

## **DAILY PROCEEDINGS--2005**

CLERGY COVENANT TIME (Continued)

1:30 P.M.

WORSHIP MOMENT: "COMMUNITY WITH EACH OTHER"- Led by Dr. Marcia McFee

QUALITIES, SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES FOR TRANSFORMING MINISTRY was presented by Rev. Dr. Soomee Kim of the Board of Ordained Ministry. She emphasized that the essential qualities, skills, and competencies for effective clergy leadership are "being, knowing, and doing." After hearing the statistics concerning the decrease in church membership and attendance, Rev. Dr. Kim felt a sense of urgency and the need to remind the clergy that God has called us to bring about transformation. Following her presentation, each table group discussed how they felt about the list and identified a pastor whom they had known that fulfilled or embodied the characteristics on that list.

A PROCESS FOR ASSESSMENT was then presented by Rev. Dr. Emma Moore-Kochlacs, Dean of the Cabinet, who described the process in detail and provided two handouts for illustration. A number of questions and concerns were raised by clergy in a question and answer session that followed the presentation.

THE ROLE OF RESOURCING THE ORDERS was briefly presented by Rev. Debbie Gara and Rev. John Farley.

CLOSING WORSHIP MOMENT: "CO-MISSION TO THE WORLD" was led by Dr. McFee.

### **CLERGY SESSION**

Tuesday, June 22, 2005

4:00 p.m.

Bishop Swenson welcomed those present. She asked the body to vote on allowing conference staff into the session. The body approved the bishop's request.

Bishop Swenson welcomed Rev. Diane Rehfield, new chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry, to the podium for remarks. Rev. Rehfield reflected on her first year as chair, and thanked Ellen Peterson for her work with the board.

Rev. Thomas Choi came to the podium to lead the body through the Disciplinary Questions. Rev. Choi introduced Rev. John Woodall as the new administrative assistant for the board. Rev. Choi then referred the body to the list of questions.

2005 Candidates for Probationary Membership and Membership in Full Connection were introduced to the body. As names were read, the candidates stepped forward to the applause of the session.

Rev. Rosemary Davis introduced the candidate for commissioning on Deacon track and Probationary Membership.

The body approved the election of Carol Anderson Mayer as a Probationary Deacon.

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Prayer was offered for Ms. Mayer.

Rev. Derek Nakano introduced the candidates for commissioning on Elder track and Probationary membership.

The body approved the election of M. Guadalupe Alonso-Redondo, Anna Crews Camphouse, Timothy Albert Ellington, Jennifer Gutierrez, Mary J. Hollifield, Joy A. Price, Linda Hansen Robison, Karen Ann Tannheimer, Luan-Vu T. Tran, Yuko Uesugi as Probationary Elders.

Prayer was offered for the class.

Rev. Davis introduced the candidates for Deacon's Orders and Full Connection.

The body approved Teresa MeeSue Park as a deacon. Rev. Park is the last deacon to have transitioned from diaconal ministry.

The body approved Linda Hasman Ochi as a deacon. Prayer was offered for these individuals.

Rev. John Woodall introduced the candidates for Elder's Orders and Full Membership.

The body approved the election of Judy Yangmi Chung, Johan Dodge, Krista Suzanne Givens, Cavalain Louis Hawkins, Myrian Monnet-Cisneros, Lynn Marie Munson, Brian

Timothy Parcel, Stephanie Cary Toon, Alena Setefano Uhamaka, John Wen-Pin Wang as Elders in Full Connection.

Prayer was offered for the class.

Rev. Phillips Soo-Yeon Whang spoke from the floor and indicated that he wanted to make a motion addressing the Board of Ordained Ministry's proposed action on question 45, concerning Woo Shoung Park. Rev. Choi indicated that this matter was scheduled to be addressed in the night session. Bishop Swenson asked that Rev. Whang wait until after the dinner break before raising the motion. He agreed.

Six members of other annual conferences who are transferring into the Cal-Pac conference were introduced and welcomed.

Bishop Swenson asked all who are serving in extension ministry to stand in order to be recognized. The body greeted them with applause. A prayer was said for their work, for Rev. Penny Parker (who suffered an injury), and for the meal that we were about to receive.

CLERGY SESSION II (Continued)

Wednesday, June 22, 2005

7:00 P.M.

Bishop Swenson called to the attention of those present the list of candidates for ordained ministry. Referring to the list, Rev. Jim Hickman announced that a training has been completed for mentors of candidates. He noted a need for local churches to reclaim the work of identifying candidates for ministry, and not just rely on the Spirit's work of calling individuals one-on-one. Rev. Hickman prayed for the candidates as a group. Rev. Terry Van Hook called to the attention of those present the list of local pastors. There are currently 71 local pastors in our conference, serving on a year to year basis. Those present were recognized for their work. Claremont School of Theology has been developing its local pastor's program, which has provided very beneficial "hand in glove"

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training. Rev. Van Hook called the body to question 21. The body approved the list and the name of Stacy Dixon was added as a student local pastor.

The body approved adding Jimmy Huang to question 25. He has been appointed to serve at the First United Methodist Church of Ventura. He is ordained in the Presbyterian Church, USA.

The body approved question 26, a list of affiliate members.

The body approved question 18, a list of the members of the Committee on Investigation and the Administrative Review Committee.

It was noted that Janet Petty transferred her membership to the Detroit Annual Conference. Bishop Swenson thanked her for her service.

Rev. Phillips Soo-Yeon Whang expressed his concern regarding the listing of Woo Shoung Park in Question 46.

It was moved by Rev. Jim Hill that the name of Woo Shoung Park be deleted from Question 46, and that he be granted an extension of time within which to fulfill his Probationary Membership requirements. Rev. Tom Reinhart-Marean moved to amend Rev. Hill's motion, so that the matter of Question 46 and Woo Shoung Park be postponed until the Board of Ordained Ministry could clarify parliamentary procedure and Book of Discipline interpretation issues. The motion passed.

Rev. Richard Garner's service as a district superintendent was recognized by Bishop Swenson, and the body showed its appreciation with a long round of applause.

Rev. Sue Farley reported on the Transitions Workshop, which exists to enable, support, and train clergy in the transition process. Rev. Farley invited all clergy and their spouses to participate in the process, and handed out brochures from the workshop held earlier this year. Rev. Carl Stuckenberg shared his favorable personal experiences. All clergy members of each district were reported by their respective district superintendents to be blameless in their life and official administration. Each district reported that its superintendent is blameless in his/her life and official administration.

The body approved Question 47, containing the list of pastors on honorable location. It was noted that the body's decision on the case of Ana Maria Dominquez was overturned

by the judicial council. Rev. Dominquez is currently on incapacity leave.

The body approved Question 54, concerning probationary members on leave of absence, thereby granting further leave to those on the list.

The body approved Question 55, concerning those on family leave.

The body approved Question 56, concerning pastors who are granted sabbatical leave.

The body approved Question 57, concerning disabled members and the list of pastors on incapacity leave. Those suffering a disability or incapacity were lifted up in prayer.

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The body approved Question 59, concerning members in full connection who have retired.

The body approved Question 62, concerning retired local pastors.

Rev. Langi Fine led the body in prayer for our conference's retirees.

The names of those who have died this last year were named in gratitude. Bishop Swenson gave thanks for their lives and lifted them up in prayer.

Rev. Choi called the body's attention to Questions 70-82.

The body approved Question 83, concerning those clergy who will be serving less than full time.

The body approved Question 88, concerning Rev. William Johnson's appointment to an extension ministry.

Bishop Swenson advised that the Clergy Schedule for Thursday morning would commence at 9:30 a.m

Bishop Swenson made the following announcements before closing the session: All clergy are reminded to have their picture taken for the pictorial directory at University Hall from 8:30 a.m. -6 p.m. Peggy Parker was reported to be recovering from her leg injury, as was Suzanne Baron, who suffered heat exhaustion. Those present were reminded to drink plenty of water.

Rev. Richard Garner closed the session with prayer.

The session was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

#### **Announcements**

Please Take Note:

When addressing the body during the Plenary Sessions, please clearly identify yourself by stating your name and church affiliation.

Also, all motions must be written on the appropriate form (attached to the microphone stands), and submitted to Lynn Munson, before verbally making the motion.

The UM Daily staff is in need of volunteers to take notes during the plenaries and to assist with editing. Please call Rev. Joe Whitley at 310-487-1491, or visit him at Melrose 116.

#### **CLERGY SESSION (Continued)**

##### **Thursday Morning, June 23, 2005**

Bishop Swenson opened the morning continuation of the clergy session.

The session began with wonderful music and song.

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Bishop Swenson called the gathering to order and solicited prayer requests which included the following people: Chuck Simmons, Suzanne Baron, Jeff Bishop, John Chapel, Matt Parker, Bishop Bell, Louise, Don Myers, Howard Brown, Ken, Joni Messenger, John and Barbara Kilgore, and Rev. David Edwards.

Bishop Swenson lifted up in celebration Kathey Michelle Harry and new baby Michelle, as well as Greg and Tania Batson's new baby.

The Bishop called yesterday's clergy session "a covenanted blessing." The Bishop also announced the Bishop's Convocation on Ministry scheduled September 20-22 in Palm Springs. The theme of the convocation is "Blooming in the Desert," and the retreat is sponsored by the BOM, the Council for Elders and Deacons, and Claremont School of Theology. Featured guests will be Bishop Swenson and Rev. Jim Wallis, *Sojourners* editor and author of *God's Politics*. Scholarship opportunities are available.

Bishop Swenson asked all clergy to attend Founder's Day at Claremont School of Theology later this fall, where Rev. Sandra Olewine will be speaking.

Rev. Stephanie Toon announced that Rev. Molly Vetter's husband, Matt Parker, is serving in Iraq. While they talk with each other daily, the cell phone cost is \$3 per minute. Stephanie is collecting funds to help defray the expenses.

#### **Report from Board of Ordained Ministry Concerning Background Checks**

Revs. Emma Moore-Kochlacs, Diane Rehfield, and Myron Wingfield, and Ms. Jan Hanson spoke about the proposal on mandatory background checks, and reviewed its key provisions.

The following motion was made by Rev. Randy Johnson: change line 106 by substituting "... clergy appointed to a local church...." for "...clergy working within the local church." No second was offered.

The following motion was made by Rev. Sandi Richards: add to line 28: "...except the circumstances as outlined in the UM Social Principles and Discipline of the United Methodist Church, including UM Social Principals paragraph 164, Section F and Section I." No second was offered.

An unidentified speaker questioned whether the entire plenary shouldn't be voting on the document. Rev. Rehfield stated she believes he is correct, and made the following motion: Additional comments and any suggested amendments and/or changes to the proposal shall be submitted to the Board, so that it may consider further modifications before again presenting the proposal to the body at a later date. **Motion passed.**

Rev Rehfield requested that she be allowed to distribute the Background and Release Form. **Permission was granted.**

Ms. Hanson then gave instructions on how the form is to be filled out.

Rev. Tom Choi sought to withdraw last night's motion on question 46. He moved the discontinuance of Hisook So as Probationary Member. Rev. Tom Ziegart moved that all non-clergy be removed from the room before discussion of the details concerning Hisook So. No second. After discussion, Rev. Choi's **motion passed.**

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Rev. Choi moved discontinuance of Rev. Woo Shoung Park as Probationary Member. Bishop Swenson clarified the rule on time allowed for speaking. Rev. Paul Kim moved that the vote on discontinuance be postponed for 2-3 more days to allow for further discussion by the BOM. An amended motion was presented that seeks to remit the matter back to the BOM and allows Rev. Park to appear again before the BOM. A point of order was made that a vote must first be taken on Rev. Choi's motion. This point was challenged. The chair moved that her decision to first vote on Rev. Choi's motion be supported. **The motion passed.** Rev. Choi presented additional facts and information behind the BOM's decision. After discussion, a vote was taken on Rev. Choi's motion for discontinuance. **The motion passed.**

The Board moved that Woo Shoung Park be added to the list of local pastors in Question 21. **The motion passed.**

Bishop Swenson announced that Rev. Dr. Kathy Black, author of *Worship Across Cultures*, will be signing books this afternoon at 3 pm at Cokesbury. Rev. Dr. Black then led the gathering in prayer.

#### **WORSHIP SERVICE**

##### **Thursday Afternoon, June 23, 2005**

The Opening Prayer was offered by Bishop Swenson, followed by song, scripture reading (Mark 5:24-34) and drama performed by Dr. Marcia McFee.

Bishop Swenson then delivered a sermon entitled "Emmanuel's Voice." Emmanuel's actions changed not only his life, but that of his country, for he challenged the perception of what is possible. The scripture reading (which presented the story of the woman who touched Jesus' cloak in order to be healed), reminds the bishop of the church. In many ways the church and the conference can be described as hemorrhaging. As a church we are not spending enough time looking around at the great needs and injustices in this world. We have great challenges, but we also have great resources. We have no excuse to be lax because all of the possibilities are within. In this conference we have the opportunity to be like the woman: honest and willing to take the risky initiative. Bishop Swenson urged that we take the risk to touch and be healed by our faith—that we truly live

on the edge. The service was concluded with prayer by Bishop Swenson.

#### **PLENARY #1**

##### **Thursday Afternoon, June 23, 2005**

Plenary session #1 was called to order at 3:05 by Bishop Swenson

A prayer for peace was offered by Rev. Willie Foreman.

The bishop announced that CST Professor Ellen Marshall will be signing her book *Living Peace* tomorrow morning. Also, the Africa University Choir will be presenting their musical gifts and talents this week during the conference.

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Bishop Swenson introduced the clergy and laity that have traveled more than 20 hours to be here at Annual Conference. She also introduced those laity enjoying their "first-time" at the conference, followed by those laity and clergy that have been attending conference the longest.

The bishop also recognized the conference parliamentarian, Rev. Chan Hie Kim, and the new conference secretary, Rev. Bob Isip.

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

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

#### **COSROW**

Ms. Janet Oderkirk, representing the Commission on the Status and Role Of Women, noted the commission's role of monitoring and oversight during the conference.

Rev. Cynthia Abrams moved that the following motion (which was made by her and approved at the 2004 Annual Conference), be extended so that the process can be completed and reported to the 2006 Annual Conference:

The bishop is to invite to our Annual Conference the GCOSROW, GCORR, and the staff persons responsible for Ethnic Clergy at the GBHEM for the purpose of studying the current policies and procedures of the Cal-Pac Annual Conference and specifically the policies of the Board of Ordained Ministry. In order that this monitoring team receives full information for accountability purposes, a task force of clergy women will be instituted to work together with COSROW, GCORR, and the GBHEM staff to come back to the 2005 Clergy session with a report and recommendation for improvement and change to our policies and proceedings to adequately care for the specific concerns and needs of ethnic clergy women.

**The motion passed.**

#### **Opening Business**

*[Rev. Bob Isip momentarily thought this was an NBA game, then recovered his church decorum.]*

Rev. Isip presented 5 motions. He moved that:

- 1) the agenda printed in the Preliminary Report be the official agenda of this Annual Conference; and the Agenda Chairperson be authorized to make necessary adjustments to the agenda in consultation with the bishop;
- 2) the bar of the conference be the main level, the lower balcony, the prayer room, the Green Room, the stage, and the audio-visual room;
- 3) the proceedings printed in the *UM Daily* be the official records of the Annual Conference when they are corrected and approved;
- 4) the registration forms be used as the official roll call of the conference sessions; and
- 5) all resolutions NOT adopted by the end of conference be referred to the appropriate agencies. **All motions passed.**

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##### **Safety Issues**

Scott Wolverton pointed out that earthquake precautions are necessary on the campus; he noted the location of the nurse's station and the location of the restrooms; he reminded conference attendees to avoid standing at the walls or in the walkways; and he stressed the need for attendees to drink lots of water and to have fun.

### **Committee on Episcopacy**

Rev. Rosemary Davis thanked the committee members for all their hard work. Members shared with the conference details of their visit to the Middle East. The committee also proclaimed that the Bishop is working hard to make connections, produce discipleship, and create visioning for the entire conference. To show their appreciation of Bishop Swenson's efforts, the committee presented her with a stole.

### **Bishop's Greeting**

Bishop Swenson formally greeted the conference attendees and shared a story of her childhood growing up in Mississippi. She illustrated that there were racial tensions and two particular risks: It was a risk of faith to be a Christian witness of Jesus, and a risk to open the church to greater inclusivity.

