item were posted on the screen.

#### **Consent Calendar**

Action Items Passed as Presented in Legislative Sections Wednesday June, 18, 2003

#### **Concurrence**

Advance Specials 100%

Conference Secretary Rec. No. 1 91%

Equitable Comp Rec. 1 100%

Pensions Rec. 1 100%

Pensions Rec. 2 100%

Pensions Rec. 3 100%

Pensions Rec. 4 100%

Personnel Rec. 1 100%

Personnel Rec. 2 98%

Personnel Rec. 3 94%

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Rules Item 2 100%

Petition No. 2 Theological Integrity 94%

Petition No. 3 Constitutional Rights 80%

Petition No. 4 Connecting Colleges 100%

Petition No. 5 Five Ethnic National Plans 98%

Resolution No. 98 Ecological Resp. 100%

Resolution No. 99 Mental Illness Aware 100%

Resolution No. 106 Support For State 82%

Resolution No. 108 Hawaii Travel 96%

Resolution No. 109 Support Africa Univ. 95%

### **Non-Concurrence**

none

### **Ballot #2**

Keith Hwang reported on the results of ballot #2.

**Laity** - Dan Gara was elected.; **Clergy** - Grant Hagiya was elected.

### **Ballot #3**

Bishop Swenson reminded the Conference to make only four selections since one from each category has already been selected. Ballot #3 was taken.

### **Benediction**

Kathy Longhat gave a prayer to close the session.

## **BENEFIT CONCERT**

**Wednesday, June 18, 2003**

7:30 P.M.

Montana Logging and Ballet Company entertained the Conference. The proceeds from the concert will help two new start-up congregations.

## **PLENARY 4**

**Thursday, June 19, 2003**

10:30 A.M.

### **Call to Order**

Bishop Swenson called Plenary 4 to order at 10:32AM.

### **Personal Privilege**

Jean Kiskadden and Odis Fentry shared that today is "Juneteenth", the day that news of the emancipation of the slaves reached Texas - nearly 2 years after President Lincoln signed the document.

Bishop Swenson asked Karin Ellis to display to the Conference the sign "Christ We Are a New Creation". As a part of our gift giving Karin has prepared a beautiful piece with this verse on an artistically designed card.

### **Orders of the Day**

Bob Isip shared his reflections from last night's Benefit Concert.

Bob Isip asked the Orders of the Day to be scrolled on video. Bishop Swenson asked the Conference for approval.

**The Orders of the Day were approved.**

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### **Congregational Development Video**

A silent video was shown of the various new ministries throughout our Conference, ranging from language ministries, to vibrant youth programs, to older churches beginning anew.

### **Report on Ballot #3**

**Laity:** Gaunnie Hardin Dixon, JoAnn Fukumoto, Eva Thai were elected; **Clergy:** David Richardson was Elected.

### **Ballot #4**

Ballot # 4 was taken.

### **Connectional Ministries Videos**

Marilynn Huntington shared her gratitude to all those in the Conference with the vision to continue to make disciples of Christ. She explained that the videos shown by the Connectional Ministries during Conference are available for people to take back to their churches.

### **Introduction of Conference Connectional Ministries Staff**

Marilynn introduced the staff members of Connectional Ministries who work so hard to do the work needed to support the Conference. She reported that the staff are being deployed to the districts to consult and teach directly with the churches. They have already been deployed two times this year and will be deployed two more times this year, in September and November. She thanked the Conference for the support and invited suggestions on what the Connectional Ministries can do for individual churches.

### **Board of Evangelism**

Mark Feldmeir presented evangelism awards for churches in three categories with exceptional growth.

50-149 members – Four churches were recognized – Ewa Beach UMC in Hawaii, Pacific Islanders UMC in Honolulu, Korean Central UMC in Los Angeles, St. Mark's UMC in Anaheim.

150-499 members – Four churches were recognized – Valley Korean UMC in Granada Hills, Los Feliz Korean in Los Angeles, Bell Memorial UMC in Rowland Heights, Glendale Korean UMC in Glendale.

500+ members – Four churches were recognized – Holman UMC in Los Angeles, who have received 721 members, Wilshire UMC in Los Angeles which is a multi-cultural church, Murrieta UMC, Lancaster

UMC, and Foothills UMC in La Mesa.

Bishop Swenson noted that there are people all over the world who are hungry for the word of Christ. She commended Mark and all those who are doing the work of evangelism and discipleship, and said "This is what it's all about!"

Mark Feldmeir also recognized the team who put the statistics together to make presenting these awards possible. A video from the Conference Board of Evangelism was shown. The video showed clips and testimonies from the various ministries awarded today.

#### **Adult and Family Ministry**

A video from the Board of Adult and Family Ministry was shown. The video explained the ministry of the board and its structure. Among the many ministries, the board worked hard to set up a single parent ministry including a camp. Clips from the "Sing the Song of Life" conference were shown. Other ministries include Older Adult Ministry, Sexuality Education Committee, Marriage and Family Ministry.

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##### **Western Jurisdiction Korean Mission Video**

Won Kie Kim introduced a video that showed the history of the immigration of Koreans to America and the establishment of the first Korean church outside of Korea, Christ UMC in Honolulu. There are now thirty Korean UMC mission congregations throughout the Western Jurisdiction. The second generation goal of the Korean Mission is to expand throughout the Western Jurisdiction. Clips of newly formed Korean ministries, developing congregations, nurturing congregations, and those attain self-sufficiency were shown. It announced the next Korean Leadership

seminar on September 2-5, 2003 at the Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove, CA.

Won Kie Kim expressed his gratitude to the Conference for its support of Korean ministries. He noted three churches - El Segundo UMC and WALTERIA UMC in Torrance for opening their doors to Korean ministries, and Kam Nam UMC for its work.

##### **Chartering of Kam Nam UMC**

Bishop Swenson presented the pastor of Kam Nam UMC with its charter certificate. Won Kie Kim noted the many achievements of Kam Nam UMC, including its recent purchase of property and growth in worship attendance.

##### **Shared Mission Focus on Young People**

"I Dream a Church..." video was shown. Clips of active ministries reaching out and serving young people were shown. Testimonies from several young people were given. The video encouraged reaching out and opening up to the next generation. idreamachurch.com was identified as a website designed to include young people in church and to strengthen connections between older and younger members.

##### **Voting on Consent Calendar**

Amy Fatemi introduced Molly Vetter to explain the consent calendar posted on the screen.

Molly moved to accept the consent calendar.

Jim Butler moved to remove Petition #2 from the consent calendar.

**It was approved.**

Liz Roark moved to remove Personnel Recommendation #1 from the consent calendar.

**It was approved.**

Nelson Castorillo moved to remove resolution 108 from the consent calendar.

**It was NOT approved.**

Amy presented the revised Consent Calendar for approval.

**It was approved.**

##### **Personal Privileges**

Joyce Georgieff asked us to remember Chuck Chapman for the work he did for YMCA and the Conference Peace with Justice Committee. She presented a peace flag and a photo in remembrance of Chuck and his sacred life and discipleship.

Prayers were lifted up for the following persons: Don & Mickey Jessup, Dorothy Bohannon, Regina Roberts, Wendy & Andy Dreitzer, Ken Deere, Roy Riggs, Bishop Mel Wheatley, Don Locher, Scott Imler, Julie Elkins, Patsy Barrett, Earl Thompson.