### **Laity Address**

Ken "James Bond" Ellis, replete in tuxedo, delivered a reflection on his travels around the world and around the Conference, calling us to be the hands of Christ to a world in need.

### **Greetings from Sessions**

Rev. John Valles, the host District Superintendent of the Riverside district, thanked those that were "first-timers" to conference, as well as those that have returned for several years. He also lifted up Rev. Lyman Ellis and Carol Smalley for their many years of dedication to this Annual Conference.

Bishop Swenson was presented with flowers from the Riverside district.

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

The University of Redlands Vice President of Finance and Administration spoke about the university's growth, facility expansion, their emphasis on endowments, and its continuing efforts to develop "leaders for the future." He noted that for fifty- five years, the Methodists "have returned to Redlands just as the swallows return to Capistrano." Bishop Swenson and Ken Ellis presented the University of Redlands with a Peace Pole.

### **Introduction of the Judith Weidman Racial Ethnic Minority Fellow in Communications**

Larry Hygh, Jr. and Amelia Tucker-Shaw of UMCOM (Nashville) introduced the award recipient, Byron Myer, who will serve as the intern to the Cal-Pac Conference under the mentorship of Mr. Hygh. This is the first time that any conference in the Western Jurisdiction has been chosen to host this internship. The award's namesake, Judith Weidman, strove to be a communicator who was inclusive, diverse, and professional. The award's recipient, Mr. Myer, is a life member of the church from Baton Rouge and possesses a degree in Mass Communications. He will share his organizational skills as a

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religious communicator for the Cal-Pac conference, and be a model for the church and the world.

### **Conference Board of Finance and Administration / Budget Presentation**

Mr. Howard Hudson read the mission and vision statement of the church, and spoke of the great success CFA has had this year. Significantly, the conference was able to achieve its apportionments, and with continued funding, it will be able to build new churches and facilities. Mr. Hudson spoke of the need of a task force that will continue to find new and creative ways to fund new churches throughout the conference. The conference currently is ahead in apportionments for this year, and seeks to remain ahead with everyone working "hand in hand" to achieve this goal.

He then described the legal issues affecting Los Altos UMC as a result of a sexual misconduct allegation. The financial implications of the claim extend beyond the local church, thus necessitating assistance from the Conference.

Mr. Hudson also announced that Wayne Moore will be assuming his interim position starting July 1st. Howard thanked Dan Gara and the staff for their dedication and experience.

### **Conference Mission Project Explanation**

Toni Ethridge stated that the mission project has already collected over \$2000 in pennies and numerous health kits for tsunami relief. She thanked all who have donated thus far

and encouraged participation from everyone during this conference.

### **Legislative Sections Explanations**

Rev. Molly Vetter explained that, commencing tomorrow, delegates would break into eight smaller groups to discuss resolutions. She briefly described the legislative process and how an item could be placed on the consent calendar. Molly also identified the locations of the various sections, as well as the legislative sections that are to be discussed.

### **Engaging in Wesleyan Conferencing Explanation**

Dr. Mary Elizabeth Moore asked for prayers that transformation would occur inside and outside each of us this conference. She spoke about reaching to touch the cloak of Jesus and truly moving toward Him. She asked that we seek peace through hope and by daring to trust.

Rev. Woong Min Kim, Hawaii District Superintendent, announced that the blue shirts that are being worn are to celebrate the district's 100 years of life in the Methodist church. He then presented a shirt to the bishop.

Bishop Swenson announced that the Bethesda String Quartet will be performing tonight at 6:30.

A worship moment led by Dr. Marcia McFee concluded the session. It was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

## **MEMORIAL AND COMMUNION SERVICE**

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### **“GATHERING THE SAINTS: A FORETASTE OF DIVINE GLORY**

#### **Thursday Night, June 23, 2005**

The service was led by Dr. Marcia McFee, with Bishop Swenson and Bishop Charles Jordan serving as co-celebrants.

The following clergy, deceased since the last annual conference was held, were honored:

Robert T. Bobilin, Howard J. Clinebell, Jr., Odis Fentry, C. Morris Fisher, Omar Lee Hartzler, Donald R. Jessup, Shiro Kato, Robert E. Laird, John Sung Yop Lee, Mila Maefau, Oscar M. Newby, Robert G.O. Kane, Lawrence E. Peel, R. Hylton Sanders, James Kuranosuke Sasaki, Mildred Stewart, Joan Ashla Swenson (diaconal), Earl A. Thompson, Jr., and Ariel Zambrano,

The following clergy spouses, deceased since the conference was last held, were honored:

Mary B. Archer, Florence McKay Bain, Miryung Ok Cha, Kathryn A. Courtney, Geneveive Gress, Hurst Hogan, Alice Insko, May K. Johnson, Betty Kernahan, Connie Jung Eun Kim, Mildred L. McGee, Lorinne M. Reinoehl, Karl-Guenther Rimbach, Cecil M. Robison, Leonore M. Swineford, Ruth N. Taylor, and Louise J. Walters.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Hunger Committee, chaired by Rev. Ilse Peetz, is raising money for the Hunger Walk. The committee's goal is \$20,000, with over \$2,000 having been collected so far. If conference attendees have their money with them, please turn it in at the Hunger booth. Also note that attendees are invited to assist Bread for the World by stopping by the booth and signing a petition in support of the Hunger-Free Communities Act of 2005. Please remember: when addressing the body during the Plenary Sessions, you must clearly identify yourself by stating your name and church affiliation.

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

### **PLENARY #2**

#### **Friday, June 24, 2005**

#### **10:30-Noon**

The session began with music from Connect Band of Garden Grove.

Call to order was made by Bishop Swenson at 10:00 a.m.

Bishop Swenson made the following announcements: there will be a book signing by Ron Sachs of his work Translating the New Testament; funeral services for the father of Rev. Daniel Shin will be held at Rose Hills next week; funeral services for Gary Clark will also be held next week at Grace UMC in Long Beach; and Ken Dear, who worked

with CORR, passed away last night. The Bishop then led a Native American prayer. Rev. Taike Lolohea offered a prayer for peace.

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

Rev. Erika Gara presented the orders of the day and moved that they be accepted. **The motion passed.** She then announced that individuals wishing to make or amend a motion must fill out a form before doing so, and that during the session, we should be conscious of the level of our voices when inside.

Rev. Karen Ellis was called for courtesies. She informed the body that this is her last year. Rev. Susan Juergensen and Rev. Kalesita Tu'ifua will be Karen's replacement.

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

Barbara Hora offered greetings and reported that our pension system in the conference is "safe, secure, and fully funded." She expressed thanks that we are a connectional church, and stated that the Board of Pensions has an office housed at Melrose 101-102.

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

Rev. Diane Rehfield presented those who will be ordained and commissioned during this year's annual conference. They are Carol Anderson Mayer as a Probationary Deacon; M. Guadalupe Alonso-Redondo, Anna Crews Camphouse, Timothy Albert Ellington, Jennifer Gutierrez, Mary J. Hollifield, Joy A. Price, Linda Hansen Robison, Karen Ann Tannheimer, Luan-Vu T. Tran, Yuko Uesugi as Probationary Elders; Teresa MeeSue Park and Linda Hasman Ochi as deacons; and Judy Yangmi Chung, Johan Dodge, Krista Suzanne Givens, Cavalain Louis Hawkins, Myrian Monnet-Cisneros, Lynn Marie Munson, Brian Timothy Parcel, Stephanie Cary Toon, Alena Setefano Uhamaka, John Wen-Pin Wang as Elders in Full Connection. A prayer was offered to the group.

Rev. Diane Rehfield announced that this is the last year Rev. Myron Wingfield will be serving as the BOM's registrar for probationary membership. Rev. Derek Nakano will replace Myron. Rev. Kathy Michelle Harry will be the secretary. Rev. Tom Choi recognized those transferring in to our conference.

Rev. Rosemary Davis, for Deacon & Diaconal Ministers, moved that Rev. Merrijoy Buist be granted a leave of absence. **The motion was passed.**

Rev. Myron Wingfield will collect release forms for background checks.

Stephen F. Harbison, Conference Chancellor, reviewed penitential communication and clarified that the insert from Argue, Pearson, Harbison, and Myers, LLP pertains to California law. In a 2004 change, there are exemptions. In cases of suspected child abuse and cases of mandatory reporting (as required by law), there is statutory protection. Also, failure to report may cause serious repercussions to church workers and the church they serve. Mr. Harbison encouraged members to report too much rather than too little, and reminded everyone that the conference takes these statutes seriously. He welcomed members to consult the district and conference chancellors for further information.

Rev. Randa D'Aoust was thanked by Rev. Rehfield for her service coordinating ordination receptions for the last eight years.

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Rev. Debbie Gara announced that from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. today, the Order of Deacons will serve the group by washing people's feet.

Rev. Richard Bentley proposed that this conference request the Judicial Council to make a declaratory decision, in accordance with the provisions of Para. 2610.2.j., on the following question :

Once the conference board of ordained ministry has voted by a two-thirds majority to recommend a candidate for probationary membership under Para. 324.14, is it an unconstitutional violation of the separation of powers for the Board of Ordained Ministry to withdraw its recommendation because the Bishop does not have an appointment for the candidate?

**It was approved.**

##### **Introduction of Missionaries**

Bob Meissner presented our missionaries and introduced Bishop Tamburi from Kenya. A book mark was given to them in thanks. The Bishop lifted Muriel Henderson in prayer as

she begins chemotherapy. Bishop Tamburi led the gathering in prayer.

### **Board of Trustees**

Rev. Paige Eaves presented Board of Trustees Action Item No.1 (formerly Resolution No. 9). Rev. John Lurvey, the chair of the Wesley Foundation at San Diego State, described a new way for property use for ministry among students without burdening the conference. This proposal would empower the trustees to do discretionary moves without putting a liability on the conference. A first example is the project at San Diego State University where one lot will be sold to generate working capital for the purchase of two adjacent lots and build a new facility that includes housing, thus providing an ongoing income of \$100,000. A new organization would be formed to cover the risk. The project's cost is estimated at 19 million dollars.

Rev. Beth Cooper elaborated on the facility's use through her WOW plan: worship, outreach, and wellness, especially 12-step recovery programs.

Rev. Johan Dodge added that the choice was to either lose the space for ministry at SDSU through eminent domain, or embrace this plan.

### **Nominations to Conference Leadership Team**

Rev. Jim Brewster explained the process of nominations and elections. Fiso Aleefua, Foesa Valakane, and David Johnson were nominated for the conference leadership team.

Rev. Ron Griffen and Rev. Richard Bentley were also nominated.

### **Worship Moment**

Rev. Sara Armstrong introduced the Rhodes-Wickett family and announced that this moment would be a tribute to Rev. Al Rhodes-Wickett. Sara asked for prayer for the family- for God to grant them strength as they continue to face difficult challenges in life. A poem was read. "No Guns," a song written by Rev. Wickett, was performed by Dr. Marcia McFee. The congregation responded with a standing ovation.

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The session closed in prayer at 11:57 a.m.

### **PLENARY #3**

**Friday, June 24, 2005**

**1:30- 5:00 p.m.**

The session began with music from Connect Band of Garden Grove.

Bishop Swenson called the session to order at 1:39 pm.

June Shimokawa offered a prayer for peace.

### **Orders of the Day**

Rev. Erika Gara presented the orders of the day and moved that they be accepted. **The motion passed.** Mele Maka, Santa Barbara District Lay Leader, was recognized and was asked to sit by Bishop Swenson.

### **Courtesies**

Rev. Karen Ellis gave the courtesies. Karen called up the communications staff. Edna Steinman, former *Circuit West* editor, was honored with a plaque. DeWayne L. Johnson introduced Marian Barker, the new editor of *Circuit West*.

Rev. Wan Ki Kim gave information on new church starts in Guam, on the Big Island, and Santa Clarita. Rev. Kim recognized the following churches for their help and support: Kona UMC, Guam UMC, and Santa Clarita UMC.

### **Connectional Ministries**

Rev. Keith Hwang introduced the staff of Connectional Ministries and called them up. Connectional Ministries represents 30 boards, agencies and task forces, and a video of the Connectional Ministries was shown. Agencies in connection include the different caucuses and the General Board of Global Ministries. The connectional team is striving to reach out to the global community, and continues to serve all of God's people.

Bishop Swenson welcomed Bishop Charles Jordan, Resident Bishop at Claremont School of Theology, and Rev. Eunice Musa of Nigeria, to the plenary. Bishop Swenson also recommended the book by Rev. Henry Masters, pastor of Holman UMC, on Simon of Cyrene. He will have a book signing tomorrow. Bishop Swenson also announced that Dr. Marcia McFee's book *The Worship Workshop: Creative Ways to Design Worship Together*, will be on sale at the Cokesbury booth.

### **Consent Calendar**

Rev. Molly Vetter presented the consent calendar to the body, a copy of which is attached hereto. Molly explained the nature of certain items and how they were placed on the consent calendar. She further explained that those resolutions which receive more than 80% support in the legislative sections are placed on the calendar for concurrence. For this calendar, there are 24 resolutions that will go before the plenary; one item will be placed for non-concurrence. They are scheduled to be voted upon tomorrow afternoon.

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A five-minute break was called by Bishop Swenson at 2:09 pm.

### **Engaging in Wesleyan Conferencing**

Rev. Mary Elizabeth Moore led the body in Wesleyan Holy Conferencing. She explained the historical background, mentioning that the early Methodists spent the majority of their conference time in prayer and worship in order to discern the will of God. In that light, we would like to experience God's presence and call in communion with one another, to learn something new about who and whose we are, and to commit ourselves to becoming all that God wants of us. We do this by remembering, repenting, responding, refocusing, and reviving. The conferencing included components of singing, drama, presentation, meditation, and reflection amongst the attendees.

Among the presentations was one by Rev. Dr. Grant Hagiya, Los Angeles District Superintendent, and Dan Gara, Conference Treasurer, regarding conference statistics and their significance. Dr Hagiya called on all gathered to rise to the challenge of making a difference, at such a time as this, in order to be the people of God.

Our conference's children and youth helped to educate the gathering through the use of blocks, symbolizing those things that hold us back.

Dr. Marcia McFee closed the session with a worship moment, and all were left to meditate on the question, "Where is God calling us to be?"

### **RETIREMENT SERVICE**

#### **A CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY**

**Friday, June 24, 2005**

**7:00- 8:30 p.m.**

Bishop Swenson led a worship service honoring our conference's retiring clergy and receiving our new elders. Speaking on the passing of the legacy was Rev. Tom Rothaar, representing the retirees, and speaking on the receipt of the legacy was Rev. Brian Parcel, representing the new elders. Those retiring, and their years of service, are as follows:

Daniel T. Benedict Elder 37  
Robert Hamerton-Kelly Elder 38  
Mary Louise Hibbard Deacon 30  
Dennis B. Holway Elder 37  
Kevin L. Jones Elder 23  
Pita U. Lauti Local Pastor 14.5  
Mele L. Luani Local Pastor 12  
Barbara Lee Purdy Elder 13  
David L. Richardson Elder 40  
Tom Rothhaar Elder 40  
Peggy Rubel Deacon 15.5  
Lydia J. Waters Elder 19

The service was concluded with a benediction given by Rev. Judy Chung on behalf of the new elders.

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#### **Consent Calendar**

#### **For Concurrence**

*(Voting percentages in bold following each item):*

Benevolence Specials (p. 5)—**100%**

Equitable Compensation (p. 25-29) —**100%**

Board of Pensions, Recommendation #1 (p. 16-17)—**100%**

Board of Pensions, Recommendation #2 (p. 17) —**100%**

Board of Pensions, Recommendation #3 (p. 17-18)—**100%**  
Board of Pensions, Recommendation #4 ( p. 18-19 and **revised** in arrival packet)—**100%**  
Board of Pensions, Recommendation #5 (arrival packet)—**100%**  
Board of Trustees, Item #1 (new name for Resolution #9—arrival packet)—**100%**  
Personnel Policy Committee, Recommendation #1 (distributed on floor, Thursday p.m.)—**94%**  
Personnel Policy Committee, Recommendation #2 (distributed on floor, Thursday p.m.)—**94%**  
Rules Committee, Item #1 (p. 59)—**100%**  
Rules Committee, Item #3 (p. 61)—**97%**  
Rules Committee, Item #4 (p. 61-81)—**99%**  
Rules Committee, Item #7 (arrival packet)—**96%**  
Rules Committee, Item #8 (distributed on floor, Thursday p.m.)—**100%**  
Resolution #2— In Search of Security Study Guide (p. 98)—**100%**  
Resolution #4 – Sex Crimes by United Nations Workers (p. 99)—**100%**  
Resolution #6 – Salary Scale for Pastors Study (p. 100-101)—**100%**  
Resolution #7 – Religious Persecution (p. 101)—**100%**  
Resolution #10 - Boycott Turtle Bay (arrival packet)—**93%**  
Resolution #11 – Youth Ministry Special Sunday (distributed on floor, Thursday p.m.)—**100%**  
Resolution #13 - Death Benefits for Part-time Local Pastors (distributed on floor, Thurs. p.m.) –  
**100%**  
Resolution #15 – Celebrating MFSA in 2007 at Annual Conference (dist. on floor, Thurs p.m.) –  
**99%**  
Resolution #16 – California State Budget as a Moral Document (dist. on floor, Thurs p.m.)—**89%**

#### **For Non-Concurrence**

Resolution #121 – UMC Unity and Priorities (arrival packet)—**93%**

#### **Action Items Not on the Consent Calendar**

*(for information only—to be considered in Sunday's plenary on the floor)*

Advance Specials (p. 2-5)—**amended by Legislative Section; 100% for concurrence as amended**

Rules Committee, Item #2 (p. 59-61)—**amended by Committee on Equitable Compensation in consultation with the Rules Committee; 97% for concurrence as amended**

Rules Committee, Item #5 (arrival packet)—**no recommendation; amended by Rules Committee**

Rules Committee, Item #6 (arrival packet)—**amended by Legislative Section; 99% for concurrence as amended**

Resolution #1 – Health Care for All (p. 98)—**55% for non-concurrence**

Resolution #3 – Jubilee Grant Administration (p. 98-99)—**63% for concurrence**

Resolution #5 – Latino Ministry (p. 100)—**amended by Legislative Section; 90% for concurrence as amended**

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Resolution #8 – Safe Sanctuaries Task Force and the Sexual Ethics Pilot Group (p. 101-102)—**amended by Legislative Section; 85% for concurrence as amended**

Resolution #12 – *concerning the nomination of John Bolton* (distributed on floor, Thursday p.m.)—**amended by author; 53% for concurrence as amended**

Resolution #17 – Sensible Transition to an Enduring Peace (dist. on floor, Thurs p.m.) –  
**amended by Legislative Section; 86% concurrence as amended**

#### **Amendments to Action Items**

Advance Specials—

[as revised by Legislative Section]

*add to list of California-Pacific Annual Conference projects a #13:*

13. Children, Youth and Family Collaborative; 1200 W. 37th Place, Los Angeles, CA 90007; (323) 730-9400. Email: [info@cyfcla.org](mailto:info@cyfcla.org); Point of Contact: Lydia Cyncore Templeton, Esq.

*renumber the items that follow.*

Rules Committee Item #2—

[as revised by Legislative Section, on the recommendation of Commission on Equitable Compensation in consultation with Rules Committee]

On preliminary report p. 60, line 47, delete "health insurance costs."

On line 48-49, delete "pension and CPP payments."

Rules Committee Item #5—

[printed here as revised by Rules Committee, 6/24]

A.P. Sessions Committee—30 members [p. 1-27 of 2004 Journal]

1. [stands as printed in arrival packet]

2. There shall be a Design Team, convened by the Agenda Chairperson, with responsibility to develop the agenda and format of the Annual Sessions. The Design Team will include three members appointed nominated by the Bishop, three members appointed by the Conference Leadership Team and three members appointed nominated by the Extended Cabinet, subject to confirmation by the Conference Nominating Committee and election by the Annual Conference.

3. The Chairperson shall be nominated by the Bishop and elected by the Annual Conference.

4. Membership on the Conference Sessions Committee shall include the host Superintendent (who shall be the chairperson) and two host pastors; the Bishop (a nonvoting member), and the Bishop's Administrative Assistant designate; the Conference Secretary, Treasurer and Lay Leader (or representative of the Board of Laity); the Agenda Chairperson (nominated by the Conference Secretary and confirmed by the Committee Bishop); the Worship Chairperson (nominated by the Board of Discipleship); two representatives from the Board of Ordained Ministry, and one representative from each of the following: Board of Ordained Ministry, Board of Diaconal Ministries, CCYM, CCYAM, Clergymates, and Communications; the editor of Circuit West; a representative from the Conference Leadership Team; the President (or his/her representative) from UMM and UMW; six members at large (in three year classes); plus four members nominated by Sessions for expertise and technical responsibilities, subject

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to confirmation by the Conference Nominating Committee and election by the Annual Conference.

Rules Committee Item #6

[as revised by Legislative Section]

*Second-to-last line, restore the words "and receive approval of" and "preceding" which had been proposed deletions.*

Resolution #5—Latino Ministry

[as revised by Legislative Section]

Replace lines 93-98 as follows:

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT 2% \$265,000 in 2007 shall be designated for the revitalization and new ministries of Latino congregations (1% for new ministries and 1% for revitalization and education programs for local pastors and laity) and that a progress report be presented to the 2008 Annual Conference;

Resolution #8—Safe Sanctuaries Task Force

[as revised by Legislative Section]

*On page 102, in line 20, following the word "policies," add: concerning employees and volunteers who interact directly with minors as well as vulnerable people of all ages.*

Resolution #12—

[as revised by author—with a number of editorial changes related to name spellings.

These changes will not be automatic, but will be proposed on the plenary floor.]

*In lines 8, delete "United Methodist Women have issued an Action Alert to" and replace with "there have been many who"*

*Delete lines 12-13.*

Resolution #17—Sensible Transition to an Enduring Peace

[as revised by Legislative Section]

*Change lines 31-33 to read:*

Whereas, we can best honor the lives and memories of all who have died in Iraq by supporting the Iraqi people in rebuilding their country and defeating the terrorists that threaten their civil life, by expediting the end of the war, and bringing U.S. troops home

as quickly as possible and supporting the Iraqi people in rebuilding their country;

*Change the bold print in lines 37-38 to read:*

"It is the policy of the United States to ensure the blessings of liberty and democracy that the Iraqi people have gained with the sacrifice and blood of both American and Iraqi sons and daughters until such a time that the Iraqi people are strong enough to protect their civil life and then withdraw all U.S. military troops and bases from Iraq."

#### **Plenary # 4**

#### **Saturday, June 25, 2005**

Rev. George Crisp of Christ Church by the Sea, Newport Beach, opened the session with song.

Bishop Mary Ann Swenson called the meeting to order at 8:06 am. Rev. Frank Wulf was greeted by Bishop Swenson on his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday.

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Rev. Alan Mark of Kilohana UMC offered a prayer for peace.

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

Rev. Erika Gara introduced Beryl Cooper, Lay-leader from the Pasadena District, sitting beside Bishop Swenson.

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

#### **Courtesies**

Rev. Karen Ellis was called for courtesies. She then called upon Rev. Susan Juergensen, who presented the courtesies of the day. Rev. Richard Garner introduced Rev. Debbie Gara, who is traveling with a team on a mission trip to Zimbabwe, Africa, in order to provide AIDS relief. Bishop Swenson and Ms. Cooper offered a blessing to Rev. Gara.

#### **United Methodist Women**

Bishop Swenson introduced UMW President Lory Nesor, who was accompanied by UMW members chanting "UMW is your bag!" Ms. Nesor recognized all members of the organization, and spoke about its continued work with children and education. Highlights of the past year included the 135<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UMW and \$100,000 raised for the Pediatrics Department at Methodist Hospital. In recognition of the gift, the hospital named one of its wings "Cal-Pac UMW." Ms. Nesor announced that May 4-7, 2006, the Conference UMW will be hosting next year's National Assembly in Anaheim. Over 10,000 are expected to attend. In 2008 there will be quadrennial celebration in Honolulu, Hawaii. A website for UMW is underway, and the address is [www.calpacumw.org](http://www.calpacumw.org).

#### **Connectional Ministries Video**

Bishop Swenson introduced the showing of a Connectional Ministries Video, produced by Rev. Keith Hwang and his staff, titled "*Developing Prophetic and Fruitful Ministries*." In the video, Dr. Elaine Amerson, Director of Ministries, spoke of a number of different ministries: Children's Ministries, Youth Ministries and Youth Alive, Board of Laity, Board of Discipleship, and Board of Evangelism (Glimpses of the work of each board were shown); Project ALIVE (workshops for training Christian Education workers); Worship Workshop with Dr. Marcia McFee; Youth Alive Conference; Camp Ministries - Jr. High Camp; Single's Ministry; Older Adult Ministry; Campus Ministries; Leadership Development - Leadership Academy; and Ethnic Ministries.

Bishop Swenson promoted the upcoming Leadership Academy #3, Oct. 24, 25, 2005. Brochures were passed out.

Bishop Swenson introduced Dr. Bob Stimmel, Chair of the Conference Rules Committee.

#### **Rules Committee**

Dr. Stimmel presented the report of the committee. In doing so, he noted that the rules were always subject to change, depending on the needs of the body, and he welcomed proposals for change.

#### **Judicial Council Rulings Report**

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The Conference Secretary, Rev. Bob Isip, presented the decisions of the Judicial Council which were generated as the result of requests for judicial rulings by the 2004 Annual Conference. Rev. Isip briefly summarized Judicial Decision Numbers 1010, 1011, and

1013, as well as Memorandum Number 1012, the full texts of which are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Rev. Isip suggested that if members of the body sought additional information or clarification concerning either the decisions or the memorandum, they should speak with Rev. Richard Bentley or Rev. Tom Griffith.

Bishop Swenson asked Bishop Charles Jordan, resident Bishop of Claremont School of Theology, to come to the stage and introduce Dr. James Salley, Associate Vice-Chancellor of Africa University. Dr. Salley talked about the great work of the University (1,300 students from 25 African nations; 1,900 graduates), and its solid financial state. He announced that the Africa University Choir will be singing in one of the services, which will provide an opportunity for the body to "see the return on its investment."

#### **Equitable Compensation Report**

Chairperson Rev. Karen Moore presented the report for the Commission on Equitable Compensation, and extended thanks to conference members for their financial support. Rev. Moore reminded the gathering that her group recommends how much is needed to provide minimum compensation to sustain a pastor. She noted that over 60 churches now receive equitable compensation, which is a significant decrease from 90 churches a few years ago. Information is contained on pages 28-29 of our packet, and on pages 59-60. Rev. Moore noted that rules and guidelines for application and eligibility will come up for a vote tomorrow morning.

#### **Actions on 2006 Budget**

Howard Hudson reported on actions taken on the 2006 budget, noting that the full recommendations can be found on page 41 of the preliminary report. He also noted that while the budget represents a 2.5% increase (assuming an increase in apportionment giving to a level of 87%), it will enable us to fulfill our mission as a church, moving forward by faith.

Mr. Hudson moved adoption of CF & A recommendation #1 (utilizing the corrected figure of \$4,848,464 for the combined World Service Budget and the Conference Benevolence Budget). **The motion passed.**

Mr. Hudson moved recommendation #2. **The motion passed.**

Mr. Hudson moved recommendation #3. **The motion passed.**

Mr. Hudson moved recommendation #4. **The motion passed.**

Mr. Hudson moved recommendation #5. **The motion passed.**

#### **Connectional Ministries Video**

A Connectional Ministries Video, produced by Rev. Keith Hwang and his staff, was shown. It was titled "*Planting New Ministries*" and showed the staff, resources, and **DAILY PROCEEDINGS—2005 D-21**

support available to local churches through the Board of Congregational Development, which includes New Ministries and the Board of Congregational Loans.

#### **Vote on Leadership Team Nominations**

Rev. Jim Brewster was called to begin the process, and moved the following: "That the conference rules be suspended to elect the lay person and the clergy person with the most votes on the first ballot, and further that there be only one ballot for laity and for clergy."

**The motion passed.**

Rev. Brewster noted that clergy may vote for one person from the clergy list, and laity may vote one person from the clergy list.

The following Leadership Team ballot was presented and voted on by the body:

Clergy

#1 Richard Bentley Male-White-Riverside

#2 Julie Elkins Female-White-Santa Ana

#3 Ron Griffen Male-White-Santa Barbara

Laity

#1 Louolefiso Aliifua Male-Pacific Islander-LB

#2 Marian Gill Female-White-SB

#3 David Johnson Male-White-LB

#4 Po'ese Vatakani Male-Pacific Islander-HI

## **Awards**

Rev. Julie Brewster Elkins presented the 2004 Cal- Pac Conference Special Awards to the following:

Laywoman of the Year: Rosemary Zettler

Layman of the Year: Bob Denham

Outstanding Missionary Supporting Church: First UMC in San Diego

Highest Per Capita Giving Missionary Supporting Church: L.A. First German UMC

Covenant Relationship For a Better World Individual Award: Toni Ethridge

Volunteers in Mission Award: The RVer's In Mission

Distinguished Service Award: Rev. James Oliver

Accessibility Award: Pioneer Memorial UMC, Independence, Ca.

Conference Camper of the Year- Volunteer Program Staff Person: Jeremy Davis

Conference Camper of the Year- Volunteer Facility Staff Person: Chuck Ward

Conference Camper of the Year- Professional Staff Person: Joel Castillo

Youth Worker Academy Certification: Rev. Jonathan Hemphill

Francis Asbury Award: Mr. David P. Shellman

Youth Worker of the Year: Susan Faber

Susanna Wesley Scholarship: Katie Baird

United Methodist FCU Scholarship Awards: Brian Hwang, Angela Padgett, and Chris Powell

Following the awards presentation, Bishop Swenson introduced Bishop Jaime Vasquez, from Mexico, who is here for the celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Joint Commission.

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Bishop Swenson congratulated all of the award recipients. She then presented Dr. Marcia McFee with an original Martha Wingfield necklace.

Members of the band who provided glorious music throughout the day, as well as the entire conference, were Revs. Ron Griffen, Karl Stuckenberg, Greg Norton, Jamie Dollins, and Mike Odello.

Dr. McFee led a worship moment that concluded the service.

## **"GET CONNECTED" Youth Service**

### **Youth Service**

#### **Saturday, June 25, 2005**

The children and youth of the Cal-Pac Annual Conference presented a powerful and exhilarating worship service.

### **Plenary #5**

#### **Saturday, June 25, 2005**

Bishop Swenson called the meeting to order 1:35 p.m.

Shirley Ferrill offered a prayer for peace.

### **Orders of the Day**

Rev. Erika Gara presented a t-shirt ("Strength for the Journey") to Bishop Swenson and to Ken Ellis. Bill Rockwell was welcomed at the table. Rev. Gara presented the Orders of the Day and moved that they be accepted. **The motion passed.**

### **Courtesies**

Linita Moa introduced Peggy Hallock of Cokesbury Bookstore. Ms. Hallock reminded the body of the vast resources that the store has to help our people and churches in expanding their knowledge. Cokesbury presented to Bishop Swenson and Mr. Dan Gara, Conference treasurer, a check in the amount of \$13,000. Mr. Gara announced that the money will be given to Central Conference pensions.

Tom King and Alba Eugenio from the conference Board of Church and Society were introduced. Both introduced Jim Winkler of General Board of Church and Society. Mr. Winkler offered greetings and commented that Cal-Pac is the most "relaxed" conference he has ever seen.

On behalf of the Cal-Pac Chapter of the Methodist Federation for Social Action, Rev. Frank Wulf and Rev. Miriam Stump honored Rev. Dr. Grant Hagiya as the 2005 recipient of the Mildred Hutchinson Award.

### **Consent Calendar**

Rev. Molly Vetter presented the consent calendar as set forth in UM Daily #3, lines 258-278, and moved its approval. A motion to delete resolution #6 was made by Rev. Tom Griffith. The motion did not receive the 50 votes required for its passage, and was

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defeated. Resolution #6 remained on the calendar. Rev. Vetter's motion seeking approval of the Consent Calendar was then voted upon. **The motion passed.**

### **Results of the Conference Leadership Ballot**

Rev. Ron Griffen was elected as a clergy representative, and Marian Gill was elected as a lay representative, to the Leadership Team.