Prayers also for Bishop Swenson for the stress from this Conference.

##### **Benediction**

Bill Johnson offered a prayer.

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### **PLENARY 5**

**Thursday, June 19, 2003**

1:30 P.M.

##### **Call to Order**

Bishop Swenson called the session to order at 1:37 P.M.

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

Bob Isip presented the Orders of the Day. He asked that Global Ministries be removed.

**The Orders of the Day were approved.**

##### **Basketball Game Promo**

Jane Voigt introduced a video of Last year's Charity Basketball Game and gave the top ten reasons to attend this year's Charity Basketball Game.

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

Video - "New Ministries Moment with Us" was shown.

##### **Ballot #4**

Keith Andrew Hwang presented the results of Ballot #4.

Laity - Becky Haase **was elected**; Clergy - Philip Amerson and Patricia Farris were elected.

#### **Ballot #5**

Ballot #5 was taken.

#### **Communications Commission**

Charles Cappleman reported on the Commission's activities. Bishop Swenson announced that this is the first time that this Conference is being broadcast worldwide over the Internet at [www.cal-pac.org](http://www.cal-pac.org). A video report was presented "Telling God's Story." The Media Center houses a video library and has produced a video catalog available to local churches. The Commission has also been working to install Video conferencing systems. Communications Director Larry Hygh promoted a FREE workshop on how to use the Internet to spread the message and Bishop Swenson encouraged everyone to "keep telling the story."

#### **Congregational Loan Committee**

Gwen Jones Lurvey brought the report from the Congregational Loan Committee. "This committee is in the business of the church building business." Monies are available for renovation projects, new buildings or buying property through the Jubilee Fund.

#### **Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministries**

A video was shown featuring Dr. James E. Lyons President of Cal-State Dominguez Hills. Dr. Lyons is a United Methodist. He spoke on two issues: Access and Future Workforce. Our future leaders, teachers will come from a variety of persons. We therefore must make the doors of opportunity open to people of color, those with disabilities, and minorities. Bishop Swenson reported that ecumenical ministries on campuses have grown.

#### **Christian Education**

"Vitalize Christian Education" video included its focus on being theologically sound, empowering, transforming, educationally sound, and age appropriate. Training sessions are available to local churches. Bishop Swenson promoted the "Journey to Jesus" workshop coming soon.

#### **Clergy Mates Council**

Clergy Mate Luncheon, Retirement Celebration, and Conversations are available during the Conference. Spring and fall retreats are available for clergy mates for spiritual renewal, companionship, and "fabulous" speakers.

#### **HIV/AIDS Committee**

A Powerpoint presentation was shown. Ed Hansen expressed special thanks for the offering on Tuesday night for AIDS in Africa. Three Strength for the Journey retreats are planned. Gifts to support scholarships for these camps

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may be put in red envelopes today.

#### **Sexual Ethics Taskforce**

R. Preston Price, Eva Thai and Lynn Jackson delivered the Taskforce's presentation. The Taskforce has gathered various resources and developed a number of recommendations: 1) Sexual Ethics 101; 2) Local Church Response Team; 3) many ways to disseminate information; 4) Place for laity to report misconduct that is not clergy; 5) 800 number for reporting. A CD full of resources was sent to churches and ministries in the Conference in December, 2003. Progress report taken by show of hands of churches with a sexual harassment policy, churches with a child abuse prevention policy, and churches that screen workers with children and youth. It showed that we made progress!

Examples of difficult personal sexual ethics situations were read. There are high insurance costs, Conference funds are at risk, there is the cost of counseling and hours of Conference staff/professional hours must be compensated. Voices of pain persist. A day-long gathering was spent with recommendations which include a Sexual Ethics workshop for lay and clergy, creation of local church response teams, many ways to disseminate information of how to report misconduct, provide a person in place for laity to report misconduct not clergy, etc.

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

##### **Budget Presentation**

George R. Crisp delivered the Budget Presentation.

Page 26-29 include a report by CFA. Last year 10.3 million dollars was received as apportioned giving. This was 82.6% of asked giving and reflects an overall decline in giving. There are 107 churches which made significant progress towards the 100% goal. Last year 25 churches paid 10% or less. 15 churches paid less than 10% and of those 10 paid no apportionments. All churches asked to make regular monthly payments.

**Note of caution to each pastor** – review the Table II Report for accuracy before submitting it. This year 133 churches have paid at least 5/12 of their annual apportionment and CFA hopes they will continue to lead the way. Several churches are making strides to increase their giving.

##### **Jubilee Fund Report**

Foundation Activity – 7.5 million dollar balance.

Expenses total \$1,595,233.20. Fund Balance \$5,951,781.

Grants subtotal \$5.4 million Total Funds Distributed: \$504,442.62

Cash Balance as of 12-31-02 - \$5,810 Total funds available for 7% distribution in 2003 - \$5,438,610.07

\$190,351 available to local churches and same amount in grants

CFA voted to keep same pay out plan that is in place they will review this payout schedule in 2005.

Concern from CFA perspective – 2001 very concerned about the rise in healthcare to retired clergy and spouses.

At 2001 Annual Conference, request to form a task force. Resolution 79 submitted by CFA to direct actions by

Board of Pensions. Proposed changes in health care plan not appear to be sufficient to solve deficit problem.

Meeting with CFA, Pensions, Leadership Team, and Task Force. CFA members appreciate the work of Task Force and Board of Pensions.

There is no easy or painless answer to solve the crisis facing our Conference and country.

The Leadership Team and Board of Pensions will be submitting a revised budget.

CFA continues to have great confidence in Dan Gara and recognized Dan and his support staff for their professional skill, grace, and good humor. Dan introduced his staff with special recognition to Josie Reeves who will be retiring

after 33 years of service.

Bishop Swenson shared the story of her mother giving her tithes each month until she died and that if all of us tithed, the church could do so much.

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### **Benediction**

Chief Lauolefiso Ali'ifua gave the benediction.

### **Adjournment**

The plenary session adjourned at 3:44 P.M.

## **Healing and New Ministries Worship Service**

**Thursday, June 19, 2003**

7:30 P.M.

Mr. Dan Church, General Secretary of the General Council on Ministries, preached. The offering was for the Hope for the Children of Africa.

## **PLENARY 6**

**Friday, June 20, 2003**

8:30 A.M.

### **Call to Order**

Bishop Swenson called the session to order at 8:47 A.M..

### **Orders of the Day**

Bob Isip presented the Orders of the Day. He commented on last night's game, "The Bishop got game." Page VI. Changes 9:15 time crossed out; Conference Comprehensive Plan Update to replace that. Bob Isip moved The Orders of the Day.

### **They were approved.**

Bishop Swenson recognized Ralph Kofoed for attending his 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. She also recognized those who have recently graduated, retired and given birth. We welcome home Phil and Carolyn Wogaman. They will be with us today and tomorrow.

### **Board of Congregational Development**

A video was shown.

### **Personal Privilege**

Barbara Grace Ripple shared her experience in the Marshall Islands and witnessed to the suffering of many residents as a result of American nuclear tests in the region. She brought greetings from our brothers and sisters from the area. March 1, 2003 will mark the 50th anniversary of the testing in the Marshall Islands.