John Carretti, from St. Andrews by the Sea in San Clemente, offered a prayer for peace.

### **Constitutional Amendments**

Rev. Bob Isip asked the body to turn to pages 95-96 of the Preliminary Report. Rev. Isip called on Dan Gara and Rev. Dr. Hagiya to present the proposed Constitutional Amendments from the 2004 General Conference. After they had explained the proposed amendments, The Head Teller, Rev. David Burgeson, gave instructions on voting procedures. The members in Full Connection and the lay representatives then voted.

### **Board of Pensions**

Bud Wrisley presented the report for the Board of Pensions. Mr. Wrisley explained that most of the recommendations found at pages 16-19 of the Preliminary Report had already been approved in the Legislative Sections yesterday, and in the Plenary earlier today. He noted that the previous deficit had been completely eliminated, with money now in reserve. He credited several staff members for their work, recognized three persons who were stepping down from the board, and mentioned those who will replace them.

As an introduction to the time of Wesleyan Conferencing, Dr. McFee led the body in singing and introduced a song by Dr. Mary Elizabeth Moore, written especially for the occasion.

The body then participated in Wesleyan Conferencing session entitled "All in Ministry."

The program involved refocusing on living water, meditating on God's New Creation, and reviving our commitment to Jesus. Dr. Moore offered her views on what the

Wesley's might have thought and said concerning our contemporary world. Rev. Erika Gara presented the views of the younger generations and challenged the body to get to know the people in their respective communities. She also stated that the church needs to be open to the new ways in which the younger generation can relate to life and ministry.

As part of the conferencing, panels of people from churches and agencies were invited to share their perspective of the people in their respective communities and situations.

Bishop Swenson then addressed the gathering, focusing on reviving our commitment to Jesus, despite the declines in membership and worship attendance that the UMC church is facing. She argued that it is not just a matter of counting people in our thinking of Jesus' commission of making disciples. The bishop noted that our task shouldn't be about the urgency of numbers, but rather the "urgency of the Gospel." Our poverty here in our

country could be connected to our own spiritual poverty. She also stressed that addressing poverty is a test of faith for all Christians. The problem is abundance- we have too much.

We have become too comfortable and our being comfortable prevents us from fulfilling our commitment to God. We need to dive into the soul of God in order that our thirst

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might be quenched. The church needs to be "vessel" to take in the life- giving water of Jesus, to overflow, and to pour that living water to a thirsty world.

Ending the conferencing, children performed a liturgical dance and Dr. McFee led the body in closing song.

### **Service for the Ordering of Ministry**

#### **Saturday, June 26, 2006**

A commissioning and ordination service for probationary deacons, deacons in full connection, probationary elders, and elders in full connection was led by Bishop Swenson, Bishop Jordan, and Bishop Jaime Vasquez of Mexico. Rev. David Richardson gave the sermon entitled "Outlasting Your Preachers Robe." The offering was for the

Joint Commission on Church Extension in Mexico.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The editor of the UM Daily, Rev. Joe Whitley, wishes to thank the following persons for their tireless and excellent work during the 2005 California Pacific Annual Conference:

Rev. Bob Isip, Conference Secretary

Rev. Neil Platon

Rev. Ruy Mizuki

Rev. Wes Neal

Rev. Rex Wignall

Rev. Brad Beeman

Jamie Kim

Sione Nai

Cheryl Reagan

Sharon Lieder

Delora Brown

### **JUDICIAL COUNCIL DECISIONS**

#### **DECISION NO. 1010**

**IN RE: Request from the California-Pacific Annual Conference for a Declaratory Decision on the Constitutionality, Meaning, Application, and Effect of' Par. 359.3c(2) of the 2000 Discipline Concerning Administrative Location.**

#### **DIGEST**

The decision of the California-Pacific Annual Conference to place the clergy member on administrative location is reversed. The clergy member must be reinstated to the same status that was held prior to the 2004 Clergy Session of the Annual Conference. The member is entitled to all remuneration and other benefits of that status prior to the 2004 Clergy Session retroactively.

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##### **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

At the 2004 session of the California-Pacific Annual Conference, a motion was made by the Board of Ordained Ministry to place a clergy member on administrative location under the provisions of Par 359.3c of the *2000 Book of Discipline*. A clergy member in full connection moved that the California-Pacific Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church request the following declaratory decision under the provisions of Par. 2610.2j of the *2000 Discipline* on the following questions of church law:

1. When there is a recommendation for administrative location of a Conference member under the provisions of Par. 359.3a and the respondent requests a hearing under the provisions of Par. 359.3c(2), is the hearing group defined in Par. 359.c(2) unconstitutional in the light of Judicial Council Decisions 917 and 950, in that this definition allows the bishop and members of the cabinet to be members of the decision-making body?

2. When there is a recommendation for administrative location of a Conference member under the provisions of Par. 359.3a and the respondent requests a hearing under the provisions of Par. 359.3c(2), is the hearing group required to take a vote on whether there should be a recommendation to the annual conference clergy session for administrative location of the respondent?

##### **Jurisdiction**

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Par. 2610 of the *2000 Discipline*.

This copy is subject to final editing and corrections.

##### **Analysis and Rationale**

Paragraph 359.2 of the *2000 Discipline* outlines *Fair Process in Administrative Hearings*. Paragraph 359.3 addresses the procedure for the *Disposition of Administrative Complaints*. Paragraph 359.3c addresses the requirements for *Recommendation to Administrative Location* and states that "[t]he requirements of fair process as set forth in Par. 359.2 shall be followed. . . ."

Paragraph 359.3c(l) requires that "[u]pon recommendation of the board of ordained ministry, the annual conference may place members on administrative location."

Next, the *Discipline* provides for the right of the respondent to a hearing, outlines the process and specifies the requirements of fair process.

In addition, Decision 917 states:

The doctrine of separation of powers and the provisions of fair process in administrative hearings prohibit the district superintendent named by the bishop as a representative of the cabinet from participating in the deliberations of the board of ordained ministry, and its committees, and voting in such bodies, on the administrative processes under Par. 318.6 (involuntary discontinuation of probationary membership), Par. 356.3 (involuntary retirement), and Par.

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359.3 (administrative complaint). In any such matter, the district superintendent shall not be present for the deliberations and the vote, and shall not discuss with the board of ordained ministry and its committees substantive issues in the absence of the responding clergyperson.

Decision 950 states:

Bishops and district superintendents shall not participate as voting members in a hearing and under the provisions of Par. 352. 1 (b) concerning involuntary leave of absence and may not remain in the hearing room either prior to the hearing or after the hearing has been concluded but prior to the issuance of a decision by the executive committee of the conference board of ordained ministry. To do so would violate fair process as established in Par. 359.2.

Based on Decisions 917 and 950, it is a violation for the district superintendent representing the cabinet on the board of ordained ministry to participate in a hearing regarding a recommendation of administrative location of a clergy, as well as for any and all members of the cabinet, and/or the bishop, to participate in such a hearing other than as a witness, and then only in the presence of the affected clergy. Fair process as outlined was violated.

Further, the right to a hearing must meet the requirements of fair process. A hearing without a vote does not satisfy the criteria of fair process.

The decision of the California-Pacific Annual Conference to place a clergy member on administrative location under Par. 359.3c violated the provisions of fair process when it disregarded the *Discipline* and Decisions 917 and 950.

**Decision**

The decision of the California-Pacific Annual Conference to place the clergy member on administrative location is reversed. The clergy member must be reinstated to the same status that was held prior to the 2004 Clergy Session of the Annual Conference. The member is entitled to all remuneration and other benefits of that status prior to the 2004 Clergy Session retroactively.

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Shamwange P. Kyungu was absent. C. Rex Bevins, the first clergy alternate, participated in this decision.

**DECISION NO. 1011**

**IN RE: Request from the California-Pacific Annual Conference for a Declaratory Decision on the Meaning, Application and Effect of' 633 of the 2000 Discipline Concerning the Responsibilities of the Administrative Review Committee.**

**DIGEST**

The administrative review committee's function is to ensure that the procedures applied in reaching a decision on certain disciplinary actions comply with the

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requirements of the *Book of Discipline*. The administrative review committee does not review the substantive merits of the decision and it has no authority to determine the constitutionality of disciplinary processes.

**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

The 2004 session of the California-Pacific Annual Conference requested a declaratory decision from the Judicial Council on the following question:

Does the scope of the work of the Administrative Review Committee (Par. 633) include:

- a. in light of Judicial Council Decision 830 which says that "Fair process is a constitutional, as well as disciplinary, [sic] right ..." determining whether a respondent's right to Fair Process may include rights that are not specifically delineated in Par. 359.2c, other paragraphs of the *Discipline* and/or Judicial Council Decisions
- b. determining that processes in the *Discipline* are unconstitutional and/or illegal in light of Judicial Council Decisions or other sections of the *Discipline*;
- c. determining whether the processes carried out in Supervision (Par. 359.1) were adequate, constitutional, and in accord with the standards of Fair Process in Supervision including those delineated in Par. 359.1.b and Judicial Council Decisions 972 and 9741

Jurisdiction

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Par. 2610 of the *2000 Book of Discipline*.

Analysis and Rationale

Par. 633 of the *2000 Discipline* sets out the purpose and scope of work that an administrative review committee is required to perform. Paragraph 633, in part, provides:

There will be an administrative review committee. . . . Its only purpose shall be to ensure that the disciplinary procedures for involuntary leave of absence (Par. 352.1b), involuntary retirement (Par. 356.3), or administrative location (Par. 359.3c) are properly followed. The entire administrative process leading to the action for change in conference relationship shall be reviewed by the administrative review committee, and it shall report its findings to the clergy session of members in full connection with the annual conference prior to any action of the annual conference.

The first part of the request from the California-Pacific Annual Conference seeks a declaration as to whether the "scope of the work of the administrative review committee. . . include[s] . . . determining whether a respondent's right to Fair Process may include rights that are not specifically delineated in Par. 356.2c, other paragraphs of the *Discipline* and/or Judicial Council Decisions."

Under the *Discipline*, the administrative review committee serves only to ensure

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that all disciplinary procedures for certain actions taken administratively are properly followed. In Decision 921, the Judicial Council held, "[t]he function of the administrative review committee is not to review the substantive merits of the decision being forwarded to the annual conference for final action, but rather to ensure that the procedures applied in reaching the decision have complied with the *Discipline*." If it does determine that an error has occurred in the process, "it may recommend to the appropriate person or body that action be taken promptly to remedy the error, decide the error is harmless, or take other action." Par. 633. The scope of the work of the administrative review committee does not extend to determining whether a respondent's right to fair process includes rights that are not specifically delineated in the *Discipline* and/or Judicial Council decisions.

The second part of the request seeks a declaratory decision on whether the administrative review committee's work includes determining that processes in the *Discipline* are unconstitutional and/or illegal in light of Judicial Council Decisions or other sections of the *Discipline*.

The administrative review committee does not have the authority to determine that disciplinary processes are unconstitutional. The authority to determine the constitutionality of any act of the General Conference rests solely with the Judicial Council. Par. 54 of the Constitution, *2000 Discipline*.

The third request asks if the work of the administrative review committee includes "determining whether the processes carried out in Supervision (Par. 359.1) were adequate, constitutional, and in accord with the standards of Fair Process in Supervision including those delineated in 359.1b and Judicial Council Decisions 972 and 974."

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The supervisory process while pastoral is also administrative. Par. 359.1b. The administrative review committee reviews the procedural aspects of the supervisory process to ensure compliance with the *Discipline*.

#### **Decision**

The administrative review committee's function is to ensure that the procedures applied in reaching a decision on certain disciplinary actions comply with the requirements of the *Book of Discipline*. The administrative review committee does not review the substantive merits of the decision and it has no authority to determine the constitutionality of disciplinary processes.

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Shamwange P. Kyungu was absent. C. Rex Bevins, the first clergy alternate, participated in this decision.

#### **MEMORANDUM NO. 1012**

**IN RE: Review of Bishop's Decision of Law in the California-Pacific Annual Conference Concerning Legality of Incapacity Leave of a Clergy Member.**

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During a regular business session of the 2004 California-Pacific Annual Conference, an elder requested the presiding bishop to render a decision of law on the following questions:

- 1) Was Ana Maria Dominguez placed on incapacity leave (Par. 355) illegally in October/November 2001?
- 2) If the initial incapacity leave was legal, did the incapacity leave of Ana Maria Dominguez cease to be legal on July 1, 2002; December 2002; or July 1, 2003?
- 3) If the incapacity leave was illegal for any or all of the period of time from November 1, 2001 to June, 2004, must she be remunerated for the period of time during which she had no valid appointment in accordance with a number of Judicial Council Decisions including 492?

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Par. 2609.6 of the *2000 Book of Discipline*.

At the root of the questions of law is the proponent's contention that Rev. Ana Maria Dominguez was illegally placed on incapacity leave. Regarding the three questions of law, the bishop responded in the following manner:

- 1) Was Ana Maria Dominguez placed on incapacity leave ( 355) illegally in October/November 2001

No. The procedures of 355 were applied in placing Ana Maria Dominguez on incapacity leave. She made application in writing October 31, 2001. The request was received by the district superintendent November 5, 2001. It was reviewed by the incapacity committee [*sic*] on November 15. This included representatives of the Cabinet, Board of Pensions, Board of Ordained Ministry and staff Approval for the leave was granted effective November 1. This was concurred by the Board of Pensions December 6.

- 2) If the initial incapacity leave was legal, did the incapacity leave of Ana Maria Dominguez cease to be legal on July 1, 2002; December 2002; or July 1, 2003?
- No. Par. 355.3 states that incapacity leave may be terminated when the clergy member provides medical evidence that they have recovered sufficiently to resume ministerial work, or are able to return through reasonable accommodation, and receive an appointment from the bishop. At no time did Ana Maria Dominguez provide this medical evidence. The incapacity committee [*sic*] agreed that her status on incapacity leave should be continued. The leave continued to be legal and a valid appointment.

- 3) If the incapacity leave was illegal for any or all of the period of time from November 1, 2001 to June 2004, must she be remunerated for the period of time during which she had no valid appointment in accordance with a number of Judicial Council Decisions including 492?

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To the best of my knowledge, this question is moot and hypothetical because her incapacity leave was legal from November 1, 2001 to June 2004.

While the Judicial Council notes that Rev. Ana Maria Dominguez had ambivalence about taking incapacity leave, the pertinent facts are: she made a request for incapacity leave in writing to her district superintendent on October 31, 2001; her request was reviewed by the joint committee on incapacity on November 15; and the request for incapacity leave was approved effective November 1, 2001. The Conference Board of Pensions concurred with the recommendation of the joint committee on incapacity on December 6, 2001.

Incapacity leave was subsequently approved by the Annual Conference for the years of 2002-2003 and 2003-2004. During this time, Rev. Dominguez did not request that her incapacity leave be terminated by presenting medical evidence that she had recovered sufficiently to resume ministerial work. .

The elder who raised the questions of law, in his brief to the Judicial Council, delineated several instances where procedures conducive to a thorough investigation were not followed. However, the Judicial Council, in considering these concerns, finds no basis for reversing the decisions of the Annual Conference.

The Council strongly recommends that the California-Pacific Annual Conference review its procedures to ensure that each case is thoroughly investigated by the joint committee on incapacity of the annual conference before approval for incapacity leave is granted, including the appropriate documentation of decisions made by the joint committee on incapacity.

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DIGEST

The bishop's decision of law on incapacity leave is affirmed.

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Shamwange P. Kyungu was absent. C. Rex Bevins, the first clergy alternate, participated in this decision.

#### **DECISION NO. 1013**

**IN RE: Request from the California-Pacific Annual Conference for a Declaratory Decision on the Meaning, Application and Effect of Par. 612 and Par. 623 of the 2000 Discipline Concerning Minimum Base Compensation and Base Compensation Supplements for Clergy Support.**

DIGEST

The conference council on finance and administration must consult with the conference commission on equitable compensation before submitting a recommended budget to the annual conference for its approval. Consultation means that the conference commission on equitable compensation and the conference council on finance and

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administration will make good faith efforts to reach agreement on the amount of support necessary to fully fund minimum base compensation and base compensation supplements for clergy. The obligation of the annual conference is to establish the annual conference budget and provide for equitable compensation for all clergy members in good standing. The annual conference has the sole responsibility to adopt budgets of anticipated income and proposed expenditures for all funds to be apportioned to the churches, charges, or districts. The annual conference is required to support the schedule of minimum base compensation and base compensation supplements. This responsibility may not be delegated to or assumed by any other body.

#### **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

The California-Pacific Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church requested a declaratory decision under the provision of Par. 261O.2j of the *2000 Book of Discipline* on the following question of church law:

Under the provisions of Par. 623.3 and .7 and in light of Judicial Council Decisions 90 and 179, must the Conference Council on Finance and Administration accept the amount determined by the Commission on Equitable Compensation as "required to support the schedule of minimum base compensation and base compensation supplements for the pastors, as adopted by the conference," and recommend the amount to the Annual Conference in a budget for clergy support (Par. 612.1e); or may the Conference Council

on Finance and Administration lower the amount determined by the Commission on Equitable Compensation as "required to support the minimum base compensation and base compensation supplements for the pastors, as adopted by the conference," in its recommendation to the Annual Conference in a budget for clergy support?  
In the spring of 2004, the Commission on Equitable Compensation (Par. 623.1) of the California-Pacific Annual Conference made a recommendation for the amount of budget needed

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to support the schedule of minimum base compensation (Par. 623.3). As required by Par. 612, all budgetary recommendations relating to Clergy Support go the Conference Commission of Finance and Administration. The Conference Commission on Finance and Administration reduced the amount the Conference Commission on Equitable Compensation recommended as needed to support the schedule of minimum base compensation in its recommendation of a Ministerial Support Apportionment budget to the Annual Conference. A member of the Conference Commission on Equitable Compensation believed that this action was contrary to the *2000 Discipline*. It was moved and the Annual Conference session voted to send to the Judicial Council the request for a Declaratory Decision on this question.

### **Jurisdiction**

The Judicial Council has jurisdiction under Par. 2610 of the *2000 Discipline*.

### **Analysis and Rationale**

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Paragraph 612 of the *2000 Discipline* states that:

The council [on finance and administration] shall recommend to the annual conference for its action and determination budgets of anticipated income and proposed expenditures for all funds to be apportioned to the churches, charges, or districts.

Additionally, Par. 612.1(e) states that:

It [council on finance and administration] shall recommend to the annual conference an amount determined in consultation with the commission on equitable compensation to be used for compliance with the approved schedule of equitable base compensation for pastors.

Further, Par. 623.7 states that:

In consultation with the commission on equitable compensation, the council on finance and administration shall recommend to the conference its estimate of the amount required to support the schedule of minimum base compensation and base compensation supplements for the pastors, as adopted by the conference. The conference council on finance and administration shall apportion the amount approved by the conference, as an item of clergy support to the districts or the charges as the conference may direct.

Further, Par. 618 states that:

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Assumption of the obligations of the itinerancy, required to be made at the time of admission into the traveling connection, puts upon the Church the counter obligation of providing support for the itinerant ministry of the Church. In view of this, the claim for pastoral support in each pastoral charge shall include provisions for the support of pastors, district superintendents, bishops, and conference claimants.

Decision 579 states that:

An Annual Conference must establish a basic minimum salary for members of the conference. The conference may not make rules, which would deprive any member in good standing in the conference of basic minimum salary.

(Emphasis added).

When preparing the budget to be presented to the annual conference, the *Discipline* under Par. 623.7 requires that the conference council on finance and administration must consult with the conference commission on equitable compensation. The conference council on finance and administration must consult with the conference commission on equitable compensation before recommending to the annual conference its estimate of the amount required to support the schedule of minimum base

compensation and base compensation supplements for the pastors, as adopted by the conference. Consultation, in this context, means that the conference commission on equitable compensation and the conference council on finance and administration will make good faith efforts to reach agreement on the amount of support necessary to fully fund minimum base compensation and base compensation supplements for clergy.

The conference council on finance and administration then shall recommend to

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the annual conference for its action and determination budgets of anticipated income and proposed expenditures for all funds. The annual conference is obligated to establish a basic minimum salary for members of the conference and may not deprive any member in good standing of the conference minimum base compensation and base compensation supplements. (Decision 579).

The conference commission on equitable compensation must disclose the needs for minimum base compensation and base compensation supplements for all members in good standing. The conference council on finance and administration must take into account in the recommended budget to the annual conference the requirement for adequate support for the schedule of minimum base compensation and base compensation supplements. If there are adjustments in the conference council on finance and administration's proposed budget to the annual conference, from the request made by the conference commission on equitable compensation, the conference council on finance and administration must provide to the annual conference the rationale for any proposed changes made.

The conference council on finance and administration must consult with the conference commission on equitable compensation. It is the sole responsibility of the annual conference to adopt budgets of anticipated income and proposed expenditures for all funds to be apportioned to the churches, charges, or districts. This responsibility may not be delegated to or assumed by any other body.

#### **Decision**

The conference council on finance and administration must consult with the conference commission on equitable compensation before submitting a recommended budget to the annual conference for its approval. Consultation means that the conference commission on equitable compensation and the conference council on finance and administration will make good faith efforts to reach agreement on the amount of support necessary to fully fund minimum base compensation and base compensation supplements for clergy. The obligation of the annual conference is to establish the annual conference budget and provide for equitable compensation for all clergy members in good standing. The annual conference has the sole responsibility to adopt budgets of anticipated income and proposed expenditures for all funds to be apportioned to the churches, charges, or districts. The annual conference is required to support the schedule of minimum base compensation and base compensation supplements. This responsibility may not be delegated to or assumed by any other body.

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Shamwange P. Kyungu was absent. C. Rex Bevins, the first clergy alternate, participated in this decision.

#### **Plenary #6**

#### **Sunday, June 26, 2005**

Bishop Mary Ann Swenson called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Joyce Georgieff offered a prayer for peace.

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

Rev. Erika Gara announced that, following the closing worship service, we will have a celebration. Whether dressed casually or formal, all laity, clergy, family and friends are invited to attend.

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

Bishop Swenson shared the story of Shauna Fleming, a 16 year old member of our

conference, who campaigned to collect 1,000,000 thank you notes for service personnel. Shauna has received national recognition for her efforts, and is publishing a book describing her experiences. Asserts Shauna, "My faith is the most important part of my life."

#### **Courtesies**

Rev. Karin Ellis presented the courtesies and introduced Larry Dozier of United Methodist Men. He announced that one of UMM's purposes is to "bring men back to church, and church back to men." Their mission is "to set our brothers free." To do so, Mr. Dozier stressed that we must all put on the whole armor of Christ. Mr. Dozier also urged the body to read more about UMM in the Preliminary Report, and to support its upcoming activities.

#### **Cabinet Matters**

Rev. Mary Elizabeth Moore presented greetings from Candler of School of Theology and noted that four members of our conference are currently attending the seminary. She thanked the conference for its partnership with, and support of, the school.

A gift shirt declaring "Blessed Are the Peacemakers" was presented to the bishop from Rolling Hills UMC.

Rev. Moore also announced that "Worship Come Alive!" will take place October 9-11.

Rev. Phillips Whang moved that, in accordance with the provisions of *Book of Discipline* paragraph 2610.2.j, the 2005 session request that the Judicial Council issue a Declaratory Decision on the following question:

What would be the effect of the clergy session voting not to discontinue a probationary member who is moving toward full membership under the provisions of paragraph 417 of the *Book of Discipline*, and who has completed eight years of probationary membership? And, if the clergy session must discontinue such a probationary member, is it necessary for the clergy session to take a vote since it must discontinue such a probationary member?

#### **The motion passed.**

The bishop introduced the members of the cabinet and their families. She specially recognized Rev. Richard Garner, outgoing District Superintendent of Santa Barbara District, and introduced Rev. Catie Coots, the new district superintendent.

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Rev. Emma Moore-Kochlacs, San Diego District Superintendent, announced those local churches that have been organized or continued, merged, discontinued or abandoned, relocated, or experienced a change of name. This announcement is in accord with Disciplinary Question No. 15, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Rev. Moore-Kochlacs moved that the body affirm the Resolution for Discontinuance of Christ By the Mountains UMC. **The motion passed.**

Rev. Moore-Kochlacs moved that the body affirm the Resolution for Discontinuance of Jurupa UMC. **The motion passed.**

Rev. Moore-Kochlacs moved that the body affirm the proposed transfer of the title property known as Wesley United Methodist Church, located at 1100 Freeman, Long Beach, California, and the title property known as the parsonage of Wesley United Methodist Church, located at 930 Gladys Avenue, Long Beach, California, to the Long Beach District Union for the purpose of new start-up ministries, revitalization of existing ministries and expansion of thriving ministries: multi-site congregations or satellite congregations. Eric Kyle moved that the resolution be amended to include title property located at 1116 Freeman, Long Beach California. **The motion passed.**

Rev. Garner introduced Rev. Thomas Hill, Pasadena District Superintendent, who announced that Glendale Korean UMC will merge with Holliston UMC, and will be called Holliston UMC. He also announced that Glendale First UMC and North Glendale UMC are merging and will be called Glendale First UMC.

Rev. Lily Villamin, Long Beach District Superintendent, announced that North Long Beach UMC will merge with Tala- Fungani UMC. Its new name will be announced by the bishop at a later date. She also announced that Faith UMC of Torrance and Gardena UMC are merging and will be called Faith UMC.

### **Action Items Not on the Consent Calendar**

Rev. Gara moved that speeches be limited to two "for" and two "against." **The motion passed.**

Rev. Molly Vetter moved approval of the Advance Specials as amended by Legislative Section and as listed in *UM Daily* #3. **The motion passed.**

Rev. Vetter moved approval of Rules Commission Item #2. **The motion passed.**

Rev. Vetter moved approval of Rules Commission Item #5. **The motion passed.**

Rev. Vetter moved approval of Rules Commission Item #6, as amended. **The motion passed.**

Rev. Vetter moved approval of Board of Discipline Recommendation #1- Background check proposal. Rev. Myron Wingfield moved that on line 87: the word "sufficient" be deleted, and that in line 97, a period be placed after the word "required," thereby deleting the remaining words of the sentence." **The motions passed.**

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Rev. Vetter moved approval of Resolution 8, with the following corrections: in the title, the words "Sanctuaries of Safety" should be substituted for "Safe Sanctuaries," and on page 102, line 18, "strongly encourages" should replace "directs." **The motion passed.**

Rev. Vetter moved approval of Resolution #1. Rich Kozak moved that the resolution be amended to remove the "Therefore Be it Resolved" and "Be It Further Resolved" language contained in lines 29-38. The proposed amendment was accepted by the Conference Board of Church and Society as a friendly amendment. An unidentified speaker moved the following amendment by addition: that the resolution state that the California-Pacific Annual Conference adopts the claim that health care is a basic human right. No second was offered. Bud Wrisley moved that the resolution be further amended with the addition of language stating that the bishop shall appoint a task force consisting of three members of the Conference Board of Church and Society, the former Health Care Task Force, and the Board of Pensions, and that the words "such new task force" be substituted in lines 53-55 for "the Conference Health care Task Force and the Conference Board of Pensions." The proposed amendment was accepted by the Conference Board of Church and Society as a friendly amendment. Rev. Vetter's motion for approval of Resolution #1 as amended was then voted upon. **The motion passed.**

Following the vote, a point of information was made by an unidentified speaker, who urged the body to write their state legislators and ask that they support the "single -payer plan" bill that is before the state legislature.

Rev. Vetter moved approval of Resolution #3. Rev. Gwen Jones-Lurvey moved that the body refer the resolution to the Council on Finance and Administration, the conference Leadership Team, the Extended Cabinet, and the Board of Congregational Development to study the grants and the local distributions, as well as the continuing investment of the Jubilee Fund and bring appropriate recommendations to the 2006 Annual Conference. **The motion failed.** Rev. Vetter's motion for approval of Resolution #3 was then voted upon. **The motion passed.**

Rev. Bob Stimmel moved that the body allow the Rules Committee to expand the conference rules and their definition of the "extended cabinet" to include the following: Bishop and Cabinet, the Director of Finance and Administration, the Conference Treasurer, the Director of Connectional Ministries, the Director of Conference Foundations, and the Conference Lay Leader. **The motion passed.**

Rev. Vetter moved approval of Resolution #5, as amended. Rev. George Crisp moved to amend the motion by the following addition: "Further be it resolved that Latino Ministry will bring a detailed strategic plan to the 2006 Annual Conference prior to the disbursement of budgeted funds from the 2007 Apportionment Budget. The proposed amendment was accepted by Rev. Fernando Santillana on behalf of the Ministerios Latinos Council. Rev. Santillana moved that lines 88-91 be deleted. **The motion passed.**

Rev. Santillana moved that it further be resolved that under "Latino Ministries Strategy for 2007," page 50, lines 41 through and including line 83, funding should be over and above the Council of Ministries budget for 2007. **The motion failed.** Rev. Lyman Ellis moved that on line 349 of page 9 of *UM Daily* #3, the word "designated be changed to

“considered.” The amendment was accepted by Rev. Santillana. Rev. Vetter’s motion for approval of Resolution #5, as amended, was then voted upon. **The motion passed.**

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Rev. Preston Price moved the Orders of the Day as to Resolutions 12, 17, and 14. **The motion failed.**

Rev. Vetter moved approval of Resolution #12 as amended and set forth in the *UM Daily*. **The motion passed.**

Rev. Price moved the orders of the day as to Resolutions #17 and #14. **The motion passed.** Those items will be referred to the appropriate place.

Rev. Vetter expressed her appreciation to the body for their support of her and her husband Matt, who is serving in the armed forces in Iraq. She particularly appreciates that this is a body that can oppose war, support those who work for peace, and support the humans who volunteer for and are sent to military service.

Rev. Jim Brewster introduced Tom Simmons, who moved to suspend our conference rules. **The motion passed.** Tom Simmons also moved that all members of the Conference Committee on Disability Concerns be exempt from the “one person, one position” rule, so that each member could serve on the committee an additional year. **The motion passed.**

Rev. Brewster moved that the body accept the report of the Nominating Committee. **The motion passed.** He extended thanks to the bishop, the cabinet, and those out-going members of the committee for their help and support.

Rev. Thomas Hill moved that the Lawyer’s Committee list of members be corrected to reflect that Kristin Taniguchi is the Pasadena District representative to the committee.

**The motion passed.**

Rev. Paul Dinkel moved that the handwritten notes from the Friday conferencing be included in the minutes of the Annual Conference. **The motion passed.**

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

CST President Rev. Dr. Phillip Amerson observed that there were many in the gathering affiliated with CST who are at work in service of the Lord. He stated that the school’s graduating class was a great class, and expressed his appreciation for the support of the body. Claremont School of Theology, Rev. Dr. Amerson declared, is proud to be the body’s school of theology.

#### **Sessions Committee**

Rev. John Valles reported, and extended his appreciation to all those who assisted with the conference. He read a letter from the University of Redlands and announced that the 2006 Annual Conference would be held the week of June 19.

Conference Treasurer Dan Gara expressed his appreciation for the young adult clergy who are leading the annual conference, and thanked them for their efforts. The body joined in extending its appreciation for the presence and spirit of the youth and young adults.

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Unidentified speakers asked that the body acknowledge all of the churches that are merging, and that those churches and their congregations be lifted up in prayer. Bishop Swenson assured them that all would do so.

Bishop made prayer requests for Rev. Amy Rosenbaum and Beth Bobbit. She observed that today marks the 60- year anniversary of the United Nations. Bishop Swenson stated that she had ordered gifts for the conference attendees, but they failed to timely arrive due to a shipping delay. The gifts will be distributed at next year’s annual conference.

Dr. Marcia McFee extended thanks to the body for its hospitality shown to her, and to the bishop for her love and support. She also expressed gratitude to Sara Armstrong, who served as worship chair, Rev. Julie Elkins, the musicians (including Vicky), and all those who worked behind the scenes. Dr. McFee then led a worship moment.

A motion was made to include the Holy Conferencing inputs from all the post it notes that were displayed on the bulletin boards in the chapel to be included in the minutes of the annual conference. (The compilation of these inputs will appear in the final version in the 2005 Journal)

## **Closing Worship and Sending Forth Service Sunday, June 26, 2005**

The 2005 California-Pacific Annual Conference concluded with a worship service led by Bishop Swenson and featuring music from the Africa University Choir, the Tongan choir, and groups representative of other parts of the world.