### **Ballot #5**

Keith Hwang reported on Ballot #5.

Laity: **No one elected.** Clergy: **Mary Elizabeth Moore was elected.**

Bishop thanked the ushers for doing a good job.

### **Board of Ordained Ministry**

Myron Wingfield introduced new Probationary and Associate Members.

**Deacon:** Patty Hedges

**Probationary Elders:** Lee Carlile, Paige Eaves, Garth Gilliam, Eugene Han, Daisy Ho, David Palmer, Bradley Resare, Yuji Sato, Leh-Chuo Ting, Malyong Yi, Adrienne Zackery

**Associate Members:** Manako Kemoe'atu, Sinaipa Langi, Than Van Le

Tom Choi introduced new **Members in Full Connection:**

Jin Ho Han, Kathey Michelle Harry, Cynthia Huskey, Don Inloes (previously ordained in another denomination), Elbert Chong Sop Kim, Jae Duk Lew, Michael McNeil, Linita Moa, Anna Mulford, Wesley Neal, Cuong Manh

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Nguyen, Jose Luis Palacios Bravo, Teresa Santillana, Leigh Ann Shaw, Jose A Vindel, Amy Wake, Patricia Youngquist, Andre Feijo (courtesy from Brazil, graduate of Perkins School of Theology.)

### **Deacons and Diaconal Ministers**

Diane Rehfield reported on **Deacons and Diaconal Ministers**. Body reminded of history of Diaconal ministries. Reminded also that the order of Deacon was instituted in 1996. No Diaconal ministers will be consecrated this year. There are four Diaconal ministers serving in our Conference. Barbara Tomblin is transferring into our Conference from New Jersey. MJ Buist has requested another year of leave of absence.

Diane Rehfield moved acceptance of another year on Leave of Absence for MJ Buist.

### **It was approved.**

Diane Rehfield was recognized as the Chair-elect of the Board of Ordained Ministry. She will chair the Board after the 2004 session of Annual Conference.

### **Judicial Council Questions 1 – 4**

Tom Griffith moved to send Questions 1 – 4 to the Judicial Council for consideration.

1. Since 1) the Disciplinary reason for administrative complaints, "...inability to perform ministerial duties," (§359.1d[2]), and the Disciplinary reason for involuntary leave of absence initiated by the District Superintendents, "(clergy who) are unable to...perform their ministerial duties," (§352.1), are substantially coterminous; and 2) decisions on whether a clergy shall be placed on involuntary leave of absence and processing of administrative complaints are both handled by the Board of Ordained Ministry (Judicial Council Memorandum 950, §359.3); does this mean that a written request by the District Superintendents to place a clergy on involuntary leave of absence constitutes a written complaint, as defined in §359.1a? If so, must there be a period of formal supervision, as defined in §359.1b, initiated before the administrative complaint may be referred to the Board of Ordained

Ministry? If so, which committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry should process this complaint? The executive committee (Judicial Council Memorandum 950) or "a committee of the board that deals with matters of conference relations (other than the executive committee)"? And should whichever committee of the board processes the complaint have the full range of remedial actions detailed in ¶359.3a available to it when such a complaint or request is received?

2. ¶359.1b states, "the person against whom the complaint was made may choose another person to accompany him/her with the right to voice." Provisions for Fair Process in Administrative Hearings (¶359.2c) and for Fair Process in Judicial Proceedings (¶2701.3) both allow the respondent the "right to be accompanied by a clergyperson in full connection to any hearing, in accordance with the appropriate disciplinary provisions. The clergyperson accompanying the respondent shall have the right to voice (or advocacy)." These provisions imply that the respondent may choose the clergyperson who may appear with him/her. ¶2706.2 specifically states that a respondent is entitled to select the clergyperson in full connection to serve as respondents counsel. Does all of this imply that the respondent may choose his/her advocate/counsel, and also choose to change whom his/her advocate/counsel may be at any stage in the complaint/investigation proceedings (up to the commencement of a trial), on the respondents own motion; as long as a clergyperson who once served as respondent's advocate/counsel and was replaced by another remains bound by the disciplinary provisions for confidentiality in the hearings in which s/he participated [Judicial Council Decision 751]?

3. The provision for Fair Process in Administrative Hearings (¶359.2) specifically "commences upon referral of a matter as an administrative complaint." The provisions for Fair Process in Judicial Proceedings (¶2701) specifically "commence upon referral of a matter as a judicial complaint...." Both provisions guarantee "the respondent shall have access to all records relied upon in the determination of the outcome of the (appropriate) process." (¶359.2e, ¶2701.6) When a complaint ("a written and signed statement claiming misconduct or unsatisfactory performance of ministerial duties" [¶359.1a]) is received by the bishop or a district superintendent, there is no provision guaranteeing a respondent a right to access to all records until the matter passes through the Supervisory Response. (¶359.1b). However, Judicial Council Decision 830 affirms that Fair Process is a constitutional right as well as a disciplinary right. ¶359.1a specifically states "The person filing the complaint and the clergyperson shall

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be informed by the district superintendent or bishop of the process for filing the complaint and its purpose." Therefore, does a respondent have a right to receive and keep, at the very least, a written copy of the complaint against him/her, copy(s) of supporting documents submitted with the complaint, and sufficient other detail to allow the respondent to prepare a response (¶359.2b), at the commencement of the supervisory response?

4. It is clear that a Local Pastor has no guarantee of an appointment, and that a license for pastoral ministry "shall remain valid only so long as the appointment continues...." (¶341.3) In the fourth restrictive rule to the Constitution of The United Methodist Church, at ¶18, all clergy and lay members of the church (including Local Pastors) are granted the privilege of a right to trial if accused of a chargeable offense. This constitutional right is acknowledged at ¶¶2702.1, 2703.2, 2704.2, 2706.2c and 2713. If a person serving under appointment as a local pastor receives a notice in writing, from his/her bishop or district superintendent, informing him/her that s/he is being discontinued from that appointment and that his/her license for pastoral ministry is being discontinued for the stated reason that said local pastor is accused of violating specifically one or more cited chargeable offense(s) (¶2702.1), does that local pastor have a right to the supervisory process (¶359.1) and, if this results in a judicial complaint, the right to trial? Or does the termination of the appointment end the local pastor's right to a trial?

**It was approved.**

#### **Deadline**

September 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for applications to the Board of Ordained Ministry.

#### **Conference Comprehensive Plan**

Craig Brown was introduced as the chairperson elect. The *Book of Discipline* requires us to have a comprehensive plan. Each conference is free to structure its own plan to focus its work. This will focus resources in a single direction. The paper distributed is 1/3 of our Conference plan.

Life cycle report is an eight page document. Each district is detailed on one page.. This is not the plan, but is indicative of what the plan is supposed to be. District representatives were given the responsibility to report on giving, mission support, membership growth and apportionments. What we see is a composite of the data received from churches. The plan helps the district understand the churches in their area and where they are. People matter. We see in the report where churches are experiencing change and transition; or might need merging or discontinuance. The report also suggests which churches should continue in ministry and those that should not. The Comprehensive Plan calls for the district committee to use the demographic information that is available to help churches grow.

Craig encouraged churches to embrace a BHAG – Big Hairy Audacious Goal. Our BHAG is to take in more members this year than we loose.

Nelson Castorillo informed members of Conference regarding the situation of the Light of the Valley Church which, though no longer a part of our Conference, needs to be part of the report.

#### **Vote Proposed for Health Insurance Plan for California-Pacific Conference**

Bud Wrisley introduced the Conference Leadership Team. John Fanestil told Mike Scioscia's story about playing at Giants field. He suggested we needed the pause in this discussion to "reload the fireworks". This is a multi-layer problem because it is a national crisis, a denominational crisis, a crisis in our use of resources as a Conference, a crisis for the next 3-5 years, and a crisis in next year's budget.

The Leadership Team's Proposal was meant to address a 3-5 year time frame. Our focus this year is mid-range cost and retired clergy health. The solution that has been developed is designed to avoid division within the Conference. The Annual Conference is expecting a 1.3 million deficit if there are no contributions from retired and active clergy and a 3.7 reduction of apportionments. Suggestion made to receive contributions from all sources. \$50 per person, per month for retired clergy, spouses and dependents to raise \$500,000. Additional cost for those under 65 years old or choosing to participate in PPP plan. 1% of salary/pension solicited from all active clergy and from

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those retired clergy not participating in Conference pension plan to raise \$150,000. These contributions will be encouraged but are voluntary. It was suggested that churches forgo 3.7 drop in apportionment to raise approximately \$400,000. A special offering would be taken to raise at least \$100,000. Total projected revenue \$1,150,000. Jubilee Grants may be delayed to cover a gap. A \$50,000 relief fund would be established as a safety net for clergy who are severely affected by the proposed change.

The Leadership Team's proposal will not solve the budget problem over the long term. The proposal does address the immediate problem for 2003-2004. This tests the covenant we all have with each other in our Conference and denomination through Jesus Christ.

The committee is suggesting a "potluck" solution of contributions from all parties to cover a present need. Our obligation to sacrifice for one another cannot be mandated by human law but only by the God's law. Christ has called us to bear one another's burdens.

#### **Request for a Special Offering**

Krista McVey, asked that we take a special offering. The Bishop said that one will be taken later.

#### **Clergy Basketball Game**

Grant Hagiya announced that half of the funds raised by the clergy basketball game will be put toward the healthcare deficit.

#### **Conference Leadership Team**

Becky Hasse moved to Suspend the Rules to deal with Amendments 1 – 5 today.

**It was approved.**

#### **Recommendation # 1**

Becky Hasse presented Recommendation # 1.

#### **Motion**

Richard Bolin moved that the Conference deal with this in a different order. He suggested that the Conference deal with Recommendation # 4 first.

The Parliamentarian shared that the first motion must be tabled before we can go to a new motion.

**It was approved.**

George Chrisp, CFA President announced that this was a presentation period and that the vote would be this afternoon.

**Presentation continued in original order.**

#### **Recommendation # 2**

Cherrye Cunnigan presented Recommendation # 2.

#### **Recommendation # 3**

Stan Toyama presented Recommendation # 3.

#### **Recommendation # 4**

Bud Wrisley presented Recommendation # 4.

#### **Recommendation # 5**

Sharon Rhodes-Wickett of the Leadership Team presented Recommendation # 5.

Rick Uhls moved the Orders of the Day.

**It was approved.**

#### **Ballot #6**

Keith Hwang brought the results of Ballot #6.

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**Laity:** Lory Nesor was elected; **Clergy** - No one was elected.

#### **Recognition**

Bishop Swenson recognized Don Locher who is recovering from surgery in January.

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

Larry Wayman and JoAnn Fukumoto, co-chairs of Board of Church & Society introduced Jim Wallis, author of many books and editor of Sojourners magazine.

Presentation

Jim Wallis made an impassioned speech for social justice in a number of areas of national and international life.

#### **Personal Privilege**

J.T. Greenleaf requested that a transcript of Jim Wallis' Presentation be included in the UM daily.

#### **Benediction**

Lydia Templeton offered a prayer.

### **PLENARY 7**

#### **Friday, June 20, 2003**

1:30 P.M.

#### **Call to Order**

Bishop Swenson called the Plenary to order at 1:36 P.M.

#### **Congregational Development Video**

A video indicated that our California-Pacific Conference is the most diverse conference in the nation. Imagine what can be if we can follow our vision of building bridges and start building many ethnic ministries. Up to now, only

about 3% of the Conference budget was given to developing new congregations and ministries. Imagine what would happen if we gave just 7% of our budget to this ministry. 7% would be \$745,000 to building new ministries. Instead only \$365,000 is allocated to funding Congregational Development.

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

Bishop Swenson noted the effectiveness of the videos and encouraged members of the Conference to take back copies of the videos to the congregations.

Bob Isip told the Conference to ignore the Orders of the Day for Plenary 7 as recorded in the Preliminary Reports. The revised Orders of the Day were posted on the screen. Much of today's afternoon session will devote to the issue of the Health Insurance for the Retired Clergy. He moved the Orders of the Day.

**It was approved.**

#### **Motion**

Phil Amerson expressed his gratitude for embracing him as he entered into this Conference. He noted the diversity of the Conference and that 60% of this year's ordinands are of the minority group. Therefore, he expressed concern as he noted the diversity in the delegation does not do justice to the diversity of the Conference. He expressed that he would like to be the first clergy alternative to the General Conference instead of a primary delegate, so that a minority member may be represented in the delegation. The Bishop indicated that for now, it would be best to first take the vote and then have the Conference decide whether to allow the change.

#### **Ballot #7**

The clergy and laity cast their ballots. A clip of last night's basketball game was shown on the screen. It was emphasized that the clergy are voting for five choices in addition to those already elected. Guannie Dixon declared the clergy ballots closed.

#### **Ehwa Girl's Highschool Choir**

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In celebration of the centennial of the Korean church in America. The Ehwa's High School Choir gave musical tribute to God's glory. These women, who graduated from Ehwa Girl's Highschool, are now living in the greater Los Angeles area. Bishop Swenson invited Soomee Kim a member of the General Secretariat of the General Commission of the Status and Role of Women and a graduate of the school to introduce the group.

Soomee Kim gave a brief history of the mission that began the Ehwa High School. She noted that Mrs. Scranton from the United Methodist Women's Society took note of the need for education for women and planted the seed to starting the school. She asked the Conference to welcome the choir and invited the choir to sing for the Conference.

#### **Bishop's Task Force on Children and Poverty**

Kathy Cooper-Ledesma and Rosemary Davis presented the report. Rosemary reported that 2 quadrennials ago we were challenged to do something in our churches about children and poverty. Many churches have responded. A video was shown that pictured children in various ministries around the Annual Conference.

#### **Awards**

Julie Elkins came forward to present several awards.

#### **Francis Asbury Award**

Frank Wulf and Mary Kay Will presented the Francis Asbury Award. This award is given to an individual who works to build disciples in a campus ministry. The award was given to Rev. James Delton Pickering.

#### **Vern Cooney Memorial Award**

The Vern Cooney Award is given an individual who has devoted to the ministry of Christian Education. The award was given to Jan Sorenson. Her profile and accomplishment were read. She expressed her gratitude and her joy in working with Christian Education.

#### **Missional Support Award**

Brian Kent came forward to present the Missionary Support Award.