### **Corrections**

*UM Daily Issue #2:* The section providing the COSROW report, p. 3, lines 112-113 should have the following added: "Cynthia Abrams moved that the following motion by her, which was approved at the 2004 Annual Conference, be extended so that the process can be completed and reported to the 2006 Annual Conference:

The bishop is to invite to our Annual Conference the GCOSROW, GCORR, and the staff persons responsible for Ethnic Clergy at the GBHEM for the purpose of studying the current policies and procedures of the Cal-Pac Annual Conference and specifically the policies of the Board of Ordained Ministry. In order that this monitoring team receives full information for accountability purposes, a task force of clergy women will be instituted to work together with COSROW, GCORR, and the GBHEM staff to come back to the 2005 Clergy session with a report and recommendation for improvement and change to our policies and proceedings to adequately care for the specific concerns and needs of ethnic clergy women.

### **The motion passed.**

*UM Daily Issue #4:* On line 199, the name "Dawn" should be substituted for "Tom."

### **Written responses from Post It Notes on the Holy Conferencing Themes**

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(Individual post its)

- God is calling us to be more loving not just by saying it but with our actions to one another. "Actions speaks louder than words." Care for our brothers and sisters. Be Christians by our love how appropriate the song interrupted my thoughts.
- All I have ever wanted, and all that I yearn for now is for all of us to love one another as God so steadfastly loves us! Is that so difficult? There will be no future without our ability to reflect God's love through all we do, say, and think.
- God is calling us to love and support each other. This includes the homeless, the unchurched, the elderly whose prime is past and who have lost their passion for God. God is calling us to stop judging others, lose our self-centeredness, and to become disciples evangelizing our communities.
- Methodists are thinkers, doers and social activists. We need to share how we live Christ's message to us, we are not just plain vanilla Christians. We have a refreshing view of God and the Bible doesn't alienate but welcomes all.
- God is calling us to cry for those we can't help as we pray. God is calling us to be "living water" water that moves that satisfies that heals, even cures. Water that comes from Jesus, our source, but goes somewhere out of us to be more grow more. To let God's light shine through us into the world and matter!!!
- God is calling us to get out of our church buildings and to go out to where the people are. Here are a few ideas: (1) Mall ministry, (2) Opening a rest stop at swap meets to give water and a chair... and maybe a Word of God, (3) Have beach/park worship services & bible studies (4) Have a traveling bus for worship anywhere.
- Reduce # of full-time ministers. Have regional "master-ministers" who are full paid supervising, helping, supporting ten-making pastors whose main salaries come from secular jobs.
- Open to learning from new people; "No fear" of earthly things; work together; start from where we are; pray without ceasing; God so loved the world (not the church) that the son was given [Reason for church>love the world]
- To embody the "Beloved Community"
- I believe that calling us to think outside the box, to embrace the idea of "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors" not only in theory and PR campaigns, but in *practice*. I feel God calling our congregations to commit themselves to do what it takes to embrace children, youth and the un-churched and invite them all to worship. God is calling us to do away with "we've always done it this way" and welcome a spirit of "we've never done it this way before—let's do it!"

- I feel we need to lose our sense of fear. That we will be ridiculed as different by those who don't know the Lord—We are different—We need to be excited—enthused.
- Become prepared to do whatever God calls us to do—by learning, study, attuning, following, cleansing self of trash, making room for His call.
- To go to the edge and have the faith that He is with us on solid ground when we dare to take the risk to change.
- Let us risk it all by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ without apology and without thought of our own security.
- There is a need for a New Covenant with God. A rebirth is in order. We are on the edge!
- God is calling us to be BOLD, unafraid to face the future as God's children—trusting that God is with us every step of the way... that God will help us see the way through—to make disciples.
- God is calling us to let go of our fears, our anxieties, and the “ache of insufficiency” at the center of our beings. We are called to let go of all we clutch and cling to that is not God! When we are emptied of what is not God, we will be filled with God—and there will be no stopping us then.
- Listen to his calling don't be afraid to take a risk. Serve the lord with all your heart and soul. Be bold, be active in church.

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- Where is God calling us? To be pro-active as members of United Methodist Church; to be perseverance in our toil till death do all of us part; to walk with faith as Christians of today as Esther 4:12-14 “We” as United Methodist Church are called to a day like this! We need to take ACTION
- What is God calling us to do and be? To be doers and not hearers only. James 1:22. Can both fresh and salt water come from the same spring? James 3:11.
- God is calling us to risk everything that we know for that which we hope for. A new day beckons... do not fear what tomorrow may bring... God is already there.
- To also do God's work that is outside our comfort zone; to be open to other worship possibilities and experiences; to embrace change.
- God is calling us to be bold and courageous in living in the way of Jesus. Don't be afraid; roll up your sleeves; get dirty; trust God to sustain us--lead us forward—what difference does it make?
- Let us not be like the “stiff-necked” Jews of old—but listen for God's voice and follow His directions not our own. He may direct us to unexpected places.
- To get out of the boat if we like to walk on the sea; to work together for the benefit of his people; forget the past and move forward; partnership with Him.
- Where is God calling us? To change attitudes & be courageous to embrace the mission coming toward us!!!
- God's present call—to persevere, to have ideas, to discuss, to try things, to hope and do.
- We need to “get real.” Pray for our “enemies” as well as friends. Life is “on the edge.” May God lead us out of our apathy and seeming lack of vision.
- All we need is faith in stepping out to change for Christ is with us. Now is the time! Have courage!
- God is calling us to a “broader” definition of what a United Methodist church is, and does. Behold, I am doing a new thing. Do you not see it?
- God calls us to: risk—try new things; love boldly--forget about past hurts and walk boldly into the future; forgive--to find the healing power of the Holy Spirit.
- We cannot rebuild or repair the past but God will help us build the future.
- God is calling us to be His hands. What better way than calling others to minister with us—feeding the hungry, nursing the sick, teaching the untaught—bringing God's living waters to others who perhaps never experienced it.
- God is calling us to be good stewards (caretakers) of His earth, environment, and creation. Amen!
- God is calling us to be his good stewards—to be his workers, to be his speakers, to be his doers; to be the best we can be for Him! We are his voice... we are his vehicle to make His glory known to all!
- To trust in God's guidance as we prepare/educate our members for financial and moral responsibility, to be better stewards of our money to focus on God's will.
- God is calling us to be active disciples and not simply church members. God is calling pastors to be prophets—speak about the evils of the present times and what is God wanting

His people to do.

- More emphasis on Evangelism and Christian Education which will lead to do mission and outreach ministries.
- To be good stewards of God's creation & cry out against the blasphemous destructive force of increasing dependence on nuclear power and weapons
- Share our love for God unabashedly in love. Be good stewards of the bread we give out. Tell them it is from Jesus Christ. Break bread with others as well as break bread with them. Share and make disciples.
- God is calling us to wake up and smell the roses while there is still time produce a better rose. Awaken! Now!! While we have a chance to change our techniques.
- God is calling us to be gardeners nurturing the seeds of faith of God's love in our world starting in the local church moving into our community and out to encompass the world wide world!

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- God is calling us to be faithful to the gospel and not comfortable with the status quo. God wants us to be good stewards of His ministry even if it means close a facility to empower the ministry by merger. Do it with faith and joy rather than complain. How can we best serve the cause of the Gospel to act out our faith and not just talk spiritually. We must love one another and not the size of our parishes. We belong to God.
- God is calling the conference to loosen the bureaucratic regulations for church development!
- God calls us to be the Hands of Christ for all.
- God is calling us to continually live up to the UMC membership vows; to become more involved in the church's ministry; to have a positive effort on our nation's political life; to strengthen our spiritual life individually as in a group; church needs to explore ways to save in electricity.
- Be God's stewards in serving and expressing His love to all.
- We are called to action, not just "talk" about our faith but to "live" it everyday in every way we can; by serving, loving, and sacrificing ourselves for the betterment of mankind.
- I believe God is calling us to not only expect a miracle from Him in the resurrection of the UMC, but to be a vital part of that miracle. We are His tools. Let us yield to His hand and follow Him. We must truly trust and obey!
- God is calling us to pick up the cross and follow the One who gave all to us so that we can have life and have it abundantly. We need to sacrifice comforts, security and abundance to seek God's true reign among us.
- God is calling us to be His hands, His feet, His word. God wants us to be His light in a dark world.
- We must so love God and the world that we excite and energize our youth, our future, by our lives spent in servanthood as we live as Jesus taught us to clothe the naked, to feed the hungry, to heal the sick and to bring peace to our own souls and peace to the world.
- Pastors learn to bring people to Jesus through passionate, simple use of the Spiritual Laws. Must focus on youth ministry. Average age of congregation @ 59+ some churches with no Sunday school, youth program or baptisms is not acceptable in meeting God's plan for our ministries.
- Lead young people to find their gifts and live their faith.
- God is calling the church to invite the missing demographic back into its fold. The young adults and now the youth are leaving because they're not allowed a sense of ownership within their church.
- (1) To save our children. (2) To remember we are one body with God as our Father. (3) Do not allow old memories to block new hope. (4) Share Jesus Good News. (5) Be passionate about God and His word. Thru prayer and Bible study. (6) Follow Jesus' example.
- I believe that the church needs to be committed to the spiritual development of their children: effective youth coordinator; youth district meeting supported, camps supported; district/area support for UMYF; VBS teams that go from church to church. The social gospel is not sufficient we need to support the foundation of spirituality & our children will then feed the homeless and work for peace because it is God's way not just what is socially acceptable. Lots of people do good—why do we do good what makes us different?
- Give more effort to the evangelism in each church. Do more mentorships to youth and children, we must lower the average age of members.

- Please help us to be more accepting of other cultures. Help us to welcome people from the community into our church family. Help us to be more caring.
- To get ahead of the curve and not way behind the curve.
- We have hope in the Spirit. We have to go back to the bible. We have to bring our young people to the church. Inclusiveness. True love.

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- I believe that we tend to overcomplicate the simple message and purpose of our church. Our challenge is to be emboldened and commit ourselves, to show an example that will cause others to wonder what they are missing and for us to be even present with open inviting—in this way we grasp and form the next generational circles.
- My child says—“but Mom-I don’t want to go to church with you-it’s not relevant!” Am I so complacent and comfortable that my faith and my relationship with the Living Water is only for us and if “they” don’t come thru my churches doors-then.....
- More training of potential youth and children leaders for ministry at the local church level. Would really help to have more involvement in these types of programs at the conference levels as it is very difficult to find enthusiastic and committed leaders for these ministries at the local level. Emphasize outreach to the younger generation.
- I see the energy-Spirit-at work in our creative chaos that allowed youth as worship leaders and children as builders—we need more of this interaction in our churches. Let our little children in their conscience lead us into mutual involvement and respect.
- God is calling us to reach out to Generation Next. As we move into the future, the UMC must embrace change, flexibility, and the needs of those to whom we will leave the church. God doesn’t leave us simply because we find new ways to reach out and new ways to worship. In fact, God loves our every effort, every movement closer.
- The old are being called away from self and to our youth. Do we dislike their Christian music? Or the way they dress? Or the way they talk? Or do their hair? I think God is calling us to rise above it. Focus on not what we want or would prefer—but on them.
- God is calling us to reach out outside of ourselves with the gospel of Jesus Christ in new and creative ways to win the youth and young adults of our community for the Kingdom of God! Alleluia!
- Encourage our able, capable young clergy and professionals. Step back and let them minister to their age group.
- Be welcoming to youth and young adults.
- God is calling us to share (or show) our faith to the next generation and invite them to share in our blessings.
- God is calling us to be more mindful of the children and to care for them. We must protect them from those who would harm them and often we must protect them from themselves. We must provide safe sanctuary for them, show them God’s love and nurture them and prepare them for leadership in the church and the world.
- Be the emergent church to the post moderns
- Reach out to our young families with care and concern for the daunting task ahead of them. We should indeed be a village.
- Give up some of our traditional ways in order to speak to new generations—“for such a time as this keeping the essence of the Christian faith, even though it will look a little different—and probably sound different too!
- God is calling us to bring children and young adults into the church so they may know Him.
- Work with Wesley Campus Ministry. Help church with e mail capabilities.
- God is calling us to bring the young families into the Church family by example of our lives and our deeds, living God’s will.
- I am disturbed by the lack of commitment by the majority of our congregants to take the message of God and to spread it—too many comfortable in attending church to satisfy their needs only with no regard to spreading the Lord’s love and message.
- We are called to reclaim our heritage as Circuit Riders. To go throughout our land spreading scriptural Holiness and Vital Piety. We are called to take the blessings of God received in our
- churches and share them with others, NOT for our glory, but to reveal the very presence of God in concrete acts of love, mercy, justice, and reconciliation.
- God is calling us to share the good news of his love and grace with others.

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- God has made the world thirsty. The world thirsts for the living water—the living spirit of love. Our mission is spread love.
  - Increase my personal voice in the church to join other voices to create connections to the outside world and into the congregation. If each member would reach one hand out the door to one person in the community and hone hand back to one other person in the church our hands will grow in number.
  - To help others, to invite others, to expand beyond self.
  - Where is God calling us? To be an do—to go into all the world and tell about Christ. This can start with just you “little world”—your family, your friends, neighbors—I pray that this would result the rocks being thrown in the pond.
  - Move from passivity to passion for: evangelism, witnessing, networking, teaching, learning, nurturing, loving in the midst, accepting our differences.
  - To share the gospel of Jesus Christ with others.
  - Spiritually we must share a deep commitment to God’s love with others.
  - We are being called to reach out and touch the lives of others-bearing witness to the transforming power of God.
  - God is calling us to be more passionate in loving Him and His people. We are called to serve the mission field of millions among whom we live—not our own comfort. God calls us to a fervent faith and sacrificial life.
  - God is calling us to allow the Holy Spirit to fill our lives through study, prayer, meditation, worship and to carry the joy, love, and peace we receive through the Spirit to others we meet or know. To speak to them of what we have received and help them to believe that they can also know that love, and joy and peace in abundance.
  - Go ye into your church and into your community and preach the Good News and be a servant to all mankind.
  - More commitment to the “Great Commission.”
  - God is calling us to speak to our fellow man about the Gospel of Jesus Christ. God wants us to do this everyday of our life.
  - God is calling us 1st and foremost to evangelism—to bring people to Christ-to transform the world.
  - God is calling us to take word of his son Jesus to those who do not know him—to find time in our busy lives to worship him. Tim is what we lack and time is what we must give to teaching about God. Tim is what we must give to our church.
  - Back to the basics: study/read Bible, know Jesus as personal Savior, invite others to know Jesus.
  - Go into all the world and spread the gospel.
  - Spread the Word of God and get the message of salvation to others. Love one another.
  - God is calling us to evangelize to people that are marginalized, rejected and feel unworthy to attend church.
  - Personally, I believe that God is calling and especially during this conference, that after this is over, I will continually sharing the word of God. It means, it is our responsibility to do this because as a Christian and Methodist we need to share the gospel of God so that many people will receive salvation from him. As an Annual Conference delegate we need to share the word of God and follow Him so that people receive salvation.
  - God is calling us to empower the lay members to allow the Holy Spirit to flow through and to share the Good News and faith with our families and friends the church is ours to make succeed.
  - We need to get away from our differences and look to how we can share God’s good news. We need to instruct all to be able to tell others how they can do what the Lord has called us to do.
  - Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God. Let justice roll down like waters, beat swords into plowshares, preach release to the captive..
  - To be strong progressive witness to God’s transforming power towards liberation and wholeness in our local communities and in the world.
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- God is calling us to minister to the poor, the homeless, the lonely, those hungry for His Word, our youth and children, our elderly. He asks us to give our time, energy, love, passions, money, possessions in his name.
  - Clergy and laity working together to Feed our Lambs with the love and spirit of the Lord through God’s Word.