Brian Kent indicated that one of the Advance Specials from the Hawaii District for the year 2003-2004 was omitted on the Advance Special Applications that was approved on the Consent Calendar.

Brian requested approval for the Camp Mekokiko Development Fund, to provide spiritual retreat and renewal program from the Hawaiian Aloha Aina concept of cultural preservation and enrichment for children, youth, adults, and seniors. **It was approved.**

#### **Covenant Relationships for a Better World Awards**

#### **Outstanding Missionary Supporting Church**

This award was presented to First UMC of San Diego.

#### **Highest Per Capita Giving Missionary Supporting Church.**

This award was presented to Laguna Country UMC in Laguna Woods.

#### **Personal Mission Involvement**

This award was presented to Jim and Gwen Johnson.

#### **Commendable Conference Advance Special Giving**

This award was presented to First UMC of Glendale.

#### **Lyle Loder Memorial Award**

The Lyle Loder Memorial Award recognizes the extraordinary service of individuals with compassion. This award was given to Ed Hansen. And the staff of the Strength for the Journey Retreat in the Hawaii District. Barbara Grace-Ripple accepted the award on behalf of the Retreat staff.

#### **Distinguished Service Award from the UM Joint Commission for Church Extension with Mexico**

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John Giffin presented the award. A check for \$10,000 was presented to the pastors of Iglesia Metadista de Mexico church.

Bishop Jaime Vásquez from the Conference in Mexico came forward to present the Distinguished Service Award

to Ariel and Mary Zambrano.

Chuck Mabry noted that many of our youth have gone down to Mexico in building their churches. He hopes that in the future the youth from Mexico will also come to our Conference to build our new churches as an act of the Joint Commission.

Bishop Mary Ann Swenson asked Bishop Jordan to step in and preside over the rest of the afternoon session.

#### **Vote on Proposed Health Insurance Plan of the California-Pacific Conference**

Bishop Jordan called the Health Insurance Taskforce to present their reports.

#### **Recommendation #4**

Richard Bolin of La Canada UMC proposed a substitute motion that the Conference rules regarding retiree health insurance remain unchanged in the coming year, and that the leadership team in consultation with CFA bring back appropriate adjustments to the other amendments before us to the plenary session on Saturday.

Bishop Jordan noted that according to the parliamentary procedure indicates that the current motion is not a substitute motion but a speech against the proposal. Therefore, the motion is out of order.

Bud Wrisley noted an amendment to the proposal: "The Bishop and the cabinet may recommend to the Board of Pensions that the 10 year rule be waived for greater effectiveness in the general itinerancy and recruitment in the California-Pacific Annual Conference." Richard Bentley proposed an amendment to Recommendation #4.

Richard Bentley asked the Task Force for help in the language. The Task Force indicated that the amendment will be accepted.

Floyd McKeithen moved to amend Recommendation #4 by exempting retirees who retired before 1982. The taskforce agreed to accept the amendment.

Liz Roark moved to change on page 3, line 1a to have the retired clergy on HMO pay 1% of their monthly income, and 1b to have the retired on HIP pay 1% of their monthly income.

**It was NOT approved.**

Arlene Dempster moved to call the previous question on the amendment.

**It was approved .**

**The amendment was approved.**

Sandy Richards moved to amend Recommendation #4. To change line 55 item 4, and pg 3 line items to read: "The Cabinet and the Bishop may recommend to the Board of Pensions that a divorced clergy spouse may be allowed to continue to be eligible for Conference HIP subsidy."

**It was approved.**

Bob Isip moved to end plenary at 5:30 P.M.

**It was approved.**

Bill Steele moved to amend **Recommendation #4** by having the Conference pay the entire premium for surviving spouses for the next 18 months.

**It was NOT approved.**

Phil Amerson moved the previous question on Recommendation #4.

**It was approved.**

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**Recommendation #4 was approved.**

#### **Recommendation #1**

Becky Haase moved to remove recommendation #1 from the table.

**It was approved.**

Charlene Zuill moved the Orders of the Day to end the Health Insurance issues by 4:55 P.M.

**It was approved.**

Paul Baker moved to call for the previous question.

**It was approved.**

**Recommendation # 1 was approved.**

#### **Recommendation # 2**

Cherry Cunningham presented amendment #2. She recommended that the wording on Recommendation #2 be changed. The voluntary contribution by the active clergy shall be confidential. Replace 1<sup>st</sup> sentence in part 1 with "a voluntary confidential monthly contribution from all active clergy of 1% of their monthly salary (understood to be the sum of the base salary and of that portion of any housing/furnishing allowance exceeding \$1,500 per month)." Miriam Stump moved to amend Recommendation #2 so that active clergy be asked to pay from their own income \$50 per month to equalize what is expected of retired clergy."

**It was NOT approved.**

**Recommendation # 2 was approved.**

Rick Uhls moved that we suspend the rules and consider Recommendations 3 & 5 at the same time.

**It was approved.**

Richard Bentley made a point of order that we have not moved Recommendations 3 or 5.

Bishop Jordan ruled that Rick Uhls' **motion was Out of Order.**

Bishop Jordan announced that Recommendations 3 & 5 will be considered at a latter time.

#### **CHARMS Offering**

California-Hawaii Association for Retired Ministers and Spouses requested that a special offering be taken for the Health Benefits Assistance Fund.

#### **Cokesbury Presentation**

In the past 53 years, the UM Publishing house has contributed more than \$40 million to the clergy Pension Program. Keith Clark presented a check \$14,881.63 to Bishop Jordan who turned the check over to Dan Gara, Conference Treasurer.

#### **Connectional Ministries Video**

Jim Conn introduced a video by the Los Angeles Urban Foundation. The video told the story of the ministry of the

Urban Foundation. The ministry has supported children of all ethnicities. The program seeks to expand its program to youths and the elderly. The Urban Foundation provides after school programs for kids, including tutoring and arts & craft. It also seeks to help the homeless community. It also provides job training. The video was about real people helping real people.

**Report on Ballot #7**

Keith Hwang reported on the results of ballot #7.

**Laity:** Ken Ellis was Elected; **Clergy:** Thomas Choi was Elected.

**Motion**

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Keith Hwang moved to change Thomas Choi to the fifth elected position for General Conference and place Phil Amerson as the first delegate position for Jurisdictional Conference and as the first alternate to General Conference.

**It was approved.**

**Claremont School of Theology**

Phil Amerson introduced a video on the School of Theology. He indicated that the school is here to serve the Conference and the people. He passionately urged the Conference to support the school in that as this Conference is dealing with financial issues of the active and retired clergy, there are students graduating from seminary with enormous debt, even though a promise was made from the General Conference that tuition for UM candidates would be provided.

**Presentation of Amended Budget**

George Crisp moved to change line 92 on recommendation #2 in the Preliminary Report to \$6,106,410. The Budget will be voted on tomorrow.

**Benediction**

Jerry Carter, Conference Disabilities Ministries Coordinator, prayed.

**Adjournment**

The plenary session adjourned at 5:39 P.M.

**Clergy Retirement Service**

**Friday, June 20, 2003**

7:30 P.M.

The Conference celebrated many years of ministries of the clergy going into retirement. The offering was for the Conference Mental Health Ministries.

**PLENARY 8**

**Saturday, June 21, 2003**

8:30 A.M.