- God is calling us to bring life and love to a dying and fearful world. God is calling us to feed the spiritually and physically hungry, to set the prisoners in mind and body free, to bring sight to those who are physically and spiritually blind, to bring liberty and hope to all who suffer oppression of heart, mind, body and spirit, and to proclaim the good news of God's love and favor in all the ways we can.
- God is calling us to speak and do service to those that are needy. To me these are the young, the elderly and those without hope. We each need to determine how to serve them. But whatever we do we must tell them how God transformed us to this service.
- God is calling us to reach beyond ourselves—to extend works based on strong faith to find the picture God has of us—helping, compassionate, unselfish, daring, forgiving, inquisitive, filled with love for one another.
- God is calling to war-torn impoverished 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries, to give his message of unconditional love and acceptance. God is calling us to affluent, but empty, lonely people to know Him so that He can fill their vessels and use them to do his work in the world. God is calling us to seek in ourselves the brokenness that fractures us from knowing him deeper.
- New Ministries. Bringing the church into the world. Helping to advocate and provide for the needs of the poor and downtrodden outcasts of society—the modern day “coal miners” that the church ignores.
- Reclaim the prophetic ministry that challenges the oppressive powers in our society which holds God's people captive.
- God is calling us to serve the poor and teach them the ‘Word’ and His light, and the living water.
- Out of the buildings and into the world—the schools, the malls, the freeways, our neighborhoods. Open the door; color them brightly. Make us attractive to all who see us—spill out don't hold back skills, passions, even angers and injustice—silence be banned! Silence be damned! If we really believe we are vessels of the creator then all things are possible.
- God is calling us to be the ministers in the south who took the risk to stand up against segregation. Ours is less of a personal risk to face our UMC challenge.
- God is calling us to move out of our narrow spaces, and into the larger world—more mission beyond the immediate community.
- Return to our Wesleyan roots to bring today's “coal miners” into the loving community of our church.
- God is calling us to reach out to the growing population of Southern California, especially the Hispanic population.
- The United Methodist Church is being called into action as an intelligent, caring, nurturing body. With clear commitments to social justice. A place to grow true disciples of Jesus Christ. An alternative to the radical religious right who claim to have all the answers and willingly spoon feed them to their members.
- God is calling us to admit our abundance and to find every possible way to give it and ourselves away, sacrificially, so that all would rejoice in God's love and justice.
- Reach out and be representative of the communities in which our churches are located and be in service to others.
- I believe God is calling us to do more in social actions. We need to put our money where our mouth is. I hear a lot about “faith based programs,” but I think we should do more. That's why I got involved in the Guatemala Project sponsored by La Mesa UMC. I've been to Guatemala 4 times & worked as a pharmacy assistant. Even though I can't go to

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Guatemala this year, I'm helping to collect vitamins to send down there. I'd like to more of this kind of thing. Scott Akers, El Centro UMC.

- God is calling us: to be prophetic, to love and serve our neighbors, to be humble, to deepen our spirituality.
- We need to open our doors wider to the disabled. This includes helping you families who are searching for a loving community in Christ.
- I perceive that God is calling us to take a good look at ourselves and then spring into action—social action, issues of diversity & acceptance, allowing the Holy Spirit to guide our thoughts, ideas & footsteps. Reaching out and accepting. Open hearts, Lord open our minds, Lord above all keep our doors open to all.
- God is calling us with one hand to offer real help, social Christianity. And with the other, the gospel. One without the other is neglect either in this world or in eternity.

- Remember that we are all disciples: minister to the needy, the water & the Word.
- God wants us to be more accepting and helpful to the less fortunate.
- God's calling to reach out in love to broken, hurting people with the healing, saving presence of God thru Jesus Christ in word and deed.
- God is calling us to be good stewards—to feed the poor, visit the sick, support and encourage our church to be true examples of Christ's teaching.
- God is calling me for change in the church and in the community.
- To lonely people who does not know God, to anyone to proclaim God's word, whatever He wants me to do I want to obey.
- Look for the needs in our community. The Latino (Hispanic) is the one that I talking about!!!
- God is calling us to: continue give to the poor; listen to our children, family and neighbors and church members; make us stronger our faith, trust God; be willing to serve and care for others; keep a warm smile, caring spirit, and prayerful hearts; communicate the positive; continue to pray without ceasing; put God first; be disciples for God at all times; be forgiving; live and show love.
- God is calling us to be doer of the word. As a church we are to be God's and Jesus' hands and feet and mouths. We are to love, protect and serve our fellow man and proclaim what they have done for us.
- To be truly a servant church (Matt.25); liberating church (Luke 4); truth telling church. Let's bring home our troops from the Middle East!
- Spend some of our (the U.S. & Developed World) accumulated treasure on improving life and opportunity in the Third World and our (U.S.) own poor!
- God's leading to care for the hungry, the homeless, the ones looking for love and care. The leadership to call us to service and our understanding that we can say ok without bring brilliant.
- God is calling us to be His people—seeking Him & serving Him—wherever He takes us. Be open to His Holy Spirit call.
- More complete forgiveness, more abundant thanks, more selfless blessing. Seek to understand as to understand, etc.
- To experience the Holy Spirit & live it out in deeply meaningful ways.
- We need to return to our first love! (Rev.2:2) REVIVAL
- God is calling me to promote spiritual growth in my church—open minds, open hearts, etc. I want our congregation to know God.
- I believe God is calling us to be true to the faith that has motivated us all to be in the church and HERE. To reflect on what has led, who has led, how have we been led to this place and point. Then translate that into today's language and SPEAK & ACT.
- God is calling us (1) worship at church (2) re-treatment (3) in general life.
- God is calling us, through Jesus, to help others, not to reject them. God is calling us to look within ourselves and find him there and embrace him. Our bodies are 90+% living water, a gift from him.

#### **D-46 DAILY PROCEEDINGS--2005**

- I do not know how to make the up coming generations learn that there is so much more to life than material things. They are not happy and will not be happy and contained until they know or seek God and his love. Then they will see the beauty in this world.
- (1) Drink together in a living water (2) Do we live at the edges? (3) I don't know about you, but I have to take my change to said yes.
- God is calling us to be a person of great spirit and discernment.
- How can help be the file or stream moving that removes the rough edges that are growing as tall as our mountains. The peace passing resistance is getting 6 to 8 times as big as is known to be.
- Increased attendance and membership are vital but not sufficient to solve our problems. Thos increased numbers must result in an increase in the number of people seriously infected by the Holy Spirit.
- God is calling us to look inward to ourselves and then take that view and if it is negative turn it around and if positive project the positive to all our fellow man.
- I don't claim to see all of God's will for us. But of the glimpse I see—I see God's invitation to enter death with grace and trust. As we let go of the church culture we've lived within, as we watch it die—we hold to Christ, the sign that there is life after death. God calls us to live as people who will die—but who believe.

- God is calling us to be whole. Our fragmented spirits, peopleness, and devotional life inhibit our capacity to see, feel and ultimately be healed by God. I pray for the day soon approaching when our ailments become a powerful and rooted witness of God's transformation work among us. Hurry Lord!
- God is calling us to more vibrant forms of prayer, praise, and worship!
- God is calling us to be real—alive, questioning, acting with all of the talents and opportunities. We can not hesitate to see how to use these talents. God is calling us to be real!
- I am amazed not that the hemorrhaging woman had faith, but that all the others in the crowd had so little. She asked for grace. Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a cup of water—of living water. We only ask, when we ask at all, for a drop. We are amazed when we receive two drops of God's grace. God's GRACE IS GREAT! When will we have faith? We need to get our swimming suits on and jump into God's ocean of living water! Amen.
- God is calling us to Holiness and righteousness. In this we share see Him add to the church daily. He wants us to be filled with His Spirit.
- God is calling us to look in our hearts and open them. Open them wider than before. To be filled and to fill others. To realize that our attempts while good, haven't been enough (or right for the times) Some need to take up crowbars and open the heart of those in our congregations. God is calling us to want as never before.
- With each moment precious in God's eye, we can continue to lead whole holy lives reflecting his spiritual presence in our lives by what we say and do.
- God is calling us to be a church that changes the way we serve others & the way we worship, to meet the needs of others, not just our own. To really looking at what it means to worship God.
- The conference and districts need to get away from the political aspects and get back into the spiritual & evangelical life of society. (Roy & Pat Tomlin, North Glendale)
- God's call to us is to focus on the new life that God wants to channel through us—and let the rest of the chips fall where they may.
- God is calling us to prayer & scripture so that we may live in reality which is the world God is establishing.
- Lighten up! Live faith instead of just saying it.
- To reclaim the joy/fire of our faith.
- God is calling us to change the perceptions of the existing church members and open their hearts to change.

#### **DAILY PROCEEDINGS—2005 D-47**

- The conference shared be open to some of the exciting ideas that are coming out of the local church. All of the good doesn't need to come from the top down!!
- After reviewing the comparative statistics 2004, I saw the ending membership and the avg. wkly. worship attend. I believe God is calling us to locate those members not attending. Find out if there is a need. Invite them to attend services.
- (1) There is no substitute for personal contact/witness/visitation. We lay persons need to organize for visiting new families. Pastor's can't do it all. (2) Learn from our Mormon brothers and sisters: more attention to youth—social activities, sports, etc—combined with spiritual nurture.
- To think outside the box (2) to focus our mission in each local church. (This may require prof. leadership to bring off) The secret will be in defining that mission.
- God is calling the churches to look to the future more than seeking to report the past, so that new ministries and revitalization of all practices can lead us into a glorious, Godfilled future.
- God is calling us to discover new ways that each of us can be a drawing card for our church and its various missions.
- Reach out to our local communities with programs that will make them welcome in fellowship.
- (God) He is calling us to share our faith more. Bring his sheep home to be with all of us. Don't give up when we come to a wall. Show our love for everyone!
- After looking at the statistics of our church, I feel instead of extending our hands to bringing new people to know Christ but to search for those whom we have lost contact with and whom we knew from the past. Let's go and seek our lost sheep!!
- We must teach the whole world that God loves all of us! But How? We do invited people

to come to church! They don't even give us a try!

- To take an active, personal role in building membership.
- God calls us to be a people who care more for the "unchurched" than ourselves. To be a people who act as an army of Christ, holding each other up...and holding each other accountable to God's mission, and our role in it.
- God is calling us to truly open our hearts, minds & doors. We need to go out into the community, not wait in the doorway. We need to give without expecting or accounting, or a thank you. We need to offer without being asked, as Christ did with the Samaritan woman. We need to ensure that our buildings, and out pulpits, are accessible to the physically challenged. We need to love the unloveables.
- We need to do more community work, social work. Let the people know about our church—the United Methodist Church. Hopefully we will bring more people to our church, make our own church membership grow.
- Enflame the hearts of nominal Christians to the point where they must act—myself included.
- God is calling us to truly become active evangelists and active purveyors of mercy so that people of our communities may see Christ incarnated in our congregations. We must learn how to reach out in new ways which are relevant to the people around us.
- God is calling us to go to our communities, find people, have fun reaching the, serving them, and inviting them to help serve others.
- Reach out to the near communities building in our areas. Expand the youth program so that young adults of the future will be there to lead the church.
- In the influx of new and exciting people who are moving to the high desert, seeking a new life, we in the church have an opportunity to change our ways of worship and grow the congregation in an ever spiritual and walk with Jesus!
- God is calling us to march forward! Bring more people to our churches. Onward Christian soldiers we are! We must march for God!
- Invite newcomers to the community to experience our church. Make the service active and upbeat enough to get these new "visitors" to want to come again and become part of us.

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- God is calling me to share the love of Jesus Christ with the world... to step out in faith and invite people in. To make the realm of God for all.
- God is calling all of us to remember our first love in Jesus Christ. God calls for bold leadership.
- We need to change our old ways, pray and wait upon the Lord to lead us. We need to reach out to the people outside the church walls, and see the need of the people around our neighborhood. We need to hold hands to gather and walk with each other.
- God is calling us out of the wilderness trail in the four walls of church, the desert as it were, and cross the street (the river Jordan) where the promised land can be found, i.e. where God's word must reign for all people. I am moved spiritually wherever Jesus' name is spoken and yet, how too few people (including so called Christians) really know him.
- Financially we must do some merging of congregations and release pastors that are not effective as both administrators and disciple makers.
- God is calling us to minister and make disciples of all...to open our hearts in love and care, working together for understanding. Embrace youth, children and young adults.
- To be spirit filled stewards of God's words, actions and ways. United Methodist need to act like we have Christ love by our action, lively action and word.
- In some ways I don't think God's call is any different than it was at the time of the OT prophets—to turn towards Him, away from the world, to be in relationship with Him, to invite others into relationship of Him, making disciples who will transform the world, bringing His kingdom. He is the rejected lover, the heartbroken father, calling His beloved, arms wide open to embrace all of us.
- We need to fall in LOVE with God again. The God who loves all, knows all, embraces all. Let's be passionate about the possibilities.
- God is calling the United Methodist church into His heart in Spirit & Truth. John Wesley nurtured, daily, this relationship with God in himself and on others. But today's UMC and mainline Protestant churches have become little more than social expressions and encounters. Jesus has been moved out of the center for the name of "Denominationalism" and made idols of itself. Our call from Jesus is direct and simple..."Follow Me." (Eric

Kyle, Faith UMC, Torrance, CA)

- God is calling us: (1) to listen to Him and obey His guidance; (2) to do justice and to live a blameless life; (3) to fall in love with Jesus Christ and to share that love with them in actions; (4) to repent and to return to God; (5) to rely on and to trust in Him; (6) to be humble before Him; (7) to love one another; (8) to equip and strengthen saints to do His work
- End our emphasis on diversity and emphasize our strengths. Acknowledge our diversity but not use it to divide. Choose our best leaders by their ability not their ethnicity. End the diversity of the caucus' and work on our togetherness.
- Do follow Jesus. Jesus is still saying, "come and follow me". We must do that, follow Jesus and become a witness in order for others to follow Jesus. Amen.
- We need more mature disciples of Jesus Christ=people on fire for Jesus. We have too many luke-warm Methodists clergy and lay—these are good, committed, spiritually sleeping people. We need to wait/hope in Holy Spirit to 'revive us again', even as we do the best we can now.
- God is calling us to revision what ministry can be. We don't have to 'go it alone.' Let us work together clergy with clergy, laity with laity, and laity with clergy to build Christ's kingdom here. Here. Now
- God is calling us to get back to basics; love one another, serve each other and Him, focus on His message not on politics. Look at what we have in common not what our differences are, and build on these commonalities. Put our egos aside and think about what is good for mankind together, as a whole. Arrogance needs to leave, love needs to replace it. Even within our own church, there are prejudices to overcome.

#### **DAILY PROCEEDINGS—2005 D-49**

- God is calling one in the midst of our diversity. We are different but God is our creator. In the Holy Trinity, Father is not the Son, and Son is not the Holy Spirit as yet they are one.
- Unity with clergy, win families. Realize that young family men are hard to win to the church. Work on that minister to the family & especially to the husband & father.
- God is calling to get in dialogue with everyone like Jesus did at the well. We must break down all the barriers that separate faith communities from each other and those faith communities from everyone else. They'll know we are Christians by our love!!!
- God is calling us to be more active in addressing/assessing the needs of the church honestly & then to take organized action to make changes needed and to strengthen existence programs that fit in with the future vision.
- God is calling us to be an all inclusive church. That is active not only in words but in the type of action that all people will know we are really a church that does in fact include every one!
- God is calling us to be not only one in the Spirit, but on in reality. This means "truly" inclusive along racial, sexual, economic, etc. This means truly accepting all as our brothers and sisters. This means removing from our church profiles, stipulations of the race, age, and sex of future pastors.
- Make a people centered church instead of idolizing our leadership & our love for our appointments. Focus on sharing Christ instead of our "institution."
- God is calling us to a bright future where church is indeed about our worship as a community rather than self. A place where youth and young adults are treasured as well as families, singles, and elderly. A safe place where all are welcomed and all love one another as we all love God.
- (1) Send out the "committed" who will raise their own salaries (as my father-in-law had to do to start new churches!) (Could these be persons who have been "deferred" by the Board of Ordained Ministry?) Why do we have to have \$90,000 to start a new church? (2) Support Hispanic Ministries (3) Build a strong network of lay, children, youth, leaders/workers, and appreciate them.
- God is calling us to transform buildings into outreach that makes a difference in the name of Jesus Christ!
- Most of our monies go to supporting pastors (and their salary & buildings and benefit packages) and what is left or spare money, if there is money—goes to ministries.
- God is calling us to be his Church outside the walls of our sanctuaries; to see beyond today & tomorrow in our preparation to be in ministry with each other; to get up and walk closer to the "edge of the hem of His garment" "to the woman at the well", the power of His grace.