**Call to Order**

Bishop Mary Ann Swenson called the session to order at 8:37 A.M..

**Orders of the Day**

Bob Isip moved the Orders of the Day.

**They were approved.**

**Congregational Development Video**

New Ministries Moment – Covenant with God is to cultivate new ministries. This year \$365,000 is designated to new ministries. Asked us to imagine if our church grew as the population in the areas grew. Where is it that God is calling us. The windows of opportunities are there.

**Motion**

Ben Ellis moved to suspend the rules to increase the number of alternates from 2 to 5.

**It was approved.**

**Motion**

Ben Ellis moved to have clergy and laity elect their remaining delegates and their 5 alternates by the highest number of votes received in the Ballot #9.

**It was NOT approved.**

**Ballot # 8**

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Ballot # 8 was taken.

**United Methodist Women**

Lory Nesper asked all United Methodist Women to stand in the audience and be recognized. In 1869 six women gathered together as an opportunity to help others and raised enough to send 2 women to India. One hundred years ago, five women in this Conference worked to start a hospital which is the current hospital in Arcadia. The current goal of the UMW is to raise \$100,000 for the maternal Child Health Care Unit of the hospital. A CD is available for purchase on the quad. Proceeds from the sale of this CD will benefit the Child Health Care Unit. A video was shown sharing the mission of "how to live in mission to others."

**Conference Council on Young Adults**

Matt McPhee and Doug Dickson presented the Conference Council on Young Adults report.

This year they held the first Young Adult Conference. One of their biggest events was a trip to Mexico where the group build a house for a family. A Winter Retreat with 50 participants was one of the best events.

Young adults who helped organized activities were recognized: Rachel Allen, Garth Gillian and Doug Dixon. A larger working team is being developed to organize programs for young adults. Young adults have been sharing the good news that God is there. In their generation, over 50% have not been in a church. On college campuses, thoughts on the church and God ranged from hostility mixed in with the love of Jesus. These young adults are going out with the help of their local churches and the Conference to share the love of Christ. The U.S. is the fifth largest

mission field in the world. There are more unchurched people in the world after four other places. Doug requested that churches think about supporting these youth.

#### **Conference Council on Youth Ministries**

Tricia Hamilton, Conference Youth Coordinator, introduced Miracle McClain, Chair of CCYM. Some events included the Junior High Convention, Young People's Convention with 600 participants, and Hawaii YPC with 160 youth. Youth scholarships were also shared. She thanked the United Methodist Credit Union, Tricia Hamilton, Garth Gilliam, and members of CCYM. Tricia Hamilton will continue as chair for the coming year.

Garth Gilliam introduced some of the graduates of the Youth Worker Academy, a year-long study of ministry and the church.

Bishop Swenson celebrated the work of Garth Gilliam and the Academy for their ministry to youth. Garth Gilliam recognized several youth coordinators for their service. He also recognized Matt McPhee and his gift of inclusivity resulting in a more diverse group of youth. Rachel Allen was recognized for her work. Both Matt and Rachel will be going to seminary.

#### **Connectional Ministries Videos**

Marilyn Huntington introduced a series of videos from World Methodist Council, VIM, and Churches United in Christ,

#### **Conference Communications Committee**

Charles Cappelton expressed concern that Circuit West is not being received by the local churches and requested that each church send via e-mail at lhygh@cal-pac.org. the top five leaders in the church. He also would like to know which churches have secretaries who are comfortable with the computer and e-mail.

#### **Commission on Archives and History**

Robert Fitch requested that each church have a local historian. The Fourth Annual Local Church History Seminar will be held on September 9. Having served on the Commission for 8 years, Robert will now become "history" at the end of this term.

Robert Fitch introduced Lee Greenwalt. Lee shared that the Historical Society is not just books and papers but also objects and artifacts.

#### **Benediction**

Alex Vegara of Kapolei Mission of Hawaii gave the Benediction.

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#### **Adjournment**

Session Adjourned at 10:05 A.M..

## **Youth Worship Service**

### **Saturday, June 21, 2003**

11:00 A.M.

The Conference celebrated a youth-led worship service, called "MTV Messiah Teen Vision." Aaron Ferguson, from the Long Beach District, and Stacy Aldinger, from the Hawaii District, were speakers. The offering was designated for the Youth Service Fund. Bishop Mary Ann Swenson commissioned the urban plunge mission team.

## **PLENARY 9**

### **Saturday, June 21, 2003**

1:30 P.M.

#### **Call to Order**

Bishop Mary Ann Swenson called the session to order at 1:34 P.M.

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

Bob Isip, after consultation with the Bishop and the Conference Secretary, moved to add Plenary 10 Sunday Morning to begin at 8:00 and end at 9:30 A.M..

**It was approved.**

#### **Motion**

A motion made in regard to voting: as soon as a ballot is counted, the Conference should be presented the results and then proceed to take the next vote.

**It was approved.**

Bob announced that this afternoon's schedule includes 2 ballots, the health care issue, the budget, and the consent calendar. Erika Gara was introduced as the person who will be doing the Orders of the Day at the next Conference. Erika moved for Orders of the Day.

**It was approved.**

#### **Comments from Bishop Swenson**

Bishop Swenson shared that we have 24 hours for the rest of holy conferencing with one another and looks forward for as much space for opinions. She requested that we all be fair and share in the process and she intends to discuss all resolutions. As the presiding Bishop she intends to have someone else sit in and preside at next year's Conference as Bishop Jordan did yesterday. She emphasized how it is important to be courteous and gracious to whoever the presiding officer is.

#### **Congregational Development Video – New Ministries Moment**

The video highlighted new ministries in our Conference.

#### **Report on Ballot #8**

Bishop Swenson announced the results of Ballot # 8.

**Laity:** Fuimaono Lauolefiso Ali'ifua was elected; **Clergy** - Lily Villamin was elected.

**Ballot #9** – David Bergeson

Balloting #9 was taken.

#### **Recognition of Conference Support Staff**

Marilynn Huntington and Dan Gara introduced and recognized the work of the Conference support staff.

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Dan Gara introduced, Jan Hansen who works part-time for the Conference helping local churches and the Conference in the area of human resources.

**Awards – Julie Elkins**

#### **Camping Outdoor and Retreat Ministries**

Roy Phelps presented the following awards:

**Camp Staff Person of the Year – Chuck Kishpaugh.**

**Volunteer Facility Camper of the Year – Al Dahl.**

**Volunteer Program Campers of the Year – Mark and Dianne Rehfield.**

#### **Council of Disabilities Ministry**

Tom Simmons presented The Most Accessible Congregation Award for 2003, to Shepherd of the Hills UMC and Fallbrook UMC. A \$500 monetary award will be given to each of these churches to provide further access at their churches.

#### **Bishop Gerald Kennedy Lay Persons of the Year Award**

Gaunnie Hardin Dixon, Conference Lay Leader; presented this award to Dr. Delores Alleyne and Glen Bancroft.

#### **Order of Deacons**

Jan Kishpaugh, Chair of Order of Deacons, acknowledged the 31 deacons in our Conference. Names of all were read and pins were presented to those who were present; Gary Anderson, Bethellen Balikian, Jerry Carter, Diane Davis, Rosemary Davis, Debra Gara, Peggy Goochey, Janis Hale, Frank Hallock, Judy Helton, Mary Hibbard, Myra Hogan, Jackie Hulett, Shiela Kane, Tong Ho Kim, Jan Kishpaugh, Martha Kogle, Boby McMullen, Loyce McWee, Nan Mitchel, Mary Elizabeth Moore, Donna Nelson, Greg Norton, Jerry Owyang, Rick Pearson, Dianne Rehfield, Peggy Rubel, Melanie Silva, Jaye Watson, and Judy Weaver.

#### **Health Care Recommendations**

John Fanestil, Leadership Team, reported that the body approved yesterday, Recommendations 1, 2, and 4. Apportionments will remain the same as in 2003. Regarding Recommendation #4, he advised that this is an 18-month measure and any cases of hardship can be addressed with the Emergency Fund. An effort will be made to make pastoral contacts with retired clergy and spouses. If \$50,000 emergency fund is inadequate, the group is confident that it can find more funds. Long-range concerns will be included in on-going discussions.

#### **Recommendation # 3.**

Stan Toyama, Leadership Team, moved Recommendation # 3.

**It was approved.**

#### **Recommendation # 5**

Sharon Rhodes-Wickett, Leadership Team, moved Recommendation # 5.

With the following addition. Add: "The Council of Finance and Administration will monitor the status of the income from its various sources and will bring a report to the 2004 Annual Conference with hope that the grant application process from the Jubilee fund can be reopened." **It was approved.**

David Kittle moved that the Conference rules be changed effective 1/1/04. For each month that an appointed clergy person does not participate in the Health Insurance Plan, due to spousal coverage, the local church shall pay an amount equal to at least 50% of the HMO self-only, monthly premium to the Board of Pensions. This money will be placed in the Health Care Assistance Fund.

Bud Wrisley moved to refer the above motion to the Task Force.

**It was Referred.**

Don Thompson reintroduced his motion from yesterday. He moved that the Conference Board of Church and Society to survey and to study the Insurance Industry in the USA as to its aspects that contribute greatly to the current healthcare and other vital areas of economic crisis for almost all people of this land. And to report their findings to the 2004 Annual Conference with study materials for the districts and local churches use, ready to be distributed at that time.

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**It was approved.**

#### **Methodist Hospital Video**

A video celebrating Methodist Hospital in Arcadia's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was presented.

#### **Announcement**

Hunger Walk today raised \$15,243.99.

\$2,209.78 was collected for the CHARMS offering.

#### **2004 Apportioned Budget**

George Crisp presented the 2004 Apportioned Budget for approval. The Council of Finance and Administration have itemized the 2004 budget into five recommendations.

#### **CFA Recommendation # 1**

George moved CFA Recommendation 1.

**It was approved.**

#### **CFA Recommendation # 2**

George moved CFA Recommendation 2 with revised numbers due to health insurance plan.

**It was approved.**

#### **CFA Recommendation # 3**

George moved CFA Recommendation 3.

**It was approved.**

#### **CFA Recommendation # 4**

George moved CFA Recommendation 4.

**It was approved.**

**CFA Recommendation # 5**

George moved CFA Recommendation 5.

**It was approved.**

George Crisp thanked the Council on Finance and Administration for their work and said that it is now the local church's job to raise the apportionment dollars.

**Mildred Hutchinson Award**

Lewis Cain announced that Lisa Gay Santiago is this year's recipient of the Mildred Hutchinson Award.

**Ballot # 9**

**Laity:** Willie Jones was elected; **Clergy:** Sharon Rhodes-Wickett was elected.

**Ballot # 10**

Ballot # 10 was taken.

**Personal Privilege**

Karin Ellis introduced artist Jun Casimero who designed the logo for the Conference.

**Items not on the Consent Calendar**

Amy Fatemi announced that we have sixteen action items not on the consent calendar. These sixteen items are in three categories; Resolutions to petition General Conference, Rules, Personnel Recommendations.

**Motion to Limit the Number of Speeches in Debate**

Jim Conn motioned that for each issue to limit each speaker to two minutes and limit the debate to two speakers on each side.

**It was approved.**

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**Resolution to Petition # 1**

Amy moved adoption of Petition # 1.

Gerry McDaniel moved to amend Petition 1 by deleting the sentence in lines 43-45: "Since faithful Christians are not of a common mind about the compatibility of homosexual practice with Christian teaching, we neither condone or condemn such practice."

**It was NOT approved.**

Wesley Shute moved to amend line 59 by deleting "not to reject or condemn" and replace it with "to accept."

**It was approved.**

**Resolution to Petition # 1 was approved.**

**Resolution to Resolution # 2**

Amy moved adoption of Petition # 2.

**It was approved.**

**Resolution to Petition # 6**

Amy moved adoption of Petition # 6.

**It was approved.**

**Resolution to Petition # 7**

Amy moved adoption of Petition # 7 as amended.

**It was approved.**

**Rules Item # 1**

Amy moved Rules Item # 1.

**It was approved.**

**Rules Item # 3**

Amy moved Rules Item # 3.

**It was approved.**

**Personnel Recommendations**

**Amy moved Personnel Recommendation # 1.**

Liz Roark moved to suspend Rules and Policies – 2002 G4a1 and the salaries of level 1 staff and District Superintendents be frozen at this year's level of pay.

**It was NOT approved.**

**Personnel Recommendation # 1 was approved.**

**Resolution # 100**

Amy moved **Resolution # 100** as amended.

**It was approved.**

**Resolution # 101**

Amy moved **Resolution # 101** as amended.

**It was approved.**

Amy announced that **Resolution 103** will not be considered because it was addressed during the health care discussions.

**Resolution # 104**

Amy moved **Resolution 104**.

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Rube Wolf presented a motion to amend the resolution by removing "Be It Further Resolved that our nations will not allow any person, potentate, nation or other organization to harm these same people; and."

**It was approved.**

**Resolution # 104 as amended was approved.**

**Resolution # 105**

Amy moved **Resolution 105**.

It was changed to a petition to General Conference and delete on line 3 "pensions."

**It was approved.**

**Results of Ballot # 10**

**Laity:** Sonja Park **was elected;** **Clergy:** Keith Hwang **was elected.**

**Motion**

Odin Fentry moved to suspend the rules so that the five top vote getters be elected as alternates.

**It was NOT approved since Ben Ellis's motion already increased the number of alternates from 2 to 5 in the Plenary 8.**

**Motion**

Bob Stimmel motioned to take the clergy ballot immediately and report as quickly as possible.

**It was approved.**

**Ballot # 11**

Ballot # 11 was taken.

**Motion to Extend the Session**

Bob Stimmel motioned to extend the session to 5:30 P.M.

**It was NOT approved.**

**Digital Format**

Bob Brooks moved that the Conference Secretary and the Sessions Committee work to provide all Conference information in a digital format to the Bishop and available as an option to members of the Annual Conference by the 2004 Annual Conference. Further, that all persons or groups presenting business items to the Conference present them to the Conference Secretary in both a digital format as well as a hard copy.

**It was approved.**

**Motion**

Richard Bently moved the Orders of the Day and that laity be dismissed while the clergy stay to take one more ballot. **It was approved.**

**Reports on the Benefit Concert**

Marilynn Huntington gave an unaudited report from the Benefit Concert. Cash received totaled \$6,421 for new ministries since all other expenses were already paid.