- Be in mission—every lay and clergy.
- I am thankful to see so many people who are interested and joyful to become members of our clergy—God's blessings on them all. My fear is that the church will continue too long in listening to, and answering the concerns of those people who have honest reasons to ask for change in clergy-clergy doesn't, should be tenured.
- God is calling us to be the CHURCH God intended—we need TRANSFORMATION beginning with the church leadership—to be real “shepherd” to the flock.
- Search for a commission of lay ministry in my local church so that my talents can be used in my congregation to teach, shape, send.
- Better training of laity, leaders, teachers, etc.
- I want to hear more about Jesus being preached from the pulpit. And also reach out to bring people to Christ instead of bringing people into the church to balance the budget.
- PREACH THE GOSPEL and then live it.
- Ministers need to revitalize their sermon and make it more interesting, meaningful about God's teaching. They also need to shorten their message and not to repeat the same thing over and over making it boring. We are losing youth because they don't get the meaningful message.

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- Calling us to make everyone feel comfortable telling his story.
- It was an interesting presentation. A declining membership and addressing the situation. Now the leadership needs to walk the talk. The Spirit may be at AC—now it has to be translated at the local level. Hope it works.
- God is calling us to revitalize our local congregations; to put time, energy, resources and leadership into helping congregations fulfill their potentials.
- God is calling us to look at what is working for the churches that are growing so that we don't reinvent the wheel. God is calling the churches that growing to make sure they continue to grow.
- God is calling us to once again be one body—believing in Him and dedicating our thoughts and actions to Him and His way... to follow His commandments.
- Stress-relievers, community builders, teachers, and mission-in action.
- God is calling us to tell the truth in church!!! Ironically, the church is where it's hardest to tell the truth. We're anesthetized to just be nice and not be negative—so we don't really tell the truth in what ails us. It's true in laity and clergy. The only difference is that clergy should know better!!! Hopefully & prayerfully we are still journeying towards perfection.
- The challenge that God is calling every CalPac member to do is to do some selfevaluation and analyze every identified reason for the present state of our churches. With open minds and open hearts we should accept our failures and limitations and lift our concerns to God the source of all possibilities with full trust and obedience.
- I believe God is calling us in harmony and shalom with all peoples, all faiths, all cultures, all races—and until then our search for peace will be as elusive as ever. There is hope that this will still happen.
- Al ministerio do La Paz
- I want to walk the walk of Jesus, being the best example I can be. With this action maybe I can be an attraction to others looking for the love and encouragement the United Methodist Church offers.
- As we were in the process of the Wesleyan Conferencing, I received a call from my pastor who was not able to be with us at conference. He told me he was thinking about all of us here and was ready to make plans to build bridges to the future for our congregation. It was as if he were here going through this with us even though his is 2,500 mi. away! I am encouraged and excited to go home and start working with my brothers and sisters there at building bridges and planting seeds!
- Start two need worship services, one traditional & one contemporary; recruit volunteers who will plan and implement marketing; start teaching the youth bible studies, cultural language, books, values, food, music
- Grab & hold on to any opportunities that is open and asked of you.
- To me God is calling me to nurture and help others who seek answers to questions about what God has for us.
- God has called me first to be a lay member, but along the job I have pieced up more pieces of the puzzle in helping our youth in Sunday school, helping with the sound

system, help pastor with communion. I could go on but I would of never before accepted a job that I love so very much, my only fear is how do I stop the puzzle from making more than one puzzle? I can only ask God to guide me in my walk.

I feel God's call to build communities (inside our churches and with our neighbors) that model acceptance, loving care, and belonging to something beyond our individual selves.

(1) Participate in any program of activities of my church where I am needed. (2) Assist my minister to reach out the sick and hurting.

As a child of God, I need the courage to fulfill all of what God has created me for and called me to do. I am to give my very life for Jesus Christ! Such a truth cannot & should not be hidden, but shouted from the rooftops. May God give me the courage to make it so. (Grant Hagiya)

I will help develop a vision for our local church.

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God is calling me to be his/her hands & feet and vision. Come Join Us!!

I know God called me to leave a church that does not want to change and to go to a church that can't wait to change. I am so grateful to have heard this call in time to speak with my DS and arrange for this change! Hallelujah! (PS. When I saw the very clip of "Bob" Mr. Incredible is when I made up my mind.)

God is calling me everywhere I go, anything I do & anytime.

I know for sure that God is calling me to be a missionary and I believe in his word on Matt. 19:28

God is calling us to share the gospel with all who haven't heard. God is not calling us to build or maintain buildings. I'm excited about the work of the Holy Spirit as evidenced by the buzz in the room and the groundswell of willingness to get out of the pews and move forward in transforming the world.

God is calling us to do a new thing-actually, a very 'old' thing in a very 'new' way. Love is a verb, not as a program, not as a mandate but as an authentic response to being loved by God in Christ Jesus.

Get the institutions out of the way of the Christian/Wesleyan spirit.

To develop churches where God is experienced in all aspects of Church life. To create an atmosphere of visionary leadership where failure is an option, but not trying is not.

God is calling us... to focus on God, God's will, on God's strength. We can do this when we open ourselves...to the workings of the Holy Spirit, to accepting diversity, to be willing to change.

To be fishers of all persons—calling them to be disciples of Jesus in expressing God's compassionate caring for all humankind.

Emphasize making disciples for Christ rather than member of the United Methodist Church. If we live by Christ's teaching we will draw others to him.

I feel that... God is calling us into authentic discipleship, and is calling us to lead others into authentic discipleship also. (seek quality, not quantity!)

Our call is not in "Esther" (a call out of fear-) i.e. (or "perish") Our call is Matt. 28 Go therefore make disciples, baptisms & I am with you always (our resurrected Christ!)

God is calling us to celebrate that the chaff has fallen away, and that we may promote a ethos and discipleship that is more faithful than in recent history.

The call of God has been constant throughout the ages: "Go and make disciples of all the nations" and "feed my sheep." We have always been called to reach out to introduce our neighbor to God thru Jesus Christ, to nurture them in their faith, to help educate them and to send them out in the world to help further God's Kingdom. This remains our call, our future and our mission on earth.

We need to reach out to our own members and get them off the pews and into service. By doing that, we will find them more committed and through that commitment willing to bring friends to the church.

God is calling us to be true disciples of His to bear witness about His word and bear fruit; so that His gospel will be heard through the world of the yet untouched.

God is calling us to his arms for we are straying off into our own way of life...

Let us denied ourselves and take our cross and follow Christ. Its not us, but the Christ that live in us that enable us the work for the Kingdom of God.

Thanks that we are called to be God's hands. We must work together in partnership laity, clergy to accomplish what God wants us to do!! Make all things new.

To give up some of the institutional stuff and emphasize our search to know God's Word,

to feel his presence in prayers, and to serve all people in love and gratitude. Forget worshipping the church & worship God. It's not about us!

☐ God will lead if we just listen for His voice. His pillar of fire can burn in our hearts to do His will. His pillar of cloud can calm us when we want to give up. He calls us to share Jesus to the world through His Word—Let them know about His GRACE!

☐ It seems to me that Christ's instructions were simple: love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength and love your neighbor as yourself. The simplicity of

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the instruction can be burdened by the difficulty of implementation: the "how". Yet I am encouraged by the little moments of loving God and loving our neighbors for I believe they do indeed reflect hope for the future.

☐ We need to decide what is most important in our lives. We need to put God first.

☐ To fill myself with the Holy Spirit and love of God to be able to share it with everyone anywhere I find myself.

☐ One Word: Jesus

☐ God is calling us to LOVE HIM. God is there for us, created us, and loves us. We are called to seek for more than peace to love one another as the woman who went to the well!

☐ God is calling us back into faithful relationship with Jesus so that we might move forward in grace and power with relevant and life giving hope for the world.

☐ To tell the story of Jesus Christ thru our lives and words and actions—we are being called to love God and our neighbors to bring the entire world into a love place.

☐ Recognize the Authority of God. Fear God. Learn to love our neighbor. Learn to use our God given rights. Believe in God. Use their freedom only to glorify God and help the truly needy the children and families in distress. Peace is attained as we get to destroy evil.

☐ I believe that through the conference, God is calling us to have faith. Have faith in Jesus Christ who has the transforming power. It is not I or us doing it, but it is the faith in Jesus that's within us to move on & willingly participate in transforming the world by transforming ourselves, first as individuals as well as community.

☐ We all feel the Spirit!! All the time... through humility and genuineness

☐ God calls us to love him with all our hearts, our souls and our minds and to love one another as ourselves.

☐ A people called out-→

God is calling us to name the evil in the world that masquerades as good. Living water flows through the New Jerusalem where everyone has enough & the nations have peace. If we are not obviously a movement toward the true things of God—why will anyone join us?

☐ God is calling us to the edge.

☐ Fight secularism and be a shining beacon of spirituality.

☐ To be open to new aspects of changing American culture and embrace it.

☐ My wishes is that movies, books, newspapers will focus on the positive aspects of life and not glorify violence, & adultery, trash talk. Praise God!

☐ God is calling us to get back to His word—the living word. To get tack to the basic truths of the Bible instead of the water downed, changed versions that are misleading and not of God.

☐ Teach Jesus to everyone! Stop confusing and equating our political/social agenda with God's call and claim on our lives and our world. Be informed by scripture and humble with those you disagree with! Let scripture form us not us form scripture.

☐ More classes at local churches on Bible & Wesleyism

☐ God is calling us to return to the basic tenants of our beliefs. Only through a re-evaluation of our traditions as Methodists will we be able to regain the urgency of the early church as led by John Wesley.

☐ Make our system more efficient—combine churches with small (4,27, 50's, 60's) congregations for a better religious experience for all.

☐ Sola fide Bishop! Do not hesitate to lead us to the rightful place. We are all happy to be on this Journey. Close, sell small churches and use the proceed only for planting new churches in newly growing areas. As we all did in 1960, 1970, & 1980. May God be with you during this difficult period (Spencer H. Kim)

☐ Put our house in order. Take risks, with a warm/hot heart, gut up, out and move. Youth &

children be vital part of church life.

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- (1) I believe that there should be a way of networking between churches so one church can lead another church as a role model. (2) There should be more opportunities for lay in leadership responsibility in church.
  - Work more collaboratively in ministry sharing leadership and resource across churches and within churches (e.g. clergy & laity)
  - To share ministries... combining the resources (tangible, intangible)... share leadership (lay & clergy); connecting congregations in geographic proximity. So we can free ourselves up to respond to the Spirit's call upon us!
  - God is calling us to listen to him and his word so we can find the channel to reach the lost. We must be totally honest in all our dealings with the non-churched.
  - God is calling, calling, calling. How encouraging it is that so many are hearing the call. The holy spirit is stirring our hearts and minds to reach out to each other in idea sharing and developing plans and strategies for transformation.
  - We need to be more open hearted and release all negativity. Have faith.
  - Weep for the church until we are done crying and then get on with what needs to be done.
  - Don't just complain—do something to change what is wrong.
  - God is calling us to make our beliefs relevant to living in today's world.
  - Enforce our discipline, resolutions on homosexuality.
  - The "old time religion" had its place then. The option of progressive Christianity must be pursued to take advantage of our intellectual advancements. So perhaps we have a "new time religion." But it keeps our essentials.
  - I believe God is calling us to set aside our squabbles over what's right and what's wrong and be an inclusive church that says all are welcome.
  - We need to accept all persons who are God's children.
  - God is calling us to accept everyone into our fellowship we cannot exclude anyone from fellowship or service as a group. We need to be in mission to all who need our help. This means we need to share what we have and stop being the consumers of most of the world's products. So all can live even the wild animals of the world.
  - I believe that God is calling denomination to be more racially inclusive. The United Methodist church has a notorious political regime that practices many biases and prejudices. The district superintendent needs to be less political, and more compassionate. We will never be a Church of God, as long as we operate with a slave mentality. We will be due.
  - I think God is calling us as a conference to tackle our blindness and our racial discrimination. We've reached a legislated protocol level of indecision, but not one of mutual influence. We can learn how.
  - I feel God is calling us to be more mindful and caring of those whose expressions are different than ours—to really listen, feel and act for persons who need God's love.
  - God is calling us to be the church of family. All family where everybody is loved even that weird uncle. We don't see all that often. God is calling us to be the church of the kitchen door. Front porch and Starbucks coffee place. A place and people where acceptance is guaranteed.
  - The world is our neighbor, on one side of me is a family from Mexico. On the other side is a family from Vietnam. Alas the father came to Boston in a refrigerator crate and 59. I welcome younger diverse people and our church. We need to present a constant theology of hope grace and a vision of the kingdom.
  - God is calling us to evolve into newness and Christ. We have done things the same old way for too long; we have not truly valued the ones who are differed among us. Because we have valued those we are as it institution for too long. We need to open up the doors of exclusion finally bringing in the others to the table so that we can capitalize on our most important resources. The people of God in all hues and colors.
  - God is calling us begging us to bring peace and love into the world. Help one another be as one as he loves each and every one all colors, beliefs, sinners, we are His children. We
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come together all races and groups, and there is love. We must spread go over the edge and spread love outside these groups.
- Be for not against except those who feel unloved, find a person that thinks no one cares and showed she or he that you do.

- God is calling us to stay focused on the love passage from Corinthians. And to let the spirit guide us as we have new beginnings in our church.
  - God is calling us to be an all inclusive church. Hispanics make the largest minority group. We need to bring them to the church and to minister to their needs.
  - Embrace universality, all things, all people, God is arising to celebrate with us. Hug, work with, what you are most upset with-children with dirty clothes, pierced parts, tattoos, whatever, unfamiliar music. Really list and hug.
  - To be doers of all good work, not against each other. But for each other.
  - Oeben amarse primer unos a otras. (not sure of spelling Ken)
  - God is calling us to listen, dream and act. We must continue to reach out to those who feel unloved, misunderstood, or angry. Our love is a reflection of God.
  - God is calling us to be an extension of Christ's arm of grace and mercy to the sick and not the healthy. He's calling us to a place of surrender that let's go of "knowing how to do ministry" to holding on to the "God of ministry"...
  - God is calling us to wake up and be God's people to the world to her communities to our families to those different from us. To those who we fear to those who need to feel the touch of Jesus through all of us.
  - God calls us to love one another.
  - (1) God calls us to love to others. (2) God calls us to serve our community.
  - I feel God is calling us to be present in the difficult times of life with all people young, old, ill (physically, mentally) in all countries, all economic circumstances..
  - I feel God is calling us to be our brothers and sisters keep to serve others with our gifts individually and our church will grow into the future as anybody that truly follows Christ's path. The church can give us endless opportunities to do this. They will know we are Christians by our love.
  - To support people on the edge.
  - GOD'S PRESENT CALL to be truly welcoming in spirit and truth and reality to be truly loving-agape spirit to spirit expressed. To be truly healing. To allow God's light and love, (not judgment and exclusivity) to shine through our being, to share the joy of God's love. To allow.
  - Follow faithful believers with acceptance of Jesus love and givenness of living water to our neighbors.
  - To seek out those our neighbors who are in need of love and physical help! To look and see what's inside of us. To know God's blessings upon us. To share with others generously! To connect with God, the living water. To be bold, to dream to see visions. To be thankful.
  - Stop waiting to be served and see how we can serve others, even if it makes us uncomfortable at times.
  - God is calling us to love others and share what we have so we can fill someone else's need. Be that personal, things, food or spiritual.
  - God is calling us to be his disciple to spread the gospel, his love for us and in turn one another. God is calling us to love his children. Even though they may not love us. God is calling us to embrace this world that he has created!
  - Love, love, love. People need to feel our Christian love in all the we do. Make your presence known as you do God's work. Don't be afraid. Only love.
  - There is nothing new in God's call today. We've hear it all before. We must answer that call to make disciples of all people. And to love one another, as did Paul and John Wesley. To accomplish that. We have to stop worrying about ministering to ourselves and move out into the world to answer God's call.
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- God wants us to be more humble and generous. We have to love the Lord as our own and only God and also love our neighbors as he is taught us. The future holds wonderful things for us. We have to prepare ourselves for it.
  - To be fishers of men-go out and spread the word-go out into the fields.
  - God is calling us to live for others to be a prophetic community, whose path is the cross.
  - God is calling us to be more loving, not just by saying it, but with our actions to one another. Actions speak louder than words. Care for your brothers and sisters. 'Be Christians by our love...' how appropriate the song interpreted my thoughts.

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