**Benediction**

Krista Givens from Kailua UMC on Oahu, Hawaii offered a prayer.

**Adjournment of Laity**

Laity were excused at 5:05 P.M.

**Ballot # 11**

**Clergy:** Frank Wulf was elected.

**Ballot # 12**

Ballot # 12 for **Clergy** was taken.

**DAILY PROCEEDINGS - 2003 D-35**

**Adjournment**

Clergy Adjourned at 5:25 P.M.

**Ordination Service**

**Saturday, June 21, 2003**

7:30 P.M.

Rev. Dr. Philip Wogaman preached. The offering was for the Vietnam Medical Mission.

**PLENARY 10**

**Sunday, June 22, 2003**

8:00AM

**Call to Order**

Bishop Mary Ann Swenson called the plenary to order at 8:08AM

**Orders of the Day**

Erica Gara moved the order of the day.

**The Orders of the Day were approved.**

**Report on Ballot #11**

**Lay Alternates to Jurisdictional Conference**

Rachel Allen, Nestor Santiago Gerente, Ruel Reyes, Mele Maka, and Mary Beth Bolin were elected.

**Report on Ballot #11 Clergy Delegates to Jurisdictional Conference**

The election of Frank Wulf to the Jurisdictional Conference was announced to the whole body.

**Report on Clergy Ballot #12**

**Clergy Alternates to Jurisdictional Conference**

John Fanestil, John Valles, Louis Chase, Bau Dang and Sandra Olewine were elected.

**Nominations**

The Committee of Nominations expressed gratitude to Ben Ellis who has served on the Committee as chair for many years. Ben Ellis will be going off the Committee.

Ben Ellis presented the report listing members to the various committee and commissions. He reminded everyone to fill in the Talent Bank form and turn them in by the end of Conference. Ben Ellis moved to pass the report as amended.

Ben Ellis informed that updates are done by the each committee. The various committees must report back to the Nominating Committee those who are no longer on the committee. It was urged that each committee do so.

There was a question as to the length of time persons serve on committees. Ben Ellis noted that most serve a

maximum of two 4 year terms. However, because of the transitioning, some were asked to stay on longer. Ben Ellis moved the question to approve the Nominations Report.

**It was approved.**

Bishop Swenson read a caring statement by Rev. Bob Shuler.

Let gratitude be our attitude in response to God as a gift of the church. We are called to give God witness in the church. We have chosen the Wesleyan windows. From all those we hear from this week, let us assume the best of intentions. Remain friends following debates. Pray throughout the week for God's will and the will of others.

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### **Items not on Consent Calendar**

Amy Fatemi informed the body that there are three more resolutions before them.

#### **Resolution # 107**

Amy moved adoption of Resolution # 107 as amended.

**It was approved.**

#### **Resolution # 111**

Amy moved adoption of Resolution # 111.

**It was approved.**

#### **Resolution # 112**

**It was approved.**

### **Religion and Race**

Elwood Hain noted that this is his last year serving on the Commission. Al Gorsline will be replacing him. Elwood responded to a letter received to the commission last year. The letter inquired why there has never been a black woman appointed as a District Superintendent. The commission did research as to why there were no black woman ever appointed. They met with the Black Methodist for Church Renewal and Bishop Swenson and many others. Elwood reported that the factual information of the letter was correct. However, the fact there was no black woman ever appointed as a district superintendent was not due to any discrimination nor the lack of qualified candidates. The Commission discovered that black women were almost always on the final list for DS. Some had declined the offer and others were not selected simply due to other criteria.

Therefore, the conclusion of the investigation showed:

There was no discrimination.

The process is sound and fair.

The process was designed to be effective.

There was no need to develop a special program in response to the letter.

Elwood noted that that is all good news, except for the initial point that there are no black woman as a district superintendents. He noted that commission is actively looking into whether the district superintendent position might not be attractive to women of color.

### **Recognition of District Superintendents and Family**

Bishop Swenson asked all the District Superintendents to come on stage and stand before the Conference. They and their families were introduced. The extended cabinet were also asked to come on stage and be recognized.

### **Personal Privilege:**

Lee Carlile asked that the Conference show its gratitude for the ushers who have the job of passing out loads of paper. She also specially recognized Bill Woolsey who has been at this Conference for 35 consecutive years as a clergy member and as an usher.

### **Connectional Ministries Videos**

A video from Connectional Ministries was shown on the screen. The video showed the ministries of Gaum UMC and Saipan UMC.

### **Sessions Committee**

John Valles noted that the University of Redlands was thankful for our presence during this Conference.

### **2002 Motion Regarding the Future Annual Conference Session**

Bob Isip presented two options regarding changing the agenda of future Annual Conferences.

Option 1 is to have a festival of ministries where people may select which "booth" to attend on Saturday.

Option 2 requires that every ministry and committee needs to make a video to manage time.

## **DAILY PROCEEDINGS - 2003 D-37**

### **Bob Isip moved to adopt Option 1.**

Bob noted that next year that we will have the election for Episcopal nominee. Also, the Bishop has final say as to the dates of Annual Conference.

#### **Option 1**

**It was NOT approved.**

Paula Ferris proposed **Option 3** to move that the Thurs-Sun option be accepted and scheduled. Details to be determined in consultation with Bishop, Agenda, Connectional Ministries, and other concerned groups and agencies.

**It was approved.**

### **Evaluation**

John Valles urged everyone to fill out the evaluations.

### **Personal Privilege**

Sharon Rhodes-Wickett Suggested way of celebrating John Wesley's 300 birthday. She read from ¶ 103 in our Social Discipline and urged everyone to look at their church budget for secretarial and custodial staff and investigate the wages of those who are in service for the Conference and report back to the team by September 1st, 2003.

### **Cabinet Matters**

Cheol Kwak thanked the Conference for supporting the work of the cabinet. He indicated the work in birthing new congregations and chartering of others.

### **Conference Council on Korean Ministries**

A video from the Council on Korean Ministry was shown.

### **Conference Matters**

June 17-21, 2004 will be the dates of next year's Annual Conference. The business of the Annual Conference is worship, fellowship and to be church with one another as a family.

### **Prayer Concerns**

The government has closed the American Embassy in Kenya, and asked all Americans leave the country. Prayers are asked for our missionaries in Kenya.

### **Presentation of Delegates**

The delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conference were presented on stage.

The Bishop indicated that the group chosen truly does represent our Conference.

### **Appreciation for Volunteers**

Bishop asked all those involved in the Conference were asked to stand, including all the committees, the video crew, those who worked on agenda, legislative, UM Daily, ushers, and everyone else.

### **Recognition**

The Bishop was recognized and applauded.

### **Benediction**

David Tinoco was asked to pray the benediction.

## **Closing Worship Service**

### **Sunday, June 22, 2003**

7:30 P.M.

Bishop Mary Ann Swenson preached. The offering was for the Volunteers in Mission Fund. Appointments were read during the worship service.

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## **CERTIFICATION**

We hereby certify and declare that the Daily Proceedings of the Eighteenth Session of the California-Pacific Annual Conference, meeting in Redlands, California, June 18-23, 2002 to be the Official Record of the Annual Conference.

Mary Ann Swenson Keith Andrew Hwang

Presiding Bishop Conference Secretary

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